

Donkey Serenade

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Greetings, there is always something interesting happening up at the Reserve and with the donkeys.

This time its an invitation for you, your friends, family and our Community to attend the .'happening' which is to unveil an **Information Board** designed with photographs and story depicting the history and development of the Reserve and the resident donkeys.

The Board was designed by Matthew Williamson - voluntarily, from information provided by the Society. Auckland Council supplied the materials, and Local Volunteers will erect the Board.

(We think Alison & Ted would be pleased with the outcome.)



Beth Houlbrooke, Chair of our local Board, has accepted the Committee's invitation to unveil the *Information Board* on **MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018, AT 1:00PM.** The occasion will take place by the double gates and we would love you to share this time with us. (If it *rains* the occasion will be *under umbrellas*).

This event will be followed by our **AGM.** to be held at the **Betty Paxton Room at 2:00pm.** Regardless of the vagaries of the weather.



Another 'happening' occurred two weeks ago. A group from Selwyn Heights, Auckland, had heard about us and decided to come up and see what we do here at Highfield.

Peter & John, our donkey managers, changed hats and became tour guides and donkey educators. The group fed and groomed the donkeys, asked questions and generally enjoyed their outing. They donated generously to the donkeys - we were so very glad that the cold bleak winter's day didn't deter them.

Our Donkey Manager Peter Caccia-Birch tells us that the weather for this year, has been the driest he's seen and that the donkeys are enjoying its clemency. The Farrier has been and attended to their hooves - all 28 of them! And that Truffle's pregnancy of 54 weeks gestation is coming along very well.

And the Donkeys say... thanks as always, for the carrots, silverbeet, apples and thanks too for staying safe round us and as well as for shutting the gates. Remember we can be a bit wild!

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