

JOINT LAND GROUP

Newsletter – March 2019

We've been going six weeks!
Lots has happened!
Here's an update!

My goodness, from a standing start and as total amateurs – things developed quickly and came a long way in a short time. My partner, Jay, and I wanted a way to get out from under our mortgage and have a future we could keep under our control. We thought buying a section with some like-minded people and dividing it up to our own liking might be a neat, affordable solution. We threw the idea out there, and so much came back! Self-builders, people with tiny homes, professional supporters, links to websites, leads to other projects around the country already up and running or getting underway, and lots and lots and lots of ideas.

We called one meeting, and met some wonderful potential neighbours. Then more people got in touch, and more options opened up. I tried to get everyone together a second time – but that didn't work out (no one was available in the same slot, and my apologies – when you hit the button in Doodle that says 'cancel meeting' it doesn't count as an 'Option', and it doesn't alert the participants! Tech lesson learned and passed on...)

However, in that time some amazing things turned up. So, I thought – what the heck! These people deserve to get a classy update. So here's my attempt! News, facts and figures, and deets on the all-important next meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Carolynn

**Number of enquiries
since 20th January**

17

Via - Facebook, LandShareNZ,
word of mouth

Types of household:
individual, couple, new
family, family with kids,
couple with adult kid,
individual with adult kid,
retirees

Peeps are looking for:
a family home, a place to retire
to eventually, a permanent park
for a motorhome, an easy
commute into the city,
somewhere to travel the world
from, a self-build home site

BREAKING NEWS:

The Urban Advisory have given us a FREE workshop session on the legal, finance and governance structures we'll need. They'll take us through development models like land trusts, property cooperatives, investor-led cohousing, resident-led co-housing, property collectives etc to find the one that works.

Let's talk about suitable dates at the next meeting.

ACTION STATION!

We've been invited join other 'co-housing' projects already underway and completed around Aotearoa-NZ at

<https://cohousing.org.nz/communities>

They've sent us a template to create a profile – perhaps we should start with a name!

People who've offered support:

Jessamine Fraser – Architect

Leonie Stabler – Real Estate Agent

Nathan Orr at LandShareNZ

Ian McComb (see talk notes in the Dropbox)

Greer O'Donnell - The Urban Advisory

David Welch – Cohaus (Grey Lynn resident-led development)

Skills within the group:

Property management

Architect

Business planning

Household repairs

Gardening and small animal husbandry!

The group is getting larger, people want different things, it may turn out not to be for everyone, and people may want to split off into smaller sub-groups with the same long-term plan. However it goes, I'd like to keep to track of everyone and keep people in touch! And of course, everyone has a different preference for that too... And for how they want to attend meetings. We live in interesting times!

So let me know two things:

1 – your preferred contact method, and I'll get updates to you by the quickest means (email, Facebook messenger, text etc.)

2 – if we have meetings at our house in Sandringham, and you can't get there in person, would you like to attend remotely by Skype, Zoom or similar? We can do that 😊 What works for you?

Next meeting

Discussion suggestions:

the ideal section location

the legal arrangement (initial set up and in the long-term)

best land configuration (e.g. do we each build entirely separately, do we share some building costs, do we use one builder and share all building costs etc.)

What else?

A Doodle will go out with this newsletter – let me know if you don't get it. My preferred contact method is email – carolynn@realspark.com 😊

Suggestions from the group:

[The Spinoff article](#)

[UK insurance company backing the cohousing idea!](#)

[Grace Kim TED Talk](#)