

## Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

### *What's new in Plimmerton?*

**March 2016**

#### **Wet wet wet ... What's important about water to you?**

We are being asked to respond in huge numbers before 31 March to a consultation Greater Wellington Regional Council is carrying out here. Their Whaitua Committee is planning for future land and water use in this area and they want your views.

Brochures are available in The Big Salami with a freepost panel you can complete and mail. Or go to <http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/taop>

Your feedback will help them to complete their natural resources plan which underpins policies and regulations relating to land and water use.

The three questions they want you to answer are:

1. What's important to you about streams, the harbour and coast around here?
2. How do you and your friends, family and whanau use streams, the harbour and coast around here?
3. How would you like our streams, harbour and coast to be in the future?

We all live here by the sea because we love the water ... fishing, seaside walking, fishing, boating ... whatever floats our boat ... so that should be easy!

We suggest that everyone who lives in this area should respond. We encourage teachers of primary and secondary students to get them all involved. We also encourage every member of clubs related to fishing, sailing, boating etc to make their views known!

#### **Do you have the right stuff to take the lead in an emergency?**

We need people in our community who know what to do in emergencies. You can sharpen your skills at four free workshops to be held in March. Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 March from 6.30-9.30pm. These workshops will be run by WREMO (Wellington Regional Emergency Management) and you will learn how to set up an emergency HQ and co-ordinate communications after an emergency event.

Register at [http://www.getprepared.org.nz/civil\\_defence\\_training](http://www.getprepared.org.nz/civil_defence_training)

#### **Inspirational, innovative, ideas-people sought!**

##### **Soon ... in time for Neighbours Day Aotearoa 19-20 March**

Parents of young children are asked to give us a helping hand. We need your bright ideas to encourage people here to get together to meet their neighbours and get on-going gatherings under way.

Research shows that neighbourhood networks are the key to safety and security in any community. And we want some bright sparks to come up with creative ways to stimulate this to happen.



For example: in some areas of NZ selected people are hosting afternoon teas where residents get together to meet each other and decide how they want to share any information that would help in an emergency. Co-ordinators give each hosting family an attractive basket of teas and biscuits and treats to share at a get-together.

We need your creative suggestions for what would work for you and your friends here. We are happy to fully support any initiative that is presented to us and approved by PRA's executive committee. Have a brainstorm with your friends and contact us SOON [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

PS. Free booklets are available for every household, and for neighbourhood groups (how to run meetings and what you should cover) so the process and content are sorted.

## **Plimmerton Boating Club Fishing Competition Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March**

Briefing Friday 11 March at the club at 7pm.

Fish auction both days at 5pm.

## **Book Fair 19-20 March ... NZ Kennel Club**

Rotary Club of Plimmerton's annual book fair is coming up. Funds raised will go to the club's major project, completion of the inlet pathway. They also help fund the great work of Life Trust in the northern Wellington area.

## **Victory park playground revamp... swings and roundabouts**

Consultation is under way now for the upcoming Victory Park playground revamp. This area beside Plimmerton Pavilion is widely used. If your kids or grandkids play here you can have your say. There's an ideas box in the park or you can email ideas to [enquiries@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@pcc.govt.nz) Deadline Monday 7 March.

## **Plimmerton Emergency Response Plan ... review and update Sunday 13 March at Plimmerton School staffroom at 7pm**

Interested people are invited to help review and update our current plan. Contact PRA emergency management co-ordinator Alan Reader [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

## **Police report for January 2016**

- Police remind us to get cracking with neighbourhood groups and emergency planning ... the latest earthquakes in Christchurch over summer are a short sharp reminder that we need to be prepared.
- Whitby was hard hit with burglaries and wilful damage over summer. Paremata and Mana were also targeted (see report [www.plimmerton.org.nz](http://www.plimmerton.org.nz)).

## **Begorra it's St Patricks Day at Plimmerton Boating Club!**

- Fran O'Barton, Kevin O'Clark and Rowan O'Clark perform at Plimmerton Boating Club on St Patrick's Day 17 March 6.30-8.30pm.
- Jazz, fun stuff, boogie o'woogie and Irish-jazz fusion. Meals and bar service. \$15. Bookings essential 233 1593.



## Feeling tongue-tied?

Join Spinnaker Toastmasters Club and loosen up! Dale Hartle, club president, invites you to improve your communication skills and gain confidence in public speaking. Dale says, "Come along to our relaxed enjoyable meetings which are held fortnightly (on the first and third Tuesday of each month) at St Andrew's in Steyne Ave from 7.30-9.30pm. Visitors are very welcome to see what it's all about, no pressure, you can just observe or get up and give it a go when you are ready. International Toastmaster programmes are recognised in the community and by employers ... you'll be amazed how it's really not that hard to take the first step."

Visit [www.spinnakertoastmasters.org.nz](http://www.spinnakertoastmasters.org.nz) or call Dale 235 6659.

## Learn to play bridge ... lessons start this month, 14 March

Kapi-Mana Bridge Club is holding a series of ten lessons starting on 14 March at its club rooms in Tawa. Just \$50 covers lessons, learning materials and club membership for the month of March.

Register with David 233 1866 or email [kmbc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kmbc@xtra.co.nz)

## Fibre Fayre Thursday 17 March 10am-3pm

Gear Woolshed Fibrecrafts' Fibre Fayre will be held at Ngatitua domain hall in Mana with demonstrations of weaving, felting, spinning, knitting and crochet. All crafty types are invited to bring their lunch along and stay to enjoy the day. Lots of demos, raffles and traders, so much to see and do. \$5 entry.

## Croquet Club players on a winning streak

Read all about the recent successes of our dynamic local croquet club on our web site [www.plimmerton.org.nz](http://www.plimmerton.org.nz)

Congratulations to all the local croquet players who have done well.

Want to give croquet a go? Contact details on the web site.

## Summer guided day trips to Mana Island

Friends of Mana Island (FOMI) are organising Sunday trips in March to Mana to encourage more people to get involved in restoring the island's natural environment. FOMI will provide a guide to tell you all about the island and their programme. Numbers are limited and it costs \$45 per person. To make bookings [contactus@manaisland.org.nz](mailto:contactus@manaisland.org.nz)

## All aboard as Mainline Steam is back on track

Ian Welch says he has been a steam train enthusiast since he was a tiny tot, awed by the giant 150 tonne locomotives roaring past at 70 miles an hour. He now runs Mainline Steam and his goal is to save and restore as many relics of this era for future generations. This year they are restoring a Garratt locomotive and five more carriages, of 11 they bought from KiwiRail. This will enable them to resume their popular steam train excursions. We will keep you posted! Ian invites steam buffs to visit their workshops here from Monday to Saturday by appointment.

## The Bay Gallery Saturdays and Sundays in summer 10am-4pm

See the work of local artists at the gallery, 4 School Road, Plimmerton.

Exhibiting currently: Richard Young, Robyn Hall, John Fisher, Allan and Ellen Hodgetts, Jason King. [www.facebook.com/baygalleryplimmerton](http://www.facebook.com/baygalleryplimmerton)



## **Gluten-free Food and Allergy Show 19-20 March, Te Rauparaha Arena**

NZ's only exhibition with ideas and solutions for allergy and intolerance issues. Whether you are dealing with food, skin or respiratory issues come along and discover new products, attend industry expert seminars, be inspired by food demonstrations and enjoy free samples and special show prices.

Entry \$10 with senior discount and children under 10 free. Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. [www.glutenallergy.co.nz](http://www.glutenallergy.co.nz)

## **Family store ... after quality goods and quality staff**

Plimmerton's boutique shopping experience is looking for volunteers to help out at the store. Just pop in and chat with manager Elvyn. And they are always looking for quality clothing, homewares and knick knacks. You can leave these items with the Family Store team anytime during working hours!

## **Congratulations ... Palmers Garden Centre**

Last week journalist and gardener, cooking guru, farmer and entertaining speaker Lynda Hallinan gave a fantastic presentation on making the most of our gardens demonstrating techniques and recipes from her beautiful book *Foggydale Farm ... Jam Sessions ... homegrown and homemade seasonal preserves*. It was a fun night, very informative and enjoyed by a large audience of enthusiastic cooks and gardeners (with Richard from Palmers as Lynda's capable assistant!).

## **Congratulations ... Little Sprouts**

Little Sprouts has won recognition and awards for their work. They put together care packages for new born babies. More than 30 charity partners in the community identify families who need the care packs which contain practical baby essentials.

A team of 100 volunteers source, create and sort items for the care packs. You can support their work at this fantastic fundraising event ...

### **Easter Country Fair ... Sunday 20 March Battle Hill Park near Pauatahanui, Little Sprouts fundraiser!**

Free entry, petting zoo, Easter scavenger hunt, Easter crafts, Clydesdale wagon rides, pony rides, drive a digger, and all the fun of the fair.

[www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz](http://www.littlesproutseastercountryfair.co.nz) and [www.littlesproutsnz.org.nz](http://www.littlesproutsnz.org.nz)

## **Emergency 200 litre water tank**

Available from PCC offices in Porirua. Just \$105.

## **Creekefest coming 12 March ... Cannons Creek Park**

All the fun of the fair with food, games and entertainment on the big stage.

Our website: <http://www.plimmerton.org.nz/>

and our email: [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

***Support your community - it's the best!***

