

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

September 2017

Earthquake damage and heavy rains impact on Wellington region

Councillor Dale Williams reports on the serious situation facing Porirua City Council after recent earthquake and weather events.

'The Kaikoura earthquake of November 2016 caused significant ground ricks and instability (often hidden) right across the greater Wellington area, much more than was realised at the time. The sustained rainfall in recent months has seen water enter these areas of ground movement creating major slips.

Ngaio Gorge and Ngauranga Gorge slips are being repaired with government funding. Repairs to major slips around our region, like the Motuhara and Cluny slips here, (and lots more across the region) must be funded by PCC. The damage is severe and every rain event reveals more areas of instability.

We urge you to undertake a careful inspection of your section, particularly if you live on a slope. Check around boundaries, fences, retaining walls, decks etc, where posts and piles have been dug in. Where water can seep or flow into the ground it's exposing quake cracks and setting off slipping. If you find new, larger or different cracks or movement you are urged to seek immediate professional assistance (engineers, soil experts, PCC, EQV etc).

It was very disappointing that homes evacuated under emergency during the slips were targeted by burglars. Getting cameras installed at the entrances to Plimmerton is a top priority! This is a reminder for us all to be vigilant for unusual people, vehicles and activity in our neighbourhoods. Report anything and everything to the Police.

Potholes are a big issue for PCC. Water has breached seal surfaces and softened the base in places. Contractors are flat out with repairing slip damage and will get to work on fixing potholes soon. Contractors are stretched with Transmission Gully and these major slip remedial works ... there will be delays in getting some maintenance attended to. Scarce resources must be deployed to where residents are being most severely impacted. Please be patient while repairs are being made.

Traffic safety survey

In view of the serious earthquake and flood damage being dealt with by PCC, and the constraints this imposes on expenditure and resources, we are putting the traffic safety survey on hold till 2018. If you have serious concerns about driver behaviour or other traffic safety issues you should contact Police **3812000**.

Ten sign up for emergency radio training

That's better! Ten locals will learn the arcane arts of emergency radio operation this Thursday. They will then do field trials and a simulated reconnaissance. Brilliant, it's so important for families, neighbours and the whole community to be involved in emergency planning.

An updated emergency preparation booklet is available from local cafes or contact us if you are planning a street group meeting plimmertonra@gmail.com subject street group.

Fare changes up for discussion

Public meeting Thursday 7 September at 5.45pm at Pataka (Helen Smith room).



Great Wellington Regional Council is consulting people about proposed fare increases with submissions closing on 18 September. A 3% rise is proposed with a 50% discount for schoolchildren and a 25% all day reduction for tertiary students, blind and disabled passengers. For all the info and to submit on line go to <http://www.gw.govt.nz/better-met-link-fares-consultation>

Camborne Walkway upgrade under way

Olivia Dovey, Porirua City Council's parks manager, has advised that resource consent has been received for a plan of action to repair damage and protect the very popular and beautiful Camborne Walkway for the future.

The council is currently seeking bids for work to be started in April and completed by June 2018. Work includes a timber retaining wall to reinforce the pathway near the first boatshed, restoration of damaged riprap and additional protective riprap, path realignment to protect from erosion, and a total resurfacing.

Rat-a-tat-tat report June July

The Pest free Plimmerton team remind us to check and reset traps regularly, keep bait fresh by changing weekly, report all kills as they occur.

And beware ... it's Spring so the rats will be out there breeding, keep trapping!

If you are not yet trapping then get a rat/mouse combo tunnel today
pestfreeplim@gmail.com

Reported catches for this two month period: rats 50, mice 109, weasels one.

Total since May 2016: rats 772, mice 636, hedgehogs 32, weasels 26, stoats one.

Total since the big Doc 200 traps were installed to create the perimeter 'ring of steel': rats 32, mice 13, hedgehogs 17, weasels 18, and another solitary stoat.

The Eyes Have It

Fran Barton and the Kevin Clark Trio return to Mana Little Theatre on Saturday 9 September, 8pm, with *The Eyes Have It*, an entertaining evening of Jazzical songs about eyes, old and new. Drinks and nibbles \$20. Bookings call **233 8202**.

Mana U3A seminar reminder

Monday 18 September, 10am at St Andrew's church hall. Michael Reddell, Wellington economist will discuss social economic issues, particularly the impact of immigration on our community. Register with Brian **233 0709** or brianmosen@extra.co.nz

Are your bells working?

Walkways around this area are *shared* walkways ... that means seniors in their walking groups, dog owners exercising family pets, parents taking toddlers to play centre and all other footpath users should not have speeding adult cyclists zooming past them. Footpaths are not for adult cyclists either! Especially around café corner where small children lurk.

On the walkways, with a sea breeze and waves, people cannot hear you pedalling up behind them. Please slow down when approaching people walking ... and ring your bell in advance. There are plenty of places where cyclists can go where they do not have to negotiate pedestrians.

Open mic night at Plimmerton Boating Club

Always the second Thursday in the month, starting at 7pm. Hosted by 'local Irishman' Roy McGuinness who says, "Come on down to Plimmerton's premiere musical event for a



fantastic night's entertainment. Wonderful food, inexpensive drinks, friendly staff ... and prepare to be blown away by the talent of our performers. Usually 20 plus musicians, great variety of music ... and it's free."

To talk to Roy, 021 433 878.

Families love tennis ... Saturday 9 September and Sunday 10 September, 1-4pm

Get along to Plimmerton Tennis Club and give it a go. It's free and you could win a trip for two to the ASB Classic in Auckland in January. A fun event for all ages.

www.lovetennis.kiwi

Birds, lizards and giant wetas flourishing on Mana Island

And that's thanks to the great restoration planting work by Friends of Mana Island. They welcome new members who would like to take an active interest in work on the island. Brochures and forms at the Big Salami and www.manaisland.org.nz

PCC seeks feedback on plans

PCC will be reviewing their Long Term Plan and District Plans as required by the Local Government Act. The LTP covers financials for the next ten years (reviewed every 3 years). PCC is extending its thinking to beyond the required ten year period to reflect many developments under way: Transmission Gully, SH1 relocation, Northern Growth Area, CBD revitalisation, coastal erosion etc.

The DPR is about the underpinning policies that everyone must operate by to achieve the city's strategic priorities. They will be consulting widely over the next few months with organisations and individuals and people with areas of special interest are invited to contact Dale Williams, Northern Ward councillor. Have your say on PCC's website.

Mana Arts Society back in business

The newly refurbished clubrooms in Plimmerton Domain are open (after extensive flood damage last year). Well done all club members who have rallied round to get the clubrooms ready for action.

Interested in joining a painting group? plimmertonart@gmail.com

WilkieMac in concert at Plimmerton Upclose and personal

Saturday 9 September, \$10 at the door 14 Taupo Crescent to see Lynne Wilkins and Michael MacKinnon in concert. BYO with coffee/tea and supper provided. Book by text 021 023 61951.

Folk musicians from Raglan will take you on a trip around the world.

Accommodation sought by Polytech lecturer

Either individual or in a group situation with other professional people. Janelle is also an experienced animal minder willing to house sit ... or rent in Plimmerton. Contact us plimmertonra@gmail.com subject: house sitter.

Plan for a successful retirement seminar

They say, 'make the most of your freedom years' (advice from the editor: plan before you have grandchildren! Then good luck.) Thursday 7 September at 7.15pm.

\$20 pp or \$30 per couple, pay on the evening. Register 233 1054 or 233 1636.

St Barnabas church hall 106 Mana Esplanade.



Easy and enjoyable walking on newly upgraded walkway

Behind Ascot Park a one km stretch of Conclusion Walkway has been improved with new pathways, a bridge and upgraded entrances. Enjoy the spectacular views out to Mana Island on a pathway safe for walkers of all ages and abilities.

Need some sunshine?

Contact local travel broker Sandy Holmes 233 8861.

Exam jitters?

Maths, English, Science, mentoring ... contact Chris the Tutor 021 55 49 59.

In Pukerua Bay near the station.

Welcome Willow

Hello to Amy from Willow Hairstyling ... welcome to Plimmerton.

www.willowhairstyling@gmail.com and 260 3777.

Newsletters looking different

Your next 3 newsletters may look a bit different as our editor is out of Plimmerton for a couple of months we will still be keeping you up with the news.

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

our email: plimmertonra@gmail.com

and Facebook: www.facebook.com/plimmertonresidents

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