

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

April 2016

Weed better fix it!

Cape Pondweed assault team ... recruiting now

Heavyweight weeds are strangling the flow of Taupo Stream in Plimmerton Domain. David Verrinder has sought expert advice and is assembling a small team of locals to remove this pest from our stream. He is looking for people willing to don waders and wield a shovel for a couple of hours at a time, maybe twice a month. Assault activity will start in the area of the stream that is most at risk from this invading weed.

David would like to get cracking in April so if you would like this *who-needs-to-pay-gym-fees-to-stay-fit?* exercise option, or have waders to lend the workers, please contact him today dva@extra.co.nz

AGM for PRA date sorted so put it in your PDA, PDQ

Monday 30 May at Plimmerton Boating Club starting at 7.30pm. Riveting speakers, delicious supper and refreshments, music, prize draw for people who have paid their 2016-2017 subs and all the entertainment associated with your local residents' association's AGM. Official business brief and brisk. All local residents welcome to attend (and also to offer their services in any capacity to projects planned for 2016-2017). Upcoming plans will be shown, see page 2.

Stop press: guest speaker confirmed. Nick Leggett will share his experiences as mayor of our city ... and where to from here.

Sounds great ... how do I pay our subs?

Thankyou. Just \$15 per household or business as usual. Inflation-free sub zone. Among the many projects your subs will help with in the next 12 month period are development of a picnic area north of the boating club, slow zone introduction to make roads safer in the village, "bring back the birds" initiative to rid our bush areas of rodents, windsurfer parking, and lots more.

Please pay your subs to PRA by direct credit to our PRA Westpac account
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Remember: donations towards these projects are gratefully received, and tax receipts will be issued if requested.

Everyone paying their subs before the AGM will go into our amazing prize draw on the night. But wait, there's more! People paying in April go into the draw twice to double their chances of winning splendid prizes. What an offer.

Police stats for February

Theft, burglary and vandalism featured on some people's February to-do list. The full report from Simon Bygate, community constable, is on our website if you want the details. www.plimmerton.org.nz



Plimmerton's Village Plan for 2016-2017 out soon!

Our updated plan will be on the web site later this month. Printed copies will be available from outlets around the village. This document reviews projects completed over the past three years and outlines projects planned for 2016-2017.

Lots of exciting projects are underway and will continue during this period. The heritage trail is well advanced and soon plaques and a map will be produced and stories published on www.plimmerton.org.nz. The website is about to go a radical revamp. More news soon. The picnic area north of the boating club has been designed (by landscape architect Linda Kerkmeester) and work is now being planned. Upgrading the Taupo crescent community space is well under way and will continue in stages. And there's lots more in the pipeline. Watch this space.

Improve your view

Call Andrew at Anytime Window Cleaners and sharpen up your outlook. Houses washed down and windows cleaned in and out. Call **04-2971123** or **021 1536394**.

Setting new standards jazz at Mana Little Theatre

Fran Barton and the Kevin Clark trio with Rowan Clark on bass and Lance Philip on drums. Saturday 23 April 8pm. Bookings **233 8202** ... or pay your \$20 at the door.

Kevin says, "This is an entertaining evening of jazz-flavoured interpretations of new standards by Sting, Billy Joel, Carole King, Michael Franks, Stevie Wonder and others ... all fine composers of contemporary popular songs".

Mana Little Theatre presents ... *Under Milkwood*

In 1951, two years before his death at 39, Dylan Thomas wrote this play. Thomas's flawed villagers reveal a world of delight, gossip and regret, of varied and vivid humanity. Not to be missed.

Mana Little Theatre, 6-16 April. Bookings - email s as 'this place of love.' mlttickets@gmail.com. More information at <http://manalittletheatre.org/>

Carnival at St Theresa's 9 April, 11am - 3pm

All the traditional treats in one spectacular event. Sun or shine, family fun day.

Smoke alarms check ... as daylight saving ends

Check your batteries today as daylight saving (sadly) comes to an end after a stunning summer.

Plimmerton Deli opens soon

In Steyne Ave next to our brilliant Black Rose Florist, opening in April. A deli!

Hip hip hooray!

Kitchen design

Perfect Order offers an independent kitchen design service. Karen Warner is a local interior designer who can transform the hub of your home, all her **027 574 4054**.



Ladies and gentlemen please be seated

A seat warming was held last weekend to welcome Taupo Crescent's newest amenity ... a place to enjoy the unrivalled view.

The seat was officially warmed by Ian Barlow PCC's village planning manager. Steph from Big Mac Slabs who made the seat attended with this good looking line up of locals.

Standing: Tim Shepherd and Steph Smith

Sitting: Ian Barlow, Pip Piper and Robin Jones



Taupo Crescent community space and playground

Locals swinging into action to make it happen

Project manager Robin Jones and her team are forging ahead with revamping this community space in Taupo Crescent. A working bee over Easter (ten gardeners and one hot cross bun and tea maker) has transformed overgrown and scruffy parts of the area and this week the tumble down fence has been replaced. The area is being re-designed by local architect Michael Pennington (who made such a grand job of Karehana Park playground) and plans are afoot for kid's play equipment and a picnic table. PCC Graffiti Eradication have made a contribution towards a mural for the wall to brighten the area.

We will show Michael's design on www.plimmerton.org.nz when it is completed. Work will progress in stages with the picnic spot and the mural as stage one.

Doctor Brian joins Doctor Mary in retirement

Big changes at Plimmerton Medical Centre as the Wesley-Smiths hang up the stethoscopes after 35 years. Brian and Mary took over the practice from another husband and wife team, Doctors Bill and Jean Bryson who set up a clinic in Plimmerton in 1946.

In 1994 Doctors Brian and Mary with Doctor Brenda Turner, renovated an historic house on Steyne Ave and established Plimmerton Medical Centre.

This month Doctor Shane and Doctor Juliet will take over the reins, our third wife/husband medical combo. They join Doctor Matt Shelton and Doctor Isabelle Carbonatto to complete the new team at the centre.

A farewell for Doctor Brian and a welcome for Doctors Shane and Juliet was held at St Andrew's church hall in Steyne Ave on Saturday 2 April.

Karehana Retreat, historic house for rent

May to January, views over Karehana Bay, furnished double and single bedrooms and study. Quiet location ideal for recent arrivals to Wellington or between houses. Many and varied features. Call Trevor 021 085 86899 for details and to inspect.



Porirua Draft Annual Plan submissions by 30 April

You can access PCC's draft annual plan on the council's website and respond online to submissions@pcc.govt.nz Big issues to exercise you include living wage for employees and proposed changes to rubbish and recycling services. Your chance to have input to the planning process!

Local artists exhibit at Bay Gallery

Winter hours Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12.30-3.30pm.

Lots of paintings and photography from local artists. Enjoy!



Plimmerton Bowling Club seeks greenkeeper

If you have experience and an interest in bowling this could be for you. Plimmerton Bowling Club is looking for a part-time greenkeeper to keep its grounds in good order. Check out their page on www.plimmerton.org.nz

Contact Ross Bly at lesleybly@clear.net.nz

Plimmerton Boating Club

The Las Vegas of Plimmerton. Jam Night Thursday 14 April, Quiz Night Thursday 28 April. Contact Richard, manager@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz

What's new in Plimmerton deadline for May issue

Friday 22 April ... please send your item to plimmertonra@gmail.com

Remember: This is your community newsletter. Clubs, businesses, schools, churches, community groups ... whatever, if you have news to share with people here about upcoming events then we will help you to let everyone know. The newsletter is emailed to 1200 local families and businesses. Items also appear on the Plimmerton Camborne Facebook page and the Plimmerton Residents Facebook page. Printed copies of the newsletter are made available at outlets around the village including The Big Salami.

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

and our email: plimmertonra@gmail.com

Support your community - it's the best!

