

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

April 2016 update

But wait there's more ...

Since the April newsletter went out you have leapt into action ...

Most importantly, submissions for PCC's annual plan

Many of you will want to make submissions on aspects of the plan. Our attention has been drawn to the following points.

- A review of fees and charges proposes big increases for building consent fees ... some even quadrupling from \$75 skywards. And it's proposed to charge \$70 to scan a paper plan. Are huge increases like this fair and reasonable? Do they reflect a level of service for times greater than it was? Have your say!
- There are four options for rate increases and what you would get in service for each level of rate increase. What do you want to pay for? Of course the key expenditure is for essential services like water supply, sewage, storm water and roading. But check out some of the discretionary expenditure proposed. What would you prefer NOT to pay for? Make a submission!
- Rate increases are not sustainable for people on fixed incomes. Senior citizens in particular struggle to afford the upwardly spiralling cost of living in Porirua. Suggest what services or facilities you think could be cut back!
- We are advised that this consultation process is not a numbers game and a single well-reasoned submission could change the way councillors think.
- There are many issues raised in this draft plan which could have a huge impact on people living here. It is important that we all take time to give councillors feedback so they know what we think.

Pest-free Plimmerton initiative ... Bring back the birds!

Meeting on Saturday 7 May 10am at Plimmerton Kindergarten

Hear what DOC experts say about trapping and get your free trap and tunnel.

The plan is that everyone comes to the meeting and learns about using these traps. Then they set up their free rat trap, check it regularly and email 'kills' to the team working on this at Pestfreeplim@gmail.com

This team has been working hard behind the scenes and has secured funding and assistance from DOC and Plimmerton Residents' Association to buy 88 traps and tunnels. They estimate that they could need 400 in total at a cost of around \$20 each.

They are looking for people to help deliver fliers, involve school in this conservation project and to secure funding. Please email the team (Lee, Linda, Heather) if you can help out in any of those areas.



31 March has been and gone ... need help with your accounts?

Time to think tax returns again, 7 July will come around quickly. Individuals and small businesses preparing and getting accounts in order have help at hand.

Peter is a local qualified and experienced accountant charging reasonable rates. He can also help throughout the year with any accounting or taxation work. Call Peter 021 202 2211.

Plimmerton Pavilion Indoor Bowls Club invites you to join

Tuesday evenings at 7.30 at the pavilion

This is a very social club with bowling fun and fellowship. Everyone welcome Phone Ron 238 2131 or Kevin 234 7297 or John 233 2205.

A stitch in time

Clothing alterations and repairs, table-huts (yes we asked about that too, it's a thing that fits over a table so kids can play under it), sewing tuition, custom-made garments, no job too small. Reasonable rates from local seamstress.

Call Krys 233 0092, 027 645 1075.

St Theresa's school carnival

Congratulations to the school community for organising another brilliant carnival with entertainment and weather to match.

Ian Barlow leaves PCC as village planning manager

After nearly 44 years with Porirua City Council Ian Barlow has retired. For the past eight years he has been village planning manager and has worked closely with residents' associations in the region. Plimmerton was one of the first villages organised with a plan and has enjoyed a fantastic relationship with Ian during this time. Many successful projects have been completed in this time including complex enterprises like the refurbishment of our railway station where Ian collaborated with our project managers, volunteers and many local tradespeople. We greatly value his wide ranging skills, ability to get talented people working together and his practical problem solving!

We wish Ian all the very best and thanks for all the fantastic work he has done for Plimmerton over the years.

Your newsletter ... 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.

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