

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

April 2017

Look in your letterbox ... in April

Your village plan for Plimmerton for this year and next

Lots of news about the AGM at Plimmerton Boating Club on Monday 15 May. Great prizes for people paying their subs before the AGM.

Pay your family's monumental \$15 per year sub before the AGM and you go into the draw to win great prizes including a beautiful framed print of historic Plimmerton from the Alexander Turnbull Library!

Village Plan delivery team

David Verrinder says, "Thanks everyone who has volunteered to deliver these plans to every letterbox and business here. Due to circumstances out of our control we will now be delivering the updated plans in the first two weeks of April. Hope that's OK with everyone! I will contact you soon."

Mountain bike trail building working-bees with Mana Cycle Group

Rob brings us up to speed with news on our local mountain biking trails. "Te Ara a Rangituhi (Colonial Knob) is the location for Plimmerton's local purpose-built single track mountain biking trails. The existing 10k track gets rave reviews ... from beginners and families to expert grade. PCC and Mana Cycle group are starting to develop more tracks with a mix of council funding, charitable grants and volunteer effort.

YOU can join working bees most Tuesdays ... from 5pm using lights through winter. There will be weekend trail digs as well. Details from www.ManaCycleGroup.org.nz which includes their Facebook page feed for event details. The park has many great walking and running trails too ... and some of the best views in the region. Many Plimmerton locals are riding there and helping to build this community amenity ... you are welcome to join us!"

Something to ponder...

Found: a pair of hearing aids on Steyne Ave footpath. In a small container with a silver top, *Starkey* brand. Contact Porirua Police.

Found: sunglasses in case in Motuhara Road. Contact Frances **233 1897**.

Sought: person wandering, banging into fences, saying 'ear 'ear, aye aye.

House concert: Niels Gedge in concert

A rare chance to hear our local singer-songwriter Niels Gedge on Sunday 2 April 3-5pm at 21 Gordon Road. His songs tell stories, draw on the Aotearoa landscape, and reflect on life and echoes of lives past. Writer of *The Plimmerton Waltz* and his latest, *Southern Land* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9pJBv-FR1k&t=67s>

Tickets \$10 at the door, book by text **021 0236 1951**. BYO if you wish. Tea, coffee and snacks provided.



Plimmerton Rotary Annual Monster Book Fair

NZ Kennel Club, Prosser Street, Porirua ... Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April

Drop off books for the fair to P&Z Decorators Centre, Tommy's on Mana Esplanade and Whitby, Professionals in Whitby from Monday to Friday in working hours.

Rotary members will sort the books by subject and alphabetically for fiction. Prices are very reasonable, and there are DVDs and CDs and even LPs as well as thousands of books to choose from.

All money raised goes to Plimmerton Rotary projects like *Life Education Foundation* work with local children and projects like the *Te Ara Piko* walkway around Pauatahanui Inlet.

Porirua ANZAC memorial ... stories behind the names

Meeting: Porirua, Wednesday 29 March, 7pm RSA 5-7 (McKillop Street, Porirua)

Brian says, "Come along to Porirua Historical Association's presentation about the upgrade of our war memorial remembering local servicepersons who fell during the New Zealand Wars, the Boer War, WW1 and WW11. This reflects the importance of the memorial as the city's war and peace commemorations and growing ANZAC day crowds. The peace memorial should be completed by October in time to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle of Passchendaele where NZ suffered its heaviest casualties in one day.

Local historian Alan Dodson has spent countless hours researching the lives of these soldiers for this project. See how you can contribute information to help him ... there are more stories to tell.

Pest Free Plimmerton seeks volunteers to check trap lines

Linda and Heather tell us, "This community initiative, encouraging people to trap pests in their own back yards, is going from strength to strength! Our running total since May 2016 is 517 rats, 310 mice, 14 hedgehogs, 16 weasels and 1 stoat ... keep up the good work.

With autumn on its way rats and mice will be on the move looking for somewhere warm to spend the colder months. Destination your place! So please keep trapping and reporting your catches.

Pet-friendly traps are available from pestfreeplim@gmail.com and we look forward to hearing from you. Check out Pest Free Plimmerton Facebook for newsletters and info.

We are looking for volunteers to check the big DOC 200 trap line. All levels of fitness welcome and full training given."

Rats, run! Pest free initiatives expanding

Thanks to the efforts of this community showing what can be done Pest Free Porirua is gaining momentum. Pukerua Bay, Golden Gate and soon Camborne and Mana are joining the move. This will create a pest-free corridor from Pukerua Bay to Paremata Bridge. Angela Dawson, pest control agent for those areas, says, "I have rat and mouse traps available now so contact me pestfreemana@gmail.com and I am looking for keen volunteers to help distribute traps in these areas."

Neighbourhood get-togethers for emergency preparedness ... have you had your do yet?

These meetings are a great way to identify risks, skills, resources, and strengths in your immediate neighbourhood. We can give you the group and household planning booklets so you can get your meeting organised and all your neighbours up to speed. Email us plimmertonra@gmail.com to organise booklet supplies for your street group meeting. Gordon Road residents had a successful meeting last week with much chatting and chewing. They offer this important survival tip ... have the wine AFTER the meeting!



Keep your hand in

Autumn Winter card games starting at 1pm on Tuesday 2 May. Small group of keen 500 players in the (warm) clubroom at Plimmerton Bowling Club. Various levels of ability and room for more players. Every Tuesday, or when you can, call Peter 233 9344 or Brian 233 9625.

Free business listings on Plimmerton website

All you need to do is email plimmertonra@gmail.com with your business name and a short description in one or two words AND a link to your own website.

Porirua Grand Traverse multi-sport event Sunday 2 April

'All ages, all abilities, all amazing'

This popular event has something for everyone from weekend walkers and runners, to school kids and skilled enthusiasts. It involves a 10km kayak, 24km mountain bike, 18km mountain run ... solo or in a team. It includes the popular *Arena Fitness Fun Run*, perfect for a family Sunday outing. For info, online entry and course maps www.pgt.org.nz

Cave for cleaning crew in Plimmerton

Lots of interest in the idea of a cave for cleaning crew in Plimmerton. Thanks to Mike Gould who stepped up to identify possible sites. Discussions are ongoing to determine the best location. This will be a place where gear can be safely stored for tagging removal, gardening and weeding, litter removal and repair of vandalism etc. Interested people, with an hour to spare here and there, will be able to meet up, have a coffee and chat, then tackle something that needs painting, pruning or putting right. If you would like to be involved with the team contact us plimmertonra@gmail.com

Are you interested in Taupo Plimmerton history?

In March a keen group of 16 met and formed the Taupo Plimmerton Heritage Group. Deirdre and Mary say, "We aim to encourage and co-ordinate local heritage initiatives and will meet every few months to share ideas and developments. Some projects suggested include: oral histories, flora and fauna of the area, geology, service men and women, historic business and family database, website developments, QR codes searchable bibliography of resource material, public displays, Facebook page, community events and projects. Do you have any old photos or stories to share? Would you like to join us? Would you like to find out what's happening from time to time? Contact Deirdre Dale 233 8842, Mary Beckett 233 1655.

Four great success stories:

1. Nimmi, the fabulous florist, from Black Rose Florist in Plimmerton, has won a prestigious Pacific Interflora award. Congratulations!
2. Friends of Mana Island meeting attracts 50 plus interested locals (see next item). Great news for birds and bugs.
3. A security camera in Mana identified the make and number of a vehicle used by thieves very active recently in this area and has led to their appearance in court.
4. Plimmerton Deli is having its first birthday. "One year already, can you believe it?" Roger says "Thanks to everyone in Plimmerton and surrounding areas for your support over the past year. I have met some awesome people in the deli and it's been great to share my words of wisdom with you every day!"



Have you ever wondered what's on Mana Island?

Well now you can find out for yourself! Extra guided trips to the island have been added by Friends of Mana Island going right through into June. There are places available on several dates. Cost is \$60 per person (\$50 for members) and the boat leaves Mana Cruising Club at 9am and returns about 4pm. You see when you could take a trip and to make your booking visit our web site www.manaisland.org.nz/visitors-2/

2017 GOPI photo competition workshop for young photographers

Head down to the inlet and photograph aspects of the harbour that meet the criteria for categories: nature, human impact, recreation or artistic. And this year a new category ... scenic. To encourage young photographers, a workshop is being offered on **Sunday 12 March, open to everyone under 18**. Destina Munro, photo journalism tutor at Whitirea will run the workshop starting with an illustrated session on taking a good photo followed by a guided visit to Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve. One-on-one review of photos taken will round out the three hour workshop. Registration is essential and numbers are limited to 20 so enrol today on the GOPI website. For further info 233 9391 pauainlet@gmail.com

Water, water everywhere ...

In this week's Whitby Newsbrief two interesting stories about water we should all read. Page 13 *Testing the waters* ... Where we get our water, and page 15 *Is Dredging still an option for the harbour and inlet?* Jenny Brash (GWRC councillor) reviews the state of our harbour and options to save it.

Paremata-Plimmerton Rugby Club clubroom improvements planned

The clubrooms on Ngati Toa Domain are undergoing refurbishment with phase one well under way. A hard working subcommittee has toiled long and hard to get reports, funding, approvals and all the ducks in a row, supported by sponsor Brent Tuohy. The club has a long history in the area and this year 480 youngsters are enrolled in their youth programme. Great effort when other clubs report declining numbers. A detailed report of the refurbishment plan Whitby Newsbrief page 18.

Jane Austen at Plimmerton Theatre

A cast of 17 locals perform the popular play *Pride and Prejudice*. Opening March 29 and running till 8 April bookings mlttickets@gmail.com or 021 02577 6478.

Tennis club news

Roger tells us, "The season might be coming to an end but the enthusiasm for tennis and the club don't stop. Two interclub teams have represented the club this year and enjoyed a great season. Thursday and Sunday tennis days have had a steady response so play will continue. Sunday afternoons, come up the steps to the best secret in Plimmerton!"

Plimmerton School Craft Beer Fair 1 April 4-8pm

Tickets only \$30 www.facebook.com/plimmertonschoolpta

Home brewers competition!

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

and our email: plimmertonra@gmail.com

Support your community - it's the best!

