

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

August 2016

Emergency management in Plimmerton

A group is preparing a mock emergency exercise so responses can be rehearsed for any real event. We'll let you know the date when it's finalised (either 10 or 17 September).

In view of recent storms and floods this is timely. The whole community needs to be aware of how to access, and deliver, assistance in these situations.

If you would like to get involved in helping with emergency management here please contact Alan Reader areader@actrix.co.nz

Predator in the rail underpass!

Beware there is now a predator in the rail underpass, lurking, waiting to bite your ankles. Thank you to everyone who has sent enthusiastic praise of the great work done on our *Bring back the birds* murals by Plimmerton kids. You are glass half full people! And to those who spotted the little spelling mistake rest easy, the predator is not only poised to strike but spelt correctly.

Thanks to Bill from PCC for facilitating this and to Terence who framed the murals this week. A ceremony to unveil the murals officially will happen on Saturday 6 August. Rachel Benefield the artist/teacher who brought the murals together will be in touch to invite everyone involved.

Courtesy crossing from café corner to kindergarten

PCC roading engineers inform us that the crossing installation in progress will be completed very soon, as weather permits. The crossing is to be painted blue (temporarily, then resurfaced in a special bright blue coating later in summer) and a pedestrian safety island has been added to the middle. We have requested prominent signage and better lighting as it is difficult to see people crossing from both directions. We also have asked for improved visual access to pedestrians crossing from the kindy side which we are assured will happen.

We are not satisfied that the crossing is safe currently but are assured that the safety features requested will be installed as soon as possible.

Slow Zone signs

These will be installed this month on three feeder roads into the village. Sunset Parade, Motuhara Road and Steyne Ave will all have these signs to remind locals and visitors to reduce their speed at ALL TIMES. And to remind them that at certain times of the day frazzled parents are loading small people in and out of cars and taking their offspring to school, kindergarten, Plunket and playgroup. Older people are in mobility devices and families are walking and cycling with kids and dogs. This slow zone has been introduced because of serious concerns by school and kindergarten teachers and parents.



In many Wellington villages now there are speed limits and lighted warning signs around schools. We hear that these may well be introduced throughout this region as well in the future.

It's all about consideration for other people. There are still drivers here roaring down Motuhara across the pedestrian crossing and people speeding up as they round the corner by The Big Salami. Take a few minutes and observe for yourself. You'll see drivers going too fast and ignoring other road users, drivers on cell phones and drivers not stopping at courtesy crossings even when pedestrians have stepped out onto the road.

Post office box now extinct

If you wish to communicate in a non-electronic way with PRA please leave information, cheques, outrageously expensive gifts etc in the letterbox of Pip Piper 22A Steyne Ave. We're cancelling the post office box from 4 August.

You and your subs ... emergency radios

If you have paid your subs this year you are making a contribution to our community. Your family's \$15 a year is being wisely spent, going towards community initiatives like the purchase of superior rat traps to help *Pest-free Plimmerton* and *Bring back the Birds*.

We have also sought expert advice on radios as part of our *emergency management plan*. We plan to fund the purchase of four radios which will be needed to carry out active reconnaissance in a serious event. Training in the use of these will be given to interested people and we see this investment as one that would offer tremendous benefits to everyone in our community if we are struck by disaster.

PRA Westpac Account 03-1533-0019155-00

Thanks to everyone who has paid promptly allowing us to get on with these key initiatives. And thanks to those who have made additional (tax deductible if over \$5!) top-up donations. Please become a financial member of PRA and give your support to these initiatives.

Three cheers for our volunteer fire fighters

Congratulations to Tony Sutorius for the excellent communication on Facebook keeping us up with Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade and all the great work they do in our area. We cannot imagine Plimmerton without our fire station and our marvellous team of vollies. For around 80 years these teams of selfless people have been part of the fabric of life here. Show them you appreciate their efforts. Take them a treat on Wednesday evenings at the fire station when they are all in for training and practice.

Response to storm ... thanks PCC!

Many residents have asked us to thank the amazing people from PCC and other agencies like WREMO who leapt into action to assist with storm damage on Sunday. Trevor Farmer, who organises emergency management in this area was particularly helpful. Thanks. Great efforts were required to sandbag and protect the fire station. PCC staff were quick off the mark to remove stones and debris from roads and to assist with recovery after the event.



Meet some of the people who are making things happen here

Potted, petite profiles on our website www.plimmerton.org.nz

If you have skills to share and a few hours each month we'd love to hear from you. Talk to us plimmertonra@gmail.com

Mana Little Theatre presents a black comedy ...'Blue Remembered Hills' by Dennis Potter

The tale of a group of seven year olds (played by adult actors) on a summer's day in World War 2. As they play, fight, fantasize and swagger. You will be transported to memories of your own childhood ... the good, the bad and the ugly.

Seasoned actors from all over Wellington make up the cast of this well-loved play, directed by our own Sue Mortimer.

Runs 24 August - 3 September, Wednesdays to Saturdays 8pm,
Sunday 28 August matinee 3pm.

Tickets from mlttickets@gmail.com or 0210257 7648

Widespread thefts from trades vehicles and building sites

Police have caught thieves who had been plundering tradies' vehicles and building sites. Thanks to CCTV cameras the thieves and their vehicles were identified. At least five tradies here were stripped of all the tools of their trade as part of a wider crime wave in the region. Fortunately Police have recovered a lot of the stolen tools and equipment so we hope that the owners get it all back safely. Disruption to business and spending time dealing with the fallout and replacing stolen items is so time-consuming and distressing.

Police advise everyone to be cautious as theft from vehicles and sites under construction is a growth industry.

Rat-a-tat-tat totals from Pest Free Plimmerton

Linda tells us, "Totals to date: more than 170 rats, 100 mice, 4 possums and 3 weasels since May ... and those are just the ones reported to Pest Free Plimmerton. PFP have just obtained some more tunnel traps and will be looking for people to trap in those places where there are gaps in the network. So don't be surprised if PFP volunteers come knocking on your door asking if you can sponsor a trap for your backyard.

Plimmerton Residents Association has bought 30 new DoC 200 traps to place around the rural outskirts of Plimmerton so we can 'ring fence' pests coming in from outside our area. These will be placed out over coming weeks.

We are looking for additional helpers to check these traps on a regular basis over coming months. If a brisk outdoor stroll appeals then contact PPP snap-snap. Email plimmertonra@gmail.com and they will put us in touch."

Please support this fantastic initiative by buying a tunnel trap, reporting your kills and perhaps becoming one of the inspection team. Remember why we are doing it ... *Bring back the birds!*



Plimmerton Boating Club ... our entertainment Mecca
Presenting for your entertainment....

- **Saturday 13 August 8pm-12am ... 80s party**
with returning special guests *Avi Diva, a la carte* from 6pm.
Great music and prizes for the best dressed!
- **Sunday carvery from 5,30pm**
Three courses just \$19.50 and kids pay their age!
- **Jam night Thursday 11 August**
- **Quiz night Thursday 25 August**
- **Andrew London Trio Thursday 1 September**
Everyone's favourite, be in early.
- **Hit Radio party band Saturday 1 October**
with classic rock and dance music from 7.30pm

And lots more!

Book today with Richard manager@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz or call 233 1592

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

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