

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter
What's new in Plimmerton?
Mid-month update August 2016

Keeping warm everyone out there?

What a challenging little patch of weather we've been enjoying.

Dog walker to accompany exercise enthusiast

A family battling serious illness would like to offer the companionship of their huntaway whippet cross to someone who likes to go out walking every day.

She is a gentle, loving and obedient dog when off the lead and very enthusiastic when on the lead for a walk. Having someone to exercise her every day would give great peace of mind to her family ... and you'll love it!

People keen can contact us at plimmertonra@gmail.com and we will call you back.

Please give this some serious thought as you will gain a new furry friend as well as getting regular exercise and helping a family in real need.

Bring back the birds murals launched

Thanks to all the artists and their families who turned out last Saturday for the official unveiling of the plaque for our two wonderful murals in the rail underpass.

The kids shared the highlights of their experience and artist/ teacher Rachel Benefield told us how hard the children had worked to create the murals.

Everyone who attended enjoyed bird-shaped buttery shortbread biscuits baked by Plimmerton Deli and some intrepid souls enjoyed ice-creams from Plimmerton Four Square. Thanks to all the busy parents who encouraged their budding artists on a less than spring-like day!



Paremata Playcentre movie fundraiser Sunday 25 September

Turn up from 6.30pm at the Lighthouse Pauatahanui ready for a good laugh. The movie is *Bridget Jones's Baby*. Tickets price is \$20 which includes supper. Lots of raffle prizes on the night. Contact fundraising.paremataplaycentre@gmail.com or Julia on 233 6069 for tickets. Julia says, "Thanks for your support!"

History talk ... Tuesday 30 August, 7pm, Porirua Club

Porirua Historical Association invites you to a fascinating presentation titled *Why Archibald Baxter and many other men refused to fight in the Great War*.

Come along and hear Marylynn Boyes, an expert on this interesting subject. Free entry. Enquiries to 233 8032.

Tagging on rail fence

The rail fence running along in front of the station was vandalised on Saturday night with ugly tags. It will cost money and take several hours to remove this unsightly mess. We ask people who might have seen the taggers at work on Saturday night to report this to the police. Repairing vandalism in our community costs tens of thousands of dollars every year that could be put to much better use.

Courtesy crossing progress

With this spell of #@%&* weather the crossing has not been completed and council staff advise that the rails still are to be painted, the crossing is to be painted, parking is to be adjusted, old markings are to be covered and other safety measures taken. The road coating needs several days of warm weather (above 14 degrees ... remember that?) so they will be onto it as soon as possible.

Rat-a-tat totals

Since May, 170 rats, 100 mice, 4 possums and 3 weasels have been reported caught. Pest Free Plimmerton have more traps and are approaching people to trap in the areas where there are gaps in the network. The 30 new DoC 200 traps for the perimeter around our rural outskirts will be placed to 'ring fence' pests coming in from outside our area. They are looking for keen volunteers to be trained to help check these traps over coming months. Contact Linda at lindakerkmeester@gmail.com or check out Pest Free Plimmerton Facebook page.

Plimmerton Croquet Club turns 90

Saturday 3 September is the big day of birthday celebrations. The morning and afternoon will feature a medley of games with prizes up for hoops. The birthday cake will be cut then patron John Burke will cut the brand new 5th lawn ribbon and run the first hoop!

Zonta Rotary debate 21 August Titahi Bay Bowling Club at 4pm

This year's topic is *Mana Island Trumpets Casino* should prove entertaining. Following from last year's debate which argued that Pauatahanui Inlet should be turned into an international airport now they will argue that the rich and famous need to be entertained in a flash off-shore casino. Rotary will argue the case for and Zonta against.

Tickets \$30 which includes entry nibbles and an afternoon of top entertainment. Tickets from triciaandjohn@xtra.co.nz



Plimmerton Bowling Club garage sale 27 August

To be held at the bowling club. Starts at 8am and goes till midday.

Want to help lead our city for the next three years?

Why don't you consider standing for council at the local body elections in October?

Put your name forward or encourage good people in your community to send in their nomination before midday Friday 12 August.

Get forms from PCC in Porirua or from their website www.pcc.govt.nz

Mana Little Theatre presents...

"Blue Remembered Hills" by Dennis Potter, directed by Sue Mortimer 24 Aug - 3 Sept mlttickets@gmail.com See their website www.manalittletheatre.org for dates and times plus auditions Sunday 28th August 7pm for November's play "Death by Fatal Murder" directed by Bruce Cannell.

Next newsletter deadline is the last week of August but please send items when they are ready. Some items also go on our Facebook page and web site and in newsletter updates.

If it's something people here should know about let us know!

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