

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter  
*What's new in Plimmerton?*  
June 2016

**Plimmerton Kindergarten Mid-Winter Dip**

Sunday 12 June from 11am ... 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Bacon butties, baking, hot soup and The Little Black caravan will be parking up for coffees. And lots of crazy people in crazy costumes braving the elements (see



*Two favourites from last year's splendid seaside spectacle, the Midwinter dip.*  
Find out more <https://www.facebook.com/PlimmertonMidWinterDip/>

**Annual General Meeting**

**Great turn out for AGM**

Plimmerton residents turned out in great numbers to enjoy an address from Nick Leggett and to hear about current, recent and future projects. Carolina Gartner was welcomed on to the committee. Sandy Werner was farewelled but welcomed onto the website redevelopment working group. Chair Colin Bleasdale summed up the year and outlined plans for the year ahead. Read his excellent summary at <http://www.plimmerton.org.nz/about-pra/annual-general-meeting-agm/2016-agm/>

Thanks to Plimmerton Boating Club for their hospitality and splendid supper.

## **AGM sponsors ... HUGE thanks**

A great line up of prizes were won by locals who paid their annual PRA subs before the AGM. We thank these sponsors here for their generosity:

- The Big Salami ... Dave once again offered his popular ten trip coffee ticket. A lucky winner can enjoy the warm and friendly service from Dave's fabulous team from 6am to 8.30pm any day.
- Pacific Yogaflow's Deidre Lee offered three yoga lessons and we will be expecting the winners to send us a photo of them stretching in something fetching!  
Deidre Lee's classes operate from Number 9 Northpoint on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and weekends.
- Plimmerton Deli and Black Rose Florist ... A beautiful gift basket of tasty deli treats and a gorgeous floral bowl were won by new committee member Carolina Gartner. Thanks Sheryl and Roger for this much admired prize. Plimmerton deli is our newest store (near the rail underpass) and offers a sumptuous selection of high quality deli items. And Black Rose Florist are noted for their gorgeous floral creations.
- Plimmerton Thai ... Sean gave us a voucher for top class Thai cuisine. The committee member who won this (and was drawn again for another prize which resulted in much hilarity and a redraw) has donated the voucher to the Birch family. Thanks Sean.
- Topor Restaurant ... thanks to Steve and Val for their support. A pair of lucky residents will be enjoying their delicious Polish cuisine.
- Plimmerton Boating Club ... thanks to Richard locals will be savouring a sunset dinner at the club. And thanks to Richard too (PBC manager) and his team for their efficient and helpful hosting of the AGM.
- Thanks Robynne from Beau Cadeaux for the voucher that a lucky local will enjoy spending in your boutique gift emporium.
- Lighthouse cinema tickets will allow two people to enjoy a classy movie in classy surroundings.
- Beverley Janes gave us one of her magnificent pastel artworks as a major prize. Bev is a noted pastel artist and a member of local arts groups as well as The Pastel Artists of NZ. Thank you Bev for sharing your beautiful work with us.
- Richard Young generously donated his wonderful photograph Kapiti Island, widely admired by people at the AGM.

## **Ian Barlow farewelled from PCC village planning**

All Porirua's villages will miss the know-how and can-do of village planning manager Ian Barlow who retired recently. At our AGM chair Colin Bleasdale thanked Ian for the great relationship we have enjoyed with him over many years and the great energy he put in to projects here like the railway station refurbishment, promenade seating and other long, large endeavours!

## **Beach Road courtesy crossing**

As per our last newsletter which you can re-read on our website. Work on this road safety project will start in early July. A three week delay has been created by recent flooding keeping contractors almost literally up to their necks in it.



## **Taupo Stream clean up**

Work is progressing slowly to eradicate invasive Cape Pondweed in our Taupo Stream. Flooding in the past few weekends has slowed progress. Project manager Dave Verrinder says, "Thanks to the current (stream humour) team of Comp, Dave A, Linda and Helen for remaining on standby. Special thanks to the children of St Theresa's for getting in and doing great work at the Palmer's end of the stream. Also thanks to Zoe Stud for being at the ready with waders. Anyone else who would like to join in with this mucky yet pleasant work please contact me! And, if there's anyone who can lend waders for a few hours on a Saturday once a month, I'd love to hear from you!" [dva@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dva@xtra.co.nz)

## **Emergency management training opportunities!**

Alan Reader advises that WREMO is working on a revised Community Response Plan for Plimmerton which will then be circulated for comment. Following that they plan to have a mock exercise to open and set up a community emergency hub.

You can learn the basics about setting up a hub at one of these courses:

- Wellington Tuesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 June 6.30 - 9.30pm
- Lower Hutt Thursdays 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6.30 - 9.30pm
- Register at [http://www.getprepared.org.nz/civil\\_defence\\_training](http://www.getprepared.org.nz/civil_defence_training)

Alan Reader urges people here to step up and do the training. "In a major event we will need people willing and able to conduct reconnaissance throughout Plimmerton, Camborne and Mana and report situations back by radio to our community emergency hub for passing on to the centre of emergency operations in Porirua."

He says, "No special skills are needed, just an interest in being involved." Please email Alan when you have enrolled so he can keep in touch with you [areader@actrix.co.nz](mailto:areader@actrix.co.nz)

## **Firefighters raise \$4000 for blood cancer research**

Brilliant effort from our local firefighters who ran up the Sky Tower recently in full firefighting kit to raise money for this worthy cause. Leo Smith (Kindergarten teacher, environmental champion and fire fighter) tells us, "I lived to talk about it! I went well at the Sky Tower and this year my time was 17.06. I was happy that time was two minutes faster than our brigade young'un Sam who took 19 minutes!"

## **Trash Palace reopens ... and you can share your waste minimisation ideas at workshops in June**

The council has re-opened this resource recovery and recycling centre under new operators. They have been running workshops with local schools. Now they want to tap into your great ideas. Public workshops will be held at Trash Palace on 11 and 25 June between 11am and 2.30pm with lunch provided. Local architects, designers and artists who specialise in working with communities for developing plans for public spaces will be involved. Everyone welcome. To register contact Wendy Barry at PCC [wbarry@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:wbarry@pcc.govt.nz) or **027 564 7955**.



## **Plimmerton Village Plan out now**

And available from The Big Salami and St Andrews and on our web site [www.plimmerton.org.nz/about-pra/village-plan/](http://www.plimmerton.org.nz/about-pra/village-plan/) Find out what your subs are helping to support here. What! You have forgotten to pay your subs! Never mind, it's easy. Pay \$15 per household to PRA Westpac account **03-1533-0019155-00**.

We would love to have everyone in Plimmerton belonging to the PRA. More members means more things that can be done.

## **Whitby Newsbrief Stories of interest:**

- Kevin Clark ... book launch (p 4) jazz legend shares musical highlights
- New ridge track for walkers (p5) another challenging day out for hikers
- Another step on Te Ara Piko walkway (p9) Pauatahanui inlet enjoyment
- Pataka in June (p9) exhibitions and events
- Youth and quality in GOPI photo competition (p 10) brilliant photo finalists
- Plimmerton to get new motor caravan park (p 13) coping with the overflow
- GWRC news with Jenny Brash (p 15) water ups and downs and EVs
- Paremata and Plimmerton yachties (p 17) success under sail
- The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr(abridged) comes to Plimmerton (p 17) MLT production

## ***Pataka Friends announce ...***

### **Music 2016 Sunday Concert Series at Pataka**

**2-3pm in Helen Smith Community Room, June 12 and 26, July 3 and 17**

Door sales \$5 non-members, members and those under 18 free.

More info on the Pataka website.

## **Bridge Club invitation**

Plimmerton Bridge Club extends a warm welcome to visitors and new members keen for a weekly game of contract bridge. Meet on Tuesdays at 7.15pm in the Plimmerton Pavilion (opposite fire station)

No joining fee and \$5 includes a cuppa. Come as a pair or ring Judi on **233 2508** to arrange a partner.

## **Plimmerton Boating Club social calendar**

Jam night, Quiz night, insane prizes, upcoming entertainment it's all here <http://www.plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz/page/restaurant>

## **The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged) comes to Plimmerton**

Mana Little Theatre presents an irreverent romp through all 37 plays with three actors and a mini Globe theatre stage set. Running from 15 to 25 June (Wednesdays -Saturdays 8pm) plus a matinee on Sunday 19 June at 3pm. See more at <http://www.manalittletheatre.org/>

Tickets from [mlttickets@gmail.com](mailto:mlttickets@gmail.com) or **021 0257 7648**



## Housesitters available

“My parents are coming to Plimmerton over the Christmas-New Year period and are looking for somewhere to stay. We would love to hear from anyone planning to be away at that time and looking for a pair of very responsible house sitters to look after their home.” Call Caroline [caroline.armstrong22@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.armstrong22@gmail.com)

## STOP PRESS

### 400 native plants in the ground to attract lizards Current crop of tagging obliterated

Locals turned out in force today, on a glorious winter Sunday morning, to help dig holes, wheelbarrow compost and plant 400 native plants along the rail corridor through Plimmerton.

In two hours the job was done and it was all looking very ship shape. Thanks go to organiser Richard Witheford-Smith from PCC's graffiti prevention. Richard says, “This was our once a year chance to work on the rail corridor so a big thanks to all the PRA members who turned up to make light work of a big job.



Thanks also to Isaac Adams of Kiwi Rail, MMS our safety managers, Te Rito gardens team for logistics support (plants and compost), Wellington conservation volunteers (who brought two American volunteers, just as well we turned on a typical Porirua day!) and Helen Janes from Paremata who brought some of her youth group at short notice. Great team effort! With rain due this week our 400 plants should be off to a good start.”



Clockwise: *Pip Piper takes a turn on the wheelbarrow. Not bad for a 92 year old!*  
*Linda Kerkmeester with Jacob from Te Rito*  
*Lui Ikenasio from graffiti reduction and Ra from MMS*  
*Helen Janes, Brian Keown and others at work.*

## Phantom weed eater strikes again!

The cutting behind Sunset Parade, used by kids going to and from school every day and commuters making the trek to and from the station has had a facelift. The phantom weed eater spent three hours transforming what had become weed infested and ugly. Good work that man!

## Fun, fresh air and furry friends

Steph and Dominic at The Dog Park in Ulric Street are looking for a keen person to join the team at their doggy day care and dog grooming business. If you can drive the big van for pickups and deliveries that would be a bonus. This could be YOUR dream job! Call Steph today 021 175 4031.

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

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