

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

July 2017

New website www.plimmerton.nz

Check it out today. How can you help? Contact plimmertonra@gmail.com

Pest-Free Plimmerton in Award finals

Congratulations to the *Pest-Free Plimmerton* team. They have been named as one of the finalists in this year's Wellington Airport Regional Awards for 2017.

"Thanks to all our dedicated volunteer trappers for your support. Keep those traps set, keep the bait fresh, and report your kills (even if pickings are lean) ... and wish the team luck for the awards ceremony on 26 July."

Garden Bird Survey 2017

So many people here participate in this annual census of birdlife in our gardens.

For the full story and instructions <http://gardenbirdssurvey.landcareresearch.co.nz>

Pink Ribbon Brunch on Sunday 6 August, Plimmerton School Hall 10.30am-1pm.

Support this fundraising brunch with friends ... get eight friends together and enjoy a mid-winter catch up while helping this great initiative to raise money for breast cancer research.

Reserve your table of eight today by calling or texting Rachael 021 224 3546.

Elvis is back in the building

Thursday 6 July at Plimmerton Boating Club with great prices for dinner and show or show only. Book today ...it's now or never. PBC. Talk to Richard 233 1592.

Better flowing, and more growing, in Motuhara

Isabella Cawthorne reports, "A dozen or so Plimmertonians mucked in on the Motuhara Bush Neighbourhood's June working bee, bolstered by baking and boosted by the tireless Karl from PCC.

"We hauled out a truckload of stream-contaminating and flow-blocking rubbish from the creek bed and banks ... disintegrating car tyres, old and modern white ware, a safe, barbed wire and other treats."

"We also planted the first round of native trees to help restore the bush on the creek slopes. (Thanks to PRA for generously match-funding landowner contributions to buy eco-sourced trees). Best of all locals met other locals and had a great time."

A follow up bee the next weekend saw the trees planted ready to establish over winter.

Comments from kids summed it up. "Humans are so dumb. They throw rubbish into the bush." "Yeah but not all humans. We're humans and we're making it healthy again, we're great!"

Contact Motuharaneighbourhood@gmail.com if you'd like to be in the loop. There will be monthly working bees and other neighbourhood activities kicking off this year.



Taupō Crescent community space picnic spot

Good news, the area around the picnic table will be concreted very soon. This will allow the locals to get in to do an early spring clean. Fingers crossed for a few dry days so the contractor can get mixing. (Whoops. Maybe next week).

Village programme projects wind up for 2016-2017 year

Huge thanks to PCC for their support

Last year we put bids in to PCC for Village Programme support for several projects which have now been successfully completed. These include:

- Taupō Plimmerton Heritage Trail map, signage, web content, fliers and brochures all looking great. New heritage group seething with ideas for ongoing history projects.
- The new website www.plimmerton.nz is up and running and looking great. More content will be added soon and the old one phased out by October.
- Taupō Crescent community space has been able to implement the first stages of its planned development.
- Pest-Free Plimmerton has purchased and installed two trap lines of the big guns (DOC 200s) to keep mustelids and other nasties out.
- Several environmental initiatives have been given a helping hand.
- Responsible dog ownership is being encouraged with *pick up after your dog* signage, dog clips and support for fenced exercise areas.
- Traffic safety has been enhanced and improvements will continue.
- Two wonderful pairs of murals were produced by local children and installed in the rail underpass to promote Pest Free Plimmerton and our heritage trail.
- Electronic records of Plimmerton's projects (like the railway station upgrade, Karehana Park redevelopment and so on) will soon be safely archived.

Bids for the coming 12 months have been submitted and we will let you know when we know what projects we will be tackling. Thanks to everyone here who has helped, and is still helping, with all these projects.

And if you are new here, please feel welcome to join us to help with projects of interest to you and yours. www.plimmerton.nz

Blocked drains, potholes, damage, lights out

Please report anything you see to Porirua City Council on **237 5089**.

Calls that are officially logged must be actioned. Copy PRA in on emails or advise us of matters reported so we can include these in our regular maintenance meetings will PCC staff.

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

and our email: plimmertonra@gmail.com

Support your community - it's the best!

