

# Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

## *What's new in Plimmerton?*

### June 2017

*What a way to start winter ... wonderful warm and windless weather!*

*And there's lots happening here to keep winter at bay too.*

#### **Projects all the family can get involved with**

Village Programme funding applications for Plimmerton projects have just been submitted to PCC. This unique programme enables our community to put forward projects that residents want to develop in our area. You can see the plan for 2016-2018 on our [new website www.plimmerton.nz](http://www.plimmerton.nz) YOU and your family are welcome to join in any of the community projects in the plan. Whatever your interests are there are lots of ways for you to be involved. These programmes are for everyone here ... and the whole community benefits from improved facilities like our restored railways station, waterfront walkways, picnic spots and the other initiatives currently under way [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

#### **Thanks for community support**

Thanks to everyone who has paid the \$15 subs for their family or household this year. And to those who topped up their subs with a donation, much appreciated. If it's slipped your mind then it's never too late!

Plimmerton Residents' Association Westpac account **03 1533-0019155-00** and include your name, email and address in the 3 lines.

Your subs and donations are used on projects in Plimmerton.

#### **Emergency management opportunities**

Learn to operate our new emergency radios ... training coming up soon!

And look out for the next simulation when the emergency hub is activated and all systems get a practice run.

#### **Muster against mustelids**

Pest-Free Plimmerton will be installing another line of big traps (DOC200s) in their 'ring of steel' around Plimmerton to keep out weasels, stoats and rats. Keen trap checkers are invited to learn how to check and reset the mean machines at a workshop on Saturday 17 June 9.30am-11.30am. (Venue tba). Contact the Pest-Free team.

#### **Fast fingered Facebook fancier wanted**

How about using your great talent with Facebook to help run PRA's Facebook page?

Contact us [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

#### **Midwinter Dip ... Plimmerton Kindergarten fundraiser**

**Sunday 10 June at Karehana Beach 11am**

Budgie smugglers, bikinis or fancy dress. Your choice, but the dip is the thing. If you don't fancy total immersion in freezing water then come along and support the event at Karehana Bay.

## **DHL New Zealand Lions series 2017 on the BIG screen at Plimmerton Boating Club.**

They will also be screening America's Cup Match: The 35<sup>th</sup> Defence; Best of 13 series; Bermuda (if NZ makes the final, Richard adds).

## **Elvis is back in the building! Plimmerton Boating Club 6 July**

Flying in from Sydney to entertain us. Plus Hits of the 60s.

Dinner and show \$45 from 6pm, show only \$20 at 8pm.

Book now Plimmerton Boating Club.

## **Help for Hugo ... donate to make a difference**

Hugo is a three year old attending kindergarten locally. He has cerebral palsy and an operation overseas would give him a chance of living a more normal life. Please look at his Give a little page which has just been launched and donate to make a difference.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/helpforhugo/donations>

## **Rat a tat news ... a thousand rodent predators eradicated!**

Linda reports, "It's been a year since our community started backyard trapping and we are still catching rats out there! Over **600** rats to date ... and **400** mice!

Don't forget to report your kills for our monthly tally!"

If you have not yet got your trap and joined the programme to bring back our birds and lizards contact Heather and Linda at [pestfreeplimmerton@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreeplimmerton@gmail.com)

Just \$25 for a hand crafted rat/mouse removal combo!

PRA encourages every household in Plimmerton to get on board with this rapidly growing environmental initiative. And if you need more convincing look at Sandy Werner's fabulous presentation on our new website showing plants, insects lizards and birds that flourishing in a pest free environment. [www.plimmerton.nz](http://www.plimmerton.nz)

## **Myrtle rust alert**

Please check your gardens and other areas of vegetation for any signs of Myrtle rust.

[http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/myrtle-rust/?utm\\_source=neighbourly&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Myrtle\\_rust&utm\\_content=myrtle\\_rust\\_neighbourly](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/myrtle-rust/?utm_source=neighbourly&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Myrtle_rust&utm_content=myrtle_rust_neighbourly)

## **PCC's review of dog control policy**

Background reports have been summarised on "Dog Lovers of Porirua" Facebook page. Please check out the changes being proposed and make submissions on points that you do not agree with. Some changes to off-lead exercise areas proposed are not, as has been noted, evidence based. Positive changes for responsible dog owners that make good sense. It would be good to see fenced dog socialisation and training parks ... a tangible benefit for responsible owners who pay nearly half a million dollars every year in registration fees.

## **Bright sparks**

Isabella says, "From someone who walks, runs and bikes on these darker mornings and evenings, a big thumbs up to the bright sparks!

These are the smart locals who sport reflective gear or a small light on themselves - and especially on their dogs - when out walking on the shared pathways. Keeping one earphone out is great too. You can hear the 'hello' of people approaching. Great to see some bikes with dipped or low-beam lights too.

Some neat high-vis or reflective dog leads, collars with built-in lights are available. Try 'Project Glow Wear' with stylish clothes for humans."



## **Fundraiser for Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) Sunday 18 June at *The Lighthouse Cinema Pauatahanui***

Afternoon tea 4.30pm and film starts at 5pm. Tickets \$25 per person ... includes three raffle tickets! *The Olive Tree*. A low-key heartfelt film about a young woman who decides to rescue her grandfather's olive tree, sold as a green symbol.

All proceeds go towards supporting volunteers out on assignment for VSA (Te Tuao Tawahai).

For tickets contact Joan 233 8041, 027 413 7056 or email [jreader@actrix.co.nz](mailto:jreader@actrix.co.nz) or Sue 384 8208, email [whathouse@xtra.co.nz](mailto:whathouse@xtra.co.nz)

Ticket money can be paid directly into the VSA Wellington branch bank account at Westpac Bank 03 0502 006 7862 00. Please add your name in the reference field.

## **First day of winter this week ... three months to go!**

Don't get stuck on the sofa. Keep moving with Pacific Yoga Flow. Check out classes and times on Deidre-Lee's Facebook page. Classes held at her stunning, warm studio in Ulric Street. Everyone welcome, all ages!

## **Mana Little Theatre presents ...**

*Social Climbers* by Roger Hall directed by Pat Knight.

14-24 June. Almost sold out already but seats available on Wednesday 14 and 21 June and Saturday 24 June. Email [mlttickets@gmail.com](mailto:mlttickets@gmail.com)

Or ring 021 025 77648.

Four teachers stuck in a DOC hut by foul weather. By day 3 they are not happy campers. Great comedy and great cast.

Auditions Sunday 18 June 7pm at the theatre for Hobsons Choice by Harold Brighouse. Check out the Mana Little Theatre website and Facebook.

## **House sitter/minder**

Reliable careful gentleman offers his services for house minding.

Contact Terry Brady 027 212 0189.

## **Clean dream team available ... be in quickly!**

Once a fortnight on Fridays this top cleaning team comes into the area and they have just one slot left between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Don't miss out. If you need home help these people are the real deal. Contact [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com) with the title *clean dream team* and we will give you their contact details.

## **Invitation for bridge players**

Colin and Sue say, "Come along and join our friendly, relaxed group. We play at the Plimmerton pavilion every Tuesday at 7.15pm. Refresher courses are available if you've not played for a while. Phone Judi 233 2508 or Duncan 233 8287 for more info.

## **Mana U3A hosting a climate change seminar**

Monday 19 June at St Andrews church hall between 10am and midday. Led by James Renwick from Victoria University. All welcome!

## **Another anti-hibernation enticement ... keep warm, keep moving**

Movement classes in the pavilion of Monday evenings 6.30-7.30pm with experienced Feldenkrais practitioner Elke Dunlop. Contact 233 6330 or 021 655 992.

## **Tennis club still raging**

Lots happening at Plimmerton Tennis Club and YOU are welcome to join in.

News from Roger and Tracy at the club.

Saturday 15 July Mid-Year Xmas tennis tournament ... tennis at 2pm. Roger advises, "Dust off the racquet and see what our little tennis club can offer. Have we got a deal for you!" Sport will be followed by a pot luck Christmas dinner at 5.15pm.

Don't miss out on a fun time! Contact Roger **027 677 1273** or Mike **021 422 437** for details.

**Club successes:** Plimmerton Stars girls A team won the Kapi Mana Post-Xmas Girls A Grade competition, with Julia Mason, Olivia Mercer, Yasmine Ahlman and McKenzie Still.

The Plimmerton Aces girls B team were the runners up in the same competition with Zoe Ham, Hannah Mercer, Kate Barham, Bianca Janssen and Saskia Janssen.

## **Flares demo Warning! Bright red lights in the sky!**

Plimmerton Boating Club Wednesday 28 June at 18.30-20.30 pm.

Jointly hosted by Mana Cruising Club and Plimmerton Boating Club.

Bring along your own flares and you may be able to participate in the demo with appropriate training and safety gear. Or just come and watch and recognise the different forms of these important safety devices for boaties. For other residents ... do not be alarmed when you see many flares activated. They are all bright red in colour. Please do not call the authorities as they are aware of the event.

Further info available from [scott@oceans.org.nz](mailto:scott@oceans.org.nz)

(Flares, not to be confused at the boating club with Elvis's bejewelled jumpsuit).

## **Save the date! Motuhara Stream spruce up Sunday 25 June,**

Motuhara Bush Neighbourhood will be sprucing up the bush area stream bed and banks ahead of winter rain storms. Bring your gummies, muscles and older kids. It's going to be a FUN outdoors day for everyone. Supported by PCC. Gloves and gear supplied.

Let us know if you are interested [Motuharaneighbourhood@gmail.com](mailto:Motuharaneighbourhood@gmail.com)

## **Dog control policy review by PCC public consultation 16 June-14 July**

Check out the excellent summary of PCC's proposed changes on "Dog lovers of Porirua" Facebook page. Some positive changes are suggested for responsible dog owners which will be welcome. A regional recreation area for dog exercise and training will be a tangible benefit for responsible dog owners and the almost half million dollars they pay each year in registration fees. Some restrictions to off-lead exercise areas are proposed in some areas. Encouraging responsible dog ownership will have the most positive effects. You are encouraged to read the consultation document and make a submission on any concerns before 14 July. Please be constructive, thoughtful, considered, balanced, reasonable and practical in your submission!"

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

**and our email:** [plimmertonra@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonra@gmail.com)

***Support your community - it's the best!***

