

2017 - 2018 PRA AGM Chair's Annual Report.

Tena kotou katoa,

Nga mihi nui,

ko Colin Bleasdale taku ingoa,

Plimmerton/Taupō au.

Welcome, kia ora to everyone and a big thank you for attending this 2018 PRA AGM.

Your current committee is:

Colin Bleasdale: Chair, sub committees, Village Planning, projects and PCC liaison

Roger Beckett: Treasurer, sub committees

Carolyn Williams: All communications, newsletters, Village Planning, sub committees, projects

Alan Reader: Emergency management

David Verrinder: The Big Spring Clean, Taupō Stream, AGM, security cameras

Robin Jones: Minute secretary, AGM, sub committees

Judi Thomson: Traffic management, responsible dog ownership

Tim Sheppard: Comms, PCC, sub committees, secretarial responsibilities.

Ex-officio and volunteers:

Web Site and Facebook: Violet Rowe, Anne Johnston (designer), Sam Duff

Heritage Trail: Andrew Deller, Deirdre Dale, Mary Beckett

Community Shed: Dave Anderson, Mike Gould, Colin Bleasdale and Carolyn Williams.

We welcome any other volunteers who wish to join us as a committee member or as an ex-officio project manager. There are many projects out there just waiting for someone like you to take on!

Overview of Association activities 2017 -2018:

This year has seen three significant projects completed.

1. Plimmerton entrance security cameras in place. A big thank you to Trust House Foundation for funding.
2. A brand new Community Shed established.
3. Heritage Trail & Plimmerton business information board at the motor-home caravan park.

Projects run parallel to 'business as usual' undertaken on behalf of the Plimmerton community.

“What's New in Plimmerton”: Our bi-monthly e-publication and annual hand-delivered newsletter continues to evolve. We don't know how Carolyn 'word-smiths' it while adding a goodly dose of humour.

Plimmerton Taupo Heritage Trail: After much significant research, writing and signage the 35 Plimmerton/Taupō sites have been completed. Thanks go to Andrew Deller, Deirdre Dale and Mary Beckett, Hongoeka Marae, with PCC support by Bill Inge. Special thanks to Roger at the Deli for involving local business owners in the motor home park signage project.

The 'Bring Back the Birds' links in with the 'Pest Free Plimmerton' initiative. We are extremely happy to work in with Heather Evans, Linda Kerkmeester, Lee McLauchlan (recently returned) and their team to get us 'pest free', thanks for your excellent work. The Community Shed team is already manufacturing more traps for Plimmerton trappers.



Kill rates from the last two years are amazing: Rats 1026, Mice 1058, 85 Hedgehogs, 37 weasels, 5 stoats. Keep up the good work by having your traps freshly baited and checked regularly. This will get us closer to being pest free and bring back the birds.

Taupō Crescent community space: We are working closely with PCC and residents on the next stage of this community asset. The new slide will be installed soon. We wish to thank Trust House Foundation for their support. Thanks to Robin and the team for their work on this project.

Plimmerton Village Plan: Some very intense work takes place each year get this completed. Thanks go to all involved on this subcommittee Carolyn, Roger, Anne, Tim and myself. This coming year we are looking at a range of options which we will consult the community on soon.

The Big Spring Clean: an annual event now in its 9th year. Thanks again to David V and his team for organising this event. **The Taupō Creek clearing;** thanks to the team that periodically dons waders and attacks the invasive weed choking the stream.

Emergency Management: Alan Reader has worked to get us ready to deal with any major emergency event. Alan has worked with WREMO to ensure that our neighbourhood and individual households have emergency supplies to last at least for 10 days. The emergency radio purchase will be invaluable during the next emergency operation. Thank you for your work to get this to where we are today!

www.Plimmerton.nz: Our web site is up and running and looking fantastic. Our original site had grown enormous since it was started 10 years ago. Plimmerton.nz is the new address. Thanks to the www.team!

A very special PRA thanks to **Euon Murrell, of Tommys'**. Euon is a staunch PRA sponsor of many initiatives. It's marvellous to have such valuable support. Euon thank you very much.

Porirua City Council: We are maintaining, enhancing and further developing an open, frank and friendly relationship with Porirua City Council over issues confronting and concerning Plimmerton. We acknowledge and appreciate the support given by our Northern Ward Councillor Dale Williams. Other Northern Ward councillors are Anita Baker, Ross Leggett and Beverly Wakem. Bill Inge is our current PCC Village Planning 'go to' person. Thanks for your support Bill in assisting to push some of our projects across the line.

Greater Wellington Regional Council: Marvellous to have Jenny Brash's monthly report that adds the Plimmerton view to the GWRC perspective. Some of the major issues here cover water, quality, transport, rail ballast spillage and erosion along the very southern end of south beach besides the rail-walking track. Thank you Jenny for attending all of our meetings.

Hongoeka Marae The PRA is very supportive of what Hongoeka are striving to achieve through the village planning process. Hopefully we will further build on and expand our existing association. The new Pō at the entrance to Hongoeka will be a much appreciated and admired statement - and will complement the Pō at Pukerua Bay.

The Plimmerton round-about intersection has been re-sealed and we await the council's proposed plan for public consultation. How do we best slow traffic around Plimmerton making it further pedestrian safe, especially for both the kindergarten and school children and parents? The community relies on more self-disciplined drivers travelling at pedestrian-considerate speeds. The main consideration is to slow down speeding drivers who are both inconsiderate and dangerous. The school needs caregivers to park safely during drop off and pick up times. PRA will continue to work for a safer pedestrian, cycling and motoring environment here.

Plimmerton Boating Club: We acknowledge the generous offer by PBC to allowing PRA members to use clubroom facilities. Also for tonight's meeting, thanks to Gail and your team. Always a pleasure to be in Plimmerton's most beautifully positioned facility.



Others:

During the year we have represented Plimmerton's interests with regard to many issues both local, and regional initiatives including:

- Liaising with and supporting other Residents' Associations.
- Village Planning meetings.
- Supporting other organisations.
- Liaising with various community groups.

Establishing the Community Shed, Dave, Mike, Tim and many others have put in long hours to get this project underway. Thanks to thank Dale Williams, our councillor, who has been totally supportive of this initiative.

Many of us attend numerous extra sub-committee and specific project meetings. I'm sure that there are others we should thank. So to those efforts I've overlooked, my apologies and many thanks for your contributions.

- Please note that; the PRA meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Plimmerton School staffroom. Our thanks to principal Mike Forrest and staff who allow us use of their facility.
- Please renew your membership, if you are an existing PRA member or joining for the first time its only \$20.00! Membership fees have risen this year after a very long time!
- A big thanks to all of you who have already paid your subscription for the 2018 / 2019 year. We always welcome wider community participation with new members, renewals and donations.
- Please provide us with your email address, this enables us to communicate with you promptly on current issues through our newsletter via the PRA email data-base.

Which leads to these good folk who are leaving;

Judi Thomson and Alan Reader; many thanks indeed for all of your hard work on your much appreciated projects. We wish you all the very best. Please accept this with our thanks and respect.

Roger Beckett our hard working treasurer is also looking for assistance or someone to step into his shoes, so please let me know if you are able to assist with this pivotal position.

Thanks to the 2017/2018 committee, my admiration, appreciation and amazement, goes to the outgoing committee for all of your long voluntary hours you all have put in on behalf of the community.

My personal thanks to Tim Sheppard for standing in for me whilst Marg and I were gallivanting around bits of Brexited Britain and a Partially United Europe,

Thanks must go to you, our Plimmerton community, for being so supportive of the PRA for the efforts that we all put in towards making Plimmerton that little bit better for all of us including other villages and visitors.

This is my final chair's report after 11 years on the PRA committee including 10 years as chairperson. I have decided to step down and not seek re-election. The time is now right for new challenges of other things that have been stacking up. Over the period as chair each committee member has done their level best to help this wonderful community. I have more



than enjoyed being a small cog in this group of fellow hard working volunteers. My real thanks to all previous committee members and project leaders who have always been extremely supportive towards the whole committee in achieving our objectives. Some major projects completed include; the seafront promenade, rail station refurbishment, and waterfront seating, Taupō stream bridge balustrade as well as many others. They're all on our wonderful new website www.Plimmerton.nz - have a look.

I'd like to wish all the very best to the new committee and for all projects that they undertake. It's been great working with you all. Thank you.

Kia Ora
Colin Bleasdale
PRA Chairperson,
2007 to 2018 - with time off for good behaviour!

