

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter

What's new in Plimmerton?

March 2018

Storm damage response

Thanks to PCC staff and contractors who were out early to clear the roads and remove fallen trees after Cyclone Gita whistled through. Good work from the local emergency preparedness team who distributed radios and prepared for action.

Tread carefully ... Camborne walkway repair programme

Upgrading and protection work on the pathway started in February at the Grays Road carpark end. During working hours half the walkway will be closed to all recreational users between the carpark and the Penryn Drive entrance.

When that half is complete the contractors PCL will move to the second half, Penryn Drive to Pascoe Ave.

The project will take about 8 weeks weather permitting. If you have any queries about this upgrading project please call John Callahan 027 705 8920 john.callahan@porirua.govt.nz

Community Shed opens in March

YOU are invited to an open day at the new Community Shed on Plimmerton Domain on Sunday 25 March from 10am.

The Community Shed team has great ideas for projects ... some fund raising and others to help the community. Sharpening lawnmowers, knives and scissors will be a regular service (Yes! We hear you say.) They are also making rat traps and cutting kindling wood bundles for sale.

Big thanks to Dave and Mike who have worked long and hard to get all the details sorted. If you are keen to get involved immediately contact us plimmertonra@gmail.com . Otherwise please come along to the open day and meet the team.

Business directory on www.plimmerton.nz

All businesses offering services or products to people in this area are welcome to list FREE on our community website. This new website has been up and running for a few months ... so if your business was on the old site it's long gone!

Thanks to all the business people who have already sent info. We have enough businesses there now to get the section sorted into categories.

Don't miss out ... get your business on the site today www.plimmerton.nz/business-directory/

Taupō Crescent slide is under way

Funding has been finalised for a swanky new slide in Taupō Crescent Community Space, to be in place by mid-year. A big thanks to Trust House Foundation, PCC and our very own PRA for their generous support of this community-driven project. This is a great example of how residents can make things happen in their own backyard.

We will have a concept drawing on the website soon.

What spot? GWRC monitoring for water quality

Greater Wellington Regional Council is running a survey about waterways in the region and wants to know what your top spots are.



This is what they say: “We monitor water quality at sites across the region as well as planning for better water quality. We work with users to ensure that we all manage this precious resource effectively.

To help us you can drop a pin in our interactive *What spot* map and answer a few quick questions about your favourite swimming, kai gathering or kayaking spots.

Let us know the places you connect with water now and where you’d like to in the future. Upload photos and share any concerns you have about water quality.

To complete the survey just click on the link below, drop a pin, answer a couple of questions. And get everyone you know to do the same!”

<http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/what-spots/maps/what-spot>

There’s been lots of Facebook traffic this summer about sick kids and dogs.

GWRC are the people responsible for keeping our water clean and safe. Let them know what is going on. Plimmerton Beach and Karehana Bay are currently monitored in two locations. Local people must reinforce the need for this to continue ... and for more testing to be carried out if necessary.

This is our opportunity to take a stand on water quality in our area.

AGM date for 2018 ... Monday 14 May

The AGM of this residents’ association will be held on Monday 14 May 7.30pm Plimmerton Boating Club. Some exciting surprises in store. Put the date in your diary! The agenda for the AGM will be posted on our website closer to the date.

Change of financial year

Plimmerton Residents’ Association is formally notifying that a resolution will be put to the upcoming AGM to align its financial year end with that of Porirua City Council, changing it from 31 March to 30 June.

Notice of Motion to Amend the Plimmerton Residents’ Association Constitution (Clause 3.2)

At a meeting on April 24 2017, the executive committee of the Plimmerton Residents’ Association (PRA) agreed to seek AGM approval to a change in PRA’s financial year end from 31 March to 30 June.

This would:

- align PRA with Porirua City Council’s financial year and rationalise planning and budgeting in relation to the Council’s Village Programme; and
- entail a 15-month transitional period to make this change.

Motion to be proposed at the AGM on Monday 14 May 2018:

That clause 3.2 of the PRA constitution be amended to read: “The financial year of the Association will be from 1 July to 30 June”.

The PRA Constitution can be viewed on our website.

Cape Pond weed removal from Taupō stream

This invasive and nasty weed needs to be attacked again. If you would like to don waders and join the weed removal team contact David plimmertonra@gmail.com

Steyne Ave park development stage 1 ... removal of houses

Porirua City Council have notified us that they will be removing the two old houses at 34 and 36 Steyne Ave (near Queen Street) this month. The area will be landscaped into a grassed area with



trees for people visiting the beach. This is an amenity for people in the wider Wellington and Porirua regions. You can find out more from www.porirua.govt.nz

PRA is concerned that maintenance is kept up on existing recreation resources. This summer there has been little upkeep and seats and tables along the waterfront need attention, gardens have not been kept pruned, gutters are full of weeds, footpaths need cleaning, rubbish bins have been overflowing at times and generally Plimmerton looks shabby. The influx of hundreds of visitors to the beach has put stress on infrastructure here. More facilities means more visitors and more pressure on our environment. We would like a commitment from PCC that they will keep their contractors up to the mark.

Security cameras assisting Police with enquiries!

Police report that the cameras monitoring traffic at the entrances to Plimmerton have recorded vehicles of interest to them in several enquiries. Investigations into a spate of thefts from vehicles and homes here, a serious dangerous driving incident and other criminal activity (see Police report for February on website) has been assisted by this vehicle evidence. Excellent return on our investment. Thanks to the team of volunteers who are maintaining the system for this community.

Time to get snapping, it's the annual GOPI photo competition

Guardians of Pauatahanui Inlet's annual photographic competition is under way. Images can be entered in five categories: artistic, human impact, nature, recreation and scenic. There are prizes for juniors (under 13), youth (13 to 18) and adult. Entries close on 20 April.

A free workshop is being held for photographers under 18 on Sunday afternoon 11 March at Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve.

Registration forms for the workshop and full details for the competition at www.gopi.org.nz

Porirua City Council wants your input to their Long Term Plan

Consultation starts in March on PCC's long term plan. They say they will be out at events and holding meetings so you will get opportunities to give your feedback.

Consultation period is from 23 March to 23 April. Hearings will be held on 16 and 17 May and the long term plan released on 28 July.

Matters under discussion for inclusion in this plan include: revitalising Eastern Porirua, purchasing strategic property (investing in land near the Transmission Gully road network for future economic development), introducing paid parking in the city centre, protecting our harbour, improving water supply, wastewater and storm water networks ... to stop pollution entering our streams and harbour, recreational facilities, youth engagement and rates-funded recycling.

These issues affect you and your family. You can get onto the PCC website www.porirua.govt.nz/ourplace to find out where the meetings are and to see discussion documents.

Because Greater Wellington Regional Council has its long term plan out for public consultation during the same period there will be joint meetings organised in this region. We will pass on the details when we are advised.



Community news and events:

Learning support tutor for primary students

Shelley lives locally and is a qualified tutor for primary children in years 2-5. She has a long list of credentials which we have on our website. Shelley has training to offer learning support to children with learning difficulties; dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, Aspergers, and behavioural issues. If your child needs expert support check out the services Shelley offers. Contact **233 8803** or **027 449 7413**.

Bridge lessons ... learn this popular game

Kapi Mana Bridge Club is holding a series of ten lessons starting from 30 April at 7.30pm at its clubrooms at 8 Linden Ave, Tawa. Just \$50 covers lessons, teaching materials, and club membership to 31 March 2019. To register, or for more information contact David **233 1866**

Mana Little Theatre Panto season starts soon

Roger Hall's hilarious panto *Little Red Riding Hood* opens on Thursday 15 March and runs till Saturday 24 March. Book tickets today mlttickets@gmail.com or call them **021 273 1127**

Hongoeka Marae Summer Carnival Saturday 10 March 10am to 4pm

Stalls, raffles, hangi, art and artists in action, local writers and heaps more. Part of the Arts Trail.

11am writers read their work (including Patricia Grace). Bookings essential \$12

Pre-register for hangi too hongoekasummerfestival@gmail.com

Plimmerton Boating Club Fishing Competition 10 and 11 March.

Entry forms online and at the club. No fishing auction this year.

And don't forget Jam Night ...second Thursday of every month!

Mana Little Theatre auditions for *Radium Girl*

Saturday 10 March 7pm at the theatre.

Contact director Sue Mortimer **021 025 77648**

Pātaka Friends Arts Trail Tawa to Pukerua Bay

Weekend March 10 and 11 March 10-4pm each day www.pataka.org.nz

Ten studios to visit plus Pātaka and Hongoeka marae.

Mana U3A 'Learning is Forever'

Regular large and small group meetings to explore your interests

Call Brian **233 0709** and check out www.u3a.man.org.nz

Victim Support volunteers needed

Full training and support. Training sessions 10-11 March and 24-25 March

Call **0800 865868** to enrol

Pukerua Bay Tennis Club Easter Tournament

Friday 30 March men and women's doubles, Saturday 31 mixed doubles, Sunday 1 April finals. To register call Robyn Mathews **027 231 2312**



Plimmerton School Craft Beer Fair

At Plimmerton School - 7 April, 4.00-8.00PM. Tickets available from the school.

Rotary Book Fair

Saturday and Sunday 17-18 March, at the NZ Kennel Club, Prosser Street, Elsdon from 9am each day.

Plimmerton in history

A local author has released a book based on the social history of Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay, Porirua and the Kapiti Coast. Go to www.wairakapoint.com

WWW.plimmerton.org.nz /safety-security/emergency-preparedness

Residents are giving us feedback that this section of our website is proving useful ... great to hear!

Reminder: It's nearly time to change the batteries in smoke alarms ... and to replenish supplies in your emergency pack.

PRA is YOUR residents' association...

If you would like to be part of the team encouraging exciting initiatives here and involved in projects to enhance and improve life in Plimmerton contact us today! See the website for details of previous and ongoing projects and the current annual plan. We welcome positive people with ideas and energy to join the team. Contact us plimmertonra@gmail.com

... and the newsletter, Facebook and website are community resources!

Newsletters are published in the last week of each month so you know some of the things that are happening in coming weeks.

Businesses, clubs, interest groups, schools, and others who are organising activities involving people in Plimmerton are welcome to send items. Email to plimmertonra@gmail.com

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

our email: plimmertonra@gmail.com

and Facebook: www.facebook.com/plimmertonresidents

Support your community - it's the best!

