

Plimmerton Village Plan 2019-2020



This plan was developed by the Plimmerton Resident's Residents' Association to align with the needs of Plimmerton community and to meet Porirua City Council's (PCC) strategic objectives.

It covers two years ... with Village Planning projects funded and approved by Porirua City Council (PCC) plus a range of initiatives funded by local residents who have joined Plimmerton Residents' Association, supplemented with grants, sponsorships and community volunteering.

This is an initial overview and will be revised over time. Each project will be planned separately in detail and have its own section on the website recording progress.

1. Plimmerton Domain development ... stage 2

Plimmerton residents will be supporting Porirua City Council (PCC) work in the domain with planting of shade trees and other vegetation along Taupo Stream banks through the domain to mitigate cape pond weed and improve the environmental health of the stream.

We will also be supporting the domain redevelopment which is planned to include a fenced dog exercise area. We will be fundraising for a drinking fountain when the redesign is complete.

Already planning for the domain redevelopment is well under way. PRA has a community representative on the working group. Initial clearing of the stream banks has started. PCC and PRA have completed a footpath to link the new motorhome park to Plimmerton village and to complete a safe pedestrian and cycling pathway to link with the northern Ara Harakeke Walkway.

At the same time Friends of Taupo Swamp and Catchment (FOTSC) have secured funding and support to redevelop the Taupo Swamp area from north of the domain. We will be supporting their efforts to clear and replant these vital areas in coming years.



2. Community Shed ... stage 2

The shed team will be working with advisors to get the shed on a sound footing and to locate premises for a move in three year's time.

(This move is part of PCC's plan to have clear sightlines from all park entrances to playing fields.)

The shed team will be working to secure contracts for the team and aiming to build a steady income stream.

Funding has been secured to complete the shed equipment and tool inventory which will enable the shed team to offer a wider range of services.

During its first year of operation the shed team have been successful in securing their current premises, finalising the lease, developing a health and safety plan and putting the appropriate systems and equipment in place. They have also stocked up the shed with basic tools and materials and developed a plan for future progress. And they are working on a range of ongoing community and environmental projects.

3. Steyne Ave entrance to Plimmerton The last link of the Ara Harakeke shared pathway

It has become critical to complete the missing strip of pavement/cycleway between the rail bridge at the entrance to Plimmerton. This path goes along a short section of Steyne Ave, to the southern end of the railway station entrance. With greatly increased rail patronage the parking spaces along Steyne Ave are heavily used and safety incidents have been reported because of on the unformed pavement.

This land is leased from rail authorities by PCC so the two parties will have to sort how this path can be created.

We see this path upgrade as a responsible move with many benefits which will improve safety for cyclists, pedestrians, people with mobility issues and those with pushchairs and young children in tow.

We are advised that this project will not proceed in the 2019-2020 year.

We would also like to see a safety and signage fence constructed where people currently thump wooden signs into the grassed area and garden. The grassed area could then be used as a rigging area by wind surfers.

And the fence would serve dual purposes as a safety barrier and a signage display framework.



4. Karehana beach access ramp

The existing access ramp to the beach is no longer safe. It has been assessed and the process to develop a new ramp is under way. This is essential to ensure access to this most popular beach for young and old, residents and visitors, people in wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The new design will be less obtrusive and more sympathetic to the beach.

5. Waterfront seats and picnic tables maintenance and repair

Some of our waterfront seats need specialist repairs as well as general maintenance. The seats were designed by Massey University students and manufactured locally. They were installed in 2010. Residents here paid PCC \$75,000 for these seats to be installed and for ongoing maintenance to keep them in good order.

Some of the seats, especially the four 'anchor' seats on Beach Road need skilled attention. The woodwork was originally created by the late master boat builder Bernie Perano. We want these seats and tables to be kept in good order showing the families who generously sponsored them that they are greatly appreciated assets in this community.

Plimmerton Community Shed has secured a contract to refurbish the seats owned by PCC's roading department. These are the seats by the roadside. This work will be completed in time for summer 2019.

We are waiting to hear PCC's plans for the seats owned by their parks department.

6. Murals in the rail underpass

Murals will be created by local school children to promote the work being done in Plimmerton Domain. One mural will celebrate the flora and fauna as it should be in the Taupo Swamp and stream. The other will look at some of the social history of the area, like the pony club of the 1960s!

A local mural artist and teacher will work with children at Plimmerton School to create these murals which will join the others in the underpass created by local children. These murals are part of a series celebrating projects in our community ... like the heritage trail and Pest Free Plimmerton.

7. Rail underpass resealing

We are working with Greater Wellington Regional Council and rail authorities to reseal the rail underpass on the Steyne Ave side, along to the platform ramp and up to the ramp top. This is for safety reasons as the worn surface is slippery in wet weather. Several incidents of people slipping have been reported. We would also like better lighting in the underpass and are talking to Greater Wellington Regional Council to have security cameras installed in our very busy rail commuter car park area. Other commuter car parks are protected by security cameras and Plimmerton needs this service. **We are still following up on these issues with GWRC.**



8. Karehana Park drinking fountain

A super duper drinking fountain for people and dogs has just been installed in Karehana Park.

This park was completely redeveloped in recent years with paths from Cluny and Airlie Roads funded by the sale of pavers. This also enabled PRA project managers to plan an upgraded play area and kids bike track with additional grant and Village Planning funding.

Fantastic community effort including input from three rock star local plumbers. Check it out www.plimmerton.nz

9. Security cameras

The security cameras at the entrances to Plimmerton record car model and numbers. When a crime is reported in the locality Police can access footage for investigation purposes.

The cameras need to be maintained and insured so we have an ongoing operational cost.

Police report that the cameras are a great asset. The cameras are accessed by police to investigate reported crime in the area. They say that the cameras have been really useful generally and recently played a big part in helping them solve two major incidents.

10. Emergency management and training

PRA works with WREMO to encourage training and to run emergency hub activation events. Emergency radios have been purchased and residents trained in their use in action scenarios. We also encourage community members to train in emergency management in WREMO-run courses.

We urgently need some energetic people to step up and assist the community in emergency management.

11. The Big Spring Clean

An annual event to clean beaches and parks for summer.

This needs some community groups like schools and clubs to get behind the annual effort to clean Plimmerton up for Summer.

12. The big fence painting

The long rail fence in front of the railway station has been recently repainted (after ten years) by a community turnout of 63 people including Roy McGuinness and his musicians, Big Macs slabs and Palmers Garden centre who ran kept the workers fed, Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade families PRA members and residents. Thanks everyone!



13. Village Plan development

This includes writing the plan draft for 2019-20, presenting a case for village planning funding for the coming year, adding pages to the website for each project and promoting the plan when it is approved.

14. Steyne Avenue Park

Supporting and using this new facility in Plimmerton for residents and visitors.

15. Help needed from keen Plimmerton-loving people

If you have *skills to share and some time to spare* for your community get in touch with Plimmerton Residents' Association today!

We need your help to run these projects. If you see something that pushes your buttons let us know. plimmertonra@gmail.com

16. Plimmerton Taupo Heritage trail ongoing promotion

Brochures for tourist and visitor outlets, leaflets for locals and visitors to the motor home park and postcards for libraries and other venues.

The very successful heritage trail is well established and needs ongoing promotion to keep visitor numbers up.

Disclaimer: This is the DRAFT plan for 2019-2020 as at 5 April 2019 and it is subject to various approvals and funding decisions. Content of this plan will be edited as required.