



Plimmerton Residents' Association Inc (PRA) - Chair's Report August 2026

Formal re-registration

After a new constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 was approved at last year's AGM, the PRA was re-registered by the Companies Office on 4 September 2025. Our Treasurer, Don Gray, then updated the Charities Commission and reaffirmed our charitable status.

Finances and membership

Our Treasurer Don Gray has provided a full financial report but I would just like to note that overall, we maintain a healthy balance sheet with sufficient reserves to meet foreseeable needs.

Our membership number normally exceeds 200 which demonstrates continuing acceptance of the relevance and contribution of the PRA by our community.

I do note, however, that the Committee needs more members and support. A small cadre is carrying the load which, as always, would be much lighter if shared more broadly. Long serving Committee member, and our Chair until recently, David Verrinder, has moved to the Christchurch region and it would be very helpful if we could replace him.

Village Planning and Relationship with Council

Although there is no longer a dedicated Village Planning team within Porirua City Council [PCC], we have

- Continued to build relationships and maintain dialogue with PCC on a variety of issues
- Maintained regular liaison with PCC re village asset maintenance and services, parks and reserves, graffiti removal etc
- Established a Community Asset register in partnership with PCC
- Made submissions to PCC and other agencies as appropriate

- Helped progress plans for a tree planting project in the northern section of Plimmerton Domain (with Plimmerton Rotary) and for a boardwalk on the flood-prone Domain path.
- Liaised with PCC and the Plimmerton Community MenzShed over maintenance and development of the Dog Park
- Hosted council officers at committee meetings to provide updates on climate adaptation work and natural hazards mapping.

Communications with our community

Committee member Carolyn Williams, ably supported by Allan Dodson, Violet Rowe, Sue Ineson and others, has maintained excellent communications with our community via our informative and helpful PRA website, newsletters, emails to members and Facebook messaging. I believe our website and communications are a rare strength among Residents' Associations and similar organisations, and are particularly a tribute to Carolyn's skills and dedication to professionalism.

Emergency Preparedness

- Contact with Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office and EM staff at PCC has been limited over the last year. These organisations maintain the organising/comms materials and base radio contained in "Emergency Hubs" and we have one located at Plimmerton School. The PRA ensures we have continually ready access to the Hub and keep it up to date as necessary.
- We purchased 4 hand held radios able to communicate with EM services during an event. They are battery operated so not as vulnerable to power outages. Rex Aubrey, an active member of our highly valued local Volunteer Fire Brigade, has set up and trained a group of local residents who now form an emergency radio network for Plimmerton/Camborne.

Recent reports have said that a significant emergency event now happens in NZ on average every 8 days - wild and/or wet weather events, earthquake activity, infectious diseases etc - mean we should be more prepared than ever before. Our Street Co-ordinator network needs augmenting - people are always moving away or face changing circumstances. The Street Co-ordinator role is a very simple one. It calls for a little effort in keeping in touch with the 10- 20 home nearest your home so that Coordinators are aware of both vulnerable people of families and of resources which might be of use in an emergency event. If you are willing to consider this role please contact us at atplimmertonra@gmail.com

PRA continues to push for integrated overall emergency planning for the area as recommended by the reviews into responses to Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland floods.

While on the subject of EM I would like to acknowledge Carl Mills who has recently stepped down as Chief of the Plimmerton Fire Brigade because of work and family commitments. Carl did a sterling job in the role over quite a number of years and was ever willing to engage with the PRA and the community.

Big Spring Clean

Another 'Big Spring Clean' was held in November with assistance from St Andrews Church, Mana Lions, and Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade. PCC supported the event with the supply of gloves, rubbish bags and equipment.

It was pleasing to note that the amount of waste collected was quite modest compared to some years past. Collectors enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by St Andrews parishioners and a BBQ prepared by Mana Lions volunteers at St Andrews after the clean up.

Logging and other heavy truck movements

There was a lot of concern about the prospect of heavy trucks and trailer logging trucks along the Track, Motuhara Rd and on through the village for a protracted period. We and directly affected residents had a lot of engagement with the logging company and PCC seeking an alternative route. It appears our efforts were successful although we are yet to receive a definitive decision on the subject.

In addition, there was concern about heavy trucks emanating from the Plimmerton Farm housing development using Grays Rd. Grays Rd has very sharp, narrow corners in the first kilometre from SH59. Again, we have been liaising with residents and PCC on this.

Liaison With External Agencies and Associations

- We keep in touch with other agencies which provide services to our community such as MetLink, Waka Kotahi/NZTA, KiwiRail and NZ Police. Following residents' concerns about crime, police representatives attended a PRA committee meeting in March to update us and offer advice .
- We work closely with our two local schools and churches, and other service organisations on projects and other matters concerning the community. These include other residents' associations, PCMI MenzShed, Friends of Taupō Swamp & Catchment, Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Mana Lions, Plimmerton Rotary and Plimmerton Boating Club. We also use our social media channels to publicise events for sporting clubs and other local entities,

Other projects and initiatives - 2025-26

- Our Comms team designed a Commercial Signboard detailing promoting most local businesses for display at the NZ Motor Caravan Association Park in Ulric St. The team had two of them fabricated and arranged for the Menzshed to put them in place by the camp office. They were funded by the businesses displayed, the PRA, NZMCA and Tommy's Real Estate
- We supported the Reader family who funded a public bench in memory of long-time resident and former PRA committee member Alan Reader in the Domain. Alan made a considerable contribution to the community particularly in emergency management. The bench was erected by PCC and built to a high quality.
- The Heritage Trail continues to be promoted through leaflets, signage and the PRA website
- We assisted the Paremata RA with a local body candidates meeting late in 2025
- A new initiative has been the design and preparation of PRA welcome packs for real estate agents' clients
- We obtain updates on major developments in our area - e.g. Plimmerton Farm, Mt Welcome - and communicate significant information
- We continue to liaise with other Residents Associations, especially Paremata, Pukerua Bay and Pāuahatanui, and maintain contact with Hongoeka Marae

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the following for their assistance in fulfilling our role for the Plimmerton/Camborne community

- Our hard working Executive Committee and those who provide considerable support to us (especially Allan Dodson, Sue Ineson, Violet Rowe, and the flyer delivery team)
- Our wonderful residents who just get out and do what needs to be done - graffiti removal, clearing undergrowth, removing rubbish, clearing drains.
- I also thank Pāuatahanui ward councillors, especially Josh Trlin, Ross Leggett and Nathan Waddle and Regional Councillor Phil Rhodes who have attended our meetings and assisted us with council liaison. A special mention too of PCC Mayor Anita Baker who remains ever ready to attend functions and respond to requests, emails etc.
- Plimmerton Boating Club for hosting PRA committee meetings and our AGM
- Euon Murrell and Tommy's Real Estate for continuing support, especially with signage and promotional activities
- The Stihl Shop, Porirua for sponsoring our subs prize for financial members and other support
- PCMI MenzShed for supporting our projects
- All our financial members - every sub helps!
- Previous Chair and long-term committee member, David Verrinder, who resigned at the end of April as he was leaving the district.

And finally, PRA Executive Committee meetings are now held on the first Thursday of the month at 5pm at PBC. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings, but please let us know beforehand by email to plimmertonra@gmail.com as meeting arrangements are subject to change.

John Meeuwsen

Chair