



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2014

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Paradise created by nature and cared for by the community

From The Chair - Ian Rodger

As we put together this September Newsletter I'm pleased to report that your committee has continued to work on various projects on your behalf and we will be able to update you with the detail at the January 2015 AGM. The following list shows you briefly the leading projects we have been working on.

1. The Installation of Surveillance Cameras – now operating and being used by Police as a surveillance tool
2. The realignment of SH30 providing a much needed turning lane into Pukehina Beach Road
3. The ongoing development of the Pukehina Beach brand with the website www.pukehinabeach.co.nz as the flagship of the branding project.
4. The development and review of the Association's objectives – please visit the Website and review them - we would welcome your input to ensure that the objectives are meeting the needs of the ratepayers
5. Gaining a long term consent for refurbishment of the sand dunes after washouts that threaten property
6. Developing a "Septic Tank Warrant of Fitness" program for your approval at the next AGM

In closing I must encourage you all to embrace the Neighbourhood Support organisation for two reasons – as a crime deterrent, supporting the police and your neighbours in fighting crime; and in my opinion, just as importantly, it will be of huge value in the event of a Civil Emergency – particularly in the event of a Tsunami – see following article for detail.

Civil Defence

WBOP and Tauranga City Council areas have combined and will operate from TCC premises. Locally, our best chance with any civil emergency rests with information from the Pukehina Emergency services manual alarm and through our neighbourhood support groups. Please check the emergency plan on line at www.pukehinabeach.co.nz



Neighbourhood Support

Thanks to our caring and vigilant community Pukehina Beach has been relatively crime free. In the past we regularly received information from the Police asking us to be watchful for persons of interest or suspicious behaviour in the area but these Police requests are now few and far between showing a satisfying drop in criminal activity.

Our team leaders continue to do a great job coordinating with residents and visitors within their group and I receive many comments from people appreciating the community spirit.

However we do need three more team leaders to monitor sectors where the previous leaders have moved on. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please do not hesitate to contact me. The position does not take up a lot of your time. It is more a information gathering position so you are aware of anything important in your sector.

The Neighbourhood support team is very keen for you to:

- Get behind neighbourhood support to keep Pukehina safe and free of crime
- Know who your team leader is
- Report ALL incidents or suspicious activities to the Police as soon as you can – nothing is too trivial!
- Get to know your immediate neighbours so that you can all look out for each other
Your team leader will happily assist in helping you achieve this.

Due to the Privacy Act we do not have access to ratepayers' information. Would you like to supply us with your contact details? If you have already done so could you please update us with any changes? The information you supply will be passed on to the Team Leader looking after your stretch of the beach and will be kept confidential being used only for Neighbourhood Support matters. If you have any questions or would like to be part of our team do not hesitate to contact me by one of the following -

- calling into my office at First National Real Estate Office, 66 Pukehina Pde
- Phoning 07 5333 070 or 0274 855 455
- Posting 428 Pukehina Pde RD 9, Te Puke 3189
- Email pukehina@tepukerealty.co.nz

Kind regards

Joy Walker, Neighbourhood Support Coordinator.

Environs

Dotterel Point spit has stabilised and small dunes are growing back as a result of the planting and care by volunteer s and community alike. Excluding quad bike and foot traffic in the fenced area has had a major impact. A biodiversity plan has been established in association with DoC and BOPRC from which the action plan comes; funding sources include the Rena coastal restoration monies, MOWS funds and council. Bird numbers are growing and the range of native plants is increasing. You may also have noticed the shape of the dunes near the surf club growing bigger and flatter.

Motunau Park has had a major upgrade with a new loo and parking for both day visitors and overnight campers. Our parks will come into focus in 2015 and have already gained some well-grown pohutukawas. It's great to see these improvements consolidating.

You can get free native dune plants for your sea frontage from Chris at BOPRC -

Coastcare on 0800 368 267



Building the fence 2012



Working bee 2014

Report from Councillor Sue Mathews

Pukehina Coastal Protection Review

Last month a review of Pukehina coastal protection areas began, of sea level change; primary and secondary risk coastal protection areas. This will include analysing back ground data, best practice guidelines, previous studies, local planning documents and other legislation.

The result may affect future planning to include re-locatable houses, set backs as far away from coastal hazard as possible, and prohibiting sub division in primary areas.

This project is expected to take 12 months with your opportunity to comment at open days at Pukehina Beach April/May 2015. District Plan hearings will be late 2015.

For further information <http://www.westernbay.govt.nz/key-ublications/DistrictPlan/CoastalProtectionAreas>

Proposed Cycleway

Most of you will have seen the proposed cycleway blueprint to get engagement with the community to promote a collaborative approach to enable cycleways to become a reality – especially creating connectivity with the TEL ,Papamoa, Te Puke, Maketu, Paengaroa and Pukehina is the ultimate.

Freedom Camping Bylaw Review submissions are open: <http://www.westernbay.govt.nz>

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Annual Plan is now operative.

Councillors read submissions and listened carefully to guide deliberations, discussions and decisions. This year the average rate increase is 4.46 percent, down from the predicted 6%, and allows for inflation of 2.20 % and growth of half a percent. Western Bay has worked hard to work through the economic downturn, focus on debt management and minimisation of capital expenditure while continuing to deliver core services.

SH 2 Road Revocation

Council Staff are continuing discussions with NZTA about the revocation of the state highway once the Tauranga Eastern Link is opened. Stephen Joyce presented to the Te Puke community on the opportunities that the Tauranga Eastern Link Road will bring to the Bay of Plenty and the possibilities for future development once the State Highway is owned by Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Subscriptions

Annual renewal is due by November 1st with the financial year being advanced one month to avoid the year-end crush. We much prefer payment online, but will receipt cheques and cash payments made now and at the AGM early January.

Website: www.pukehinabeach.co.nz This has proven to be popular, with 62,955 'hits' from August 2013 to 2014. It is updated monthly. We are looking for more local businesses to be sponsors on the site, at a very reasonable annual cost of \$100. If you are interested please email the PBRA secretary at pukehina.bra@gmail.com

Branding: PBRA is applying to the WBOPDC to have the new Pukehina Beach logo on the front of the new toilet block at Motunau Park. The process is complex and requires funding in order to proceed, however progress is being made.

Discount to PBRA members for septic tank cleaning - Pete's Takeaways:

This has been an ongoing project and we understand a letter will be sent to all who have requested tank cleaning by Pete's Takeaways. If anyone wants their tanks cleaned, please email Joy Walker at pukehina@tepukerealty.co.nz with your request.



Patrol Vehicle.

Patrols continue, but more drivers would be very welcome for the night schedule – If you can help, call Rex on 533 4345

Real Estate News



Spring has arrived and it seems Pukehina comes into its' own leading up to Christmas holidays. Election is over, the flyer-over will be completed early 2015 ahead of schedule and the fish are in and biting. Great formula for an exciting time in real estate at the beach. I now have clients looking for beach front and opposite the



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beach, at this stage the selection is limited so new homes are required, please call or email for a chat and lets' get ready for a great summer.

Kind Regards *Alex*