



PUKEHINA BEACH RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

May 2020 Community Update

Kia ora koutou! We hope that everyone is safe and well as we sit at Alert Level 2. The past 6 weeks have certainly been unprecedented times and we mihi to you all for the resilience and kindness that has been shown in our community. May we continue to stay connected and carry on the wonderful community spirit that has become so apparent at this time. Arohanui ki a koutou ☺



Community Shout-Outs

I'm sure we all agree it's amazing to live in a community where people look out for each other. We'd like to send a massive thank you to some fabulous people who during the Level 3 & 4 rāhui/lockdown period showed such kindness and created a beautiful community vibe:

- **Mark and Michelle Mcafferty** for their incredible weekly offering of fresh fruit & vegetables. Your generosity was beyond amazing and we are all very grateful to you for supplying the community during this time!
- **Luana Lovell** for your time & energy in creating and posting such positive and fun daily challenges on the local FB page ☺ So many people participated and it provided lots of laughs and smiles for so many of us. Mihi nui to the prize providers too – **RayWhite Pukehina, Edible Memories and Lawnz in Order!**
- **Richard and Dawn Glover** for taking in the freedom camping bubble from the Surf Club.
- **Pukehina Volunteer Fire Brigade** for your service and the callouts you attended, and great communication through your FB page.
- **BOP Civil Defense and Neighbourhood Support** for the updates through various FB pages.
- **Andy McDowell** for setting up the ANZAC Day memorial at the beginning of the parade that the community was able to add to! ☺



visit our website pukehinabeach.co.nz

Join our Facebook page "Pukehina Ratepayers' Association Community Noticeboard",



Association Updates

If you have skills, passion or time to contribute to the development of any of the project areas below please get in touch we'd love to have you on board!

COAST CARE:

Dune planting season is here and in Level 2 plant delivery will begin. If you would like to learn more about restoring dunes in your local part of the beach please contact Chris Ward on 0800 884 881 ext 8801 or email coastcarewest@boprc.govt.nz

Chris will talk you through weed control and assist with ordering plants for the dune area.

The dunes are the backbone of our beaches, the buffer between the land and the sea. Healthy dunes are wide, gently sloping and have many dune plants to help anchor them. Dunes also play an important part of New Zealand's coastal biodiversity and we have a responsibility to make sure they are protected.

Learning opportunity! CoastCare BOP have developed a series of videos that explain the importance of dune systems – check them out at:

<https://www.boprc.govt.nz/living-in-the-bay/education/teacher-resources/>

- [Our Sand Dunes 1 - Meet the Dunes](#)
- [Our Sand Dunes 2 - How Dunes Work](#)
- [Our Sand Dunes 3 - Plant Community](#)
- [Our Sand Dunes 4 - Animal Community](#)
- [Our Sand Dunes 5 - Human Impacts](#)



Community Planting Day Maramarua Park in June date tbc - we will update the community noticeboard.

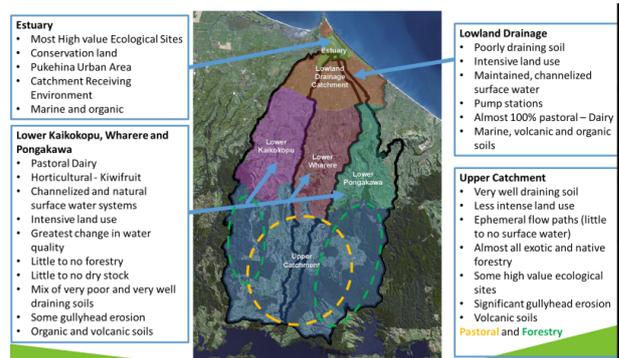
COMMUNITY WELCOME PACKS

For residents new to the beach we are developing a pack with key information as well as contact details for local services and clubs. A copy will be available on our website mid June and hardcopy delivered to new, and current residents if you are interested 😊

ESTUARY UPDATES:

BOAT RAMP – repairs to the boat ramp at Ororoa Reserve that were due to be started in April will be slightly delayed due to Covid-19. Expected starting timeframe is late June.

WATER QUALITY – a steering group has been formed to develop an action plan and strategy to improve the land and water in the Pongakawa catchment, and ultimately raise the water quality standard and mauri of Waihi Estuary. Wider community engagement will take place in July so we look forward to seeing what actions can be taken to enable the vision of a healthy vibrant estuary, for people and nature.



EROSION & WALKWAY PROGRESS - work continues with both Councils and DOC to address the erosion issues occurring along the inland coastal strip – the estuary reserve area. We are getting closer to action and...the slow progress is very frustrating. Walkway signs will be erected in June to identify public and private land but no formal boardwalk is to be developed at this time. The public walkway starts at the Surf Club and currently ends at the stop bank you encounter if walking south along the estuary.

RESERVES:

We are applying for funding to create a Community Garden and fitness trail at Midway Park – the remaining projects that were identified at a Community Hui in December 2018. Successful funding was gained last year that saw the new skate ramp and picnic tables arrive – these are providing lots of fun for all ages and it's wonderful to see the courts being used more too!



DUMPING OF RUBBISH & GARDEN WASTE MUST STOP

The dumping of rubbish and garden waste is not allowed on any part of the sand dunes or estuary reserve. Please do not contribute to the spread of weeds and harming of native dune biodiversity in particular. If you are coming from out of town to tidy your holiday section please arrange suitable disposal of your greenwaste, or compost onsite.

Greenwaste disposal is available in Te Puke or at Te Maunga Transfer Station in Mt Maunganui.



LET'S KEEP IT LOCAL TE PUKE

A new campaign and website to encourage us all to shop locally has been set up to showcase the fabulous businesses, organisations and attractions in our own backyard ☺

<https://www.tepukegoodnessgrowshere.co.nz/support-local/>



ANTENNO APP

Download the Antenna App to report and log anything you feel requires attention from our District and Regional Councils.

Actions that have been taken recently following community reports include:

- Fixing road at Gardner Place
- Dumping of rubbish and garden waste
- Speeding on the parade

COMMUNITY PATROL:

The **Pukehina Community Patrol** will be resuming community patrols from June. Please contact Leanne Armstrong with any queries 027 575 3518.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Info:

Recycling - The trial programme at BP Pongakawa will resume on Saturday 6th June and end on June 20th. If you have enjoyed this trial service please call WBOPDC and share your thoughts so it can be continued.

Rates Relief – We engaged with WBOPDC on the consideration of rates relief post Covid-19. They advised us of their Economic Recovery Plan along with two targeted rate postponement policies for financial hardship and homeowners over 65. See their website for more details or phone 0800 WBOPDC. They are currently debating the 3.5% rate increase prepared in the draft Annual Plan for 2020-21 in February.

Remaining connected ☺

- If you missed the last newsletter or are new to the area there are a number of ways we can keep connected as a community, both digitally and via print.
- If you are on social media join one of these great local FaceBook pages:
 - Pukehina (and Surroundings Areas) buy, swap or sell
 - You know you are from Pukehina Beach
 - Pukehina Ratepayers & Residents Association
 - Pukehina Volunteer Fire Brigade
 - Pukehina Surf Rescue

We drop off printed copies of this newsletter to letterboxes, have additional copies at the local shops, The Store and The Hippi Pipi, and also send regular emails out to members too. Visit our website to join our Association ☺

Keep an eye on updates on the community noticeboard located opposite The Store on Pukehina Parade too. If you have a community notice you would like to share please email us at: pukehina.bra@gmail.com

Enjoy the lovely winter season, be kind and stay safe ☺