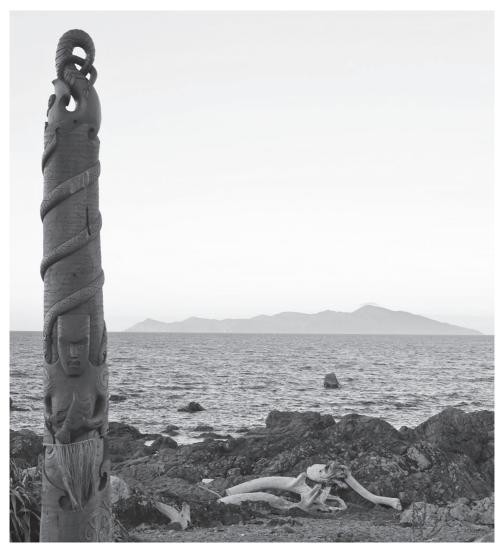
# Korero

News and stories from Pukerua Bay

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**Pou Tangaroa.** Carved by local resident Hermann Salzmann of Ngāti Toa, the Pou Tangaroa stands guardian over Pukerua Bay. Photo credit: Ivor Earp-Jones.

#### Kia ora

Mihi ki te hapori o Pukerua ... greetings to you all. Welcome to the second issue of *Kōrero*.

We want to open with heartfelt thanks to all the people who contributed to our first issue: with stories about some of the great things happening in this place, with suggestions and encouragement, and through advertising and sponsorship. Special thanks go to Euon Murrell for his generosity in sponsoring multiple issues. Ngā mihi nui!

This second issue is co-sponsored by Pukerua Bay's RSA. The RSA has had a special place in our community for over 70 years. On the opposite page, you can find out what it offers and how you can get involved. On the back page, you can check out the schedule for this year's ANZAC commemoration. You'll also find a link to an article about some of Pukerua Bay's servicepeople of the past.

In the first issue, we took time to think about the good things in Pukerua Bay right now; in this issue, we look more to the future and how Pukerua Bay could be. There's a feature on the Village Plan survey that's about to launch. We urge you to take part – this is democracy in action!

As we all know so well, part of looking to the future needs to be preparing for when things go wrong. There have been some fascinating responses to the survey about Pukerua Bay's reaction to the Covid-19 lockdown. As explained on page 6, there's still time to share your thoughts and experiences. There's also a story about the recent WREMO workshop and an invitation to be part of refreshing our community's emergency management plan.

On pages 8–11, the Pukerua Bay Hub reintroduces itself, tell its story so far, and invites us all to be part of the next chapter. How might you get involved in the Hub's activities?

The final item looks at the Plimmerton Farm development (page 12). This is just one of many big changes and issues that will impact our community's future. By taking part in the Village Plan survey, you can have a say in how we respond!

Finally, a reminder that this is your newsletter. You are warmly invited to contribute. If you have suggestions about content or would like to advertise or provide sponsorship, please go to page 14. You'll find our contact details there.

#### Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa.

Let us keep close together, not wide apart.

We acknowledge mana whenua of Pukerua Bay, Ngāti Toa Rangatira. For Ngāti Toa news, see www.ngatitoa.iwi.nz

#### Pou Tangaroa

God of the Sea, standing proud on the shore of Pukerua Bay. The power source of the ocean and all life living within.

Waves swirling and twisting into the sky, accompanied by some of his children swimming into his realm, always by his side. Mangopare is also always present, and taniwha of Ngāti Toa.

Rising up out above the tops of the waves, Tangaroa produces a taonga in the form of a hook, gifting safe travel by sea to all who acknowledge his presence.

nightfall, a truce was made.

A karakia was performed during the night by tohunga. A mighty storm blows over and, in its wake, the sand dunes between Paekākāriki and Pekapeka were

created.

Uenuku returns to Hawaiki.

A kaitiaki of Ngāti Toa tells the story of

Uenuku chasing Manaia via Hawaiki,

Rarotonga, to Pukerua Bay. Battling all day at sea with each other, tiring at

Nā Hermann Salzmann, Ngāti Toa

The kōwhaiwhai, Mangopare.

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## Have you checked out the **Pukerua Bay RSA?**

It's a great place to meet the locals or socialise with friends. Competitions and events are held throughout the year, and the rooms are available for hire.

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WHEN: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS: 4.30-11.00

AND SATURDAYS 4.30 - 8.00

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#### Our Village Plan

The Village Planning Programme is Porirua City Council's (PCC) innovative programme to encourage community participation and empowerment. It started operating in 2003 when the city had only four Residents' Associations. In 2006, Pukerua Bay became one of the first communities to develop a Village Plan. Porirua now has fourteen community groups, each with a plan of its own.

One of the Programme's fundamental principles is that the plans must be created out of widespread community consultation. They should never just be a vehicle for a Residents' Association Committee's pet projects. We've consulted widely for every plan, and it's resulted in some amazing new amenities for Pukerua Bay.

## What have we got from Village Planning?

Did you know that our wonderful skate park was a Village Planning project, the initiative of a group of keen young skaters? The old bowl was unusable, but the kids knew it could be made into something special. They developed a plan and petitioned the Residents' Association to put it into the first Village Plan. Then they worked with a designer to create a new design, got parents onboard to find funding, and worked with PCC to get it built.

When you're sitting on the seats in the grassy dell near the Pou Tangaroa, you're sitting on what used to be a car park.

Locals worked with PCC to get rid of the asphalt, landscape the beachfront, and plant hundreds of trees to stabilise the cliffs. The wooden steps down the Goat Track also came from Village Planning funding.

The permanent marine protection measures were the result of the support the community gave to Ngāti Toa Rangitira's application for legal protection. The relationship between Ngāti Toa, the beach and marine environment, and the community, is honoured and celebrated in the Pou Tangaroa carved by Hermann Salzmann. This was another Village Plan initiative.

The Food Forest was another Village Planning project. It now has a full head of steam, supported by an enthusiastic group of gardeners.

He Ara Pukerua has spent countless hours collating the history of Pukerua Bay and working with PCC to erect displays that teach us about our past. The display boards at the train station and beach, and the numerous information bollards, are all evidence of their work and the support of PCC's Village Planning team and funding.

The footpath and extra lighting along Muri Road were also a Village Planning project, prompted by the closure of Muri Station. Residents were consulted and directed the final form of safer access.

#### Have your say on a new Village Plan

It's time to develop a new Plan, and we need to look forward. You can read our previous Village Plans at **pukeruabay**. **org.nz/resources/** 

The strong message we've got from residents is that we need to look much further into the future. Past plans have had a five-year horizon. People have told us that's not long enough. We agree.

There are many changes coming our way – more residential development to the south, population growth across the city, the opening of Transmission Gully, the popularity of Te Araroa walkway, sea level rise and climate change affecting the foreshore, and economic and social changes across Aotearoa.

These changes are coming over the next 20–30 years, and we want to capture them in the next Village Plan. We want to think well into the future, and to think broadly about what our village

could be like. What do we want to preserve of our existing community, and how do we want to take advantage of the opportunities coming our way?

#### We need your ideas

The 'wisdom of the crowd' means that the more ideas we have from you, the better our plan can be.

Please complete our Village Plan survey at pkb.nz/s/pkbvp2021 or by using this QR code:



#### Future of Village Planning in PCC

In its draft Long-term Plan, PCC is proposing disbanding the Village Planning team and removing the funding. We are resisting that and taking action to change their minds. Regardless of the outcome, we will still develop a Village Plan to prepare for the future our community wants.

#### Thank you, June!

At our AGM last year, we farewelled June Penhey from the Residents' Association Committee. June has been on the committee for over 40 years, and together, she and husband Mike have served our community faithfully for over 50! In 2018, June received a Porirua Civic Award in recognition of her service and at the AGM, we granted her the Freedom of Pukerua Bay.



June – a true villager.

If you would like to read about why June and Mike are so beloved and appreciated, please go to our website where you can read some of their story: http://pkb.nz/s/g26qZTS

#### Covid-19 lockdown survey

We are so grateful to all the people who have taken the time to answer the lockdown survey!

It's great to see that people got some good things out of the lockdown. A lot of people are talking about how much they enjoyed the quiet, and how good it was to get to know their neighbours better – from a two-metre distance, of course!

There are also things we could do better. People said the volunteer groups needed more streamlining, the *Covid Courier* disappeared from their lives after it went online-only, and we could have done more for our children.

So, what do you think? The survey is still open – we'd love to hear from you!

#### How to answer the survey

You can answer the questions:

- online at pkb.nz/s/qllxkrz or
- on your mobile phone by scanning the QR code below; or
- as a written response, which you can drop off to one of these addresses:

2 Pukerua Beach Road;16 Sea Vista Drive;87 Rāwhiti Road.





We dive into the emergency hub kit.

#### WREMO workshop

Another thing we learned from the lockdown, and from events like the Kaikōura earthquake and the storms that followed, is that civil emergencies happen, and we need to be prepared for them. Our community could easily find itself cut off from others while also needing to support people who find themselves stuck here.

For many years, Pukerua Bay had a thriving Civil Defence team, led by Robyn Moore, who has extensive experience in emergency management. The legacy is there in resources like our big water tanks and generator. But as people move on, so does some of our knowledge. It's time to (re)build our civil defence capabilities.

As a tight-knit community, we know we can do more than just survive an emergency, whether it's providing a safe place and a warm cup of tea, uniting separated family members and pets, or finding sleeping space for stranded people. This is a shout out to anyone who is keen to join us in making some sensible plans and gathering the resources we might need for any emergency.

In March, Whetū Bennett from WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) helped us begin the process of reviewing where we are, checking our resources, and planning for the inevitable. For those who went, it was a great experience.

Whetū took us through some of the things we could be doing to prepare at home and what is involved in setting up an emergency community hub. We learned about the different roles people need to step into, and how those roles work together so that people running the hub can readily respond to changing events.

Whetū set us a scenario to put into action what we'd learned. It was quite testing! What happens when there is a house fire and no way for the fire service to attend? How do we find a lost child's parents when the phones aren't working?

We were surprised at how quickly we grasped our roles and how well we worked together. We need to do more of this mahi, to make sure our overall plan is clear, and everyone can follow it.

Here is where you can find our current Community Emergency Hub Guide: getprepared.nz/my-community/ community-emergency-hubs/porirua/

You'll see there are some gaps. Robyn and Whetū are working on filling them, and they're keen for your input. If you're able to help, please get in touch. If you have specialist skills, or resources that could help in an emergency – a big water tank, a spare room, heavy duty power tools – please let them know. This kind of information can make all the difference.

You can contact Whetū at: whetu.bennett@wremo.nz or Robyn at: robyn@j.co.nz





## Friday morning Yoga classes in Pukerua Bay

45 min beginner class 9.10 - 9.55am
60 min gentle flow class 10.15 - 11.15am
For more information
please get in touch by email
tikoukayoga@uschmann.ch
or call/text 022 392 0877

## Pukerua Bay Hub and Ahu Charitable Trust – connecting our community

Tēnā koutou katoa!

We thought it was time to provide an update on Pukerua Bay Hub and the organisation behind it, Ahu Charitable Trust ki Pukerua Bay.

Many of you will remember our beginnings: in 2016, a need was identified to create new opportunities for the community to connect. There was also a craving for good local coffee – shout out to Greedy and Co. for solving that one! Public meetings were organised, and a working group came together to explore ideas.

#### Ahu Charitable Trust ki Pukerua Bay

Established in 2017 with the charitable pillars of community, education, and the relief of poverty, Ahu's mission is for "better connected, vibrant, resilient communities where all people have opportunities to enjoy the company of others, get to know their 'neighbours' and share knowledge and skills. Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toi roa – Let us keep close together, not far apart."

The Board is tasked with securing funding to support Hub activities. To do this, it must ensure the activities address the goals outlined in the Trust's deed.

The Hub can't run its workshops, groups, and events without donations, grants, and sponsorship. We would like to acknowledge the amazing help we've had from different organisations.

If you have an idea for a community initiative and would like to apply for funding via Ahu, please email: hello@pkbhub.org.nz

#### Meet the trustees



Angela Brown (Chair) was born in England to an English mum and Irish dad. Angela, Jim, and their two children moved to Aotearoa in

2006 and on to Pukerua Bay in 2016.



Kelly McClean's (Secretary) parents are from the United States, but she was born in Wellington. She has lived in various places

but always comes back to Whanganui-a-Tara. Kelly is married to Ewan and has twin daughters, Zoe and Freya.



Helen Smith (Treasurer) was born and grew up in Wellington. She has lived in Pukerua Bay for 23 years and her children, Regan

and Jessica grew up here. Her partner Guyon also lives here, and she has a granddaughter, Aria.



Beccy Davis was born in Ōtaki and grew up at Te Horo Beach. She and husband JB have one daughter, Isabel.



He uri a Aimee Porteners nō Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Kahungungu ki Wairarapa, Te Atiawa, Kai Tahu, Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Ranginui anō

hoki. I tipu ake ia ki te whanga o Pukerua. Tokotoru ana tamariki. Tēnā koutou katoa.



Helen Davidson was born in Clyde and grew up in Alexandra, Central Otago. She and husband Alejandro have two boys, Felix and

Maximilian.



Kirk Beyer was born in Kenepuru and grew up in Plimmerton. He and wife Mel have three daughters, Shilah, Mia Bella, and Rhema.

#### Pukerua Bay Hub

Pukerua Bay Hub's volunteer-run activities encourage the development and appreciation of arts and music. The whole community can enjoy displays of creativity that give musicians, singers, and dancers of all ages opportunities to perform.

We regularly collaborate with talented locals to bring their vision to life through our main events, the Matariki celebration (June/July) and Christmas on the Field (December). Other events planned for 2021 include Games Day (May) and a Community Potluck (September).

We've hosted many live acts from Pukerua Bay. Performers have included tamariki from Pukerua Bay Kindergarten and School, local bands, choirs and solo artists, cultural dancers, and te reo storytellers. We've invited more local artists and performers to contribute this year and planning is well underway for Matariki.

PKB Hub also helps run workshops and facilitates local group activities:

- Basketball in the Bay practises at the school every Tuesday, then heads up the coast to play in the social league on Wednesdays or Sundays.
- The Crafty Tuesday group meets at the RSA every first and third Tuesday of the month.
- The Rotten Luck Club (a fermentation group) plans to kick off activity again later in the year.

In March 2020, we teamed up with the Residents' Association and WREMO to support the community during the COVID-19 lockdown. Many thanks to the response committee and the street champions. It was a great reminder of the importance of our neighbours.

Following this incredibly tough period, we saw the relief and delight from locals when Te Ara Matariki and Christmas on the Field were able to go ahead safely. We want these special opportunities for connection to continue this year.





#### Friends of Pukerua Bay Hub

The 'Friends of Pukerua Bay Hub' group includes people from local organisations who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure Hub activities are a success.

If you would like to volunteer with the Hub, please email: hello@pkbhub.org.nz pkbhub.org.nz facebook.com/PKBHub

Nā Ahu Charitable Trust

#### Matariki Community Arts Project – all welcome!

A group of Pukerua Bay artists, in conjunction with the Pukerua Bay Hub, are celebrating Matariki through art around the week of 10 July. The focus will be Hiwa-i-te-Rangi, the star from the Matariki cluster that speaks to our hopes and desires for the future. A fitting star given the past year!

The community will be invited to participate in making lanterns and other creative works to celebrate this special time.

To get involved, email Conor at conorjtwyford@gmail.com

## Your local councillor

Josh Trlin, councillor for the Northern Ward / Pukerua ki te Raki



Kia ora! My name is Josh Trlin. I'm one of your local Northern Ward councillors and I want to hear from you.

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#### Plimmerton Farm development gets the go-ahead

The proposed Plimmerton Farm housing development has had the go-ahead from the Minister for the Environment. This follows a fast-track process chosen by the developer, Plimmerton Developments Limited (PDL), and Porirua City Council to avoid an extensive submissions process.

The area involved is the farmland on the eastern side of State Highway 1, from the north of Camborne to opposite the top of Taupō Swamp at Airlie Road. PDL is proposing to build 2,000 houses, a retirement village, and a commercial and retail area. The plan could take several decades to complete and is expected to provide housing for around 5,000 people.

The District Plan change to allow the development was approved in late February and sent back to PCC to put into action. There had been many public submissions on the change, including from our Residents' Association. Many submitters opposed the changes. Reasons included: potential harm to the environment, particularly Taupō Swamp; increased water runoff into Plimmerton and the harbour; increased pressure on already strained infrastructure; and extra traffic along Mana Esplanade.

The developers and PCC have largely got what they wanted, while many locals and environmentalists are unhappy. They acknowledge the very real shortage of affordable housing in Porirua, but are not confident PCC and PDL will be able to protect the environment. Groups like The Friends of Taupō Swamp and Catchment fear that the construction and earthworks will harm the sensitive and protected natural areas in Plimmerton Farm and Taupō Swamp.

Another concern is that for the past two years, PCC and PDL have had a formal Memorandum of Understanding to develop the plan change. Some people question whether PCC is independent enough to enforce strict environmental rules with the developer.

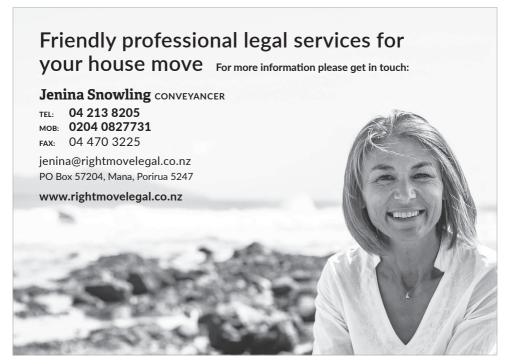
The development is almost certain to go ahead, and will soon have significant impacts on Plimmerton, Mana, and Camborne. In the longer-term, residential developments will spread north towards Pukerua Bay, and have a significant impact on our community. This is one of the issues we want our next Village Plan to address. The Residents' Association will continue to advocate for our community and the surrounding areas to get the best our comes for all.



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### Aroha mai, aroha atu - caring for one another

#### Next issue

The focus for next issue will be on the connected themes of Matariki and the environment. Please email newsletter@pukeruabay.org.nz by 1 June if you would like to submit any of the following, in keeping with the theme:

- A black and white image for the front cover;
- Poems, short stories, or other short pieces of writing;
- Suggestions for articles;
- A brief item about Matariki and our connections to the environment.



#### Editorial team

Kōrero is brought to you by Kate Dreaver, Jonathan Harker, Iain MacLean, Moira Lawler, Nikky Winchester, and Anne Johnston. We thank the Pukerua Bay Residents' Association for its support.

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#### Events calendar

25 April ANZAC commemorations – see page 16

May Games Day

11 May Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd 8 June Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

To list an event in the July/August issue, please email by 1 June:

newsletter@pukeruabay.org.nz

#### Useful information

As well as the RSA, local venues for hire include:

- Community and School Hall: school office, 04 239 9744;
- Tennis Club: Heather Atkinson, 021 182 1669.

Our Justice of the Peace is Joanne Marsland, 021 028 39137.

#### Pukerua Bay Community website

The Pukerua Bay community website **pukeruabay.org.nz** holds a plethora of useful information, including local community groups and activities. This

is growing, with the intention of also creating a directory of local businesses, services, and venues for hire – like the examples above and on the opposite page. If you would like to be included in the directory, or if you have suggestions for other content, please email newsletter@pukeruabay.org.nz

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#### Pukerua Bay ANZAC commemorations, 2021

#### You are warmly invited to take part in this year's ANZAC commemorations

| 8am     | 'Stand to' at the RSA Clubrooms, 5–7 Wairaka Road, followed by light refreshments.   |  |
|---------|--|--|
| 11am    | Community Remembrance Service, Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall, Rāwhiti Road. Graeme Ogilvie from the Anglican Parish of Pāuatahanui will conduct the service and there will be an address from a guest speaker. |  |
| 11.30am | The RSA Clubrooms will be open for companionship and the serving of refreshments.  |  |
| Noon    | Wreath laying ceremony at the Wall of Remembrance, Whenua Tapu Cemetery, Airlie Rd.  |  |

In 2020, we were in lockdown and couldn't commemorate ANZAC Day in our usual way. But, like people all around Aotearoa, many of us "stood at dawn". In Rāwhiti Road, Julie Williams played the Last Post as the flag was raised. Around Pukerua Bay, people displayed poppies.

Those who accessed the *Covid Courier* would have read the special ANZAC issue, in which Margaret Blair shared the stories of Pukerua Bay people who served in the armed forces before and during World War II, but we know many of you missed this. It's still on the community website at pkb.nz/s/w9cy4hh and makes a wonderful read!



The RSA has provided a place for fun, celebration, and commemoration for nearly 70 years! This photo was taken at a function in 1957.



