

Kōrero

News and stories from Pukerua Bay

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A parting gift to the kindergarten from Tricia Booth. He kaitiaki watches over and protects the tamariki of today and tomorrow.

Kia ora

Mihi ki te hāpori o Pukerua ... warm greetings to you all.

Our community is made up of incredible people, whose mahi comes together to make this the special place it is. In this issue, we celebrate and farewell Tricia Booth who, with husband Russell, has been a deeply valued member of our community for nearly three decades. Tricia and Russell leave with our love and gratitude for all they have given (pages 3 and 8). Our thanks, also, to all those who contributed to the success of the Pukerua Bay School Fundraising Trust raffle, and to Jenny Brash and Euan Murrell, who are retiring from local body politics after many years of service (pages 10 and 11).

In our last issue, we said that we're interested in learning more about what sustainability means from the perspective of businesses. Barbara and Matthias Nebel know all about that; in fact, that's the focus of their own business. In this issue, they explain what a sustainable business is, and how it can be achieved (pages 4–5). They also introduce the Sustainable Development goals, which will be a focus of our community workshop on climate change (page 11).

We wanted to know about the history of retail in Pukerua Bay, and He Ara Pukerua has provided us with a fascinating article about the period from the 1880s to the 1980s (page 6). Does anyone have photos of the stores discussed in the article?

There's lots happening in our village and city and lots of ways we can have a voice in our future. As well as the climate change workshop, there's a Meet the Candidates' meeting, submissions on the proposed variation to the Structure Plan, the possibility of a Citizens' Assembly (pages 9–11), and the Residents' Association AGM (page 19). There's also lots of fun stuff coming up, including the Market Day and Tennis Club open day (pages 14–15). As a bonus, we share a nice surprise from the New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata (page 14).

We'll publish the final issue of the year in November. We plan to focus on the highlights of 2022 for individuals and groups in Pukerua Bay, and to help publicise any community events being planned for the holiday period. What would you like to share with the community? The deadline for contributions is 9 October.

The editorial committee is looking for guidance on topics and themes for future issues. What would interest you, and who do you know who could write about it?

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 ngatitoa.iwi.nz

Farewell, Tricia



On 11 August, Pukerua Bay Kindergarten farewelled the fabulous Tricia Booth after 19 years of teaching. It's difficult to describe all that Tricia has given to our community and to kindergarten. She is a wonderful and caring teacher who has always had the best interests of the children at the centre of her practice. She has also been incredibly supportive to parents and whānau, going the extra mile with no judgement and great kindness. Her fellow teachers will miss her big heart and her sense of fun.

Along with being a fantastic teacher, Tricia has done so much for the community; she was active in the local Plunket Committee, La Leche League, and Steiner playgroup. As well, she was the licence holder and chairperson for the preschool that opened in 1998, being instrumental in ensuring good working conditions for its staff. Before

she taught at our kindergarten, she was on the parent committee that started the Christmas craft fair.

When her children moved to school, Tricia quickly became involved in the committee there, and she established the current Fundraising Trust. She ran the school gala and the quiz nights for three years. Along with Janet Owen, she set up the after-school programme at Pukerua Bay School.

Tricia has also been involved with Free for All in Porirua and has organised food and clothing for families in need. As well, she fundraised for HUHA and fostered puppies.

Tricia cares passionately about our beautiful environment and formed the Save Haunui Bush group, which prevented 35 houses being built on native bush. She was also involved in Scouts and organised the daffodil planting on the main highway.

Tricia was, and is, a powerhouse of energy and commitment. But most importantly, she has served our community with her whole heart.

Nā Biddy Groves

He kotuku rerenga tahi.

A white heron's flight is seen but once.

This whakataukī is used on occasions when something special and unique takes place. It is often said of a great chief or a leader. It may be used to celebrate the achievements and contributions of inspirational community leaders.

The case for more sustainable businesses

Matthias and I live in Pukerua Bay because we love being close to nature. It was the bush around the Bay, the coast with its rockpools, and the sense of a strong community that brought us here over 15 years ago. We live as sustainably as we can to keep it like that. We grow some of our own food (limited by the wind going through our garden!) and have a worm farm (with worms provided by another Pukerua Bay resident). We've reduced our red meat consumption and (mostly) stopped flying to Auckland to see colleagues and clients. Instead, we drive up in our EV once a month. There's a lot all of us can do. But it's just as important that businesses change. Helping them to do that is what we do in our day job.

The good news is that we don't have to convince business owners anymore. Sustainability has changed from a 'feel good' add-on to an integral part of business strategy. 'Doing well by doing good' has become the 21st century business model.

What's in it for businesses?

There is a business case for sustainability:

- Build brand reputation by demonstrating sustainability leadership
- Mitigate risks by understanding your full supply chain
- Grow your business by capitalising on the demand for sustainably produced goods
- Attract and retain talent by taking a lead in social responsibility.

In this context, businesses often talk about the 'triple bottom line'. They're focused not only on their finances, but also their social and environmental impact. They want to make sure that they're doing right by people, planet, and profit.

Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an ambitious global plan to end poverty, protect the planet, promote prosperity, and ensure peace for all. In 2015, all 193 countries in the United Nations pledged their commitment to the 17 SDGs. All SDGs come with measurable targets and a framework to inspire the sustainability journey of a community, country, or business.



You can find out about the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda at sdgs.un.org/goals.

But what does sustainability mean for businesses?

Here are some examples of the steps businesses can take:

Shrink your business's carbon footprint

A carbon footprint comprises emissions

produced directly by your organisation and emissions that come from using electricity, travel, investment decisions, and the goods and services you buy. To be able to shrink your carbon footprint, you must first measure it.

Life Cycle Thinking

Life Cycle Thinking is a process for investigating the environmental footprint of a product over its entire life, from extracting the raw materials, to transport and manufacture, and to looking at its use and what happens to it at the end of its life. This way we can determine the whole impact of a product and its packaging. These impacts can be measured with a tool called Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

lifecycleinitiative.org/starting-life-cycle-thinking/what-is-life-cycle-thinking/

Responsible procurement

Responsible procurement is about ensuring that the products in a company's supply chain are as sustainable as possible. After reviewing what you're buying, talk to your suppliers. It will help them understand what needs to change. Instead of just finding a solution that is merely 'less bad', you can create 'more good' together.

So where to start?

Every business is at a different stage of its sustainability journey. While some are starting out, others have established sustainability departments. Talk with your stakeholders about what matters most and get started. Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect!

Want to know more?

Cradle to Cradle

Cradle to Cradle – remaking the way we make things (Braungart & McDonough, 2002) was written 20 years ago, but is still regarded as one of the most influential books on design and environmentalism. It's truly inspirational and an easy read. We have placed three copies into the book exchange box at 34 Rāwhiti Road.



The book exchange. Another great Pukerua Bay sustainability initiative!

Climate Action Toolbox

The Climate Action Toolbox is a free, easy-to-use online tool that shows you how to measure and reduce your emissions.

tools.business.govt.nz/climate

Sustainability glossary

The world of sustainability can be full of jargon and confusing terms. We've put together a plain English sustainability glossary.

glossary.thinkstep-anz.com

Nā Barbara and Matthias Nebel, thinkstep-anz

Retail development in Pukerua Bay

In early Pukerua Bay, two general stores competed for the loyalty of the permanent residents and weekenders.

In 1884, when the Wellington Manawātū Railway was being constructed, temporary stores in whares and a post office and savings bank were established at Pukerua for the hundreds of men living in the nearby work camps.

The Pukerua Cash Store was set up by Horace Ames, a sheep farmer, and his wife Norma, who had settled at Pukerua in 1906. Their home was beside the railway line and the Pukerua Cash Store was down 90 steps at the top of the pathway to Brendan Beach. The store supplied provisions for local Māori, railway workers, sheep farmers, and the weekenders who were regular visitors to the bay. It was also the post office and, from 1923, the telephone office. Norma also ran a lending library from their store.

The Ames opened a small kiosk on the beach to save picnickers and holidaymakers the climb up to their store. The kiosk supplied hot water, food, and E-Tan Ice Cream.

Lindsay's General Store was built in 1925 by Charles Gray for his brother-in-law, Arthur Lindsay. It was on the corner of Toenga and Te Pari Pari roads. This rival store sold groceries, as well as English bone china, sand shoes, garden manure, insurance, and chemical toilets.

The opening of the new state highway in 1939 brought about changes. The Pukerua Cash Store was demolished to

make way for the highway and a new store was built at the northern end of Onepu Road. New storekeepers ran this general store, post office, lending library, and tearoom. In the late 1960s, it became a fish and chip shop, until it was damaged by fire. In the early 1970s, the building was demolished.

Arthur Lindsay opened a new store opposite Beach Road in 1939. This later became a Four Square, with two petrol pumps and a post office. From 1960, the store was owned by Bill and Betty Scott. Later, they had to compete with the mini supermarket opposite the tennis courts in Rāwhiti Road. The Four Square had two further owners before closing in 1977. The building then became the Pukerua Bay Bottle Store, operated by the Porirua District Licensing Trust. During the 1980s, under the management of Fae Fagan, the store once again became the focal point in the community. It was where locals went for bus and rail tickets, milk coupons, milk, sweets, ice-cream, newspapers, cigarettes, and publications by local poets.

In the Scott's former living room, Pukerua Bay Crafts sold quality local crafts and then it was an antique shop. It is now a private home.

Nā Margaret Blair
He Ara Pukerua

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Memories of Pukerua Bay

I have so many wonderful memories of my time in Pukerua Bay; it is a very special place.

I moved here in 1988, and one of my earliest memories here was on my wedding day. Three of my lovely elderly neighbours – Doreen Blikendall, Mrs Waddilove, and Daphne Johnston – saw me leave in my wedding car, all waving white hankies.

Another early memory was attending a very sad funeral of a child from the Bay – the caring, nurture, and love that was shown was amazing, and I knew then that I had found my home, my whānau.

This love and kindness was shown to me after my daughter Lucy's surgery, when I came home to find scones, biscuits, and meals on my doorstep. This went on for weeks and my freezer was so full.

I have made lifelong friendships with those I met at Plunket, through kindergarten, the school, and the community.

Special memories include organising, along with friends, the first Matariki walk through the Secret Valley, ending up at St. Marks for a bonfire and star biscuits. Happy times!

Another highlight was finding the perfect boulder at Ngauranga Gorge to be placed at the school entrance, knowing that I have left part of myself there.

I have attended many great social events in the Bay, such as parties in the Red Shed, barbecues at Marble Arch

(hole in the rock), and the fancy-dress community parties in the school hall. One year, I came as a ghost and didn't speak, so nobody knew it was me!

Lastly, I have loved teaching in my local community, and running into the children at all the local spots. I loved that my daughters babysat for many of the families.

Pukerua Bay was full of those lovely connections for me.

Nā Tricia Booth

The Village Planning Review

Porirua City Council is holding off making decisions about the future of the Village Planning Programme until a new council has been elected. However, they are continuing to consult with the community and groups in the city about what we want in the programme. Councillors considered a comprehensive report from the first round of discussions with Village Planning groups (residents' associations) in early June and decided to keep going with the work to update the programme to take account of the many changes since it started in 2003.

They talked to other groups in the community and then held a workshop with the Village Planning groups. Council has given the clear message that villages regard the programme as a success and believe in its objectives and principles. The issues with the programme arise from the need for renewed support from Council.

Pukerua Bay has gained many community assets from the Village Programme, and we are keen for it to continue, but agree that it needs some changes. The Residents' Association will keep working with PCC to ensure that communities across the city don't lose this internationally recognised community development programme.

Pukerua Bay's own draft Village plan is on the website, ready for your review. It **will be put to the Residents' Association AGM on 19 October.** pukeruabay.org.nz/village-plan/

Could Porirua use a Citizen's Assembly?

Citizen's Assemblies are a growing global movement as a more grassroots, participatory form of public democracy. Citizens Assemblies provide a facilitated forum where a broad cross-section of residents is supported to deliberate on key questions of public policy and then to make recommendations to governing bodies.

A Wellington based group, Te Reo o Ngā Tangata | The people speak (thepeoplespeak.nz) has been looking at deliberative democracy models and wondering whether they could help ordinary people grapple with climate change. They approached Ngāti Toa, who agreed to host a forum to discuss the idea.

Representatives of the Pukerua Bay Residents' Association joined more than 100 people from 80 different Porirua organisations over Zoom on July 16 to test the idea of a standing forum for citizens to use to engage on any topic. Helmut Modlik, Chief Executive of Te Runanga

o Ngāti Toa Rangatira, led the discussion with an inspiring diversity of participants from across the city. The idea involves a standing forum of community leaders, who hold regular citizen's assemblies on topics of local concern.

People were keen, suggesting the forum could create unified energy in Porirua to take action on local issues, be direct actors in improving the economic and social wellbeing of Porirua people, and exert rangatiratanga. Some talked about the impacts of climate change – flooding, storm events, slips, and how affected communities needed help to have courageous conversations about their future. There was enthusiasm for agreeing local solutions on Porirua issues and collaborating to take action. Most were interested in meeting again to explore the idea further. The Residents' Association offered its support, and we also have some local residents who are part of Te Reo o Ngā Tangata. We'll keep you posted.

Shared cycle and pedestrian pathway

One of the outcomes of the Village Planning process (and one that has been a long time coming!) is the development of a shared pathway through Pukerua Bay. The work is happening in instalments, with the first stage completed last year. The next phase will commence in September, with directly affected residents informed by letter. Check out the community website to find out what has happened so far, and what is planned.

pukeruabay.org.nz/2022/08/12/shared-cycle-pedestrian-pathway-update/



Meet the candidates!

Around the motu, there's been a lack of interest in local body politics but in 2019, Pukerua Bay bucked the trend with a huge turnout to a raucous (fun!) meeting in the Community and School Hall. We're doing it again in 2022, with another meeting on **14 September**, from 7–9pm. There's lots happening around our village and our city, so please come along and bring your questions! Raise your issues! And, if you fancy it, bring a plate for supper!

For information about the elections and this year's candidates, go to porirua.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/elections/2022-local-government-elections/

Thank you, Jenny and Euon

These elections see the retirement of two long-serving councillors: Jenny Brash and Euon Murrell. Both Jenny and Euon have been true friends to Pukerua Bay. They have attended many Residents' Associations meetings, where they have listened to our issues, shared valuable information, and provided advice.

They've listened to us, cared about us, and advocated for us.

Ngā mihi nui, Jenny and Euon. We won't forget you.

Submissions wanted on housing development rules

Porirua City Council (PCC) has released the draft rules that would allow new residential developments on the farmland east and south of Pukerua Bay, and they need our feedback by **Monday 12 September**.

This variation to the District Plan rezones the land to allow houses to be built, makes some rules to control the development and the sort of activities that are allowed, establishes transport connections, and puts some ecological and environmental protections in place. This is one of the changes PCC is making for the Northern Growth Area.

PCC's planners collated and the feedback residents gave at the community workshop in April and took it on board when writing these rules. They were very grateful for all the comments people made on the original structure plan.

We'd encourage anyone with an interest in this to have a look at the plan changes and make a submission. This can be a daunting process, so PCC has a 'Friend of Submitters', Emily Bayliss, who can answer questions about the process, and help you prepare and lodge a submission. This is an independent and free service. Contact Emily by email FriendofSubmittersPDP@porirua.govt.nz or phone 021 532 284.

All the information is on the PCC website on the District Plan page porirua.govt.nz/proposeddistrictplan and the community website pukeruabay.org.nz.

Slips on Pukerua Beach Road

We know all residents have been worried about the slips on Pukerua Beach and Haunui Roads and, especially, the impact on the people whose homes are affected. The sensitivity of the issues mean Council has been working directly with a small group of those most concerned. A programme of priority repair works has been developed and will be discussed with that group at their next meeting with Council. An outline of that programme will also be shared with the community through the community website pukeruabay.org.nz

Our thoughts are with those experiencing disruption and anxiety. And ... warm thanks to the beach residents who are battling to save the pōhutukawa threatened by erosion at the beach ... another worrying process.

A message from the school

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Pukerua Bay School Fundraising Trust raffle: Michelle Clarke, Matapakia Tongia, Matthew Rankin, Sandra Donsen, and Susan Jourdan.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and special thanks to all our wonderful sponsors. The raffle raised \$4,000 for our school!

Information when you need it

As this issue of *Kōrero* was being prepared, a series of events caused significant disruption: more slips on Beach Road, the slips on the highway, and the announcement that Kāinga Ora may make the Northern Growth Area a Specified Development Project.

Unfortunately, *Kōrero* isn't set up for a quick response to issues like these, but the community website it is. In times of disruption, you'll often find helpful information posted there.

pukeruabay.org.nz

Climate change community workshop

Are you keen to get involved in a discussion about climate change, focused on issues and solutions in Pukerua Bay? Want to find out what others are doing, and how you can be part of a community response that starts from our strengths and the positive things we are already doing? Whether as an individual or as a member of a group, you are warmly welcomed to a community workshop to be held on **Sunday 16 October**, from 2–4 pm, in the Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall. (Please note the change in date.)

Let's look at those Sustainable Development goals (page 4) and think about what they mean for our village. Nau mai, haere mai!

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Husbands, fathers, and friends, by Stephen Lawrie

If you visited the New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata to see the finalists in this year's Adams Portraiture Award, you will have been delighted to come across this portrait of some familiar, local faces. Painted by Stephen Lawrie, brother of long-standing resident Pauline Lowe, the painting captures a scene that recurs at least once a year on the Lowe's front deck.



It's a wonderful image capturing the real essence of Kiwi mateship. And of course, Greg, Tony, Chris, and Graeme, just had to get to the gallery to recapture the scene! Thanks for sharing the pics, Pauline.

nzportraitgallery.org.nz/exhibitions/2022/5/26/adam-portraiture-award-2022



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Aroha mai, aroha atu – caring for one another

Next issue

Our focus for the next issue is on this year’s highlights for Pukerua Bay and any plans for the holiday period. We welcome your contributions of stories, photos, poems, articles, or community notices.

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OUR SKINK: The image of the Whitaker’s Skink on our banner, and in the Residents’ Association logo, was created by local artist, Pauline Morse.

Pukerua Bay Community website and directory

The Pukerua Bay community website pukeruabay.org.nz holds lots of useful information, including a local business directory.

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Events calendar

- 10 September:** Pukerua Bay Market Day: 10am–3pm, Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall

11 September: Love Tennis! 11am–4pm, Pukerua Bay Tennis Club, Rāwhiti Road

12 September: Submissions due with PCC on the draft variation to the District Plan

13 September: Residents’ Association meeting, 7.30–9.00 pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

14 September: Meet the Candidates evening 7–9pm, Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall

11 October: Residents’ Association meeting, 7.30–9.00 pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

16 October: Climate change workshop, 2–4 pm, Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall

19 October: Residents’ Association AGM, 7.30–9.00 pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd

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