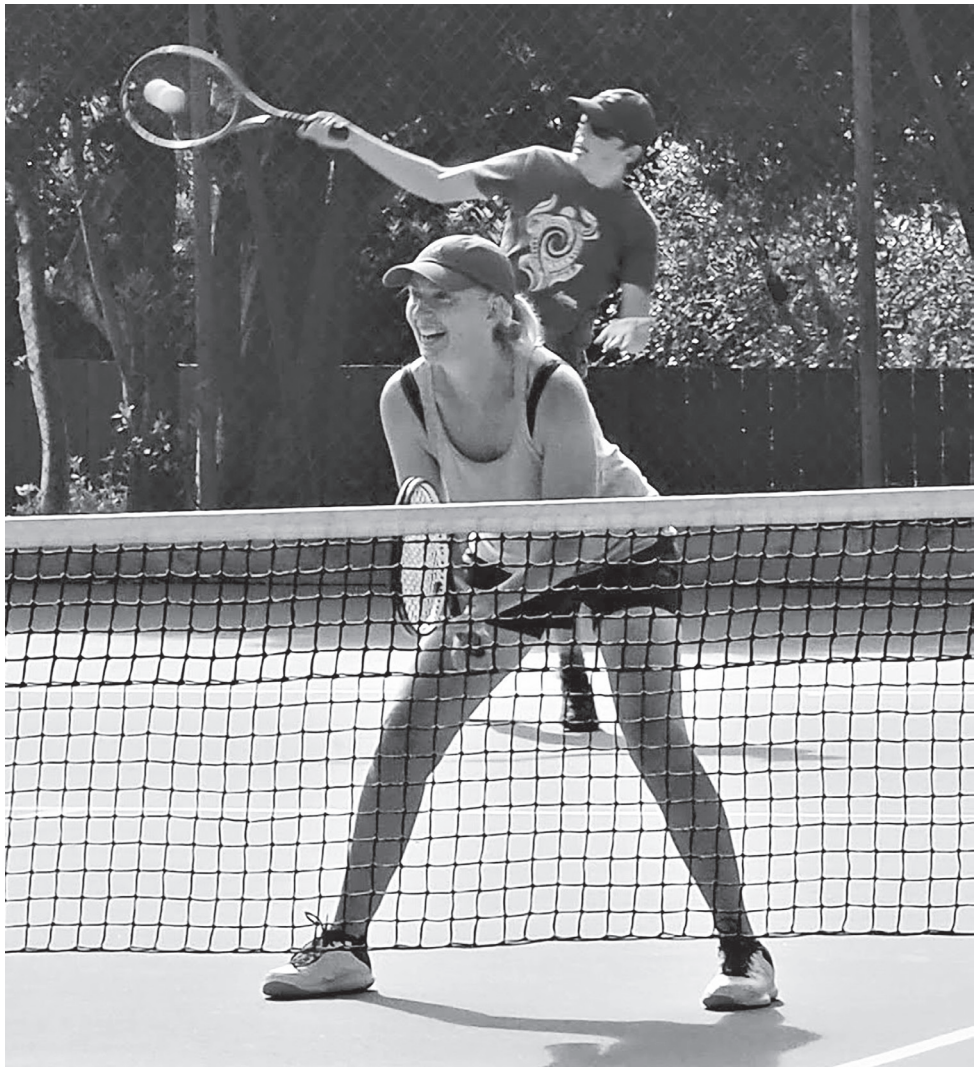


Kōrero

News and stories from Pukerua Bay

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Rachel and Harry Hall enjoy an intense game of tennis at our local club.

Kia ora

Welcome to our first sports edition! There's been an amazing response to this theme, and we know there are lots more stories to tell. We'll make sure we do it again! But first ...

In each issue of *Kōrero*, we say that we acknowledge mana whenua of Pukerua Bay, Ngāti Toa Rangatira. However, we'd like to explain more about what this means. On page 8, we've made a start, sharing an excerpt from the Deed of Settlement between Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the Crown. It's a Statement of Association, briefly encapsulating the cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association between Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Pukerua Bay. This association shapes the identity of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and of this place, now and into the future.

Our sporting items encompass a range of pursuits. Two are about local clubs. Debbie Quennell invites us to share her love of tennis at the Pukerua Bay Tennis Club (page 4). And Iain MacLean tells the story of the Pukerua Bay Soccer Club, founded over 20 years ago by the visionary Sue Gibson and John Pearce (pages 6–7).

All the items reflect the emotional and mental side of being active. For Claire Conradie, running is a source of motivation (page 5), while Sarah Kirkpatrick uses poetry to describe how good it feels to be in the sea. Megan D'Oliveira describes how she has established a swim school to keep our

tamariki safe when they are there (pages 12–13).

In our last issue, Tony Quayle shared his lifelong love affair with our beach and marine environment. In this, he takes us to the hills, mountains, and sky (pages 10–11).

In this issue, we also celebrate the very welcome return of the school gala (page 3), and we provide details of the year's ANZAC commemoration (page 9). In addition, we pass on a request from Porirua City Council for suggestions about how the old Plunket building could be used (page 7).

Our next issue will focus on Matariki. We'll tell you about local events and about the latest developments in our exciting new climate action work. If you'd like to contribute, please do! Items are due by 5 June.

Finally, a request. We'd love some help with administration and with getting more financially secure. If you can help, either with the mahi or as a donor, please let us know!

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

Pukerua Bay School gala, 2023

A thank you from the Fundraising Trust

The Pukerua Bay School Fundraising Trust would like to thank our village for making our 2023 gala one to remember. Our community sure knows how to come together, have a great time, and support a good cause!

With your support, we raised \$31,700. Ka mau te wehi! All funds go towards learning initiatives in our school, for our tamariki.

Thank you, Pukerua Bay, ngā mihi maioha!

Nā Rebecca Martin for the Pukerua Bay School Fundraising Trust

And a thank you from us

The first time we attended the Pukerua Bay School Gala, in 2005, I was pregnant with our precious twins. We attended every year, rain or shine, not knowing that 2019 would be the last time for four years that our community would be able to gather in this way. Today, you could feel the healing, the relief. Back together. And bang in the middle (thank you, Rebecca Martin!), we had our Porirua City Council/ Residents' Association community climate action stall, Waste Free PKB, and the Food Forest and Community Garden. In four years, so much to carry, and so much more we know about each other: this is community.

Nā Conor Twyford, 18 March 2023



*Mā mua ka kite a muri,
Mā muri ka ora a mua.*

*Those who lead give sight to
those who follow,*

*Those who follow give life to
those who lead.*

This whakataukī speaks to the importance of working together. It acknowledges that it takes both leaders and followers to 'make things happen' in a community. Our love and respect goes to all those who do this for us.

The Pukerua Bay Tennis Club

Thursday night. The courts are ablaze. Garth Gully, our Club Captain, is directing the play. Twelve players on the courts, all welcome, every skill level included, battling out each point. More players patiently wait, keeping warm on the bank area, enjoying the atmosphere and spectacle.

On Saturdays, club players become fierce competitors, warming up for either morning or afternoon interclub. Our opposition comes from all over the Greater Wellington area. They always pause to take a moment to appreciate the million-dollar view from our balcony. How proud we are of the Pukerua Bay Tennis Club facilities.

Racquets sticking out of school bags signal it's tennis coaching day. The next generation of players, learning to love the sport of tennis. Terms 4 and

1 complete the tennis season. Giving kids the confidence to hit a ball with family, play a social game, maybe enter a novice interclub team or attend a Friday club night. Everything is possible and encouraged to keep the club and courts alive.

The courts are public and are open to anyone during the day – a village facility for family fun and exercise.

The club offers competition and camaraderie on a regular basis. We are a club with a proud tradition and history.

Nā Debbie Quennell

Past Captain, Pukerua Bay Tennis Club

To find out more, visit clubspark.kiwi/PukeruaBayTennisClub, [facebook.com/pkbtennis/](#), or email pkbtennis@outlook.com



Our beautiful clubrooms.



The Pukerua Bay Premier Players: Jane Poole, Robyn Mathews, Monique Hore, Rachel Hall, Angie Rennison, and Debbie Quennell.



Where do you go for motivation?

As a mum and a teacher, I find one of my jobs is to keep my kids motivated and enthusiastic about life, whether it be motivation to get going with homework or to study for an exam, encouragement on the sports field, or simply determination to keep trying their best at whatever it is they are attempting.

We all need someone or something that will push us when we feel like throwing in the towel. Someone to say, “You can do hard things,” when life feels a little too overwhelming.

I have many different sources of pick-me-ups. I have my people to cheer me on or give me a kick in the right direction when I’m in a slump; I have go-to Bible verses of inspiration and faith when life feels heavy; I turn to my playlist of songs that will pull me to my feet in worship or dancing. But my greatest source of motivation when

I need to shake off the crazy is my best friend telling me to go for a run.

Now, don’t get me wrong, I love running ... when I’ve finished the run. The thought of going out and actually pounding the pavement takes a lot of cajoling. Even while I’m running, I’m not having fun ... have you ever seen a runner smiling mid-run? I’ll answer that – NO! It’s the after-effects that are amazing. It’s the endorphins pulsing through your body once you’re finished running that makes you tie your shoes and go out again.

We all need a little push, now and again. What gets you up when you’re feeling low? Who is your source of motivation? Better yet, if you are someone else’s champion and source of support, here’s your reminder to check in on them. They’ll appreciate it.

Nā Claire Conradie



Our 2008 U-15 team included: Jahan Ghadami, Peter Jebson, Hamish Mackie, Luke Gibson, Joseph O'Donoghue, Hamish Brodie, Cameron Dreaver, Angus Dreaver, Harry Walmsley, Clarrie Macklin (front).

Twenty-three years later and still going strong

When the founders of the Pukerua Bay Soccer Club signed their children up for their first competitions 23 years ago, they weren't planning on the club still going strong today.

The club was formed by local parent Sue Gibson, who wanted her son Luke and his seven-year-old friends to be able to play soccer and not have to traipse down to clubs in Whitby or Porirua East for practices.

Sue enlisted her brother-in-law, John Pearce, to help. John has been involved in football all his life as a player and coach, both in his native England and here. He knew the people in Capital Football and how the system worked, and helped ease the way into the competition. The original three teams played under the banner of 'Pukerua Bay School Soccer Club' in their first year, but the club quickly became a separate entity.

The club started with no resources. We had to get some balls for the kids to practice with, but had no money for kit. Fortunately,

the school had recently introduced a sort of uniform – completely voluntary, or course – and the children wore their bottle-green Pukerua Bay School polo shirts and shorts for several years until we got a grant to buy some genuine kit. What a day it was when that arrived – the kids thought they were as sharp as tacks in their smart new uniforms.

We soon realised we were a bit of an anomaly in the Capital Football Federation. We were small and remote, and often an afterthought. The other clubs were supportive, and we were helped by many kind people from across the district who were dedicated to making sport a fun activity for children.

Friendships were formed on and off the field, by both children and parents. We got to know people from other clubs, including the players. If you're playing in a small section and play the same teams week after week – sometimes year after year – it's not long before you know the names of many of the

opposition players from their parents calling out 'helpful' advice from the sidelines. Twenty-three years later and things are different. We have between six and ten teams a year. Many of our players come from further south – all the way from Plimmerton and Cambourne. The competition has changed, so the younger teams play two or more shorter games each Saturday morning instead of the traditional one long game. Our youngest teams play in the Kāpiti festivals, but our older teams still play across

the whole region, including Wairarapa. Greenmeadows is no longer the club's home field.

However, hundreds of local children have played for the club, and dozens of parents have helped as coaches, managers, and team drivers. And we've stayed true to Sue's original vision to provide an opportunity for children to play sport with their mates, learn about winning and losing, and, most of all, have fun.

Nā Iain MacLean



Your ideas for the future of the Plunket building

The Council has been approached by Plunket to take over the former Plunket building at Wairaka Park and is asking residents if there are any other options to consider before beginning formal consultation.

There is information about the options for future of this building on PCC's website, porirua.govt.nz/plunket-building, along with a quick survey that you can take. You can also find information on the sign outside the building in Wairaka Park. Feedback is due by **Wednesday 26 April**.

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Ngāti Toa Rangatira,

Statement of Association with Pukerua Bay

At a recent climate action workshop, attendees were privileged to hear Robert McClean and Ashleigh Sagar talk about Ngāti Toa's close connection with the environment. Robert and Ashleigh introduced Te Ara o Raukawa Moana, a project of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira that involves remapping these connections, to inform climate change adaptation and environmental monitoring. The experience left many of us wanting to know more. To help, we've printed the following excerpt from the Statements of Association set out in the Deed of Settlement between Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the Crown.

Pukerua Bay Scientific Reserve

Pukerua Bay was historically an area of concentrated Ngāti Toa Rangatira settlement, and remains an area of historical and cultural significance. There were three pa located around the area known today as Pukerua Bay.

There are a number of Ngāti Toa Rangatira wahi tapu located at Pukerua Bay, including pa sites and urupa.

The Waimapihi pa complex is located at the northern end of the Taua-tapu track, which led to Taupo pa in Plimmerton. Waimapihi pa became an important settlement for Ngāti Toa Rangatira when the former inhabitants left the area. Ngāti Toa Rangatira's connection began initially with the Amiowhenua expedition in 1819 which was followed by the Te Heke Mai Raro migration of 1822. In the early nineteenth century the pa was occupied by Te Hiko, son of Te Peehi Kupe, and many of his relatives. It was also known for its extensive cultivations.

In close proximity to the former Ngāti Toa Rangatira settlement is an urupa which features four rows of visible

tombstones. When the coastal route was under construction many graves were disinterred and the koiwi were placed in a common grave.

Located at the western end of Pukerua Railway Station was Pukerua Pa, an important fortified settlement. The pa was constructed by Te Hiko following the battle of Kuititanga in 1839. Another Ngāti Toa Rangatira pa site was Wairaka pa. This pa was also constructed by Te Hiko. There are a series of urupa associated with Wairaka pa located along the ridgeline at Te Hau Kopua.

Archaeological remains, including terraces and middens, have been identified at both Pukerua pa and Wairaka pa.

Pukerua Bay was traditionally a significant mahinga kai, and a source of paua, kina and koura. Ngāti Toa Rangatira, as kaitiaki of Pukerua Bay, with the support of the local community, have established mechanisms founded in our tikanga to protect the marine environment.

Deed of Settlement between Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the Crown, page 26

Pukerua Bay ANZAC commemorations, 2023

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

8.00am	'Stand to' at the RSA Clubrooms, 5-7 Wairaka Road, followed by light refreshments.
11.00am	Community Remembrance Service, Pukerua Bay School and Community Hall, Rāwhiti Road.
11.30am	The RSA Clubrooms will be open for companionship and refreshments.
Noon	Wreath laying ceremony at the Wall of Remembrance, Whenua Tapu Cemetery, Airlie Road.

We will remember them

E kore rātou e kaumātuaia

Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei.

E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore

Ahakoā pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

I te hekenga atu o te rā

Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

"For the Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869–1943), published in *The Times* on 21 September 1914

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From the sea, to the hills, to the mountains, and the sky

Driving south down the coastal highway, Pukerua Bay is laid out before us. The sparkling sea and its backdrop of the two hills that give the place its name. Between the hills, the lower plateau and ridges with the collection of homes that make up our village.

It's not surprising then, that in my formative years here, it wasn't just the sea that shaped my future interests. As an eight-year-old, the hills behind our house were daunting, a mysterious place rising to a crest with who-knows-what beyond. My father took us up to Mount Welcome not long after we arrived here, but it was my own, initially cautious, solo explorations that really aroused my curiosity to keep poking my nose into places I hadn't been before. From time to time, topdressing aircraft skimmed over the hills, pulling up at seemingly the last moment over each ridge.

Mushrooming was a big deal for kids like me in the early 1960s; initially, just to feed the family, but most of us graduated to selling them – for around a shilling a pound, if I remember rightly – on the roadside. It didn't take long to develop the hunter-gatherer instinct and learn which spots produced the best mushrooms and, occasionally, eels and possums.

Scout camps and forays to the Maungakotukutuku Valley and Mount Wainui introduced us to real bush country, with tantalising views deeper into the ranges. Unsurprisingly, my daydreaming about the mountains was fuelled further as I devoured books on

tramping and mountaineering, as well as the Barry Crump classic, *A Good Keen Man*.

Older friends who'd already graduated to the local Venturer Scout group, under the leadership of Roy Johnston, were exploring the Ruahines and had adopted the old Forest Service deer cullers' camp known as Miracle. Hearing their stories, and chomping at the bit to get onto the real mountains, I jumped at the invitation to join one of their trips. The effort of the brutal (to a 14-year-old) climb to Miracle was rewarded by awe-inspiring views deeper into the Ruahines, once again inspiring me with new horizons deeper in the mountains. My love affair with the Ruahines had begun.

My longtime Pukerua Bay mate (and, coincidentally, third cousin) Adam Gibson and I returned to Miracle in 2006 for the fortieth anniversary of our first visits there and I've visited it every couple of years since.

Sixteen years ago, after many years of tramping, mainly with family and friends, I took the plunge and joined the Parawai Tramping Club, based in Paraparaumu. What a fantastic decision that was. As well as reconnecting with Patrick Liss, who was part of the Pukerua Bay Venturer Scout group with me in the 1960s, I got to know a bunch of enthusiastic and super-friendly trampers who shared my passion for the Ruahines, Kawekas, Tararuas, and more distant mountains.

The Ruahines, Tararuas, and Kawekas are very familiar territory now, as familiar as the local hills were in my younger days. My redline maps are pretty much full, and evoke many wonderful memories. I still tramp there regularly, and sometimes flit around the peaks and valleys in a light plane – partly inspired by the topdressing aircraft I'd

watched here as a child.

If you're keen on tramping, or would like to start, I highly recommend joining the Parawai Tramping Club: parawaitc.org.nz, facebook.com/groups/ParawaiTrampingClub, or get in touch with me.

Nā Tony Quayle

Pukerua Bay Swim School

My family and I moved to Pukerua Bay in January 2022. We spent the first summer enjoying the beach, doing lots of swimming, and enjoying beautiful Pukerua Bay.

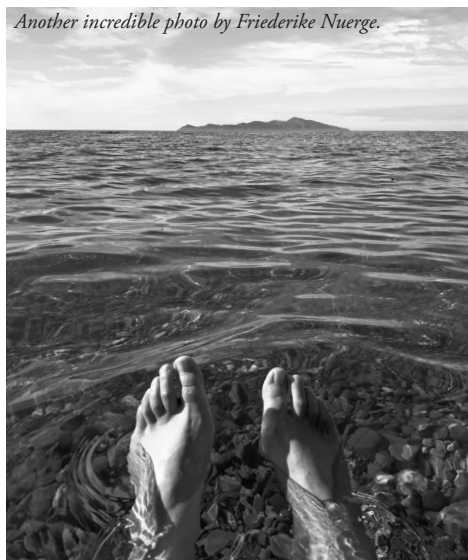
During the summer, I was very concerned about the number of drownings. It seemed like every day there were more reports of people dying as a result of drowning. In fact, 93 people lost their lives in New Zealand last year. I don't want any family to have to go through the pain of losing a loved one, so this was why I decided to start the Pukerua Bay Swim School, with expert help from Korowai Te Huia.

We decided to run lessons for beginner and intermediate swimmers, giving them the skills to become better and more confident in the water. We run two sessions a week, on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

I love seeing the students becoming more confident in the water. Hopefully, this will help them when they swim in the sea.

Nā Megan D'Oliveira
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Another incredible photo by Friederike Nuerge.



To be in the sea

To be in the sea

Is to be me.

The waves roll over

And my feet sink lower

Into the stones.

As the water flows

My spirit becomes free

As I swim in the sea.

Nā Sarah Kirkpatrick

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Pukerua Bay Community website and directory

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You can download a PDF of *Kōrero* from the website at: pkb.nz/korero or via this QR code.



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Events calendar

- 25 April** ANZAC service, 10.00–11.00 am, School and Community Hall, Rāwhiti Rd. (See page 9.)
- 26 April** Suggestions due to Porirua City Council on the future of the Plunket building (See page 7.)
- 9 May** Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9.00 pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd.
- 13 June** Residents' Association meeting, 7.30–9.00 pm, RSA, Wairaka Rd.
- 22 July** Likely date for community Matariki celebration.

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