

# NEWSLETTER

ORERE COMMUNITY & BOATING CLUB

Spring 2015



Spring huh? More like spring a leak, going by the amount of rain we had as the seasons rolled over. Still, spring is known for unsettled weather, and it's certainly lived up to its reputation. Apart from a heavy frost or two, winter was reasonably mild, but the flu bugs were out in force nonetheless. If you missed picking up a virus of some sort, consider yourself lucky. You dodged a bullet.

Compiling a newsletter is a mad thing. I start off with nothing much, and badger people to give me something as I go along. Edward always has a report, but for the most part, it's a bit of a scramble. When I rearrange it all for the final time and go to print, I remember the bits I left out...

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## Those Drunken Library People...

It had to happen. Obviously people have become tired of Orere library volunteers and members staggering around drunk in the library car park, committing crime and generally being disorderly. It must be true, because Auckland Council have apparently seen the police evidence of this and have decided that Maraetai Beach and the car park outside the Orere Point library will have alcohol bans enforced, whilst bans in all other areas will be allowed to lapse. Even Sunkist Bay (Beachlands), which is renowned for alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour, gets a free pass.

This news snippet was in the local paper in June, but was one of those things that I forgot to include in the winter newsletter. I still can't stop laughing. (That could be the drink of course).

By the way - if you are a library member, please make sure your details are **up to date** and you have filled in one of the membership forms. Many have still not done this and it's hard keeping tabs on overdue books and DVDs.

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## OCBC Committee 2015 - 2016

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## Trivial Pursuit Night - Kawakawa Bay

Your Orere Point team came a close second to Clevedon Lions in this annual fundraising event for First Response and clinics. Just a single point separated first and second. We had almost enough people to make two teams, so let's make sure we do that next year!

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## Dropkicks Drop-kicked

Good to see the dropkicks who were doing wheelies on the main road get identified and drop-kicked out of town. These dopes had come over from the Bay and they received the standard Orere Point welcome we reserve for such no-hopers.

I understand their photos even appeared on Facebook. Nice one! A photo of dodgy characters is always going to be useful.

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## Fishing Competition - Labour Weekend

The next of our three annual fishing competitions will be held on Sunday 25 October. There will be the usual raffles and spot prizes, and of course, hot food will be available.

For those new to Orere, be advised that the competition and prize-giving is always followed by a fish auction - sanctioned by Ministry of Primary Industries. All proceeds from the auction for this competition will go to St John Ambulance. Tickets will be available from 5:30am on the day at the lower reserve, or you can contact Edward - 794 - to get your ticket in advance.

We are supported by Smart Marine, and in turn, we are supporting St John. At Anniversary Weekend, our local clinics and First Response team will be the beneficiaries, with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter for our Easter competition.



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## Orere Phone Numbers

New residents or those outside Orere sometimes get confused when they see a phone number quoted as 189 for example. All Orere and Kawakawa Bay landlines have numbers beginning with 2922, so we often just say the last three numbers. Mine is 292 2189, i.e. 189.

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## Website and Newsletter

I'm always interested in bits and pieces for the website - **orerepoint.org.nz** - or this quarterly newsletter. If you have something you'd like to share with others in Orere, please contact me [gary@garyhealey.co.nz](mailto:gary@garyhealey.co.nz) / ph. 189.

## Chairman's Report

There was a time not so long ago that most of us knew who lived or owned a property in Orere Point. Then things started to change as we watched the For Sale signs being erected around our village. Then we read the big words stuck on the signs saying 'Sold', and most people wanted to know how much that property sold for. Well some may know and some may speculate, but I think one thing we haven't done very well as a great community has been to welcome our new residents to Orere Point.

I will put on my Orere War Memorial Hall hat for this paragraph and mention that we will be holding an open day at our Community Hall, where we will take the opportunity to welcome all of our new residents.

I know everyone has been asking what is happening to the river and our ring road. I have been told that contractors will be out to rectify the river problem in spring (what season are we now in?). The work on ring road should also be repaired in spring. There has been a lot of consultation with council about the condition of the ring road where contractors have not done a quality job and the repair work does not last. We have asked for the ring road to be sealed. Council have been made aware that our beach attracts great numbers of visitors during the summer months, and it is not such a pleasant place when our visitors are covered in dust from the ring road. Add some rain and we end up with a mud track.

Summer and Christmas are just around the corner, so please make sure that your house and belongings don't attract unwanted Bargain Hunters. These are the people who are looking for extra money over the festive season at our expense. Take the time to lock up, put things away or tell someone what you are doing so they can keep an eye on your property.

It was great to see Tracy back as our Community Police Representative. It didn't last long and it is very disappointing that we don't have any Police Representative with whom we can consult, and I will be following up on this problem.

Our next fishing contest will be held on the 25/10/2015. You don't have to go fishing to win a prize, as there are spot prizes to be won. Help support your community by coming along and enjoying the afternoon. All money raised at the fish auction will be donated to St Johns Ambulance. Our second comp will be held on Anniversary weekend, with money raised at the fish auction being donated to Kawakawa-Orere Medical Clinic & First Response. This organisation is so important to our communities because they can be the difference between life and death, and I encourage everyone to support this very important organisation. They need every dollar to help run this vital service.

Halloween falls on the 31/10/2015 this year it will be held at our Orere War Memorial Hall. Further information will follow so watch the notice boards. This will be a community event supported by the Orere Community & Boating Club, Orere School and parents.

**Edward Pram**

## Slip at Boat Ramp

It's just a small one (as the vicar said to the actress), on the way to the boat ramp. Just after the second judder bar, the ground on the left side of the road has slipped into the stream. No drama, but members driving down to the ramp should be a bit more careful. This will be fixed ASAP.



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## Broadband Latest

Everybody who uses the Internet wants to know what's happening with the promised service for Orere. Rumours abound, but take this as coming from the proverbial horse's mouth. Local MP Andrew Bayley and Councillor Bill Cashmore have lobbied hard for improved Internet here and their work looks to be bearing fruit.

Construction of Vodafone's tower is due to begin before Xmas. The wet weather made access to the site a little tricky but once things dry out it'll get the green light, and we can look forward to having that much-anticipated 4G service once it's all up and going. Word from Spark (via Jane Hancock - Andrew Bayley's Electorate Agent) is that they will be co-locating on the tower within a similar timeframe. Not sure whether Spark's will be 4G from the get-go, but if not, their 4G service will follow in next financial year. Having said that, if Vodafone are putting in 4G, Spark would be mad not to do the same.

There is also talk about fibre to the school, and that it will extend as far as the Orere library. The school could be set up as a 'digital hub' for the community, but even if this was to proceed, it's a little way off yet. Still, all of this is the best news we've heard for a while.

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## Obituaries

Orere Point lost two local identities recently, with the passing of **Muriel Du Feu** and **Belle Foster**. The place won't be the same without these ladies.



## Fire Service

The government is currently reviewing The Fire Service. Like other emergency services, our services are changing too. There are many other functions we perform, from vehicle accident extrications through to medical. We also face a range of fires from forest and other rural fires to fires in homes. The aim is to help ensure New Zealand has fire services that are safe, strong and resilient so they can effectively meet the varied needs of our different communities.



If you want to know more about this, you can visit [www.dia.govt.nz/Fire-Services-Review](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Fire-Services-Review)

## Volunteers

Our station is looking for suitable people to volunteer as rural firefighters. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to be; 18 years old or over, and complete a police check and medical test.

We are trained to respond to vegetation fires. However, we also respond to structure fires, medicals and car accidents. Fundraising and community awareness programmes are other ways we engage with the Orere community.

Training to become a rural firefighter requires you to be committed to attending regular Tuesday night training and be prepared to attend specialist training courses on weekends. If you want more information come and see us at the station 7.30 Tuesday nights.

## Smoke Alarms

Many fire fatalities happen at night when people are sleeping and don't smell the smoke. Working smoke alarms are the best way to make sure you and your family get an early warning of a fire so you can get out alive.

Check and change your smoke alarm batteries now!

***Make sure you have working fire alarms and have a planned escape route ready.***

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 111**

Take care and be safe  
Officer in Charge  
Barbara Spicer

## Countdown to Xmas

Yes... It won't be long before we start copping all the promos that usually start a good couple of months out from Xmas - in the media and especially in shops. We're currently looking to see if we can get the tree by the library lit up this year, as it was in days gone by. The original lights - not seen for a few years - no longer work, and we are trying to find an economic way to get the tree lit up for the holiday season. Indications so far are that it will be an expensive exercise, so if anybody has some bright ideas.... In case you're wondering, I did spot the pun. It was unintended but it fits.

## Kawakawa Bay-Orere Clinic

### Farmers Super Market

Please come along to the market at Kawakawa Bay on Saturday 24 October from 9:00am till midday. Proceeds go to Kawakawa Bay and Orere Clinics, and First Response Team. If you'd like to participate, car boot sites are available at the Kawakawa Bay Hall for \$15. Register at clinic or contact Sue (see below).

### Vacancies

- Treasurer - Kawakawa-Orere Clinic Committee
- Cleaner - KKB Clinic

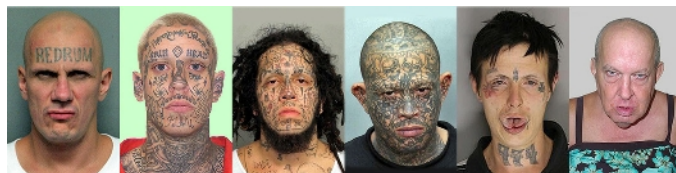
For more information on these vacancies, or to register for the Farmers Super Market, contact Sue 292 2053 or email [challmorr@clear.net.nz](mailto:challmorr@clear.net.nz)

## Middle Walkway

The situation with the middle walkway to the beach off Howard Rd has been the subject of much debate since it was closed due to slip damage. Discussions have been held with council to see if it can be re-opened and constructed in such a way that it won't fall down next time it rains. Various divergent opinions have been offered as to the cause of the collapse during severe weather a few years ago, with no clear winner. With a bit of luck though, that might change before too much longer, and we might be able to use it once more. Fingers crossed.

## Dodgy Characters

The Sheriff touched on this in his report, and I had some space to fill so thought I'd expand on it. We need to be on the lookout for dodgy characters year-round, but it's the summer period when they are most likely to come out of hibernation. It's not just the light-fingered ones - amongst other assorted bottom-feeders, taggers occasionally find their way to Orere to share their illiteracy skills with us as well. Dodgy characters in general are something we don't need at Orere Point, so let's stay alert, and report any suspicious activity. How does one spot a dodgy character? Well, they might look like this...



...or not. Facial tats alone are certainly not indicative of dodginess, and in any case, the guy in the frock on the end illustrates the fact that not all dodgy characters can be identified by them...

## Found

Small dog muzzle. It's either that or some kind of strange strap-on adornment. Found on Howard Road. I haven't tried it on (yet). Give me a call if it's yours. I won't ask too many questions. Gary 189.



## Orere School Report

### Gymnastics

All pupils are practising their gymnastic skills for a display on the last afternoon of the term - Friday 25 September. We now have a full set of equipment in the hall and we thank Keith Pye for giving of his time on Fridays to help with our practices.



### Cross-country

We had a lovely muddy school cross-country on 14 August. All points went to see which house would win the inter-house trophy and this year Rimu and Kauri shared the spoils. From this run we selected our team for the Hunua schools champs at Paparimu. We had our new full sports uniform on however these were soaked and muddied by atrocious conditions on the day. Shykelah Murray gained the best placing -11<sup>th</sup> in Year 8 girls.

### Enviro

We have been studying all aspects of our Environment and its sustainability for the future. To do that we need to recycle. We have been looking at and analysing landfills, worm farms, plastics, paper, food wastes and cleaning our beach. We are building a new butterfly garden and creating a local taniwha out of old tyres. We have also hatched 22 chicks in our incubator. We have a parent celebration for this unit on Wednesday 23 September at 6.00 pm as well as our Pet / Ag day on Friday 16 October.

### New Admin Block

We are in the final planning developments of a new admin section to our school buildings. This new block will have a new welcome foyer, office admin area, Principals office and sick bay. What a difference it will make. The old offices will be turned into break out spaces for small groups of specialised learning. This new block will be made and brought in and placed on foundations where our front garden is now. We got this building project through our increased role.

### National Library project

Our school was chosen to be part of this project to look at the future of the national library service to schools. Only 15 schools in New Zealand were chosen. This library service is crucial to country schools like ours even in this ICT age. It is a one year project

### Ukulele

We now have 13 senior pupils in our performing ukulele group. We have performed at two assemblies and attended the Auckland Festival rehearsal with 450 other players. We now have our six Year 3 pupils learning the basics and ready to join the seniors next year.

See you in Term 4. Lets hope the weather is better than it has been this term!

Evan Robson



Orere School Cross-Country Team



### Weka Watch

There are real concerns that the anticipated El Niño weather system this summer will have a detrimental effect on weka and other birds. Water sources may dry up and there will be less food available. We can all help here. OK, we are unlikely to have weka in our back yards but there are some in Orere, and other birds will appreciate a bit of food and water. Tui and silvereye for example will be chuffed with a half orange (placed out of reach of cats!) and just having some water out will help. For more info, see the notice board opposite the shop. One thing to note is to never give mouldy bread to any birds - that includes ducks. Feeding the ducks is a popular and traditional pastime, especially for kids. Bread is not so good for them though, as it is an unnatural food and high in carbs. A little bit probably won't hurt, but the mouldy stuff is especially bad for birds.

### Hall Update

With all the hoopla around the Orere War Memorial Hall in recent months, you might be wondering how things are going. Well... it's been a long and convoluted path to get there, but the official handover will take place on Saturday 3 October. There will be something in the local paper to follow.

If you're interested in using the hall, contact Nicky 509 or Edward 794. The hall has a web page so you can also book on-line [www.orerepoint.org.nz/hall](http://www.orerepoint.org.nz/hall) where you will find information, photos, a floor plan and booking form. Owing to our small population, the Orere hall has historically had the least use of all the local community halls, so let's see if we can move up the rankings! There is also a **Facebook** page, so please jump on and give it a big **Like**. Please also **Share**. We need to get the word out!



It is planned to have an Open Day at the hall on 14 November. Actually, it's more of an 'Open 2 - 3 Hours', but it will give people a chance to see what we're about and what the facility has to offer. This will be combined with a **Meet & Greet** for new residents in Orere Point. There will be a flyer drop closer to the time and something on the notice board.

