

NEWSLETTER

ORERE COMMUNITY & BOATING CLUB

Winter 2016



Okay. Here we go. I'm scrambling for something to put in this issue because I don't appear to know much about goings on in Orere Point. It's supposed to be news after all. Maybe an overseas holiday lounging about on a cruise ship and pounding the pavement in various exotic locations has erased the memory banks. There's nothing for it except to soldier on blindly. Expect a few fillers...

I was disappointed to see the evidence of some fool(s) doing donuts at the beach; then cheered by the report that Guru had spotted these dopes and sent them packing - but not before passing the regos on to police who subsequently nabbed them in Clevedon. That made me feel all warm inside!

Website

I've finally got round to clipping back the URL for the Orere site to orere.net - less of a mouthful than the original orerepoint.org.nz, which implied ownership by an organisation - not the case. Both addresses work.

Those Pesky Flies

Those flies I sprinkled through the previous newsletter came back to haunt me. It's winter now, but nobody told the flies, and there are still a few hanging around. They weren't the only ones enjoying a mild autumn. The mozzies were keen to get in on the action too, and like the flies, are still keeping us company.



Donna Dean in Concert

Originally from Auckland, singer-songwriter Donna Dean has lived in Europe and the US, and last year settled in Orere Point, a place she loves.

Residents were treated to a fine musical performance by Donna recently at the hall. Check out her tour dates on www.donnadeanmusic.com



Annual General Meeting - 17 July 2016

The Annual General Meeting of the Orere Community & Boating Club Inc. Will be held at the Orere War Memorial Hall on 17 July 2016, commencing 10:00 am.

Please note that membership renewals can be processed after the meeting, and that the boat ramp gate padlock will be changed to suit the new key.

What is OCBC Anyway?

What exactly is the Orere Community & Boating Club? For the benefit of newbies, here is a bit of info.

The club in its present form dates from 2007 with the merger of the Community Association and the Boating Club. It is an Incorporated Society and has a set of rules called the constitution. Primary officers of the club are:

Chairperson: Edward Pram

Secretary: Gary Healey (me)

Treasurer: Liz Robinson

Commodore: Rick Simpson

The focus of OCBC is the community, and making sure our voice is heard loud and clear by Auckland Council and the Local Board. As a non-profit entity, funds raised are either ploughed back into the community or invested for future projects. OCBC also organises and runs fishing competitions and other events.

Membership

Subscriptions depend on age, having a key to the boat ramp gate (or not), and whether it's a new membership or continuity of current membership. See below.

New Members:

Over 65 with key	\$65.00
Over 65 no key	\$15.00
Under 65 with key	\$80.00
Under 65 no key	\$15.00

Current Members:

Over 65 with key	\$20.00
Over 65 no key	\$10.00
Under 65 with key	\$30.00
Under 65 no key	\$15.00

All financial members are eligible to vote at the AGM, be nominated for committee vacancies, and during the year have any fish caught entered into a fishing contest that is restricted to club members only.

Cash Prizes are awarded for Heaviest Snapper (gents and ladies), Heaviest Kahawai and Heaviest Kingfish.

To get a fish you've just caught weighed and recorded, you need to contact one of the committee members listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Chairman's Report

As another financial year comes to an end for the Orere Community & Boating Club, we can reflect on what has been another good year. All three fishing contests helped us to donate good money to our three nominated charities: The Westpac Rescue Helicopter, St John Ambulance, and the Kawakawa Bay - Orere Health Clinics. All of these organizations have given great support to our community and because of this, it is always easy for us to donate the proceeds from our fish auctions. Other organizations who have helped us to be successful with our fishing contests are those who have provided sponsorship: Pak 'n Save Takanini, Wattyl Paints Takanini c/- Nei Loftin, Manukau Mats c/- Ed Fryer, Supercheap Auto, Smart Marine, Clevedon Coast Oysters, Kawakawa Bay Motors and Nilfisk Vacuum Cleaners, along with some other kind visitors who have donated money and goods to support our Club.

Over a number of years many local residents had been campaigning to have a safety barrier at Ashby's corner on Orere-Matingarahi Road, and it was great to see it finally installed. The job completed on the river before Christmas looked great for a month, before weather and human intervention changed all of the good work.

What is more annoying are those grubs who like to visit our community day and night to vandalize our facilities, park areas and whatever they can find? One of the big problems we all know about yet never seem to see is those Road Cockroaches commonly known as Boy Racers they get great joy doing what they do. What the police need are Rego Numbers. If you see these cockroaches cruising around our village, they are not on a Sunday drive, and like Rats they only come out at night.

Our ring road has been on the agenda for more than twelve months and I could write a book on the different promises given by Auckland Council / Auckland Transport about this. We have asked and keep asking for a stop to wasting our rates on the cosmetic quick-fixes. You don't need to be an engineer to see what the problem is. The road needs digging up and reinstating - including seal. It needs a common sense approach, unlike the work on the road between Orere and Clevedon.

I will put on my other hat as Chairman of the Hall Committee. I am very pleased to see that it being used by our residents for a variety of different events and the bookings are still coming in. The message to our community is the Hall belongs to the community so if you would like to book the Hall contact Nicky on 092922504, Gary 092922189 or Edward 092922794. You won't get a better deal anywhere else.

Speed is still an issue around our village. The speed limit is 50 not more - just 50 or less. Remember residents and visitors we have a lot of school children as well as elder residents who don't move as fast as your cars. Respect the limit as it might just save someone from having an accident.

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We will be holding our **AGM** on 17/7/2016 at the Hall at 10.00 am. Only club members can vote, but you are all welcome to attend and have your say about things that concern you and your family.

Chairman of the Orere Community & Boating Club

Edward Pram.

Library

Orere Point Library is free to join for local ratepayers and residents. The library's collection is supplemented three times a year with a book rotation for other rural libraries.

In addition to books, you can borrow DVDs and there is a selection of up to date magazines. Open hours are:

Tues - Thurs: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Friday: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - noon

Orere War Memorial Hall

As most of you are aware, the community took over the running of the hall from Auckland Council last year. The hall committee is keen to see the hall being used more, and would welcome any suggestions or enquiries for activities and events. You can find information for the hall here -

<http://www.orerepoint.org.nz/hall/> as well as Facebook.

www.facebook.com/orere.war.memorial.hall.inc/

Cindy Biddle's mosaic classes went down a treat and it is hoped to have more things on the schedule as time goes on. Indoor Bowls could be coming in the not too distant...



Orere School Presents...

The Mysterious Appearance of the Pharaoh's Tardis

An action-packed and scary musical. What more could you ask for?

Show Times:

Tuesday 5 July 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6 July 6:30 pm

Tickets \$5 (13 and under free) are available from school office - Ph. 292 2736

Art Group Reinvented

The Art Group used to comprise a collection of residents who met weekly at the hall to paint, share experience and teach others. Over time, the numbers dropped off so the group has reinvented itself as an **Arts & Crafts Group and Drop-In Centre**. They still meet at the hall on Fridays from 10:30 am - noon. Anybody with skills or just an interest in art / crafts is welcome to pop along. Likewise, if you don't have an artistic bone in your body but would like to drop in for a chat and a cuppa, please feel free! A gold coin donation would help with hall cost.

For more info contact Lynn 778 or Nicky 509

Bottle Auction - July 23

This is a community fundraiser to be held at the hall. It works like this:

Men bring a **wrapped** bottle of something yummy. It could be wine, oil, sauce, perfume etc. (Please make it something decent - a bottle of Coke or Wattie's Tomato Sauce isn't going to cut it). You could also wrap a couple of bottles together if you want to bump up the value. Ladies bring a plate.

There will be music for dancing, and during the evening an auction will be held, where you can bid on those mystery bottles.

It's a BYO event, and there is no entry charge, but please bring a few \$2 coins, as there will be some games.

July 23 at the hall, 7:00 pm -11:00 pm

Trivia Night - August 6

Each year, a trivia night is held at **Kawakawa Bay** as a fundraiser. A team from Orere Point participates and has won the quiz competition two or three times, and coming a close second on another couple of occasions. This year, we'd like two teams, so keep your eyes on the notice boards / website for details.

It's always a great night out and many teams dress up in funny costumes for it. (We're too lazy to do this).

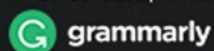
Now for a practice. See if you know the answers to these WITHOUT looking them up...

1. Barbara Millicent Roberts is better known as who?
 2. Kinshasa is the capital of which country?
 3. In what year was decimal currency introduced in NZ?
- (Answers on back page).

Mind Your Language

Churning out newsletters requires good grammatical skills. Here are some rules I found on-line. OK, it's a satirical piece, but check out that big space it filled!

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid clichés like the plague. (They're old hat.)
4. Employ the vernacular.
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.
7. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
8. Contractions aren't necessary.
9. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
10. One should never generalize.
11. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."



Health Clinics - Kawakawa Bay and Orere Point

Did you know the clinics are run by volunteers and that whilst some funding is received, it's an ongoing battle to keep the wolf from the door? Subscriptions form an important part of fundraising. For an individual, that's less than 50c a week, and for a family, it's less than \$1 a week. If you use the clinics, even just occasionally, you should think about joining. Even if you don't use them, these are important community facilities and your support through a subscription would be hugely beneficial. You can do this at the clinics, or do it online at orere.net.

As mentioned in the last issue, the Kawakawa Bay Clinic is holding a free Wellness Day for Adults. The date has been set for Saturday 10 September, from 9:00 am to noon so mark that on your calendar. The nurses will advise on any health matters or concerns, and refer you to other practitioners for more comprehensive advice or treatment as needed.

Flu vaccination programme went well, and you can still get your jab, but an appointment is now required. Please ring the clinic on 2922812 for this.

Other Upcoming Events

Monster Garage Sale: Kawakawa Bay, 2 July from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Trivia Night: Kawakawa Bay, 6 August. This is always a great night.

OCBC Members Fishing Contest

As touched on earlier, all club members are entitled to enter the members-only fishing contest. This currently runs from Labour Weekend - Easter, but may extend. The following people can weigh-in your fish. Please contact strictly in the order given below.

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| 1. Edward Pram | 794 |
| 2. Rick Simpson | 113 |
| 3. Colleen Steers | 210 |
| 4. Gary Healey | 189 |

Newbies - all Orere phone numbers start with 2922 so we often just quote last three numbers.
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12. Comparisons are as bad as clichés.
13. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. Profanity sucks.
15. Be more or less specific.
16. Understatement is always best.
17. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
18. One word sentences? Eliminate.
19. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
20. The passive voice is to be avoided.
21. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
22. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
23. Who needs rhetorical questions?

Good Catch ↓



It has been said that patience is a virtue, and Zac Urlich was rewarded for his recently when he landed this 6.4 kg kingi. Several people had been trying to catch it, after it had been seen at the river mouth, but Zac was the lucky winner of this little contest.



Bad Catch →

Somebody seems to think a rubbish bin means a drop-off zone where you can just dump any old stuff you no longer want. You've got to wonder...

It's gone now - I took it home and will dispose of it properly.



Community Constable

When you discover an historic incident at home or your work place, such as property being taken from a shed, stock being taken, vandalism etc. This all needs to be reported to Police on 09 295 0200 and ask the operator to be put through to the Crime reporting line. Then a file can be created and it goes into the Police system, after that it will go to our Enquiry team to make the appropriate enquiries.

Ring your Community Constable directly or a Police Officer you may know cuts out this step and causes delays in investigations.

We are still having problems with rural burglaries, so remember to lock up tight when you are out for the day. Report any suspicious activity you see, suspicious vehicle are a 111 call. If you are home and you see a vehicle casing out properties ring 111 straight away, not a family member or other local residents.

We are still having issues across the district with boy racers. If these people are congregating in your area and blocking roads, doing skids etc, this is a 111 call. People still have a misconception about calling 111 for this type of behaviour, this is dangerous and could be life threatening at the very least call *555 at the time. Getting registrations/photos would be extremely helpful to Police, however do not put yourself in danger obtaining these.

Jason Young

Open Fire Season

The Auckland region is currently in an Open Fire Season. That means you don't need a permit for an open fire outside. It doesn't mean you can annoy neighbours with smoke, so be considerate.

Speaking of fires, having a fire on the beach is a popular pastime around here. You know - sitting around a cheery fire built with driftwood. Maybe toasting marshmallows and singing *Kumbaya*, although I kind of doubt that last bit.

Unfortunately, sometimes bits of timber with big screws, nails and so forth are burnt, and that presents a potential problem for those who like to park down there. The message here is that if you are lighting fires on the beach (or anywhere for that matter), use your noggin. If you drive or park on the rocky area, be careful. Tyres are expensive.



Keeping the Beach Clean

This is what can happen to seabirds and marine life when they ingest all those little bits of plastic etc. that end up on beaches or in the water. Whenever you see rubbish of any sort, please pick it up and dispose of it responsibly.



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Quiz practice answers

3. 1967
2. Democratic Republic of Congo
1. Barbie

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