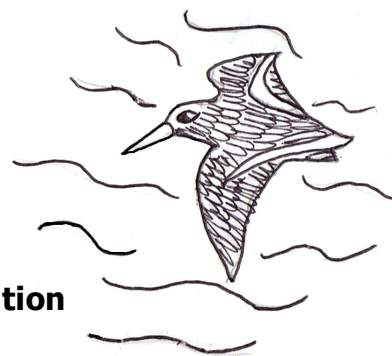


Okura News

June
2011



Okura Ratepayers & Residents Association Committee Members:

Chairperson	Cyril Hawes	473 8735
Secretary	Jeff Mullane	473 8979
Treasurer	Cliff Mancer	473 5820
Hall Booking Officer	Jean Hawes	473 8735
Committee Member	Chris Howat	473 6278
Committee Member	Nick Morgan	473 1985
Committee Member	Pete Townend	473 0797
Committee Member	Maj De Poorter	473 0917
Committee Member	Richard Lute	473 3179
Committee Member	Tom Horan	473 5725
Committee Member	Rebecca Harrington	551 1538

Chairman's Report

Hello everyone - I have received an email from Stephanie Watts from the Dept. of Conservation to update the Okura community on enforcement work being done in the marine reserve and to encourage community support in reporting any illegal activity. If you become aware of anything untoward happening please contact me as soon as possible. Jean and Maureen (Auckland Council) have been in discussion about extending the hall out, from the far end of the wall towards the path. Unfortunately there is no money available at present and we must see if we can raise some fund raising events ourselves and then they may be able to add to what we can achieve in the near future. Hibiscus & Bays Local Board have contacted Auckland Transport to undertake a 'traffic calming' report. Auckland Transport have confirmed that engineers will do a report and reply to us in 6 weeks. The Council have approved funds for a junior slide and a playhouse for the playground.

HALL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Badminton & Table Tennis:	Facilities available for casual play, \$4 an hour. Contact Jean (473 8735)
Spinners & Weavers:	Meet at the hall from 10am—1pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday every month. If you would like to join us to spin, knit, crochet or to learn, we would love to see you! Contact Sue (415 9245)
Mah Jongg:	Meets in hall on 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 1.30pm. We have a teacher for brand new players. All welcome. Contact Dave (473 8942)
Indoor Bowls:	We have all the gear! If you're interested, contact Jean (473 8735)
Akido Arts Class:	Tuesdays & Thursdays. Juniors & Seniors. Contact Duncan Francis (09 421 1950)
Yoga:	Monday 6.30 - 7.30pm. Contact Linda (473 9045)
Boat Club:	Anybody interested in boating activities, e.g. crewing. Contact Tom Horan (473 5725)
Mobile Library:	The library bus visits Okura (outside hall) every 2nd Tuesday 1.30-2pm.
Village Concrete Mixer & Trailer	Community owned: Small charge \$5 to O.R.R.A. Contact Jeff Mullane (473 8979)



Meet at Stonehenge for the night...

The mid summer solstice at
the ancient meeting place of
the druids built on Salisbury
Plain in 3500 B.C.



7.00pm till late - \$5.00 single or \$10.00 per family

Friends, family, neighbours all welcome. Come as you like or in the ancient druid gear.

Prizes to the best druid, one male / one female, any age.

BYO drinks and music to suit all tastes if you so desire.

*Have you filled
in your Civil
Defence form?*

For more info,
please contact
Kelly: 473-6118



MUSIC CLUB in OKURA

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

2-6pm in the Okura Community Hall
Local musicians & bands performing
folk, pop, rock, blues, jazz, etc.

BYO refreshments and appreciation.

Small \$\$ donation @ the door welcome.

Enquiries: phone Nick 4731985

Email: sounds@morganmusic.co.nz



Dacre Cottage, KOGS & ECBCPS Meetings

3 meetings - Okura Village Hall, 3-5pm 19 June 2011.

**Dacre Cottage Advisory Committee meeting
(under Auckland City Council) 3pm
www.dacre.org.nz**

During the meeting those present will elect the committee to manage the Cottage affairs over the next Council term. The current Chairman (Peter Townend) will read out a report as to the last terms activities and the future needs of the Cottage and surrounding land. The Dacre Cottage committee is a group of volunteers who manage and control the cottage for and on behalf of the Auckland City Council, they coordinate everything from; social gatherings, mowing the lawns, cleaning toilets, maintaining the buildings, liaising with neighbours, DOC, and the Council, pest control and planting trees by the thousands. **We are always looking for people who would like to be involved, so if you are keen to support Dacre Cottage, as a committee member or a volunteer on a working bee or just by being present.** Please come along on the 19th at 3pm and show your support of this little piece of our Kiwi history. Please phone the current Chairman Peter Townend 476 7066 if you have any questions.

Afternoon tea will be served at around 3.30pm.

This meeting will be followed at **4pm** by the AGM for **Keep Okura Green inc (KOG)** and **East Coast Bays Coastal Protection Society (ECBCPS)**. All wishing to attend these are welcome to stay on.

KOG has been the mover and shaker when it comes to protecting the Okura catchment from the pressures of urban expansion over many years and is currently fighting in the Environment Court the Concrete Crushing and commercial selling of soil etc in the Okura Catchment. The Chairman Peter Townend will read out a report on the activities currently underway and then elections of the Committee will follow.

ECBCPS was the founding body of the Okura Long Bay Marine Reserve and has for decades helped to protect the Marine Reserve and the East Coast Beaches of North Shore from the pressures of pollution etc. The Society is currently inactive and requires a person who would like to head up the Society and keep on the good work of protecting our marine environments. Peter Townend has been the caretaker Chairman but is not in a position to continue the roll, because of other commitments.

We will finish with drinks (BYO) and nibbles (provided) at 4.45pm
Please phone the current Chairman Peter Townend 476 7066 if you have any questions.