



Okura News

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OKURA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION: "BRINGING OKURA TOGETHER"

Official name: 'Okura Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated' (ORRA).
What's it all about?

ORRA is a group of local residents who meet at the Okura village hall on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss the wants, needs and happenings, in and around the immediate Okura area. This all inclusive group welcomes all Okura residents (homeowners/tenants) from Okura River Rd, Vaughans Rd, Warmans Rd, Gails Drive, Deborah Place & Valerie Crescent.

The purpose of the group is to: manage and maintain the hall/playground; monitor the roads and infrastructure; assist with matters that arise from any resident's ideas or grievances. The group has direct contact with the newly formed Auckland Council, through the Hibiscus & Bays Local Board, so that local, important issues can be dealt with ASAP.

Many locals already know about the various activities (Easter Frolic, dances, music, fishing competition, sporting events, Christmas functions, etc.) put on by ORRA. These are made possible by an annual subscription of only \$10 per household (\$5 for retirees) - great value! Please turn over for more details on how YOU can become a member of ORRA.

Okura is a stunning place to live and ORRA are determined to keep it that way, with everybody's ongoing help in the Okura area, we can continue to do so. We are open to all ideas and contributions - we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Annual General Meeting: 28 August

The Okura Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated is having its Annual General Meeting in the Okura Hall on **Sunday 28th August, 3.00pm - 3.30pm** followed by **afternoon tea**.

The committee has had a busy year working for all residents of Okura to enhance our little piece of paradise. **Please come along**, find out what we have been doing and what is planned for the year ahead.

You may like to consider joining the committee or becoming a Residents Association member, or simply coming along to show your support, hear about what's happening, and have a cuppa.

If you're a resident in Okura, this is a chance to meet up with other residents and make a few more friends. **Everyone is welcome!**

Okura Residents Association Committee:

Chairperson:	Cyril Hawes	473 8735
Secretary:	Jeff Mullane	473 8979
Treasurer:	Cliff Mancer	473 5820
Hall Booking Officer:	Jean Hawes	473 8735
Committee Members:	Maj De Poorter	473 0917
	Mark Shaw	473 8802
	Nick Morgan	473 1985
	Pete Townend	473 0797
	Rebecca Harrington	551 1538
	Richard Lute	473 3179
	Tom Horan	473 5725

Email: okura.residents@gmail.com

Special thanks to Kelly who volunteered to coordinate the Civil Defence forms. We are grateful for the hard work and effort she put into this exercise.

If you haven't completed your civil defence form, please contact Kelly: 473-6118





Chairman's Report

It has again been a busy year with functions and ongoing activities at the hall and in the park. It is wonderful to see the use that is being made of the amenities in the playground. The last of our new trees have been planted in the last few days and I hope they create the shade envisaged. I have received acknowledgement from the Auckland Council regarding our submission for an upgrade of the Okura River Road and request for additional equipment for small children in the playground. The road submission is part of the 2011/2012 plan. I am waiting for the Traffic Department to contact me with their findings of recent monitoring of the road. I would like to thank the committee for their help and ongoing support throughout the year particularly in the last couple of months when due to ill health I have not been able to participate as much as I would have liked.

Cyril Hawes

DOG WALKING

 \$4 for half an hour 
\$8 for one hour

We can start walking between 4:00pm and 5:30pm. We will pick up your dog from your address and take it up to the park and around Okura for the time you pay. WE DO NOT PROVIDE LEASHES.

Isa Lute: 473-3179 or
021-329-181

Renee Saunders: 473-1926 or
021-0287-2386

(Cost is per dog)

We are 12 years old and we sometimes walk our own dogs.



HALL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

For more information on hall bookings and activities, please contact Jean (473 8735)

- 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 ORRA
Contact **Jeff Mullane (473 8979)**

Three easy ways to join up and show your support for what ORRA does for Okura...



- 1) Come along to the AGM on Sun 28th August, bring your \$10, join up on the day, vote in the new committee members and have a cuppa.
- 2) Drop the slip below and your \$10 into Cliff at 67 Okura River Rd. Cheques made payable to Okura Residents and Rate Payers Association.
- 3) Pay online to 'Okura ratepayers and residents society Inc': 38 9008 0840371 00. In the payment field, add your name and street name and number.

ORRA membership form: \$10 per household payment - cash / cheque / direct deposit

First Name:

Family Name:

Street Address:

Email Address:

Phone numbers: Home:

Work:

Mobile: