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Okura News

www.okura.org.nz

Chairperson's Corner

Happy new year! Friday 28th Feb is the last date for submissions regarding the Auckland Unitary Plan, which will affect the future of the Okura catchment. Submissions can be posted online via the Auckland Council website. ORRA are in the process of putting together a submission.

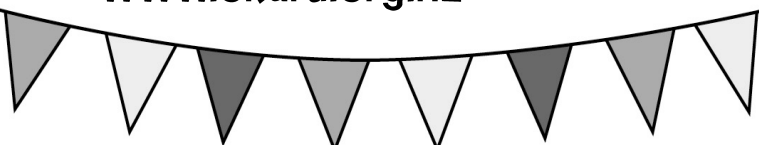
The Okura hall has had \$50,000.00 worth of outside drainage work to fix any future flooding problems. There are now two posts and a chain at the end of Okura River Road, with a padlock (still awaiting delivery from council; the combination lock number to be passed on to all interested parties) to be fitted and used after dark. This will enable locals to access the estuary, whilst keeping unwanted litter and undesirable behaviour under control. Repair work is to start soon to bring the Deborah Reserve walkway back to life. We have also requested a dog poo bin so that dogwalkers can be encouraged to keep all grass areas clean.

The volunteer group 'Friends of Okura Bush' are to launch a website soon to inform and showcase the future of this extremely valuable asset, which once again has been hailed the busiest and one of the best walkways in the Auckland region. There is much work to be done including fundraising, trapping, preventing Kauri die back, bird and reptile census - all of which will enable the reintroduction of many native species to the bush.

Make a note in your diaries for some upcoming social events in Okura, including

- Friday 28 Feb - Annual street party, Deborah Reserve 6pm onwards (please drive carefully).
 - Saturday 29 Mar - Fishing comp + Fundraiser for Friends of Okura Bush 'Big Day Out' 1-6 pm
- Remember to join the Okura Neighbourhood Facebook group (details below).

Nick Morgan



Okura Neighbourhood Street Party

Friday 28 Feb - 6pm onwards

Deborah Reserve

BYO chairs / drinks / picnic / meat
(BBQs available)



Toy van with loads of equipment for kids

All welcome!

Contact - okura.residents@gmail.com

www.neighboursday.org.nz

Save the date! Two events, one day...

Saturday 29 March

Okura Family Fishing Comp

\$5 single / \$10 family

Tickets on sale - contact Laura or Al: 4738505

Entry includes sausage sizzle

No ticket, no weigh-in

High tide 7.30am

More info to come!



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Okura's first Big Day Out

1 - 6pm

Okura Park (or hall if wet)

Showcasing local musicians / stalls

Fundraising for Friends of Okura Bush

If you'd like to play / have a stall, contact

Nick 4731985



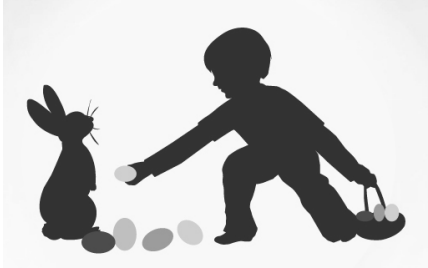
Are you on Facebook? Join the **Okura Neighbourhood** group.

www.facebook.com/groups/254108924677250/

* Share info * find out 'who's who' * swap tools, resources, and skills * connect with locals*

Easter Frolic

Mon 21 April
3pm
Okura Park / Hall



Easter egg games and fun
for the whole family

Okura Residents Association

"Bringing Okura Together"

Chairperson:	Nick Morgan	473 1985
Secretary:	Jeff Mullane	473 8979
Treasurer:	Cliff Mancer	473 5820
Committee Members:	Mark Shaw	473 8802
	Peter Townend	473 0797
	Rebecca Harrington	551 1538
	Richard Lute	473 3179
	Tom Horan	473 5725
	Kelly Currin	473 6118
	Pat Baskett	473 7846

Do **you** want to share your skills and interests to help make our neighbourhood an even better place to live? We'd love to hear from you, new group members always welcome. We meet 7.30pm, Okura hall, 3rd Monday of the month.

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Okura's first 'Big Day Out'!

Saturday 29 March 1-6pm

Fundraising for Friends of Okura Bush
Outdoors (hall if wet) music event featuring local musicians
performing Folk, Pop, Rock, Blues, Jazz...

BYO appreciation / Stall spaces available

\$\$ donations extremely welcome

Contact: okura.residents@gmail.com

Hall & Community Activities

For more information on hall bookings and activities, please visit www.okura.org.nz or contact Anette Mullane (473 8979) or Nick Morgan (473 1985).

The hall is available for hire - discounted rates for all Okura Residents Association members.

Badminton, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls facilities available for casual play, contact **Nick (473 1985)**

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)**

Aikido Martial Arts Class:

Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Juniors & Seniors.
Contact **Dunken Francis (09 421 1950)**

Boat Club:

Anybody interested in boating activities, e.g. crewing.
Contact **Tom (473 5725)**

Mobile Library:

The library bus visits Okura (outside hall) every 2nd Tuesday 1.30-2pm.