

Okura News



March
2012

Chairperson's Corner

Firstly, an appreciation to **Cyril & Jean Hawes**, for all the work & time spent in growing the hall bookings & keeping a healthy line of communication with what was the North Shore & is now the Auckland Council. We wish them both a happy retirement in Whangarei.

We have updated the Okura hall booking fees & wish to persuade all 'Okura catchment residents' to become fully paid up members of Okura Residents Association (only \$10/year per household, \$5/year for retirees), so as to benefit from a 25% discount when hiring the main hall (including the kitchen) or the smaller function room. Can be paid via internet banking to Okura ratepayers and residents society Inc 38-9008-0840371-00.

The Auckland Council are happy with the way the hall/field/playground are being cared for by the ORRA committee, & are willing & able to continue with ongoing improvements within the next weeks/months – such as : replacing paper towels with hand dryers in the toilets; purpose built fire exit pathway; additions to the playground. (A new water pump + 2 water filters have been installed, making the water safe to drink at all times).

Please keep a look out for any suspicious behaviour involving illegal fishing in the Marine Reserve. A \$200,000 fine for breaking this law can result. No need for a confrontation, just note the registration of vehicle & a phone call to any committee member, or the local police 4775000.

Here's to a great 2012 in our spot of paradise, see you at the street party!

Nick Morgan

OKURA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION "BRINGING OKURA TOGETHER"

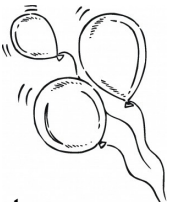
Chairperson:	Nick Morgan	473 1985
Secretary:	Jeff Mullane	473 8979
Treasurer:	Cliff Mancer	473 5820
Committee Members:	Maj De Poorter	473 0917
	Mark Shaw	473 8802
	Peter Townend	473 0797
	Rebecca Harrington	551 1538
	Richard Lute	473 3179
	Tom Horan	473 5725

Love Okura? 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 on the 3rd Monday of the month, 7.30pm.

Email: okura.residents@gmail.com



Okura Street Party



Please join us to celebrate national
Neighbours Day together!

Friday 23 March 2012

6pm onwards

Deborah Reserve

BYO picnic – BBQ's will be available for use

(Wet weather date: 30 March, same details)

Catch up with old friends & meet new people in your
neighbourhood. Everyone is welcome!

Please drive carefully as we may spill onto the street.

To learn more & sign up for Neighbours Day:
www.neighboursday.org.nz



Are you on Facebook? Search for 'Okura Neighbourhood' and join the group

THE FIRST OKURA MUSIC COMPETITION

Music in the Hall with a twist – Okura's first music competition. All performers on the day are in for a chance of winning some recording time. So honey your voice, tune your drums, boil your bass strings and clean your guitar because this is an opportunity not to be missed!



Date: Sun 25 March
Time: 3pm - 6pm
Place: Okura Hall
Cost: FREE Entry



Register on the day or email nick@sosolsound.co.nz

Prize: Winning artist / band / group gets one song recorded free, courtesy of Sosol Sound.

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The Okura Residents Association have been working with Auckland Council's Civil Defence department to develop a 'Neighbourhood Response Plan' for our community to ensure we are prepared in times of emergencies. If you'd like to see a copy of the plan please contact one of the committee members or come to the next meeting on Mon 19 March, 7.30pm, Okura Hall.

Easter Frolic 2012

Monday 9 April
3pm start – Okura Hall

Easter egg games
and fun for everyone!



HALL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

For more information on hall bookings and activities, please contact Anette Mullane (4738979)

**Badminton & Table Tennis:
Spinners & Weavers:**

Facilities available for casual play, \$4 an hour, contact **Nick (473 1985)**
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 **Nick (473 1985)**

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 (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 (473 8979)**