



Chairperson's Corner

A welcome return to a glorious summer, though some rain at night would be useful!

Thanks for all your responses for the 'better broadband petition' organised by Kelly. Although a strong case is being put to all suppliers, the overriding feedback remains that an upgrade won't happen until 2015. There are alternatives, including ourselves collectively organising a satellite connection through a provider such as Farmside. As this ongoing situation is affecting all of us, we may need to give some serious thought about a grand plan.

In October 2012 Auckland Transport hosted two consultation days at the hall regarding the proposed widening of Okura River Rd, from East Coast Rd to and including Vaughans Rd, to connect to the ongoing Long Bay development. This road connection is scheduled to start work in 2017, and though not happening overnight, the increased activity may lead to some increasingly inquisitive behaviour.

Controlling the speed of vehicles in the village and elsewhere became apparent after some extremely out of control vehicles during several nights late last year – the tyre tracks speak for themselves. There is now a specialist police unit designated to deal with this (which they did very efficiently). If you witness any excessive speeding/burnouts/illegal street racing, please call 4775000 or email Paul.Gray@police.govt.nz - Tell them where and any descriptions you can give, including registration numbers if at all possible and what time you saw them. We do not want a fatality.

ORRA has been in talks with Auckland Council about alternative ways of curbing such activities, including speed bumps, chicanes, cameras, lights (action!). The option preferred by ORRA is currently a chain and combination lock at the end of Okura River Road, so that locals wishing to go boating during night time high tide, can still use at anytime, whilst putting a stop to some of the shenanigans going on. We welcome your feedback (by the end of March please).

As you can see we have several upcoming events in the 'hood and if the weather allows it they'll be held outside. All welcome, hope to see you there.

Nick Morgan



Easter Frolic

Monday 1 April, 3pm start, Okura Hall.

All the usual trimmings.
Easter egg games and fun for everyone.



Join the Okura Boat Club for a
BYO community picnic: Sun 3 March,
10am onwards 'Slipway Reserve' -
access through 15 Okura River Road
(Mind the bottom step!)

BLENZ 107.4 www.blenz.co.nz is a Community Radio station based in Stillwater, with live broadcasting and interviews - great for local musicians. Amongst other initiatives, Peter Unstead (AKA – DJ Pete) is putting together an Emergency Response Initiative so that the station will be fully operational in case of a power outage caused by a natural disaster.



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

www.facebook.com/groups/254108924677250/

Share information, swap resources and skills, connect with locals

Okura Neighbourhood BBQ

Let's celebrate Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Friday 22 March 2013, 6pm onwards,
Deborah Reserve.

BYO meat, chairs, drinks, plates.

Everyone is welcome, bring your neighbours!

Wet weather date: Fri 29 March

(Please drive carefully as we may spill onto the street)



neighbours
day AOTEAROA

OKURA FISHING COMPETITION



ROGERSON CUP

In memory of Ewen Rogerson



SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2013

High tide 10.30am
Weigh in at Okura Hall
between 2.30 - 3.30pm



\$5 single entry, \$10 family
Sausage sizzle provided

Contact Jeff Mullane
(473 8979) to register

All welcome, relax, plus enjoy
some **local music** in the park
See www.okura.org.nz for more info



Save the dates: Dacre Cottage working bees 2013

For more details: www.dacre.org.nz



21 April, 9am -12: lunch provided

2 June, 9am -12: lunch provided

13 Oct, 9am -12: lunch provided

Dacre Cottage Traditional Christmas Lunch:
Sun 10 Nov, 12pm



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

"Horses On Okura Forever" (HOOF)

A group established to educate riders about
how to handle their horse poo to ensure
respect for Okura. For more details, please

email yolo@clear.net.nz or visit:

www.facebook.com/HorsesonOkura



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.

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)**

Akido Arts Class:

Tuesdays & Thursdays. 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.

Village Concrete Mixer & Trailer Community owned: Small charge \$5 to ORRA. Contact **Jeff (473 8979)**