



Chairperson's Corner

Greetings fellow Okurians, dominating the autumn/winter months has been the (initially unannounced and somewhat drawn out) rebuild of Okura River Rd from the Vaughans Rd intersection to the Okura hall. Although we are pleased to have work completed, one could argue that this work should have been completed to a higher standard, along with the requested laying of a much needed broadband cable and footpath - both of which are 'promised' to be added sometime in the future. As it stands, there is now a great deal of repair work needed to properly finish the project. To this end, we intend to keep the pressure on all relevant parties.

The hall continues to be hired out regularly and maintained by council - including a recent new water pump - as required by civil defence for its use as the muster station in the event of an emergency. A gentle reminder for residents to update any household emergency provisions - food/torches/batteries etc. Deborah reserve walkway is awaiting approval for building consents - a drawn out process unfortunately.

We have several upcoming events planned for the hall, including the 2014 AGM on Sunday 24th August, which this year is the 40th of the Okura Residents & Ratepayers Association (ORRA). Included in the usual meeting, we thought it appropriate to celebrate Okura with photos and refreshments. Please come along! Finally, it is always with great sadness to hear about the loss of a resident, and our thoughts are with the Townend family. Their strength and solidarity are part of what make this community so special.

Nick Morgan

Celebrating 40 years of the Okura Residents & Ratepayers Association

Please join us for refreshments, nibbles, photos,
neighbourhood chatter, and of course...
ORRA's lively Annual General Meeting

Sun 24 Aug 2014
2.30pm onwards (AGM 3pm)
Okura Hall



Please remember your \$ 10 (household) \$ 5
(individual) subscription to ORRA - thank you

Photos wanted!

Please help us celebrate 40 years of ORRA by sharing your favourite pics of Okura and its people with us, past / present.

Photos will be displayed during the ORRA AGM on 24 Aug. All entries welcome!

Please email photos to:
okura.residents@gmail.com
by Friday 22 Aug.



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*

Winter Music Fundraiser

Fundraising for **Friends of Okura Bush (FOOB)**

Sat 30th Aug 5pm-late, Okura Hall

Local musicians and bands

Lokura, 18 Strings, Contra, Synthetic Effect and more!

BYO refreshments

Entry by donation (all proceeds to FOOB)

More info: okura.residents@gmail.com



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 Basket	473 7846

New group members always welcome. We meet 7.30pm, Okura hall, 3rd Monday of the month.

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FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014

OKURA
HALL

ALL
AGES

**HALLOWEEN PARTY
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

BRING YOUR OWN BLOOD AND BRAINS

FREE ENTRY! if you dare!

PARTY STARTS AT 6:30

Please help us, as Friends of Okura Bush, to 'BRING BACK THE BIRDS'

We rely on donations and volunteer support to carry out the work we do. We are desperate to buy more rat traps. Please help us by becoming a member or renewing your membership.

This can be done by paying \$10 per person or \$20 per family directly into our bank account: (ASB Albany) 12-3042-0292404-50 (please put your name as the reference and email us to let us know that you have made a deposit). Of course over and above membership all donations BIG and small will be most welcome!

\$10 for a Snap E rat trap, \$21 for a KaMate rat trap and \$50 for a stoat trap.

We have wonderful volunteers who spend hours in the bush every week trapping rats, possums and the odd stoat, thus giving our birds a better chance of survival as well as allowing the plants and insects to thrive again.

A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. Lezette Reid, Chairperson - lezette@clear.net.nz



Join in! www.neighbourly.co.nz - a free, secure, interactive website for Okura and our nearby suburbs with loads of features to help us connect!

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.

Activities include **Badminton, Table Tennis, Yoga, Spinners & Weavers, Mah Jongg, Aikido Martial Arts Class, Boat Club, Mobile Library** (library bus visits Okura (outside hall) every 2nd Tuesday 1.30-2pm)

For more information please contact okura.residents@gmail.com