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June 2018 Newsletter

Message from the president

Welcome to the latest edition of the Port Underwood association newsletter as we head towards the summer holidays. The Committee has been working away in the background although there have been few new issues that have required a large amount of work. We have advised the membership of several Resource Consent applications and other issues for information purposes. I am pleased to have received a large response regarding the recycling skip and I would like to encourage all members to contact me or any of the Committee members with any other ideas on how we can improve the Port Underwood area. I also encourage all of you to take a couple of hours to attend the upcoming AGM to review the past year, plan for the coming year and meet fellow Port Underwood Association members.

Regards, Ken.

AGM

3PM Sunday 30 December

11-13 Hakahaka Bay Rd (waterfront house on left).

Drinks and nibbles to follow. We hope to see everyone there.

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Neighbourhood support – Sara Roush

Thankfully, as far as I am aware, it has been a fairly quiet year in relation to criminal activity.

Unfortunately, a tragic event took place in Flagg Bay last June when Suzanne and James Lamby's house burned down to the ground. What a devastating loss for them! We are grateful that they were both safe. They do plan on rebuilding at some time. Suzanne and James would like to thank the many people in the Port who offered their help and support through this trying time.

And sadly, Ray Fitzgerald, long time permanent resident of Oyster Bay, passed away this past July. Our thoughts are with Sandra and the family.

Your updated Neighbourhood Support list is enclosed with this newsletter. I hope you will keep this information some place handy for emergencies. If you find that any of the information is incorrect would you please let me know. Also, if a bach is being built or one has changed hands in your area, it would be most helpful if you would forward the owners details so we can add them to our neighbourhood Support list. The Port is growing and it is very difficult for me to keep up with all of the changes.

Secretary/Treasurer – Sara Roush

It is that time of the year again as our financial year starts December 1st. A subs notice is enclosed with this newsletter and the \$20 can be paid by Cheque to P.O. Box 59, Blenheim 7240 Or by direct deposit to Port Underwood Association, Westpac bank Blenheim, 030599 0216931 00 . Please include name and Bay for references. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support. Without you there wouldn't be an Association.

Resource Consent Applications

The membership was advised of a mussel farm renewal application in Pipi Bay and an application to harvest two small blocks of trees near Opihi and Wangakoko Bays. No further action was taken by the Association on either of these.

Fishing Regulations

The membership was advised of a proposal to change the regulations regarding smaller daily bag limits when catching paua and crayfish. At the time of this writing these new regulations have not gone into effect but all persons should check for any updates before collecting paua or crayfish this summer. The scallop fishery in Port Underwood is still closed for both commercial and recreational fishers.

Marlborough Long-Term Plan

The Association made a submission to the Marlborough Long Term Plan centred around roading and fair distribution of the Rating intake of funds.

Our comments on roading included the need to adequately maintain rural and unsealed roads along with a system which specified the standard to which the roads are to be maintained. With the new central government comes a roading classification based on usage which prescribes the different roading regimes. Central government has also put forward a notice of priority on road safety which may reduce the amount of money able to be spent on road maintenance. The Association will

continue to be involved with discussions as it is quite clear that safety on many rural roads is dependent on adequate maintenance to keep the roads in a safe drivable condition.

The Association supports a review of the manner in which rating intake is allocated. However, we have stated that it is important that the revised distribution of the rating intake is well thought out, researched and transparent.

Recycling bin location

The Association applied to the Marlborough District Council to have a recycle bin located in our area. That has been approved and the membership was canvassed as to the best location for it. It appears that the consensus is alongside Port Underwood Road just uphill of the Tumbledown Bay Road turnoff. This is to be confirmed with a site visit with Council soon and the recycle bin should be in place before the holidays.

It is important that this bin is used properly. It is for recyclable items only and if it is full come back later or take your items into town. Do not leave items on the ground around the bin. This bin is for the improvement of Port Underwood, not as a site to create a rubbish pile.

Activities at the Oyster Bay wharf

Arising from the recycle bin location request we received comments regarding activities and congestion at the Oyster Bay wharf. It is important that people remember that this is a seven day a week working area used by commercial industries.

Recreational users must be aware of safety hazards created by large trucks turning and backing, commercial trucks, barges and boats loading and unloading, people wandering around unaware of risks, children (and dogs) playing unsupervised while parents launch boats, fishing from the wharf while vessels are trying to tie up, people wandering around close to vessels fuelling up.

Recreational vehicles can cause congestion with cars and boat trailers parked along the road and wharf area sometimes left for days with no way of contacting the owner, or waiting for the launching ramp and blocking access or turning and loading/unloading of commercial vehicles.

There can be problems with recreational vessel speeds around moorings and the wharf - towing kids on biscuits, jet skis racing between moorings, or in general boats going too fast close to shore and wharves which creates wake issues.

The rubbish bins at the wharf area are for commercial users who pay Port Marlborough for them. Don't abuse them. Carry your rubbish into town.

Common sense, respect and courtesy for all will mean that these issues will no longer be problems.

Port Underwood Noticeboard and Buy and Sell Notices

As you might be aware, we are trialling a notice board section in the newsletters. The notices are for buying and selling goods and services which pertain to the Port Underwood area and PUA members.

Notices will also be placed on the website on a new page (imaginatively called the noticeboard). If you have something to list please send a notice as you wish it to appear in the newsletter to:

port.underwood.association@gmail.com or to John Davison at jad793@gmail.com for inclusion on the website.

Notices should describe the goods or services that you wish to sell, buy, donate etc. It should give details of whom to contact and also state how long the notice is to be on the website (week, month or three months). Notices will be removed from the website after three months unless specifically requested otherwise.

Current notices (these will be added to the website as well)

If anyone has a spare copy or two of the book:
“Place Names of Port Underwood” by Jim Eyles
We would be really keen to purchase.
Contact Tim and Sally Johnston on Timsaljohnston@gmail.com

Boat ride occasionally needed from Oyster Bay to Pipi Bay. Could anyone with a vessel moored at Oyster Bay (or thereabouts) provide an occasional ride to Pipi Bay with return a day or two later?
Please email Barry Malcolm barrym@actrix.co.nz or ring Barry or Kate on (03) 539 0016.

We have a 3m roller garage door for sale. Condition is excellent and only redundant because we needed more height for the bigger boat. Offers please to totarapark@netspeed.net.nz
Brian and Sue Denny.

Wanted ranch slider, any size considered. Also, household furniture for sale from coffee table, freezer, bedroom suite to sinks, just ask for what you are looking for we may have it.
Txt or ph Anne 0274560225 or email seascape1654@gmail.com.

Joshua Patterson - Top of the South Mowing. Will be in the Tumbledown Bay Road area fortnightly to mow lawns. If you would like to take this opportunity to have your grounds up kept, then please contact Joshua on 027 786 6456 or email topofthesouth@outlook.com

Defibrillator (AED)

If a person’s heart has stopped there is only a short period to enable a recovery and emergency services need to be contacted immediately. CPR will keep blood moving and get air into the lungs. An AED can also help. An AED or defibrillator is a portable device that assesses a person’s heart rhythm. It decides whether a defibrillation shock is needed and will apply it. The AED uses voice or visual prompts to guide a user; anyone can use an AED – you don’t have to be medically qualified, but obviously training helps, as does any basic first aid training. Knowing where a defibrillator is located is a great start. In the Port Underwood area they are located at:

Waikawa Bay launching ramp – External cabinet opposite playground 24/7 access.
633 Port Underwood Rd, Picton – variable access, call 03 573 5599
Hakana Bay, - variable access, call 021 318 622.
2454 Port Underwood Rd, Ocean Bay – variable access, call 0221 306 508
Rarangi fire station – no public access, call 111

There are over 100 AEDs in Blenheim and 40 in the Picton area. To find an AED, you can find them at <https://www.heartsaver.co.nz/know-find-nearest-aed/> and it is believed you can download an app as well.