

Newsletter

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Committee Achievements

- **Tennis and Netball Courts**
The courts at the Whangateau Domain were completed, opened and are now used by many locals and visitors.
- **Wooden seat and planting**
Thanks to the voluntary activities of Bryce and Rex Collings, Hugh McKergow, and Bill Rea, we can now enjoy the scenery by the Ashton-Birdsall road walking bridge from the newly established wooden bench. Many other volunteers also helped with the planting of the donated native trees and flora at the entrance to the bridge.
- **Wharf Maintenance**
The Big Omaha Wharf has been kept clean and tidy thanks to the effort and vigilance of Hugh McKergow, the Auckland Council cleaner, and Elizabeth Foster
- **Doggy-do bags**
The WRRRA previously funded these at about \$250p/a out of your subscriptions. The Auckland Council has now kindly taken over paying for this service. Please use mindfully.

Works in Progress

- **Fitness Trail**
- **Summer market**
- **Replacement of Bollards**
The committee continues to work with the council to place bollards between Ashton and Birdsall roads. This is to stop cars and campers abusing the area, and the illegal dumping of waste.
- **Traffic calming measures**
The speed of motorists through Whangateau is an ongoing problem and the committee are working with Auckland Transport to find alternative solutions.

Paper Road Saved

Earlier this year, an observant local made us aware of an obscurely placed sign, announcing the intended closure of a nearby paper road.

Committee members called for submissions against the closure because of the road's historical and future significance.

This road is a designated access for the Big Omaha Trail and features exceptional views across the whole Hauraki Gulf.

We enjoyed a small victory, as the objections successfully stopped the road being closed to the public and sold to the adjoining property.



Saved walking access with priceless views Photo: Ian Macdonald

Announcement: Summer Market

In an effort to build community, and local economy a monthly Whangateau community market stall is being planned. The stall will either be at the Whangateau Hall or the bottom of Ashton Road this summer. If you are interested in putting some items on the community stall then please contact **Audrey Sharp 4226209**. Please put your name and price on your items. On the day, give the stall minder a list of what you are supplying to sell. The community stall will operate from 9-2 on the market day.

The tentative dates for a community stall are **Saturday 31 December** and **Sunday 15 January**

More details on the WRRRA facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WRRRAcommunity/>

WRRRA Committee Meetings

We welcome people from the community to attend our meetings which are currently held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Whangateau Hall.

If you have anything that you wish the committee to explore please contact the secretary **Audrey Sharp at am.sharp56@gmail.com or on 4226209** or come to one of the monthly meetings. WRRRA Membership subscriptions are \$10 and due in January. Pay into the bank account **12-3095-0244940-00**.

We have set up a facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WRRRAcommunity/> and welcome your comments, likes and any photos of our community that you might like to share.

Neighbourhood Support and Civil Defence Update

The new organiser for the area is **Sharyn Carew** who can be contacted at **0212454773** or sharyncarew@vodafone.co.nz.

Each road has a neighbourhood support coordinator who you can contact at any time about dangerous or suspicious activity.

Your local coordinators are:

TI POINT	Jenine Abarbanel	jenine@torkington.com	021428568
COXHEAD CREEK ROAD	Joe Kurmann	kurmann@slingshot.co.nz	094226455
TRAMCAR BAY	Angie	ange_nz@yahoo.com	
LEWS BAY	Karen Harcombe	khamethyst2@gmail.com	0276014052
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			0272201783
LEIGH RD WEST	Jackie Davies	jbdavies@clear.net.nz	094226292
			0273499767
ASHTON ROAD	Hugh McKergow	brookhill@clear.net.nz	094226219
BIRDSALL ROAD	Chris Hart	chrishart@extra.co.nz	094226699
			0212856815
LEIGH RD (Whangateau Hill)	Len Thompson	len@ihug.co.nz	094259252
UPPER WHANGATEAU RDR	Rosmarie Krieg	rosmarie_krieg@hotmail.com	094227173
BIG OMAHA ROAD	Kim Powell	kjvonsturmer@hotmail.com	094227053
			021 514030
QUINTAL ROAD	Michelle Tree		

Remember: In an emergency dial 111 and obtain the necessary service

For more information on Civil Defence, visit their website www.civildefence.govt.nz

Local contacts and activities

Whangateau Harbour Care
Contact: Convenor: Margaret Earle
mearle@extra.co.nz or see website
<https://whangateauharbour.org/>

The Hall and Domain Committee
meets 4 times per year. The next meeting will be in 2017 at the Whangateau Hall. Contact: Richard Gerard 4227842 richard@amp-dynamics.co.nz

Hall bookings
Contact: Lynette Penney 4226057

Rodney Rams
Contact: Secretary Denise Crimp
denise.crimp@extra.co.nz

Whangateau Acoustic Music and Social Club
Contact: Jenine Abarbanel 021 428 568 www.whangateau.co.nz

Flax Weaving is on at 10am on Wednesday at Whangateau Hall - Contact Sue Smythe
sueandjohnsmythe@hotmail.com

Tai Chi Northern 10am Tues/Thurs at Whangateau Hall Contact: northtaichi@gmail.com

Progress of the Whangateau Fitness Trail

The committee is investigating the creation of a family-friendly fitness trail around the Whangateau Domain.

The envisaged trail would fit into the landscape and would be just under a kilometer long.

The trail would consist of about 10 exercise stations that could incorporate existing features of the Domain. These stations would be made of logs and basic material.

The support and cooperation of the community and local bodies would be needed to help maintain the trail.

The project is currently still in the consultation phase, and more information is available at <http://whangateau.co.nz/about/wrra/fitness-trail-proposal/>

Have your say by filling out the online feedback form at <https://goo.gl/Dz9XQ7>

Local Happenings

- **Leigh Community Market**
The Leigh Community Market is starting again after Christmas at the Leigh Hall, Leigh School field. Market days are Sunday January 8 and February 12
- **Whangateau Folk Club**
The club meets on the last Monday of every month in the Whangateau Hall for concerts and jam sessions.
- **Tattletale Saints concert**
The Americana band will play in the Whangateau Hall on Thursday 9 February. Tickets are available through Eventfinda



An example of a bench that could be used for both exercises and sitting.