

Owhango



Owhango Village Newsletter

Spring 2017

Welcome from ORRIS

Chairman's Report 28/8/17

Welcome Readers,

In a previous newsletter I wrote an article that spoke about the Society's efforts to be included in the Government's Community Revitalisation Initiatives. The result of that effort is that we now have a site location and general building design chosen for a public toilet, which will better cater for the needs of passing motorists, truck drivers on rest breaks and the many cyclists and walkers visiting the area. Before the Society can proceed further it needs to consult with the wider Community to determine an aesthetic appeal that reflects an "Owhango" image and future vision for the village. To achieve this aim it is proposed that ORRIS host a number of public workshops that focus on different aspects of the Revitalisation concept. All this needs to happen soon. Dates and times for these workshops will be advertised through local papers/ social media. Another success story is the commencement of the sealing of Omatane Road and Onge Street.

Aerial 1080 treatment of Tongariro forest happened on the 22nd of August. I volunteered my time to monitor the operation to ensure poison baits were not laid within the prescribed area of the Owhango water supply catchment. I also monitored water samples taken by NIWA. Another sample will be taken after significant rainfall. Test results so far have come back clear of any contamination.

Kind regards

Jim Paul

Chairman

Owhango Residents and Ratepayers Society (inc)

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

LONG TERM PLAN 2018-28

Council is preparing its Long Term Plan for 2018-28. Between now and November 2017 we are trying to make as many opportunities as possible to meet with members of our community to discuss the big issues facing our District in the coming decade.

Some of the ways we are connecting with our communities over the next few months are:

- (a) Chat Spaces in Taumarunui, Raetihi, Ohakune and National Park.
- (b) Meeting with any community interest groups who would like to discuss issues of concern to them.
- (c) Facebook, newspaper and radio

Council will be asking Ruapehu communities to tell them what they think about our plans and direction for the next ten year period (2018-28) in our new Long Term Plan (LTP).

Before we start that conversation we would like to know what is on your mind and what you think Council should include, leave out, or take into account in the LTP.

Special community “chat space” events will be held around the district so that you can talk about all things Ruapehu, and what is important to you.

Council Staff will be at the Owhango Market Day 5th November 2017 9.00am – 1.00pm

What's on in Owhango

Owhango Playgroup meets every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. Ph. Cara 07 8954600

The Owhango Indoor Bowls Club meets at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings in the Owhango hall and usually finishes before 10.00pm. The club is a relaxed and casual affair and is open to all those who enjoy the company of others in a non-competitive setting. Fees are \$2 per night. If you would like to join just come along.

Owhango Market Day- The first Sunday of every month except January at 9am-1pm

For a stall booking contact Sally Lashmar 07 8954443

Hall Bookings Phone Laurie Bryan 07 8954870

Recycling and rubbish disposal

Owhango Transfer Station -State Highway 4: Open Mon 1-5pm Wed, Sat & Sun 8-12noon

Please share your story or news with us for the next newsletter which is produced four times per year. Do you have a local service you would like listed in a directory published in this newsletter. If so email the name and brief description to fit on one line. Alternatively if you would like your business card advertised in the newsletter please email it to me for a Business Directory advertisement. This will be \$10 for one calendar year.

Community messages for Spring

Mark Fredericks Owhango Alive

Great to see the sun finally arrive. It certainly has been cold out in the Ohinetonga Reserve. Whio have been busy getting their nests ready for the breeding season, which started in August. The female Whio sits on her eggs for 30 days while her mate stands guard. This means both the parents and the eggs are easy prey for predators that hang out along the river boundaries. The eggs start hatching around October, so of course the chicks are vulnerable too. Our trusty trap checkers are extra vigilant at this time of year. We'd like to encourage dog owners, if they must take their pooches down to Reserve, to keep them restrained on a leash – the chicks are so vulnerable at this time of year that they're very enticing for an unrestrained dog to "investigate" and it can happen so quickly. Many thanks. We have been given some more wooden trap boxes from the Dept of Conservation in Pipiriki and installed our recently purchased DOC 200 instant kill traps into them. Many thanks to the Dept of Conservation for this. These traps will be placed along the Whakapapa River for further Whio protection. We held a fundraising Quiz at the Owhango Pub in June and raised \$1140. Thanks to all those who attended and a special thanks to the Owhango Hotel (Grant Lethborg) for the use of the Hotel and the prizes he supplied. Thanks also to Toni Grass from Foxglove Frames who donated a great framed print by Malcolm Warr, Forgotten World Adventures donated a 5 Tunnel Tour for two (Manager Paul Chaplow), and Sally Lashmar donated a 1 hour massage.

We will be celebrating World Rivers Day on Sunday the 24th September starting at 10.00am. Meet at the Whakapapa Bridge at 10am – we will celebrate the day by planting 200 native trees in a pre-prepared area alongside the downstream track. We'd love you to come along and be part of the planting and international celebration of the day. Bring a spade and gloves if you're keen to plant/dig or just yourselves if you want to be part of the day.

Warm regards,

Mark Fredericks and the OWHANGO ALIVE team.

Owhango Volunteer Fire Brigade - Fire and Emergency New Zealand

Welcome to our newsletter for August 2017.

As you will see above the NZ Fire Service no longer exists and we are now called Fire and Emergency New Zealand. You will notice very little change as we go about business as usual. The transition is expected to take two to three years bringing together urban and rural Fire Services. The siren will still go and we will roll out the door to whatever emergency is calling.

We have had a busy winter with motor vehicle accidents being a frequent type of call. The cold weather has taken its toll on our local roads with the icy conditions and people failing to adjust their driving to these conditions. Daytime fire fighters are still a concern for the brigade and we would like to recruit some new members to cover this shortage. If you can help or wish to know more, talk to a current member or come to our Wednesday evening training at 7pm to find out more.

This month John Schroeder, one of our members will complete fifty years volunteer service to the Fire Service. Well done John and Lynn. Congratulations from us all. John started with the Manunui Fire Brigade for 27 years and the rest of his service has been in Owhango. We will celebrate this milestone at our honours evening in the Owhango Hall in January 2018.

Remember the fire safety in the home. Check your smoke alarm batteries and be careful of heat sources in the home. Be careful out there on the roads as they are busy at present and some driving tactics we see are rather dangerous for other road users.

Regards,

Dave Edhouse

CFO Owhango

Sarah Hart

Totally Vets Taumarunui

Worming programme for dogs

Tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms, roundworms- we all know they exist but how can we protect our dogs from becoming infected? Intestinal parasites are shed into the environment through faeces. Puppies are particularly susceptible, and some worms are even transmitted from the mother to the pup during pregnancy or in her milk. Signs of gastrointestinal parasites can include a dull coat, pot belly appearance, soft or bloody faeces, an irritated bottom and/or weight loss. It is recommended that puppies are wormed with an effective all-wormer product every two weeks from birth until 3 months of age then once per month until 6 months old. After this, worming is recommended every 3 months. Faecal examinations by your veterinarian can assist in deciding when and what treatment is required. All wormer products available include 'Milbemax' (for dogs and puppies less than 5kg), 'Popantel' (for dogs between 5-35kg) and 'Drontal' (for dogs between 1-35kg). Sheep measles are small cysts found in the meat of infected sheep and goats. Dogs become infected by ingesting meat containing cysts, which hatch into tapeworms that reside in the dog's intestines and shed eggs into the environment. When sheep ingest the eggs in pasture, the larvae then enter the muscle of the sheep and become cysts... and the cycle continues. Sheep measles pose a large cost to sheep farmers at the meat works, as the carcass needs to be trimmed to remove the cysts and is therefore downgraded. When feeding dogs sheep meat, it must be frozen to -10 degrees or colder for at least 7 days OR heated to over 72 degrees in order to inactivate the cysts within the muscle. Three-monthly worm treatments do not protect dogs against the sheep measles tapeworm, which is why monthly treatments are required using a product containing Praziquantel such as 'Droncit' or 'Wormicide' tablets. Some intestinal parasites can be transmitted to humans, which is why it is especially important to keep on top of treatment and control. A routine we recommend for working dogs or those visiting farms includes an all-wormer treatment every three months, with monthly treatments in-between of a praziquantel wormer to protect against sheep measles tapeworm.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, contact your Totally Vets Veterinarian.

Sarah Hart -Totally Vets Taumarunui



The image shows two business cards side-by-side. The left card is for 'Foxglove Frames & Interiors' and features a black background with a pink and black geometric pattern at the top and bottom. A pink circle with a white number '7' is in the top right. The text on the card includes the business name, 'Toni Grass', and services like 'Mobile Drape and Blind Service' and 'Pictureframing', along with two phone numbers and an email address. The right card is for 'Sally Lashmar' and features a colorful abstract painting of a person in a landscape. The text on the card includes the name 'Sally Lashmar', 'Taumarunui & Owhango', 'Massage Therapist - Regd (Diploma Therapeutic Massage)', two phone numbers, and a list of services: 'Neuromuscular Therapy', 'Relaxation', 'Sports, Remedial', 'Deep Tissue', and 'Reflexology'.

Our next newsletter is due out in December 2017. Email Owhango Residents & Ratepayers Society Secretary Karen Erni or Newsletter co-ordinator Chris Williams if you would like to receive our newsletter electronically. owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz or boaties@xtra.co.nz