

Hi Everyone

With Show Week over, we are starting to think Christmas- at least the little ones are , the rest of us have that unrealistic expectation that there are still months to go before the 25th Dec. Listed below are some points of general interest to the community.

Gala

Thanks to a hard- working team, the **PBKA** is excited to welcome back the GALA and appreciate the support they have received from **McCONCHIE BUILDERS**. It's been 9 long years since the last Gala and for your enjoyment, there will be all day entertainment including the famous Baby Competition of old. Visitors to the Gala will be on hand to cheer on the competitors in the **YouMeWeUs TDE(Total Drainage & Excavation) AMAZING RACE** during their final leg of the Amazing Race. A big thank you to **McCONCHIE BUILDERS** for sponsoring this year's GALA.

Kairaki Toilets & Playground

The exciting news is that construction will begin next year for a new Toilet block and Playground at the River end of Featherstone Ave. We are still working with both Councils to resolve the on- going issues of Kairaki car park.

Drainage

The ongoing problem of poor drainage has been on our agenda well before the earthquake. Over the last 10 years PKBA has been submitting on the long-term plan about the poor drainage. We have been requesting a workable drainage plan that the Council and PBKA can work toward in each of these submissions.

The good news is the PBKA and Council finally have a plan to try and repair our drainage issues in the form of a task list. Each month this list will be sent to the PKBA, so we can keep track of the list of jobs that have been achieved each month. One of the first jobs was to clean and camera check all the laterals drains in Dunn's Ave through to Salt water creek and this now been completed.

Pines Play Ground

We have been making progress with council in developing a solution for our submerged playground. With the report and design now complete, we are just waiting for this to be approved by the council.

Hall

This month our new hall is 12 months old. With the Hall getting busier and busier with bookings on most nights of the week, the committee decided to appoint a part time casual employee as an Event /Hall administrator. The objects are to raise the awareness of the hall and organise events within our community and wider communities.

Committee member Chris Greengrass who is well-known within our community and a local Kaiapoi identity, has been appointed into this role. We have two wedding booked, both in early December. With Chris on board, we are positive that events and hall bookings will improve over time. If you have ideas for a community event, contact Chris(021781939) and she will help you put it into action. Chris and the Association are keen to update the data base of beach residents and others who have an interest in the beach community. There will be a desk at the Gala (near the hall) where you can fill in your details. Filling in this form will give the opportunity for some lucky person to win some goodies. Don't worry- this is not a sales gimmick. You will not be inundated with emails/phone calls etc of which you have no interest in.

Website

Our new website is due to be up and running before Christmas

Regards
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