

Appendix B Media Releases

WHAT'S ON

Mondays

- Retired Persons' Assn 4th Mon. Ph 562-7365.
- "Baby Bounce & Rhyme" at the library 10.30am.
- Singalong 1st Mon, 2pm at St Ronan's.
- DB Playcentre Mon, Wed, Fri 9-12. Andrea Jensen 02102797311.
- Pt Howard Playcentre. Mon 9.15 -11.45am. Morag 021 150-7997.
- East Harbour Women's Club Mah Jong. Contact Margaret Macaskill 562 0255.
- Historical Society of Eastbourne local studies room open above the library 2-4pm every Monday.
- Eastbourne Volunteer Fire Brigade training every Monday 7-9pm. Ph Ross Carroll Chief Fire Officer 562 7001 for more info.
- Rotary Pencarrow meets 6.30pm Lowry Bay Yacht Club, Seaview - phone Don 562 7409.
- Toy Library 8-9pm. Kathryn 562 6271.

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Tuesdays

- Pt Howard Playcentre Tues 9.15 -11.45am. Morag 021 150-7997.
- Lions meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the Eastbourne Sports and Services Club, Tuatoru St, 6.30pm. Graham 562 8819.
- Muritai Tennis Club 9.30-noon. Merryn 562 0236.
- Eastbourne Homebirth Group 1st Tuesday of the month. Phone Kate 562-7096.
- East Harbour Women's Club Morning Tea & Chat Group 10am. Contact Glendyr 562 7181.

- Eastbourne Embroidery Group, St Ronan's Church lounge 10am-12noon.
- Indoor Bowls Club 1.30pm, at the croquet club, Oroua Street. Jeanne 562 8555.
- Menzshed 9 till 12, Williams Park, Mike 562 8688.
- Poetry group, every second Tuesday meet to read and enjoy poems old and new. Phone 562 8387.
- Toy Library 9.30am-10.30am. Kathryn 562 6271. www.eastbournemibase.com.au

Wednesdays

- Library preschool story time 2-2.25pm.
- Pt Howard Playcentre Wed 9.15 -11.45am. Morag 021 150-7997.
- Scottish Country Dance. Merryn 562 0236.
- Bridge Club 7-10pm. Shona 562 7073.
- DB Playcentre Mon, Wed, Fri 9-12. Andrea Jensen 02102797311.

Thursdays

- Mainly Music 9.30-10.30am. Wendy 027 5628287.
- SPACE at Days Bay Playcentre. Michelle 971 8598.
- East Harbour Women's Club Bolivia card group 12.45 pm, contact Glendyr 562 7181; Bridge 1pm, contact Heather 5627995

Fridays

- St Alban's Pop in & Play, at St Ronan's Church Hall 9am - 11.30am. Kate 027 562 0177
- Pt Howard Playcentre Fri 9.15 -11.45am.

Morag 021 150-7997.

- AA Plunket Rooms 7.30pm. Mark 566 6444/ Pauline 562 7833
- DB Playcentre Mon, Wed, Fri 9-12. Andrea Jensen 02102797311.
- Discovery Time for 4years+ at San Antonio School, 78 Oroua Street, 9.30-10.30am. Office 562 7398.
- Community Christmas Celebration. Join the Library team with special guests Doty Buchanan and students, for carol singing and stories to celebrate the festive season! Friday 2nd December 4.30pm @ Eastbourne Library.

Saturdays

- Justice of the Peace at the Eastbourne Community Library, first Saturday of each month 12pm-1pm.
- Lions' rubbish bin last Saturday of each month.
- Croquet from 10.00am Muritai Croquet Club. Lyn 562 8722 or Val 562 8181.
- Lawn tennis, Rona Bay Lawn Tennis Club Houhere Tce, Sat and Sun from 1.30pm weather permitting. tel 562 7231.

Sundays

- Church services - see page 28.
- AA Plunket Rooms 10am. Pauline 562 7833.

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Walkway plan nears completion

by Louise Parry

Construction on a shared walk/cycleway is planned to begin early next year.

The project, which will include some stretches of seawall being replaced as they are beyond their economic life, is complex, with a team of technical experts including ecologists, avifauna and birdlife specialists, urban designers, landscape architects and engineers among some of the large team of experts collaborating over it. NIWA have also been engaged to look at future climate impacts and coastal processes and consideration will be given to possible sea-level rise during the consenting process.

An added complexity is the three-way funding, that will see the path funded by Hutt City Council, the New Zealand Transport Agency and the Urban Cycleway Fund.

Hutt City Council senior project engineer Simon Cager says \$10m is currently allocated in Council's Long Term Plan across a 7 year period and they are working towards approvals and investment from the NZTA through its business case procedures.

The initial scheme was to undertake a complete replacement of the current seawalls and provide a shared path, however an economic assessment of these walls indicated only a percentage were beyond their intended life. This meant a change of focus was required with

the shared path being the primary objective for the project.

The majority of the recent work around the Eastern Bays is part of the annual seawalls maintenance contract, and is independent of the shared path project. There has been, however, some additional geotechnical investigations which will inform the current design process.

The council hosted an information day last year above the library to determine people's preference for path width.

Mr Cager says different widths were shown to the public.

"The feedback that we received along with our initial investigations were that the 2.5m and 3.5m were options to take forward and develop."

However, he says these are general widths, which will vary in some situations.

"In areas with sensitive locations like beaches there is flexibility to reduce those widths locally."

He expects consultants MWH (Stantec) to have the business case report completed by late August, and says from there we the council will be seeking NZTA's endorsement.

There will also be further public consultation in mid-July where feedback will be sought on the developed options with a view to determining the preferred option.

"I'm aware that it's perceived to be taking longer than maybe it should be," Mr Cager says



Simon Cager.

"But there are formal steps to take in order to get the funding as well as ensuring we have a design that the majority of the community support.

For more information see the advertisement on Page 4 of this issue, or go to: huttcity.govt.nz/eastern-bays

PROPERTY PRICES ARE RISING IN EASTBOURNE

Professionals LET'S TALK **Stephen Lee**
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EASTERN BAYS SHARED PATH UPDATE

Completing the Eastern Bays Shared Path is a high priority for Hutt City Council. We want to provide a safe and connected walking and cycling network.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

We came out to the Eastern Bays community in November last year and heard strong support for a wide (either 2.5m or 3.5m) shared path. Since then we have completed the concept investigations for the new shared path and are now working through the preliminary design.

The project is likely to include large lengths of seawall being replaced and, in many locations, moved outwards to gain more width for the shared path. It's unlikely that traffic lanes or the discontinuous footpath on the other side of the road will be changed at all as this won't provide the required width in tight locations.

From what the community have told us already, the project is expected to require various compromises to meet community aspirations in such a constrained location, for example the width of the path may need to be reduced in some locations to limit beach impact.

EASTERN BAYS SHARED (WALKING & CYCLING) PATH: PROJECT EXTENT PLAN



NEXT STEPS?

The next steps are for the project team, which includes a wide range of specialists including engineers, planners, ecologists and other disciplines, to develop the designs further for the two path width options, as well as options to treat the more sensitive areas such as around the beaches.

Soon there will be an opportunity for you to give your views again as the project progresses. We want to test options and sub-options with the community and your input will be used, alongside technical information, to select a preferred option. From here we will look to seek consents for the project later this year.

Following the consenting process and securing funding from the NZ Transport Agency, we are aiming for construction to begin in early 2018. We expect construction will have to be staged over a number of years but this is dependent on funding availability.

WANT MORE?

Visit huttcity.govt.nz/eastern-bays
Contact Council's Simon Cager at simon.cager@huttcity.govt.nz

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Prolonged wait for fast internet

by Carl McRae

Eastbourne is amongst a select group of North Island locations suffering as a result of there not being enough ports available in their local cabinet to connect to DSL broadband.

Until faster internet arrives in 2020, a copper-based connection is the best option available, but confirmed via parliamentary questions, there are 17 residents of Eastbourne among 103 national households waiting to receive a basic copper line broadband service.

The average wait for our locals is 26 days, as advised by Communications Minister, Simon Bridges, on updated information received from service provider, Chorus.

As part reply to the same question, it is understood that there is no one waiting for this service in Days Bay, Mahina Bay or Lowry Bay.

"Waiting for 26 days, on average, for a basic copper-based internet connection is too long," said Green Party ICT spokesperson, Gareth Hughes. "It's reminiscent of the bad old days of waiting months for the Post Office to connect your phone".

Green Party advisor and local resident, Robert Ashe said that he himself had to wait 35 days to be connected and was aware that for some the wait had been nearly a year.

"The Government needs to tell Chorus to get a move on with the expansion work needed for Eastbourne to end the long wait times", said Mr Hughes.

"Eastbourne will be a lot more attractive place for people to live and work when you can get fast internet over fibre. This sadly won't happen for another three years and the least the National Party can do is ensure the copper network is the best it can be until then."

Tsunami risk lines meeting

Another meeting is being held to explain the installation of blue lines to de mark Tsunami evacuation zones.

The meeting, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 30 at Petone Central School in Britannia Street, Petone, will give people a chance to hear from GNS scientist, the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office, and Hutt City Council officers about their plans to mark roads with the heights people need to get to escape a threat of Tsunami, if there is a strong earthquake.

HCC city promotions manager Brad Monaghan says quite a bit of the Eastern Bays will have the lines, which he says should not adversely affect house values in the area.

For more information, see advertisement, on Page 10.

Give-a-little campaign gets skate ramp going

Plans for the Eastbourne Skate ramp, to be located at San Antonio School, are progressing well according to organiser, Matt Hayes.

"So far we have raised \$3,500 from the Spark Foundation's 'Give-a-little' campaign", he says, "but the drive is on for as much community donation and support as possible."

The HCC are to generously match whatever final figure is reached by the appeal, which Matt says is a 'self-imposed target of \$15,000'. While the fund-raising process is still in place, a second stream of advancement for the project lies in the process of meeting all Council criteria.

Matt says that he is working through those issues with Councillor, Craig Cottrill, which involve noise mitigation, safety features

and accurate costings for concept design and building, all in line with Council specifications and objectives.

"Once we have those plans consolidated, it will enhance our chances of further grants from other regional and community sources", Matt added.

Fellow project co-ordinator, Sinead Diedrich, is behind some extra community focused fundraising initiatives that she would like to see project supporters get behind.

"The Still Room have generously offered us the proceeds from one of their 'pub quiz' evenings", Sinead said, "and we are to run a movie night at the Lighthouse Cinema in Petone. We are also planning to have hoodies made up with

a funky skate orientated design."

"But ultimately, it will be about more than just the money", Sinead added. "Eastbourne and Bays residents have a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the construction of the ramp which will be an excellent new amenity and asset for the community and its youth. Once erected, many smaller ownership roles will come into play, such as the supervision of kids and security of the area."

May 31st is the deadline for donations via the 'Give-a-little' campaign, which can be accessed through the link provided below.

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Interesting talks still to come

Following last month's well-attended lectures on freshwater and education, the Eastbourne Winter Series continues its theme of Pre-election thinking - hopes and possibilities with lectures in August on peace and nuclear disarmament, and protecting public service media.

Dr Rebecca Dudley, international humanitarian law adviser for the New Zealand Red Cross, will discuss "What hope is there for peace?" and nuclear disarmament on August 6. The final lecture on August 20 will tackle the thorny issues around the impact of digital media on public service media. This will be delivered by senior lecturer in media studies at Victoria University, Dr Peter Thompson. He will ponder the question whether an impartial news media can survive in a society bombarded by infotainment, tweets and blogs.

The Sunday afternoon lectures will be held at St Ronan's Church, 234 Muritai Road, starting at 2.30pm. They will include time for questions and will be followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. Entry is by gold coin donation.

SMOKE SIGNALS

Eastbourne Volunteer Fire Brigade is currently experiencing a shortage of Volunteer Firefighters and has 14 Firefighter vacancies. We are especially short of daytime volunteers, which affect our ability to respond with a full crew, which in turn increases the risk to the community.

Are you ready to help to protect your community and learn new skills?

If so, come down to the Fire Station on a Monday night at 7:00PM and introduce yourself to Ross, the Chief Fire Officer or give him a call on 021 648 114.

Smoke Alarms

Every year the NZFS attend more than 3,500 house fires. In 80% of the fatal fires we attend, smoke alarms are either not installed or not working. Many fire fatalities happen at night when people are sleeping and don't smell the smoke. Working smoke alarms are the best way to make sure you and your family gets an early warning of fire, so you can get out alive.

Test alarms regularly, aim for twice a year at daylight savings

If not using photoelectric or hard-wired alarms, replace batteries annually. Photoelectric Smoke Alarms have a 10 year battery lifespan.

Escape Plans

Prepare and Practice an Escape Plan

You will have one or two minutes from the sounding of the smoke alarm to when your life is seriously threatened by fire or smoke.

Make sure that everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if a fire occurs.

Identify a primary escape route out of every room, then pick a secondary route in case the first is blocked by fire.

Ensure doorways are not obstructed.

Select and indicate a meeting place outside of the home (eg the letterbox).

Call 111 and ask for the Fire Service from a neighbour's home or mobile phone.

For practical advice on Fire Safety visit www.fire.org.nz or contact your local Fire Brigade.

Emergency Call Outs:

- 10 June 17 - False Alarm, Muritai Rd.
- 13 June 17 - Assist Ambulance, Muritai Rd.
- 13 July 17 - Flooding, Kauri St.
- 13 July 17 - Flooding, Muritai Rd.
- 13 July 17 - Flooding, Tawa St.
- 13 July 17 - Flooding, Muritai Rd.
- 13 July 17 - Flooding, Muritai Rd.
- 15 July 17 - Flooding, Kowhai St.
- 18 July 17 - Car in Water, Lowry Bay.

Plastic bag survey coming soon

The movement to ban plastic bags from Eastbourne is gathering momentum, with a group formed to address the issue.

Alice Montague told this month's Eastbourne Community Board meeting that plastic bags are the second most commonly found item in the oceans, beside cigarette butts.

One point six billion bags are used annually in New Zealand, she said, adding that she regularly saw them in the trees in the hills, and floating in the Harbour.

She said a group of people were keen to implement the change, but it was not possible for Eastbourne to go "cold turkey", which was discussed a few years ago.

The group is launching a survey next month to canvas opinion on plastic bags and their alternatives.

Meanwhile, Eastbourne Village Meats is introducing paper bags.

Four legged friend for the hols



Local children were treated to animal tales with a difference over the holidays, with a visit from Hutt City Council animal services, and a special visit from Floyd the dog.

Virginia van Dooren showed the children a short video about dogs, and then had them line up, ask permission from the owner, and then pat Floyd. Topics discussed mostly animal care such as providing shelter, food, regular walks and socialisation, health care and annual registration for pets.

EASTERN BAYS SHARED PATH UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Eastern Bays Shared Path project is progressing well and a series of meetings will be held during August to engage with the community and get your feedback on the options. The project team, made up of a wide range of disciplines, has developed a number of designs for the two path width options, including options to treat the more sensitive areas around the beaches. The proposed path runs on the seaward side of the road from Point Howard through to the intersection of Marine Parade/Marine Drive/Muritai Road, but excludes any works within Days Bay.

The project team would like to hear your views again as the project progresses. Your input will be incorporated into the technical information, to select the preferred option in preparation for consents to be lodged later in the year.

The project is part of the Great Harbour Way/Te Aranui o Pōneke which is a walking and cycling route around Te Whanganui-a-tara, the harbour of Wellington from Fitzroy Bay in the east to Sinclair Head in the west.

WANT MORE?

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Contact Council's Simon Cager at simon.cager@huttcity.govt.nz

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THANK YOU

to those who supported me



Completing this years Dean Gifford Stair Challenge racing up the Majestic Center internal stairway with the event raising well over \$16,000 for the Child Cancer Foundation. Oh and I did it in 5:18 mins!!

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