

# Wainui Residents Association

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## NEWSLETTER – March 2016

### NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AND BACH OWNERS

Autumn is now upon us and it's time to winter over our most fabulous pontoon- well done to the team who worked so hard to make it possible.

There is always lots going on in the bay and the WRA is always beavering away in the back ground whether it be arranging activities, improving facilities, being advocates for the bay, or simply be a vessel for communication for our members.

This newsletter is full of information- an update on the Freedom Camping Bylaw and how it affects Wainui, What's happening in the local Parish and the Easter Social Calendar.

**Our next event is the Easter Working Bee and Happy Hour – see details on page 2.**

#### WAITANGI DAY-

Thank you to all our community for participating in the Waitangi Day family fun afternoon.

We would like to especially thank French Farm Winery for the free wine tasting and generous gifts for prizes on the day, Kathy Guidi and Bruce Scanlon for the wood donation and Carl Sloss for the crayfish.

The bake sale and fresh produce without fail was a hit and sure to be repeated again!

Thank you also to Ros who ran the very successful kids games.

It was also great to have Mike Bourke from Christchurch City Council to provide an update on the Waste Water Scheme.

#### FREEDOM CAMPING-

Recently freedom camping has been a very hot issue in Canterbury. Following the introduction of the freedom camping bylaw and resulting over population and under resourcing of sites council have now closed a number of sites. As of 16 March 2016- 31 May 2016 Wainui and French Farm freedom camping sites have been closed by Council in conjunction with a number of sites in Christchurch. A review of closures will be made in May.

- The self-contained freedom camping site adjoining Cemetery Road, Wainui remains open.
- We are thankful to Neville Dowie who advocated for the residents of Wainui by attending meetings on our behalf. We have attached a Christchurch City Council Media Release and

The winning Wainui photo of the day  
Photographer - Kathy Guidi



**EASTER EVENTS-** working bee and happy hour

The **Annual Working Bee** is on this Easter Saturday 8am-12pm starting at the Hall. Morning tea provided. This year's efforts centre on improvements to the Tennis Court and the northern End of the Beach.

**Mission 1-** clear drains adjoining the tennis courts, tidy around the fences, upgrade the fencing and wire surrounds.

**Mission 2-** Clear foliage at the northern end of the beach and around the bridge with some planting and painting.

Volunteers if you can please bring any of the following: gloves, wheelbarrow, trailer, line trimmer, chainsaws, paint brush, your good selves and the neighbour! Additionally any baking for morning tea would be gratefully received!

The early Easter caught us out this year so in lieu of the Movie Night we invite everyone to **HAPPY HOUR** at the Hall on Saturday (wet or fine) from 4:30pm. BYO drinks etc. A great way to catch up especially for new arrivals to the Bay.



**ODDS - ENDS -THANKS and GROWLS !**

- Thank you to Carl Sloss for using his resources to remove the large rocks at the end of the boat ramp- beers in transit!
- Reminder to residents who dump green waste including lawn clippings on the foreshore. This is not acceptable.
- Check out the new seats at the boat ramp and bridge- thanks to Eric and Robin Busch.
- Coming soon to the Hall- a new heat-pump and curtains. Also the hall now has comprehensive insurance.
- Don't forget to pay your subs if you haven't already. See form attached or contact our treasurer: kaguidi@yahoo.com

**Important Contact Numbers –**

Christchurch City Council	03 941 8999 – Call centre	Noise issues, rubbish being dumped, concerns about wharf, boat ramp, reserves
Police	03 363 7400	
Fire Brigade	111	Out of control fire
Fire Officer, Dave Evans	027 295 1663	If you have a concern regarding a fire issue
Harbour Master	0800 324 636	<a href="mailto:harbourmaster@ecan.govt.nz">harbourmaster@ecan.govt.nz</a>
Fisheries	0800poacher – 08007611437	Concerns regarding illegal fishing and shellfish gathering
DOC	03 341 9100, 0800 362 468	Concern re injured wildlife or safety hazards
Pollution hotline	0800 76 55 88	Fuel and hazardous substance spill
Navigation safety	0800 324636	Report a breach of boating rules or an accident
Boating information pamphlet	<a href="http://www.ecan.govt.nz/boatingrules">www.ecan.govt.nz/boatingrules</a>	

## WAINUI CHURCH –

Please see the open letter from the Banks Peninsula Presbyterian Church to the residents of Wainui relating to the possible closure and sale of the church.

If you wish to provide your ideas or any feedback, please email Natalie Edwards - [natalie@uev.nz](mailto:natalie@uev.nz)

**Wainui Church**—The Wainui Church is over 100yrs old, and has been reasonably well maintained. However it requires replacement of weather board and exterior painting every 5 to 7 yrs, plus regular treatment for borer. The insurance (not covering for natural disaster) is \$800/yr. All this for perhaps 11 church services/ yr.

The local congregation and the community has undertaken the maintenance over the last 40yrs( the Residents Ass in the 1980, church members on the late 1990s, and John and Margaret Simpson since) The present congregation has met, and decided it cannot continue with the maintenance, and has raised the option of holding future services in the local hall. They would be happy to hold services in the church provided the Presbyterian Church, or the Local Community agrees to maintain it under some form of agreement.

Following discussion it was resolved that the combined Anglican and Presbyterian Parishes acquaint the Wainui Residents of the situation, through the Residents Ass, and recommend that the building be sold once sewerage and water connections are available, unless the community in some form is prepared to accept responsibility for the upkeep of the property.

The church management is not trying to pass the maintenance responsibility to the community, but is advising the community of the position, and give it a chance to voice an opinion, before a sale procedure is commenced.

Ken Paulin

Administrator

BP Presbyterian Church

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