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What's in our community

Welcome to the charming village of Owhango! As the friendly folks of the Ōwhango Residents and Ratepayers Society, we're absolutely thrilled to have you join our vibrant community. Whether you're young or young-at-heart, we can't wait to meet you at one of our upcoming events, community gatherings, or just around town.



ORRIS - Meets every first Thursday of the month, 7pm - 9pm at the fire station.

Market day - Open on the first Sunday of the month from February - December

Ōwhango Alive - next meeting Tuesday, 13th of August 2024. For more info please contact us at owhangoalive@yahoo.com at the Pavilion, 7pm - 9pm

Fantails - Fantails are meeting on, Thursdays 7pm to 9pm at the Pavilion

Craft group - meets on Thursdays 9.30am to 12pm at the pavillion

Blue Hill Café SH4 Ōwhango - Open from 8am-2pm 7 days week.

Ōwhango Volunteer Fire Brigade - meets Wednesdays at the Fire Station. Fire Chief: Cara O'Donnell phone 07 8954600

Hall & Pavilion Bookings Phone 027 3343131 or email owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz

Ōwhango Transfer Station is open: Monday 1pm-5pm. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 8am -12noon. State Highway 4 Ōwhango.

Hall & Pavilion update

The hall windows and inside doors have been painted, new blinds installed at the front windows, and a team of volunteers had a good time cleaning the windows and a tidy up

We are very grateful to the Fantails girls and the Lines company for a grant towards installing security lights at the pavilion.



Up & coming events

MID-WINTER DINNER
Saturday, 27th July 2024
Ōwhango Hall, 5.30pm - 8pm

ORRIS AGM 2024
Sunday, August 18th 2024
4pm, Ōwhango Hall.

WORLD RIVERS DAY.
Sunday, September 29th 2024



Owhango National Park Community Board News

Big picture wise RDC recently approved the next Long Term Plan (LTP). Many ratepayers used the opportunity to engage with elected members during consultation time and through the submission process. I made a submission with several suggestions, and none were included. I will keep persevering with some topics, especially the dust health hazard on rural roads. Many residents are affected by this persistent health hazard. It is disappointing that RDC will not change its thinking or approach to this significant problem. How can we expect a different outcome if we keep doing the same thing again and again.

The update of the filtration unit at the Ōwhango village and community water scheme is happening. As an elected member I was surprised by the announcement at the LTP meeting in Ōwhango that the upgrade work had been approved and fast tracked. It came as news to me, after having asked for progress updates many times prior. On the bright side, the filtration upgrade is a positive step. I will keep asking if there is a plan for the rest of the infrastructure and any potential backups to our village and community water scheme.

The repair work of the slip on the northern loop in the Ohinetonga Reserve was completed. The official opening happened. It is great news that this little gem of a walk can once again be safely completed. Over the past six years lots of time, energy, effort and perseverance by many to make the repair happen. Not forgetting that the slip occurred in May 2018.

I have been supporting ORRIS with the beautification project of the Ōwhango Memorial Gardens. A huge community effort has turned the garden into another gem in our community. Unfortunately, not without having to deal with obstacles and red tape along the way. This is a work in progress.

I have also been assisting the ORRIS committee in its efforts to clarify and improve the governance and management of the committee. An important next step for ORRIS is to meet the changes of the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act and re-register as an incorporated society.

If you like to get in touch, please contact me on 027 479 1926 in the first instance. I am here to listen and happy to talk with you.

Peter Zimmer
Elected Member
Ōwhango National Park Community Board



WHEN : SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 2024

TIME : 4PM

WHERE : OWHANGO HALL

AGENDA

REPORTS

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BUDGET 2024 - 2025

OWHANGO VISION 2035

GENERAL BUSINESS

Become a member of ORRIS. The annual membership fee is \$2.00 Payment to be done to AGM Kiwibank Account 38 9019 0571111 00 (put your name as your reference) or alternativley you can pay at the meeting on the night. We greatly appreciate your support.

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Ōwhango School News

Our big news is the completion of our skate park. This is now being well used by the students during the school hours, and the community at other times. Once the weather warms up, we will be landscaping the surrounding area.



The kids try out the spine

There is a lot more property front ... we are in the final stages of getting council approval for our new staffroom. We had to vacate our old staffroom when it was converted into our fourth classroom this year, so we are creating a new one within our current footprint- it is going in the area that was the cleaners' cupboard, a corridor and the junior toilets.

The other big project is installing insulation into the ceiling of our administrative area. It is a strange fact that the south side of the building where the principal's office, main office, staff toilets, and the corridor are located, has never had any ceiling insulation. Consequently, in winter it can be very cold unless the heat pumps are constantly pumping. It has been a long time getting this to the table as the ministry has prioritised spending money on the classroom spaces- but these are now up to a good standard so we are allowed to spend our property money elsewhere.



The skate park constructors show us how to skate the bowl

One more highlight of last term was our Matariki Hāngī. This was a special event, well attended by our community, with much of the work being done by the senior class students.

If you would like to keep up to date with the school news on a weekly basis by receiving an emailed copy of our weekly newsletter, Pānui, then contact the school via principal@owhango.school.nz.

Ōwhango School Principal
Ewan Starkey



Matariki Hāngī

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The slip

"The Slip", which closed the track access to the Boat Hole back in May 2018, was officially re-opened on Monday, 22nd July with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

A karakia given by Michelle Campbell and a blessing given by the Reverend Mervyn Aitken, both OA vollies - we then walked over the new steps and railing section of the track, before heading back to the Pavilion in the Owango Domain. About 35 of us attended, all getting pretty soaked in the persistent rain!

The fix was a while coming, with Ōwango Alive and other members of the community lobbying to get some action on fixing it.

So, we were stoked to hold the ceremony with members of DOC staff, RDC mayor Weston Kirton, many community members and Ōwango Alive volunteers attending.

10 year old Beau Bryan from Ōwango Primary School, Weston Kirton, Colleen Boston (OA vollie) and George Taylor (Ops Manager DOC), cut the ribbon at the base of the new track steps to symbolise the opening.

We then gathered at the Pavilion for speeches and shared food.



Thanks go to DOC for the food supplied on the day and to our volunteers who provided cake and savouries.

Thanks also go to all who were involved with helping on the day and to those who helped to get us to the stage that The Slip is now officially traversable - job done!

Sally Lashmar

Ōwango Directory

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