

PENZANCE TUNA BAYS NEWSLETTER

WELCOME AND SAD FAREWELLS:

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It's newsletter time again.

We would like to welcome our new residents and hope you enjoy the bay. A sad farewell to our departing members Noel and Ruth Parker, (who lived in the bay for many years), Murray and Jenny Hills, Crombie Lockwood group and John Miller-mead who sadly passed away late last year.

The weather has been up and down but while writing this newsletter I am enjoying some very hot days. The cicadas are back in full force and the wasps have appeared, so the team are out laying the Vespex wasp bait again. Hopefully they will be short lived.

There's a lot coming up in March & April in the area.

Havelock Mussel & Seafood Festival Saturday **18th March** Havelock Domain, Peel Street, Havelock from 10am—6pm. Early bird tickets \$25. Children under 12 free. Tickets can be booked www.iticket.co.nz or from i-sites Havelock & Blenheim. Live music, delicious food, fine local beer, wine and seafood.

Sounds Advisory Group and Marlborough District Council invites all to attend a PUBLIC MEETING 1pm **20 March** more on this later in this newsletter.

Bat Spotting at Pelorus—At the Pelorus Bridge Café Friday **24th March** from 8pm—9.30pm All ages Admission Free

Tennyson Inlet fishing competition Easter Saturday **15th April** Duncan Bay

Our very own Pumpkin Competition Penzance Tuna v Duncan Bay Saturday **22nd April** 2pm all welcome more on this later in this newsletter.

Anzac Day service beach front Penzance Tuesday **25th April** 9.30am followed by tea & coffee. Everyone welcome. If anyone would like to contribute a memory of a family member from the wars, a poem or A reading to the service please contact Beryl Archer or Jane Nichol. People are invited to bring Wreaths made of natural material.

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CICADA'S THEIR SAD SUMMER SOUNDTRACK

Reference: from a story in the Marlborough Midweek February 8th 2017 by Wendy Sullivan DOC Community Ranger.

You realise summer is finally here when you suddenly become conscious of the racket of the cicada in the bush and fields.

However did you know the clatter that we associate with long, hot, lazy summer days actually marks the male cicada's last days of life. Cicada have a fascinating life cycle.

Cicada nymphs spend most of their lives burrowed down underground, feeding on sap from plant roots.

After three to five years these nymphs emerge.

Adults live only a few weeks, feeding on plant sap. It's just long enough to seek a mate

and for the female to lay her eggs on leaves and twigs.

When the new nymph hatch, they drop to the ground, and using their powerful digging front legs, can dig down as much as one metre into the soil. As they grow they need to shed their skins, usually up to five times. In North America, one species lives for 17 years, all but a few weeks of them underground.

When they emerge, they will climb a tree and do their final moult. The empty skins are often seen on the ground.

The call we hear is the males calling females to mate. They produce the sound using ribbed membranes located on each side of the base of their abdomen, called tymbals. . Each tymbal is

attached by a tendon to a powerful muscle

As the muscle contract, it buckles the shape of the tymbal which causes a pulse of sound, like squeezing a plastic bottle.

When the muscle is relaxed the tymbal pops back into shape.

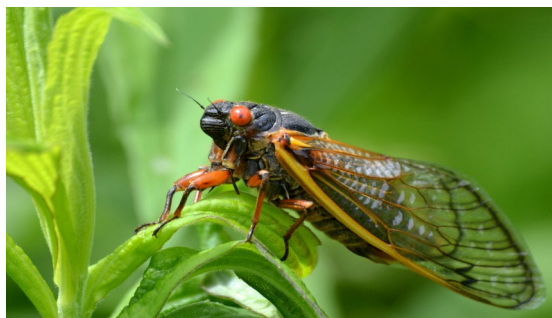
Repeated muscle contraction, up to 600 per second, produces the distinctive cicada call.

Some species can reach a volume of 120 decibels—about as loud as an ambulance siren—and loud enough to cause hearing damage if it was next to your ear.

The New Zealand cicada genera consists of 42 species and subspecies, although additional species are yet to be formally described.

All our species are unique to New Zealand, and New Zealand's largest

species, the cicada chorus, has a wingspan of 8 centimeters. Their Maori name is kihikihi wawa—wawa meaning "to roar like the sound of heavy rain". So when you hear the cicada tonight, spare a thought for the adults. However while their days are numbered, they are producing the next generation of singers who we will hear in the years to come.



The noise male cicada make is to attract a female to mate, but signals the final days of their lives

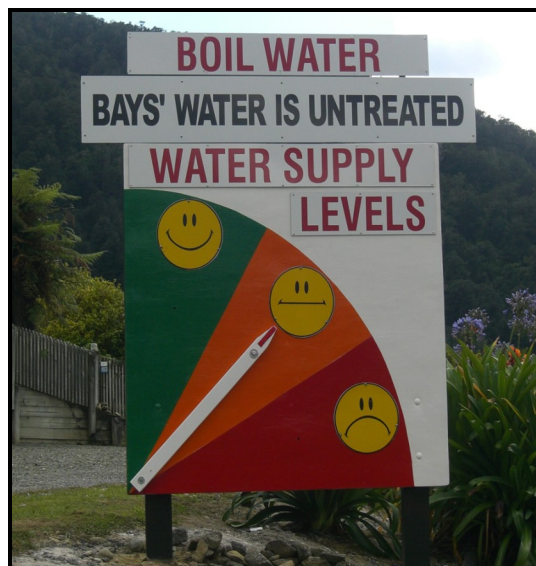
Community news

Penzance /Tuna Bay Water Report February 2017

Monthly water sample testing continues to be carried out and analysed at the Cawthron Institute. This project runs through to August 2017 when the results will be analysed and be available at the 2017 AGM. The Boil Water Notice remains in force. If you rent or loan your property please ensure that the people are aware of this notice.

If you have inline water filters on your property it is advisable to clean these regularly as properties have run out of water due to blocked filters.

Should you discover any leaks or broken fittings, need help or advice contact Geoff Allison 3183 Archers Road, or Leanne Schmidt and Tim Hallinan 3163 Archers Road. Some fittings may be available for purchase from the above people. Could property owners please check and repair their own water storage tanks/pipes for leaks as considerable wastage can occur.



On behalf of the Penzance Tuna Bays property owners association, A big thank you to Geoff Allison for the revamp of our water sign, and a big thank you to all the other people in the bay that continually spray, tidy and pick up rubbish . I am sure it is much appreciated by all.

The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Competition

It's on. Penzance/Tuna Bay v Duncan Bay

Show up with your prize beauties:- Heaviest, smallest, ugliest or most unusual, best dressed, tastiest dish, fastest down hill. The only rule is the pumpkin must be grown in Tennyson Inlet. Tastiest dish may be made from an ordinary pumpkin and does not have to be grown in Tennyson Inlet.

Where: Same paddock as last year near the Penzance Tuna Duncan bays turn offs.

When: Saturday 22nd April at 2pm

Come and join the fun with or without a pumpkin. Bring your families and friends, BYO drinks and nibbles to share.



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If you would prefer to get this newsletter via email please let Shirley know
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We also have a great email system going called the Penzance grapevine for news, buy, sell and if you require trades people we can more easily entice them to come with more people requiring their services. If you are not on this but would like to be contact Lesley contact details above

We have a Penzance phone list if you would like a copy or be added please let Lesley know contact details above

**PLEASE REMEMBERS DOGS
SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON A
LEASH ON THE BEACH
FRONT AREA AS PER
SIGNAGE**

Community news continued

Sounds Advisory Group and Marlborough District Council

Invites you to attend a PUBLIC MEETING at 1pm on Monday 20th March 2017 at Mount Richmond Estate, Main Road Rai Valley. The meeting is open to all Sounds Residents. In attendance they propose to have.. Three Sounds Ward councilors, A representative from Marlborough Roads, A representative from DOC, Steve Urlich and Alan Johnson MDC, will present a coastal science monitoring and policy update. Take this great opportunity to have your say regarding any concerns you may have in your area. Your attendance is paramount. Linda Booth.

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: **RAI VALLEY Refuge centre** Ronga Road- Open hours Tuesday
: mornings 9am –12 noon Friday mornings 9am–12 noon and Sun-
: day afternoons 1pm–4pm. This site also has a 24-hour \$3 coin-operated skip.
: Green waste only can be dumped for \$5 a trailer load. Entrance
: to the dump just past 1st bridge on your right leaving Penzance.
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NEWS FROM AGM

Our proposed rule changes were accepted and have now been actioned except the rule pertaining to membership which has been held back until more consultation can be sort. It was voted to keep membership at \$10. The water fee is now \$35 a year because of the extra water testing, tank cleaning, and water compliance issues. Accounts have been sent out. If you have paid thank you. If not payment is due now.

The committee has stayed the same, except for Leanne Schmidt who has resigned. She will be sadly missed as she has been a hard working committee member.

Defibrillator: A discussion was held and members were reminded that this has already been discussed by the committee. The members present at the AGM would like the committee to discuss this issue again and get opinions from medical personnel and also discuss how to fund it. It was suggested to approach Pelorus Area Health Trust and seek donations from the community. Phil Green has offered a donation. Storage would also have to be discussed. Linda Booth will take a request to the next SAG meeting to see if any help could come from there.

RAPID nationwide system of numbering rural properties.

The RAPID number is in effect, the street address for a rural property with a dwelling. The numbers are based on a distance along the road from a designated point at the start of the road. Marlborough Kaikoura Principal Rural Fire Officer Richard McNamara is appealing to rural property owners to make sure they have a RAPID number at their gateway and that it is clearly visible to emergency services—fire, medical, police telephone and power suppliers, as well as our rural mail.

With the increasing density of rural dwellings, more shared driveways, and rural property owners with multiple dwellings, it is even more important to be able to identify access to properties quickly.

The Marlborough District Council register of RAPID numbers is updated regularly. Property owners are encouraged to make contact with the council to apply for their individual number. The fee is \$57 per new number, which covers the cost of measuring and recording property details and supplying the numbered plate. Where a group of properties share one driveway, the council will supply a plate showing the range of numbers free of charge. There is a small charge for replacement plates.

Richard McNamara. MKRF.

CUT THIS OUT AND PUT IT BY YOUR PHONE:**Helicopter****GPS CO-ORDINATES FOR PENZANCE BAY
POINT
(BETTY ARCHER RESERVE)****41 Degrees, 5 minutes, 24 seconds south****173 Degrees, 45 minutes, 59 seconds East**

**PLEASE NOTE : AN EPI PEN IS LOCATED for emergencies at Geoff and Marg Allison's
3183 Archers Road just under the front deck as you enter the property.**

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