



## Newsletter March 2023

Hello everyone and thank you for your ongoing support to the Aotea Residents Association.

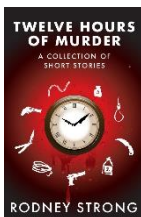
We have had a large number of new members to our Facebook page over the past three months which is great to see, and we are sending this issue of the ARA newsletter to all members.

We are promoting events happening soon, as well as what we have been working on so please get in touch if you would like to be involved, know more, or have ideas which could help or interest our community.

Thank you.

The ARA team

## Upcoming Events



### Book Launch

Local author Rodney Strong is launching his new book at Sushil's Musclechef Cafe on Sunday 2 April at 3.30pm. All welcome. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



### Musclechef Talent and Business Community corner

Run every Saturday morning to support and promote local businesses and talent in Aotea. So far, the cafe has hosted Lucy Bunton from Barking Mad biscuits, Brendon from Pest free Aotea, while also partnering up with Morne at Aotea Auto Limited for Dad's Shed

(community space/venue). Pop in and see Sushil if you'd like to know more.



### **ARA AGM**

October 2023 (TBC)



### **Aotea Quiz Night(s)**

Running a little differently this year, our annual quiz will be run over three nights in June 2023, and hosted by Sushil's Musclechef Cafe.

Dates TBC

## **Website Refresh**

Our website refresh is progressing nicely. Below is an example of some of the new information going on the site. As soon as everything is ready we will let you know.

### **1) Business forum – would you like to be involved?**

Dedicated to listing local small businesses: this includes; quarterly meetings with business owners, business expo once per year, and at times working with other business groups in the local area as well as Porirua council on initiatives.

Please feel free to reach out to Sushil directly as well as he would love to help and support your business as part of his role in the committee as the business Liaison and the community initiatives he runs at the café.

### **2) Aotea running and sports groups – would you like to be involved?**

Dedicated to running, walking, and ad hoc sport days, and if you have any other ideas for activities, please let us know.

### **3) Events page**

This page will keep track of upcoming local events including: Quiz night, games nights, community food days, community work/planting and maintenance

### **4) Call for volunteers – would you like to be involved?**

Areas of help needed: Facebook page, events, children's day (Nov 2023), planting and beautification, neighbourhood watch/safety.

**5) Village planning page:**

This will provide updates (as we get them) on how the ARA is working with council.

**6) Wellbeing page:**

This will provide local help line numbers including but not limited to: civil defence, citizens advice bureau, and any relevant information which may come in handy for our community.

**7) The ARA to do list:**

This page is taken from our ARA work list to provide a snap shot and update of what we are working on such as: connections to other local residents associations, connections to Police and safety groups, local projects including the pumptrack, AGM's and proposed historical Porirua educational walks.

**8) ARA rules:** Facebook page: reminder and for reference

If you would like to be involved with any of the above initiatives, please email us at [aotearesidents@gmail.com](mailto:aotearesidents@gmail.com).

# **PORIRUA ARTS TRAIL**

*Art direct  
from local artists*

Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm

**18 & 19 MARCH 2023**

[poriruaartstrail.org.nz](http://poriruaartstrail.org.nz)

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