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[WWW.PAUATAHANUI.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.PAUATAHANUI.ORG.NZ)

## Profile PRA Member - Joanne Cross



I am Joanne (Jo) Cross.

I have loved Pauatahanui my whole life and finally realised my dream of moving here from Whitby about 6 years ago with my partner

Peter Possegger (from the Porirua Resene shop) and our son Matthew Cross.

We live at Spellbound on the Paekakariki Hill road along with a dog, 2 cats, 5 Angus steers, 2 horses and 9 alpaca- chaos!

For my sins I run my own accountancy practice in Porirua.

I couldn't list all the things that interest me outside of work but socialising, baking, travelling, reading, gardening and learning new things are just a few.

Our son went to Pauatahanui School and we loved the close feeling of community. I made many friends on the Lamb and Calf committee but once he went off to college I found myself with a bit of free time, I'd been a member of PRA but never taken much of an interest. I came along to the AGM and lo and behold now I am in the thick of it!

I am a real newbie to the group but it's great fun working with other people who have that commitment to helping their community. I have learnt heaps about local processes and met lots of wonderful people already. There are so many projects being worked on by the committee members, I had no idea before getting involved. I hope to have many years learning and helping.

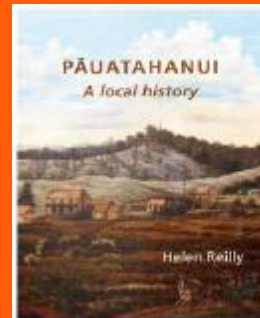
I am always happy to chat to residents who have concerns, thoughts and ideas so feel free to give me a call- 237 7666.

## PRA Committee meeting - August 2014

At this month's meeting the Committee covered a number of topics, including:

- Steady sales of 'Pauatahanui, A Local History' continue. The book can be purchased anytime from Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene and online at: [www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz](http://www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz)
- The PRA is looking at options and costs to archive the significant volume of material provided for the production of the book. This will enable the materials future use, after the appropriate permissions have been sought.
- The PRA has written to the PCC expressing concern over the delay in the hearing of the retrospective notified resource consent application of Mr Ellis, to undertake an expansion of the GroundUp Café, including additional and

# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter



## Have you bought your copy yet?

This is a truly special book celebrating our local history, the people and the times. You can view a sample copy locally at Rural Trading Post, The Lavender Room or the Lighthouse Cinema.

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## August 2014

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alterations to the existing building and increased seating capacity.

- The PRA has submitted on District Plan Change 16 Network Utilities. The PRA will represent its members at the Hearing which is due to be held 18-19 September.
- The PRA and Council are working collaboratively, making great progress with the Village Planning Programme. The pathway and lighting for the Te Ara Piko/Whitby Walkway link (Lighthouse carpark) safety project are now in place. The gardens outside the Rural Trading Post have been replanted and planning has commenced to progress a Bus Shelter for school children travelling out of the area. The welcome to Pauatahanui sign idea is likely to be progressed from the 2015/16 planning budget.

For more information please refer to the minutes on the PRA website

[www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz).

**The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 16 September 2014.**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Check out the Porirua City Council website ([www.pcc.govt.nz](http://www.pcc.govt.nz)) home page for the following consultations and have your say on issues impacting our community:

**Item 1:** District Plan change 16, Network utilities hearings will be held on 18-19 September 2014.

**Item 2:** Northern Growth Area Structure Plan submissions open until 19 September

## Pauatahanui Residents Association Website

PRA has been very pleased with the response to our new website.

As well as containing basic information about PRA (committee, objectives) the website has

- Copies of minutes, newsletters,
- Information on current issues including copies of submissions that have been made by PRA
- Local Information – Events, Places of Interest and a local directory

PRA has also made it easier for people to **renew their membership** with an online membership form.

PRA is now looking to develop a **business directory** within the website. It is intended that the business directory will have two sections – one section will be for local

businesses in Pauatahanui. The second section will be for businesses owned by Pauatahanui residents where the business is not necessarily located within Pauatahanui itself. This has arisen from requests from people wanting to support other locals in their businesses and will be open to financial members of PRA.

PRA will be contacting current financial members to see if they have a business they would like to be included in our business directory. If you are a financial member (or would like to be) and would like your business to have a link on the website (or know someone else who might) then please complete the forms online or contact PRA by email [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com) And if you haven't had a look, go online at <http://pauatahanui.org.nz>



**Pauatahanui Inlet Clean-up Day**  
Remember to put 30 November in your diary for the annual Pauatahanui Inlet clean-up

## 2014 Survey Monkey Results



Thank you to the 40 residents who took part in our online survey during July. It has given the Committee a useful insight into what you

would find valuable. What was really reassuring was that you think our current focus is right. As a result of your feedback we will also:

- Keep you posted on what's happening with Transmission Gully
- Keep the pressure on PCC about the On Site Waste Water Licensing regime
- Continue to focus on projects which enhance access, whilst protecting local flora and fauna and
- Continue to let you know about local events related to our PRA objectives.
- There is interest to have a regular market day – what do you think?

Further feedback is welcomed at any stage via our email

[pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

## What is the PRA about?

The Pauatahanui Residents Association is a voluntary organisation which represents the community of Pauatahanui (including Pauatahanui village, Paekakariki Hill, Judgeford and all adjacent rural localities of Porirua City) by organising and participating in projects designed to:

- Maintain or improve the community and its environment for all residents, while preserving its rural character & scenery

- Promote the advancement of environmental protection or
- improvement to its rivers and waterways, with particular emphasis on the Pauatahanui Inlet
- Encourage residents to preserve and protect its flora and fauna
- Preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area, both Maori and European

The PRA represents and provides information back to the community on issues of importance to Pauatahanui. The PRA is recognised by Porirua City Council as representing the community and receives notification of issues which affect the Pauatahanui area.

This information is passed on to members for comment. Membership enables you to participate in consultation and representation on key issues which affect our community.

A copy of the PRA Rules and Constitution can be requested from the Committee Secretary.

## Wellington International Airport Regional Community Awards

The PRA was thrilled to be a finalist in the Porirua region Heritage & Environment category of the Wellington Airport Community Awards.

The PRA was nominated for the award following on from the huge success of the Pauatahanui history book - *Pauatahanui: A local history*, by author Helen Reilly and published by the PRA.

Although the PRA was not successful in winning this category we were pleased that

the nomination acknowledged the effort that went into the book which was the product of five years' work by a small group of volunteers. The Pauatahanui History Group, worked closely with the PRA and Helen Reilly to meet the aim of producing a history book of high quality for use by local residents, libraries, schools, and academics, as well as those with a connection to Pāuatahanui and Whitby.

PRA would like to congratulate the Guardians of Pauatahanui Inlet who were successful winners in this category of the awards.

Wellington Airport, in partnership with Wellington Community Trust, and the five local councils have joined together to recognise the work carried out by community groups in the wider Wellington region. The focus of the Awards is to reward the valuable contribution made by volunteers. Key factors considered during judging are Volunteer input, Utilisation of resources, Innovation and creativity, Effectiveness of activities and Impact within the community.

More information is available on the awards at the [Wellington International Airport website](http://Wellington International Airport website).



**2014 Regional Community Awards**  
Porirua Finalist