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# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## February 2014

### GroundUp Café Resource Consent

After being approached by a number of members of the Pauatahanui community, the PRA has responded to the resource consent application (RCA) of Mr Darryl Ellis (Ground Up Cafe). The concerns expressed to PRA relate to the retrospective consent being sought for the illegal extensions to the Café in recent years and includes the following:

- Has stressed the sewerage capacity of the site and caused pollution into the wildlife reserve by increasing the patronage well beyond the allowed numbers.
- Has contributed to lack of public parking facilities in the Village by not providing adequate off-street parking for café customers and staff.
- Mr Ellis currently has a second proposal before Council to significantly alter the section currently occupied by The Rural Trading Post, GroundUp Café and the General Store. One effect of this is that the tenants of the General Store have received notice of a High Court action from the landlord to evict them which could result in the permanent loss of the General Store to the community.

The promotion of two separate issues on behalf of Mr Ellis has led to some confusion and has been exacerbated by the recent advertisements placed in the Dominion Post promoting Mr Ellis' plans for the large commercial development. The present RCA, and call for submissions, refers to Mr Ellis' retrospective application to extend the present café and its car parking and is **NOT** the RCA relating to the new proposal. PRA has responded to the public concern that has been received by issuing a public notice to all residents in the area asking people to make a submission to Porirua City Council (PCC) on the current RCA if they are concerned about the issues related to a retrospective consent for the extensions to the café.

PRA has posted a draft of its submission on its website [www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz) which outlines many of the issues involved. Details of how to make a submission and the forms to use are on the PCC website and submissions close by 4 PM on 27<sup>th</sup> of February. Note, submissions can be made via email.

As part of their community consultation PRA asked whether people felt there was a need for a public meeting. Responses have shown some support for a meeting, however PRA

has now determined that there is insufficient time to arrange this before submissions are due to close. The second RCA, for a major building programme on the site, is currently being processed by Council and has not yet been publicly notified. Should Mr. Ellis' second RCA be notified, PRA would, if requested, be willing to arrange a public meeting then for all stakeholders. For any further inquiries on this issue please contact the PRA Secretary at [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com).

### PRA Committee meeting - February 2014

At this month's meeting the Committee addressed a number of topical issues, in addition to the GroundUp Café Resource consent, including:

- The history book 'Pauatahanui, A Local History' has been a great success. Door-to-door sales of the book will commence in Whitby through March.
- The Council is calling a community workshop to gather views on the future of the area, to inform the Northern Growth Area Structure Plan project. We have been advised it will be held 9 April 2014, 7pm at the Plimmerton Boating Club, Moana Road, Plimmerton.

For more information please request a copy of the minutes from [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com).

**The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 18 March 2014.**



## Pauatahanui village planning update

The following village planning projects are underway in Pauatahanui:

- ➔ Work is on track for the new Water and Sewerage Reticulation Scheme to be completed by the end of May.
- ➔ Plans continue to be discussed with PCC engineers and landscape architects to improve pathway safety and access, particularly for school children, from the Lighthouse Cinema to the start of the Whitby Walkway by the Lavender Room.
- ➔ Investigation of options for a school bus shelter.

- ➔ Investigation of options for a Historic Trail through Pauatahanui Village linking in to the Te Aro Piko walkway.
- ➔ Investigation of options for a 'Welcome' sign to Pauatahanui.

### PAUATAHANUI VILLAGE BOUNDARIES

**Northern boundary:** The junction of Grays Road and Paekakariki Hill Road to the north.

**Western boundary:** The boundary between Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve and the private land along the western side of Paekakariki Hill Road in the village, and extending into the Wildlife Reserve to include Stout Cottage.

**Eastern Boundary:** Similarly this lies behind the houses immediately bordering the eastern side of Paekakariki Hill Road in the village and including the school and pre-school, St Albans Church and the Public Burial Ground.

For more details please contact the Secretary via email [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com).

## What's UP in Pauatahanui?

Having launched the PRA website [www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz) we want to keep it dynamic, interesting and informative, making it the "go to place" for information on Pauatahanui. To help us do this we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on places of interest and/or events happening locally.

If you have places around Pauatahanui that you take visitors to or you think tourists would like to know about or local events that you would like the wider community to be aware of, please let us know by emailing [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

## Te Aro Piko Walkway

Work commenced in January on the next stage of the Te Ara Piko pathway.

The 350m section will take it from Ration Creek into the village, which will complete the pathway from Motukaraka Point.



The main contractor is Juno Civil Ltd who previously built both the main bridges closer to Motukaraka Point over the Horokiri stream and its tributary for the pathway.

For the construction of this stage, the bridge over the Ration Creek will have piles six metres deep to get down through the layers of silt to a solid base. The style will be similar to the existing bridge over the Horokiri Stream.

Between the bridge and the village, the pathway is being built within the road reserve

to prevent any damage to the salt marsh. The existing gravel shoulder will be raised up and levelled to create a flat surface for the pathway. This is created by using layers of gravel that are reinforced by a very strong plastic geogrid. The advantage of the geogrid is that it contains the gravels so they are not sucked out by tidal action which then leads to the estuarine environment being contaminated with the gravels and erosion of the pathway/road.

A sealed shoulder is being maintained between the road and the pathway to provide for the road cyclists. Concrete wheel stops will help define the pathway from the road shoulder.

This section of the pathway has been designed with consultation from members of the Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve. Further

planting will occur once the pathway is complete.

Discussions are also underway around extending the pathway from its current starting point at Motukaraka Point back along Grays Rd to the waterski club and the end of the Camborne walkway. The community and other affected parties have been involved in a walk along the section, and planning is being done to resolve the best way to develop a pedestrian walkway/cycleway along this narrow section of road.

Te Ara Piko pathway is a joint project between Porirua City Council and Plimmerton Rotary Club.

Thank you to Andrew Gray, PCC Landscape Architect, for his input to this article.

### 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:** Resource consent for the expansion of the **GroundUp Café**, including additions and alterations to the existing building and increased seating. Closing 27 February.

**Item 2:** **Northern Growth Area Structure Plan** community workshop on 9 April 2014.

**Item 3:** **Local Alcohol Policy** – community survey

