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Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

January 2014

Introducing the Pauatahanui Residents Association Chair

Pauatahanui Residents Association's Management Committee Chair, Ken McAdam was voted into the position in August 2014.



Ken & Shelley McAdam

We have lived in Flightys road since 2001 and I have been on the committee of the Pauatahanui Residents Association since 2005. I was kindly voted into the position of chair while on Holiday. Our three children have left home and we have 3 grandchildren with another on the way. I have found since living on a lifestyle block that I am really good at growing gorse and unlike other plants don't seem to be able to kill it. We attend The Anchor church and love living in this area.

Pauatahanui Residents Association website

In December the PRA launched their new website www.pauatahanui.org.nz, developed and supported by Flightdec.com, as we were keen to join "the digital age" and provide another forum for sharing information with the Pauatahanui community. Currently the website provides a platform for accessing:

- PRA meeting minutes and newsletters
- submissions and representations made by PRA
- information on issues of relevance to the community

PRA hopes that the website will further develop to:

- provide information on local events and happenings
- showcase Pauatahanui and its environs

The PRA website is also linked to OurPorirua.com, a new and innovative community hub website whose purpose is "to provide an online hub for all Porirua communities and groups, to facilitate better connectivity and the exchange of information, opinions and ideas."

As PRA seeks to ensure that the website is topical and relevant to our community we welcome feedback and ideas for future content.

PRA Committee meeting - January 2014

At this month's meeting the Committee addressed a number of topical issues, including:

- The history book 'Pauatahanui, A Local History' has been a great success, the project has now broken even, with options being investigated for how surplus funds might be used to preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area.
- The Dry Creek (replacement) Cleanfill decision was released on 31 January to decline all applications. Noting the configuration of access to the site has the potential to cause unacceptable SH58 traffic safety issues.
- PRA has indicated to PCC its interest to be kept informed about the Northern Growth Area Structure Plan project. This is a land-use planning exercise to develop a 30-year strategy for the future growth in Porirua's northern suburbs, between Mana and Pukerua Bay, and adjacent rural areas.

For more information on these discussions please request a copy of the minutes from pauatahanuireidents@gmail.com or request a copy from Erica Nicholls, Secretary, PO Box 54141, Mana 5247. **The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 18 February 2014.**

Pauatahanui village planning update

The following village planning projects are underway in Pauatahanui:

- Work has just begun on the new Water and Sewerage Reticulation Scheme through the village by Tanana Contracting Ltd. It is hoped that work will be completed by the end of May.
- You may have also seen the gas pipe works in the village, which are almost complete.
- Plans are being drawn up by 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.

For more details please contact the Secretary via email pauatahanuieresidents@gmail.com.

October 2013 residents survey

Thank you to the 46 residents who took part in our online survey during October. It has given the Committee a useful insight into what you would find valuable. Your recommends have resulted in:

- The newsletter, to encourage more interactive opportunities for community to voice opinions
- Pauatahanui Residents website
- Highlighting events which are coming up

Further feedback is welcomed at any stage via our email pauatahanuieresidents@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Check out the Porirua City Council website (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: Note there will be upcoming consultation on the 30 year **Northern Growth Area Structure Plan**.

Item 3: Local Alcohol Policy – community survey

Pauatahanui community carols in the paddock

Just before Christmas, a few local families decided to organise a Christmas get together in Pauatahanui Village.



Pauatahanui has a wonderful community feel and in the past there have been many events like barn dances, cricket matches, car rallies, movie nights and tennis tournaments to name but a few. Pauatahanui School's annual Lamb & Calf Day still brings thousands of visitors to enjoy our great community spirit and atmosphere.

"We felt it was time to have a Pauatahanui Christmas event" said Anna Dellow, one of

the organisers of the first **Pautahanui Community Carols in the Paddock** evening held on a recent sunny evening in December.

In the new history book 'Pauatahanui – A local history' it mentions on page 67 "...by the 1860s, the tradition of holding a public outdoor event in Pauatahanui on Boxing Day was firmly established, with a committee being formed each year to organise the day and solicit donations."

While all of Pauatahanui was welcome to attend the Carols Evening, we didn't know



how many would turn up. A few posters were put in the Village, notices were distributed in the school newsletter, e-mails were sent out

via various distribution lists and in the end it was a great success with almost 300 attending!

People brought their shared plates, Christmas nibbles, chairs, blankets and Christmas cheer. Friends caught up, kids played, decorations were made and everyone sang. It was a lovely night. At the end of the evening, families took their homemade decorations over to the Christmas tree in the Webb paddock which entertained us all throughout the festive season.

This is a tradition we are hoping will continue so watch for news of Pauatahanui's Community Carols in the Paddock for 2014! (Of course... we could use a new tree!).



Thank you for your support

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