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Profile - PRA Management Committee Member



Anna Dellow

Ewan and I have lived in Pauatahanui Village for 17 years. Our house was originally owned by the Weldon Family who used to run the general store and petrol station. The house has changed a lot in the last 15 years. It's grown as our family has. We now have two children,

Jago and Perran, a cat and a dog! The boys went to Pauatahanui Pre-school and School. We've made so many friends through that association and would recommend to any new families that they get involved in the community whether it's through joining a school committee or having a wine at a book group!

I started attending the PRA AGM's not long after we moved to Pauatahanui. Back then you received a note in your mailbox advising you of the time and place. Now of course there's the PRA newsletter available online and a beautiful website containing lots of useful community information and articles as well as the PRA meeting times and agenda.

I've always had an interest in local issues and enjoyed a subject at college called

'Humanities'. This was a combination of history, geography and RE. Being on the PRA means I cover all these subjects! I'm the village representative on the PRA and I work with the Porirua City Council on the Village Planning Programme. I attend regular planning meetings and enjoy seeing the way Pauatahanui is evolving.

I do want to preserve Pauatahanui's special rural character and I'm passionate about protecting the unique environment that surrounds us all. If you haven't had a walk yet on the new Te Aro Piko, I suggest you do – it's stunning first thing in the morning or on a still winter's evening.

I look forward to seeing you out there.

Water & Sewerage Reticulation in Pauatahanui Village

After many years of planning, work to connect water and sewerage to properties in Pauatahanui village has finally been completed and was officially opened on 26 June 2014.

Water & Sewerage reticulation scheme for Pauatahanui Village was one of the key priorities raised in the last Pauatahanui Village Plan.

The project was seen by both Porirua City Council and local residents as an important step in protecting the health of the Pauatahanui Inlet.

Many of the properties within the village were on low-lying land that was

susceptible to a high water table. They were also too small to adequately deal with on-site wastewater disposal (i.e. septic tanks). Twenty-one Pauatahanui



properties, including Pauatahanui School and preschool, have now been connected through the scheme, with half the capital cost of the project paid for by the property owners.

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

Also: We recommend you check out the **Climate Change Strategy** on the Greater Wellington Regional Council's engagement webpage

<http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/climate-change>

Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

PRA's History Book Group are finalists in Porirua's Heritage and Environment category for the Wellington Airport Community Awards



2014 Regional Community Awards
 Porirua Finalist

July
 2014

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PRA Committee meeting - July 2014

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

- **Saturday 30 August** get your copy of 'Pauatahanui, A Local History' from the **Whitby Mall** in time for Father's Day. Your purchase from the Mall will support the PRA's local history activities and raise money for the Scots College history trip to Gallipoli in 2015. The book can also be purchased anytime from Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene, Unity Bookshop Wellington and online at: www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz
- The Hearing over the notified resource consent application of Darryl Ellis (to undertake an expansion of the **GroundUp Café**, including additional and alterations



LAMB & CALF DAY PARKING: Do have ideas about Lamb & Calf Day parking or land suitable for parking on Saturday 1st November? If so, please email Lauren Kennedy: lambandcalfdays@yahoo.co.nz

WASTEWATER LICENSING CONCERNS? Please let us know of your concerns, if you haven't already.



to the existing building and increased seating capacity) is now scheduled for October 2014. **PRA is writing to PCC to indicate concerns that the decision is not being made within reasonable timeframes.**

- You may have noticed there's been a lot of work done on the **carpark pedestrian safety project** just south of the Lighthouse Cinema. The area is well used, especially by people walking from Whitby. This is a good example of our Village Plan coming to life. Thank you to Anna Dellow and Claire Giblin for their tireless work on this project, which has made it happen.
- The PRA website will soon have a new 'Local Information' heading under the menu, which will include **local business and service directories** as well as an **A-Z of information for local residents**

covering links to topics such as waste water management, rural fire service. Continue to let us know what you would like to see on the website.

- The **electronic survey** was a great success, with 40 respondents. Please refer to the back of the newsletter for a summary of the results.
- NZTA have announced the contract for the 27km **Transmission Gully project** has been awarded to the Wellington Gateway Partnership. The aim is to have it open for traffic by 2020.

For more information or a copy of this month's PRA minutes please refer to the PRA website www.pauatahanui.org.nz

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 August 2014.

Listening to our community...

2014 Residents survey

Thank you to the 40 residents who took the time to complete our online survey during July. It has given the Committee useful insights into what you would find valuable.

FAST FACTS

70% 20 May AGM Informative & Interesting

20 respondents to the survey had attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Judgeford Golf Club rooms on 20 May. We were thrilled to hear 70% of the attendees found the AGM "informative and interesting". Please let us know if you have ideas for future PRA AGMs, such as topics, speakers, venue and time

57% Respondents who have paid their subscriptions

57% (23) of residents who responded are paid up members of the PRA. The rest of respondents are not or were unsure whether they were. As a result the PRA will be emailing all of our unsubscribed residents with a reminder. You can subscribe online, easily at www.pauatahanui.org.nz

97% Support PRA's current focus

97% of residents support the Committee's current focus on topical issues related to infrastructure (roads, sewerage and water) and 92% support a focus on the use of local land and resources. Thank you for telling us we are continuing to focus on the things important to you.

Your comments

You recommended:

- It is always important to keep perspective about issues of community and not be judgmental towards community members with differing views
- Continue surveys
- A market day in the village
- Consider the website containing a 'people from the past' section where we can send old family photographs
- One resident commented the PRA are a "Boring bunch of self-important twats!" – the Committee invite this resident to join the Committee or attend a meeting.

If these comments have sparked other ideas or comments please email to let us know at pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com