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# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## March 2014

### Profile PRA Secretary - Erica Nicholls



#### Moran & Erica celebrating a recent birthday!

Erica and her partner Moran have lived on their Grays Road lifestyle block for just over five years. They enjoy managing their five Dexter cattle, and try beekeeping and making cheese. To relax Erica plays social netball, keeps a vege garden and enjoys catching up with friends.

During the week Erica is the Manager of Business & Regulatory Assurance at Land Information NZ, where she works to ensure the integrity of New Zealand's' property rights.

Erica joined the PRA at the recommendation of neighbours and as Secretary has enjoyed contributing to the PRA's work, meeting new people in the community and getting closer to the projects and issues which matter. Erica says "if you have a sense of community and have some time to donate once a month, get involved as it is fun and we get things done!"

### PRA Committee meeting - March 2014

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

- The history book 'Pauatahanui, A Local History', which has been a great success, with around half of the book stock having been sold. So be quick to get your copy, if you haven't already. The book can be purchased at Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene, Unity Bookshop Wellington and online at: [www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz](http://www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz)
- The PRA has made a submission on the notified resource consent application of Darryl Ellis, to undertake an expansion of the GroundUp Café, including additional and alterations to the existing building and increased seating capacity. The PRA's submission was based on the overwhelming community feedback on the retrospective application. Note this application is not the topic you may have seen in the papers about future plans for the village.
- A number of the residents, who commented on Mr Ellis' application, also indicated it would be useful to have some form of public forum to hear about the future plans Mr Ellis has for the village and the potential impact on village life.

PRA are making enquiries to see if this can be arranged.

- Winestone Aggregates have appealed to the Environment Court to overturn the decision to decline the application for a clean fill off SH58. Winestones consider that the appeal should be allowed and consent given, arguing that the "project will provide the people and communities if Wellington with the critical, environmentally appropriate, accessible and necessary cleanfill capacity to support the future growth and success of the Wellington Region".
- Winestones note that the basis for declining the application was limited to two issues – the proposed sediment control measures and the traffic safety effects on SH58. These were the two issues of greatest concern to PRA and therefore the PRA has given notice of its wish to be heard as a section 274 party which keeps PRA "in the loop" including receiving information and the opportunity to attend mediation and hearings.

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 15 April 2014.**

**PLEASE SET ASIDE THE EVENING OF 20 MAY TO JOIN THE PRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## Pauatahanui village planning update

The following village planning projects are underway in Pauatahanui:

- Improve pathway safety and access from Lighthouse Cinema to link up with walkway to Whitby



- Investigate options for a school bus shelter
- Investigate options for upgrade of Rotary raised garden in main street (outside the Rural Trading Post)

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

## PCC Northern Growth Area Structure Plan Project

- The Northern Growth Area Structure Plan project is a land-use planning exercise to develop a 30-year strategy for future growth in Porirua's northern suburbs, between Paremata and Pukerua Bay, and adjacent rural area. To ensure that the Structure Plan considers issues raised by the local community and others, the Council has organised a series of public meetings/open days over the coming months. The first in the series is to be held on 9 April 2014 from 7pm at the Plimmerton

Boating Club. The community will have an opportunity to hear more about the project from the structure plan design team. This will include an opportunity to raise and discuss views and ideas regarding the future development of the area.

### TELL US: 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: [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com).

## Onsite Wastewater Systems Licensing

From 1 April 2011 PCC introduced a system of Certificate of Fitness and licensing for On-site wastewater disposal (or septic tanks), requiring landowners to meet set conditions



depending on the type of septic tank or disposal system. Recently PRA has heard some queries regarding how the relicensing is being implemented.

Following discussion, PRA decided that, three years on, it would be appropriate to check how the processes for relicensing are working for residents and whether there are any challenges being presented by ongoing compliance. The PRA welcome your comments to email [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com) or PO Box 54141, Mana 5247.

## Upcoming Annual General Meeting

Please put the 2013/14 PRA Annual General Meeting into your calendar for 20 May, at

7pm. We are currently working to secure an interesting line-up of topical speakers. Please look out for the notice in your letterbox towards the end of April. PRA membership subscriptions for 2014/15 will be notified at that time.

### 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 does feedback 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.

## Pauatahanui ANZAC day commemorations

The ANZAC day service on 25th of April at Pauatahanui will begin with a church service at St. Albans at 10 AM to be followed by a commemorative service at the Pauatahanui War Memorial.

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