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Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

May 2014

PRA Annual General Meeting - 20 May 2014

What a turn out! Thank you to the residents, local media and Councilors who attended the AGM. Thank you to the Judgeford Golf Club for the use of their clubrooms, which were packed and worked well for the meeting.



There was an array of speakers and a few unexpected plant giveaways. See the PRA website for the more details:

- Te Ara Piko - Andrew Gray, Landscape Architect, PCC, provided a presentation on Te Ara Piko - Pauatahanui Pathway, updating the progress on the pathway
- Wellington Rural Fire Authority - Peter Walker, Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer, provided a presentation on the Rural Fire Service, outlining changes through the implementation of the new Wellington Rural Fire Service and the key points of note for rural residents
- Jacqui Blackwell, PCC Nursery, shared a power point presentation on planting natives for birds and lizards to attract native birds, geckos and skinks.
- Mr Ellis did not take up our invitation to speak however, his spokesperson advised the meeting "the vision [for the Pauatahanui Village] has been

withdrawn" given the lack of community support for the most recent resource application for the expansion of the GroundUp Café.

Election of 2014/15 Management Committee

Your 2014/15 Management Committee was elected as follows:

- **Chairman** Mr Ken McAdam
- **Secretary** Erica Nicholls
- **Treasurer** Diane Strugnell
- **Committee members** Anna Dellow, Nicky Chapman, Joanne Cross, John Mazerier and Andrew Manning

Alan Gray stood down from the Committee. On behalf of the Management Committee Ken thanked Alan for his life time contribution to Pauatahanui and environs and the Residents Association. Ken presented Alan with a plaque and Totara tree as recognition of his service.

2014/15 Management Committee business

The next meeting of the PRA Committee meeting is scheduled for **17 June 2014**. If you would like to attend this meeting or become a member of the committee, please email pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com.

The Committee's business over the 2014/15 year will include work 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 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.

TELL US: WHAT'S UP IN PAUATAHANUI?

Having launched the PRA website 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.

Te Ara Piko walkway video

We recommend you search "Te Ara Piko" on YouTube for a stunning video clip donated by Altitude Imaging to help Plimmerton Rotary promote the pathway.



The first section of the Te Ara Piko Pathway was opened by Nick Leggett, Mayor of Porirua City and Ron Lucas, President Rotary Club of Plimmerton at a function in Pauatahanui on Wednesday 28 May 2014.

The need for funding over and above that contributed by Porirua City is an important issue for this project as the next stage gets underway from Motukaraka Point to Camborne. A number of opportunities for financial support from modest to not so modest were identified with further information available from the Plimmerton Rotary website. The website explains: "The video clip produced by local identity, Michael

Thomson, who designed, built and flew a remote controlled helicopter to produce a visually outstanding look at the Pathway from a totally different perspective. The result shows how well the Te Ara Piko Pathway is integrated with the Pauatahanui Inlet and how it allows access for all to enjoy the beauty of this extraordinary area so close to Porirua City and greater Wellington."

Profile PRA Treasurer - Diane Strugnell



Mike and I bought our first property in Moonshine Road in 1976. An empty 10-acre block we set about fencing and creating pens and sheds for the growing number of animals – pigs, chickens and cows – whilst building our first home. We then, with our children Tony and Lana, enjoyed many years of "The Good Life" (including owning a Howard Gem Rotavator for those who remember the TV series!!), adding goats, sheep and horses, to the menagerie – as well as the obligatory cats and dogs. In 1997, we moved "just down the road", fortunate to find a larger property that enabled us to grow our

farming skills while remaining in the Pauatahanui area. I continue to balance my work as an occupational therapist with farm life and enjoy the opportunity, through PRA to be involved in, and hopefully contribute to, the area I call "home".

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: Porirua City Council has prepared a proposed change to the Porirua City Council District Plan (proposed 'Plan Change 16 – Network Utilities') that aims to replace all existing network utility provisions. Further submissions closed on 7 May 2014.

Item 2: 2014/15 Annual Plan hearings are now completed. Responses to submissions and recommendations are now being prepared by Council officers. The Council will decide on submissions at a meeting on Wednesday 4 June at 5.30 in the Council Chamber. The public are welcome to attend this meeting.

Item 3: Local Alcohol Policy – community survey.

Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc MEMBERSHIP FORM - 1 April 20014 to 31 March 2015

Registered Charity # CC42516

This form is also available on the PRA website www.pauatahanuiresidents.org.nz

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I agree to these contact details being kept on the PR community database and used only in communication about local and association issues.

Membership fee of \$20 per household enclosed. Please make cheques payable to **Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc.** and forward to: Diane Strugnell, PRA Treasurer, 805 Moonshine Road, RD1, Porirua, 5381.

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