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# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## September 2014

### Profile PRA Member - Andy Manning

I am Andy Manning, I'm the other 'alf of Stephanie Manning who owns the "Lavender Room" based in Taylor Stace Cottage. I generally try to keep a low profile, preferring to work behind the scenes than in the limelight.

I'm self-employed, and spend my days writing software for information and document management applications, but don't let that put you off, I rarely talk about my work in social company!

We moved to New Zealand from the UK



around nine years ago, bringing with us a four week old daughter, a 18 month old son and a pot of hope that New Zealand would be a better place

to raise them (it is!). I had the offer of work in Wellington and through a mistake in map-reading (well, it was upside down wasn't it!) we ended up in a motel in Mana rather than closer to Wellington. It was

a fortuitous mistake though and we ended up falling in love with the area.

We spent a few years in Paremata/Whitby before buying the historic Taylor Stace Cottage and restoring it. The original intention was to use it as a place to stay for guests on a large day/weekend spa we had decided to build in the grounds of the cottage. However, after a "what are we doing?" moment one evening we decided that the effort of getting a day spa running wasn't compatible with the reason we moved to NZ, so we rightsized, used the cottage as a 'boutique' salon and decided to build a home instead. The salon goes from strength to strength and the house?, well, it's getting there!

I joined the PRA last year as I love Pauatahanui as it reminds me so much of the Cornish village where I spent time growing up and want to be involved in and work on behalf of this wonderful village and it's community.

### Breakfast and working bee @ Pauatahanui Burial Ground

By Ken McAdam

Three churches in Whitby (Anglican, Baptist and The Anchor) meet on the first Saturday of each month for a Men's Breakfast, all the good stuff we are not normally allowed at home. This coming Saturday we are having the breakfast at St Albans followed by a

working bee. Some of the local businesses are helping out with materials and concrete mixer.



We would welcome anyone from the Pauatahanui area that would like to come and share in the breakfast and help at the Burial ground afterwards. Men, women and families welcome.

**When:** Saturday 4th of October

**Where:** St Albans Church, 4 Paekakariki Hill Road, Pauatahanui

**Time:** 8:30 am

**Cost:** Gold coin donation, more if you can spare it

**Food:** Bacon, Sausages, Hash Browns, Eggs, Toast, Cereal for those that want it, Tea, Coffee and Juice

The usual breakfast followed by a working bee on a couple of graves in the cemetery beside the church, this is open to men and woman for the breakfast and the working bee. We will be mixing a bit of concrete and clearing and re- concreting the surface over a couple of graves.

If the weather works against us the breakfast will be at The Anchor Church. For further information please contact Ken McAdam, 237 7878 Home or 0276 744811 Mobile.

## PRA Committee meeting - September 2014

By Erica Nicholls

For a copy of the September minutes please refer to the PRA website [www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz). In summary:

- Given PRA's and others concerns about further delays to the retrospective notified resource consent application of Mr Ellis, the Council has now set hearing dates for 17, 18 and 19 November 2014. Documents can be accessed at <http://pcc.govt.nz/News---Events/Public-Consultation/Notified-Resource-Consent---GroundUp-Cafe>
- Discussions continue on Village Planning projects underway and planned, please refer to the article over the page.
- PRA is still in dialogue with PCC to clarify their policy re Onsite wastewater Licensing.
- PRA support the nomination of Diane Strugnell to the new Greater Wellington Regional Council catchment committee – the Porirua Whaitua Committee, which will be tasked with looking at issues of water management and land use for the catchment of the Porirua Harbour including the Pauatahanui Inlet.
- PRA members who qualify are now invited to become part of the online business directory. Please refer to the website for more information.

The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 21 October 2014.

## Transmission Gully Partnership

By Andy Manning

On Wednesday 27th August I attended the Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP) "Stakeholders Event". This was a chance to meet the team who will be building transmission gully.



In attendance were representatives of the WGP, NZTA and Leighton Contractors (who will be building it!). There was nothing said by any of the representatives which hadn't been said before but one thing I did take away was the fact that they want to be "good neighbours" and to contact them with *any* concerns, issues, worries etc. during the process.

The PRA can co-ordinate any contact but we thought it was useful to publish some of the main contacts so you can contact make directly if you want.

## Transmission Gully Contact List

### NZTA

- Craig Nicholson: Principal project manager (and lives in Whitby!) Phone: 0800 84 4636 or email: [Craig.Nicholson@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Craig.Nicholson@nzta.govt.nz)
- Frank Fernandez: Communications & Stakeholder Manager Phone 04 910 8182 or Mobile 021 221 5391. Email [frank.fernandez@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:frank.fernandez@nzta.govt.nz)
- A useful site is the main Transmission Gully contact page which can be found here: <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/transmission-gully/team.html>

### Leightons

- Mick O'Dwyer: Project Director for the D&C phase of the Transmission Gully PPP. Phone 09 362 1800.
- Lauren McKenzie: Communications, phone 04 896 4617 or email [lauren.mckenzie@leicon.co.nz](mailto:lauren.mckenzie@leicon.co.nz)
- Link: <http://www.leightoncontractors.com.au/projects/transmission-gully-ppp/>

### Wellington Gateway Partnership

- David Low: Chief executive, phone 04 896 4611 or email [David.Low@wgp.co.nz](mailto:David.Low@wgp.co.nz)

## Pauatahanui Village Planning Programme Update

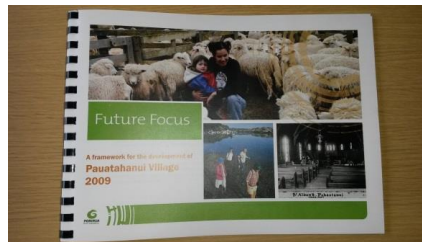
By Anna Dellow

Current projects between Council and the PRA include:

- Request for rubbish bins in the Lighthouse Carpark area
- Safety barrier for the corner of SH58 and Joseph Banks Drive
- Pauatahanui Village History Trail
- School bus shelter

All is quiet for the moment in the Village but it's been a busy winter. A huge thank you to everyone all for putting up with all the work and disruption it may have caused.

Many of the 'Actions' the community identified in the Pauatahanui Village Forum Meetings back in 2008 have now been completed or are ongoing projects. The Future Focus - A framework for the development of Pauatahanui Village 2009, document that was produced as a result of



this work, has been the backbone of all the improvements and changes that have occurred in the last few years. It is now time to review this document and to decide 'where to from here?'

The Village Planning Programme is ongoing throughout Porirua. The programme is a partnership with PCC and our communities to improve and develop our neighbourhoods.

11 villages are now involved, some are just starting out, whilst others like Pauatahanui are well underway or ready to consult again

with their residents and come up with a new list of ideas.

As the Village Planning Programme gains momentum PCC would like to see more community ownership and groups taking the lead in their projects.

And this is where we need your help!

If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to me via email to [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com).

We will also keep you updated on any dates and times for future community consultation meetings via the PRA minutes, newsletter and website.

Many thanks

Anna Dellow

Pauatahanui Village Planning Programme Representative