# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter



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## District Plan Review meeting - 2 Monday 7 December 7.30pm Pauatahanui School

In response to feedback received PRA is holding a second meeting on the District Plan Review.



The proposals contained within these documents <u>will</u> have a definite effect on Pauatahanui's future ..... Smaller lot sizes? Building height restrictions? Additional new zones in the Village – business, residential, lifestyle???

See over the page for more information

## Welcome to Pauatahanui Sign

Thank you to all those who completed the SurveyMonkey on the proposed Pauatahanui sign. PRA was really pleased with the great response.

The results included

- 73% want the sign to be located on the left-hand side entering the Village from the SH58 roundabout
- 74% want the sign to reference Pauatahanui's historic background
- 76% want the sign to have a theme with the current PRA logo as the most preferred
- 62% would prefer the sign be made of wood and to be locally-sourced

Funding for the sign has been allocated as part of the Village Planning programme for 2015-16. PRA is now beginning the process of looking for more specific design options, sign placement and construction requirements.

## **Carols in the Paddock**

The third annual <u>Pauatahanui Community Carols in the Paddock</u> will be held on Saturday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5.30pm to 8pm in the paddock adjacent to the Lighthouse Cinemas. All are welcome... past and present Pauatahanui school families... the wider Pauatahanui community... the more the merrier! For more information and to RSVP please go to http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Pauatahanui\_Christmas\_Carols/

Happy Holidays from the Host Families ~ Daltons, Dellows, Gaults and Robinsons



## Porirua City Council's District Plan proposals will change the face of Pauatahanui.....

#### What:

Pauatahanui Residents Association is hosting a second meeting on the proposed District Plan. This meeting will provide Pauatahanui residents with a further opportunity (following on from the meeting of 10 November) to gain information on the proposed changes to the District Plan Rural Zone and to Pauatahanui Village. The meeting will be a question & answer forum with Council officers, followed by an opportunity to provide direct feedback and comments to the Council on the forms that will be available at the meeting.

### Why:

The current District Plan has been in place since the late 1990s but there have been many changes in Pauatahanui since then (with more to come including the effects of the Transmission Gully project). This current consultation is the first round of a process that is expected to take up to 5 years with the results then in place potentially for the following 10 years!!! It sounds like a long time (and it is!!) but this first step is incredibly important as the opportunity for our community to respond to the questions the Council is asking – "Do you agree with the issues that have been identified?" "What have we missed?" "What would you like to change, if anything?"

So, what are some of the proposed changes that will affect Pauatahanui?

- Allowing lot sizes smaller than the current 5 hectare minimum
- Allowing for home businesses in the Rural Zone
- Protecting eco-sites, areas of native vegetation and landscapes
- Changing building resource consent requirements including conditions on building heights and setbacks
- Changing the zoning of Pauatahanui Village from the current Rural Zone to allow for 3 new zones – Business, Residential and Lifestyle – which would change allowable the lot sizes, activities permitted and consents required

You can find more information on the PCC website under District Plan Review, including copies of the relevant discussion documents which provide more detail.

### http://www.pcc.govt.nz/News---Events/Public-Consultation/District-Plan-Review

The closing date for feedback on these documents is 18 December so this meeting is a great opportunity to get it "done and dusted" before you run out of time to have your say!!

So come along to the meeting and find out more about the proposed changes but more importantly, complete a feedback form so that Porirua City Council can learn what you think of the proposed changes .....

If you would like more information the Pauatahanui Residents Association are happy to assist so contact us on <u>pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com</u>

## PRA Committee Meeting - 19 November 2015

Topics covered at the November meeting of the PRA Committee included:-

- Bollards and a seat are due to go by the new information board shortly
- PCC's roading team have been asked about the design work for creating a turning circle and new stopping point for the school buses. It is intended that this will be subject to a temporary trial to ensure that it is likely to provide a permanent solution.
- The application for Village funding for the 2016-17 year has been sent to PCC. PRA has made a request for a roundabout at the Gray's Road – Paekakariki Hill Road intersection and traffic safety measures outside the school.

- Now that many of the objectives of the Village Plan developed in 2008-9 have been achieved, PRA will be organising a meeting, scheduled for early in 2016 to completely review the Pauatahanui Village Planning programme and to set new objectives.
- PRA and PCC were very pleased with the turnout at the public meeting on the District Plan Review held on 10 November at Judgeford Golf Course. This meeting was seen as primarily an opportunity to learn about the proposed changes to the District Plan.

For a full copy of the November minutes please refer to the PRA website <u>www.pauatahanui.org.nz</u> As this is our last newsletter for 2015, the PRA committee would like to thank you for your support over the past year.



& a safe and happy New Year from the PRA.

## From the PRA Archives .....

Sometimes it can be interesting to reflect on what has changed and what hasn't !!

