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Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

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A lot is happening in Pauatahanui so be sure to mark these events on your calendar

Sunday 25 October 9.00 – 3.00

Potty Planters Plant Sale

Pauatahanui School

1000s of great plant bargains

All proceeds go to the school



Sunday 1 November 2.00pm

Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground Tour

Sharon Evans will be conducting a history tour of the Public Burial Ground. Anyone interested in attending the tour can contact Sharon directly on 234-7507 or by email sdevans@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 7 November

Lamb & Calf Day

Support Pauatahanui School's annual fundraising event



Tuesday 10 November 7.30pm

District Plan Review meeting

Judgeford Golf Course

This is a "must attend" meeting if you want to know more about Porirua City Council's proposed changes to the District Plan. These will have a definite effect on Pauatahanui

Smaller lot sizes? Building height restrictions?

Additional new zones – business, residential, lifestyle???

Sunday 29 November

Pauatahanui Garden Trail



Visit a range of gardens around Pauatahanui while supporting Plimmerton Rotary & Inner Wheel in their project to fund the next stage of the Te Ara Piko walkway.

Tickets \$25 – available from the Lighthouse Cinema, Tommys Real Estate Mana and Whitby Pharmacy or phone Natalie at the Lighthouse Cinema on 234 6770.

For more information on the Garden Trail and on the Te Ara Piko walkway visit Plimmerton Rotary website

<http://plimmertonrotary.org.nz/>

Carols in the Paddock

Keep an ear out for the Carols in the Paddock early in December



PRA Committee Meeting

– 15 October 2015

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

- ➔ The History book is now being sold through TradeMe
- ➔ The Heritage Trail is continuing to progress. Geoff Marshall, PCC Rooding Manager, has approved the sites chosen for the 10 history panels, from the traffic safety perspective. Anna and Christine are continuing to refine the wording for the plinths as well as their positioning

- ➔ The possibility of a second information board for the History Trail, positioned at the Gray's Road – Te Ara Piko intersection was discussed.
- ➔ The application for Village funding for the 2016-17 year is being prepared with the key projects being associated with road safety in the Village including a roundabout at the Gray's Road – Paekakariki Hill Road intersection and traffic safety measures outside the school.
- ➔ Jo prepared a survey on the "Welcome to Pauatahanui" sign using SurveyMonkey. This was sent to everyone on PRA's database on

Monday 12th after 3 days there were 40 responses which PRA is very pleased with.

- ➔ The District Plan Review Discussion documents are due to be released for public consultation. A number of these documents have direct relevance for PRA and PRA will be seeking community feedback for submissions.

For a full copy of the October minutes please refer to the PRA website www.pauatahanui.org.nz

The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 19 November 2015.

PRA's Nominee for the Porirua 50 Awards

As Porirua City celebrates its 50 year anniversary, nominations were called for the Porirua 50 Awards to recognise "the unsung heroes who quietly get on with making a positive difference to other people"

PRA nominated Sharon Evans, believing that this was a fitting time to acknowledge the achievements and commitment that Sharon has made towards preserving some very important aspects of Porirua's past.

A retired statistician, Sharon has used her extensive skills together with her interest in history, genealogy and the community to be a key driver and motivator in two extensive projects within the Pauatahanui district – the Pauatahanui History book and the Pauatahanui Burial Ground.

It is not always realised that the burial ground to the right of the path to St Alban's church is not part of the church grounds but is a separate Public Burial Ground. Originally set aside as a burial ground under a trust created in 1856 by the Stace family, it is now, partly through Sharon's efforts, owned and administered by the Porirua City Council.

- ➔ **2003** Sharon organised, and with the help of other genealogists, updated the 1979 transcription of the Burial Ground (BG) headstones.

- ➔ **2006** Sharon researched and updated the transcription of the BG 1856 Trust Deed and 1887 Variation.
- ➔ **2004 -2007** Sharon was involved in the drafting of the Porirua City Council (Pauatahanui Burial Ground) Act 2007, which vested ownership of the BG in PCC.
- ➔ **2008** Sharon initiated a survey by ground-penetrating radar to detect unmarked graves in the BG.
- ➔ **2009** Sharon wrote the proposal, and carried out some of the research for the Pataka exhibition about the BG. This also included interviewing descendants of those interred at the burial ground, providing this information to Bob Maysmor, author of "A Charitable Deed - A Commendable Act, the story of the Pauatahanui Burial Ground."
- ➔ **2010** Sharon initiated the updating of the plot numbering system and the associated scale plan.
- ➔ **2012** Sharon initiated the retrieval of the BG Trust Deed and Variation from private hands, and their deposit in Pataka.
- ➔ **2012** Sharon initiated the placing of ceramic poppy plaques on the five graves with memorials to men who died in World War I.
- ➔ **2014** Sharon proposed, researched and wrote material for story plaques about the chapel, and Thomas Hollis Stace, which have been erected in the BG.
- ➔ **2015** Sharon sought and obtained funding from the Pauatahanui

Residents Association for eight further plaques.

- ➔ **2015** Sharon sought and obtained funding from the Pauatahanui Residents Association to have a specially photographed copy of the 1856 Trust Deed for the Burial Ground made, retaining the quality and detail of the original, to enable future research.
- ➔ **2015** Sharon co-opted volunteers from a Whitby church group to repair two of the more seriously damaged graves in the BG. Plans are underway for further repairs to other graves as Sharon liaises with and obtains permissions from the descendants of those interred.

Throughout this time, Sharon has also been one of the volunteers who look after the heritage roses, and general garden maintenance in the BG as well as the PRA representative on the BG Management Committee. She also conducts guided tours of the BG for genealogists and members of the public.

Although PRA's nomination of Sharon did not win one of the Porirua 50 awards, PRA considers her dedication to the BG and book projects is worthy of note as she continues to share her knowledge, making the local history accessible and available to the community and, through this, engendering a sense of pride and ownership in our history.

Thank you, Sharon.

In May, Jo Cross attended a meeting, on behalf of PRA, about the new approach to community policing, an initiative that has replaced the local Community Constable with Neighbourhood Policing Teams. **Snr Constable Simon Bygate, Community Crime Prevention Officer, Porirua**, kindly provided the following explanation of the Prevention First strategy.

What is Prevention First?

Deploying to beat demand

Deployment is a crucial component of Prevention First and is about being prepared and flexible so we can mobilise resources pre-emptively and quickly to stay on top of demand.

To further improve our focus on priority and prolific Offenders, crime hotspots and vulnerable victims;

To combat the 5 drivers of crime, Police will work with other agencies, service providers and the community, particularly Maori, Pacific and ethnic groups, to address the underlying causes of offending and victimisation.

We will ensure that locally developed and consulted Iwi-led crime prevention plans are integrated within the District level tactical plans.

Our key tactics for responding to these complex issues is to deploy Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Priority Locations and to act with urgency to hold priority and prolific offenders to account. We will concentrate our efforts on the following priority areas:

I. Drivers of Crime

- i. Families - To support and protect vulnerable and dysfunctional families, lift the veil of secrecy around family violence, child abuse and expose familial organized crime groups.
- ii. Youth - To keep vulnerable children and young people safe and decrease the number of young people represented in the criminal justice system.

- iii. Alcohol – To foster a culture of responsible drinking, reduce incidents of alcohol-related offending and victimization
- iv. Road policing - To reduce death and serious injury on our roads
 - i. Organised crime and drugs - To reduce the social impact of gangs and drugs

II. Changing the mindset of our people

Prevention First will foster a change in the mindset of our people which puts prevention and the needs of victims at the forefront of policing

III. Victim focus

Prevention First requires a shift from being mainly focused on offenders to better recognising our responsibilities to victims. This requires improving the overall quality of the service we provide to victims, especially those at the highest risk of victimisation.

Summary

With the change in our focus, we no longer have a Community Constable for each suburb; instead we have a group based system where we put resources in the areas of greatest need.

Each Community crime prevention officer has portfolios that they manager and we concentrate on reducing the occurrences of revictimisation and re-offending.