

# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## February 2016

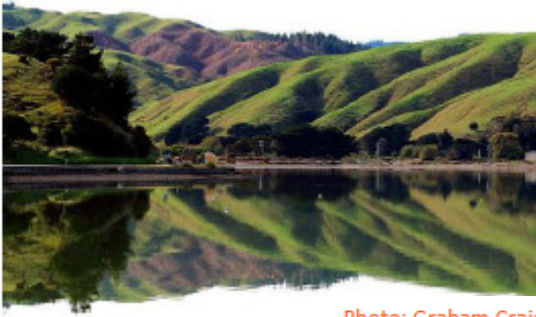


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## **PRA invites you to .....**

### **A working bee**

**Saturday 5 March 9.00am**

to help repair two of the historic graves in the Pauatahanui Public



Burial Ground. If you are handy on a wheelbarrow or concrete mixer you could be just person to help with this worthwhile community project.

If you are interested in helping  
 Contact Ken McAdam on  
 027 6744 811

### **Join our Committee**

And help us to work on issues of importance to the Pauatahanui community.

We are always keen to have more members join the committee.

We will be holding our AGM in early May so give the idea some thought.

And if you would like to know more feel free to contact Ken on 237 8787 or Diane on 528 3891.

### **Think who you would like to have representing our community on Porirua City Council.**

This year brings local body elections and it would be great to have some local rural representation on council so think about who you might like to nominate or even if you wish to be a councillor yourself!

### **Answer 3 questions on your views on water.**

GWRC's Whaitua Committee is wanting your views on what is important about water to you. Your contribution will be important for the process currently underway, helping to determine how water is managed in the Porirua Harbour / Pauatahanui Inlet catchment including the local Pauatahanui, Horokiri and Kakaho streams. To answer the questions go to the website <http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/taop> or keep an eye out for the brochure in your letterbox.

## PRA Committee Meeting

– 18 February 2016

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

- The Heritage Trail is continuing to progress. Bollards have been placed by the new information board and the seat is due to be installed. It is intended to have a second information board at the Grays Road end of the Heritage Trail.
- Design work has been done by Downer to address the safety concerns around the school bus bay. It looks at creating a new stopping point for the school buses, a drop off zone for cars and a safe waiting area for children.
- Meetings have been held to consider ways of tidying up the culvert near the Grays Road carpark at the end of the Te Ara Piko walkway with the most likely solution being suitable planting that retains the function of the culvert but is easier to maintain.
- The area of village path at the Grays Road end is in need of better maintenance PCC maintenance are

being asked for this area to have more regular maintenance especially as it links with the History Trail and Te Ara Piko pathway

- The application for Village funding for the 2016-17 year has been lodged with PCC with the key projects being associated with road safety in the Village including a roundabout at the Gray's Road – Paekakariki Hill Road intersection. This is also considered an important adjunct to the traffic safety measures being considered for the school bus bay as it would enable the bus and parents dropping off and picking up children to turn more safely at Grays Road rather than turning across traffic outside the school.
- The "Welcome to Pauatahanui" sign (funded through the Village Planning programme budget for 2015-16) is continuing to progress with follow up on design options.
- PRA will organise a specific community meeting to completely review the Pauatahanui Village Planning programme and to set new objectives.
- Geoff Marshall, PCC, has outlined some of the planned work to address

the issues raised regarding safety of users of Moonshine Road. An update on the status of the work has been requested.

- The SH58 upgrade has now been split into two projects with the first project (the widening of the corners and the removal of the passing lane) now nearly complete. The wire ropes along this section will be installed in the near future once all the cabling is complete. PRA is continuing to stress the need for consultation with the community over the next stages of the upgrade of SH58 specifically around wire ropes and access from side roads. We are hoping that NZTA will be able to attend the upcoming AGM to provide an update.
- Progress is being made on the Transmission Gully project with more obvious signs of work including earthworks and the removal of trees. An update presentation of Transmission Gully is being planned for the upcoming AGM.

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



### District Plan Review

PRA was pleased with the turnout at the second public meeting on the District Plan Review held on 7 December at Pauatahanui School.

Points raised at the meeting included

- The reliability of the traffic figures being used by PCC with regard to Paekakariki Hill Road,
- Whether there will be any appreciable difference between increasing subdivision potential on Paekakariki Hill Road and on SH58 and its contributing roads. There were some strong opinions expressed on the need to allow for smaller lot sizes on

Paekakariki Hill Road and to not wait until after the completion of Transmission Gully to make these decisions

- The impacts on landowners of creating reserve and covenanted areas, such as maintenance, weed control, pest control, rating values
- Support for home-based businesses within the Rural Zone
- It was noted that PRA has not been made aware of any concerns regarding proposed changes within the Village Zone

Based on the information PRA received through both this meeting and the meeting hosted by PCC on 10 November, PRA formally noted these comments and forwarded them to PCC.

In response to some of the questions raised at the meeting, Peter Matich, PCC Senior Policy Analyst, did provide further information regarding the potential allowance for subdivision along Paekakariki Hill Road.

He noted "Transmission Gully Motorway (due for completion in 2020) is anticipated to make the village (along with the rest of the Pauatahanui Judgeford area) more accessible to the wider region..... At this stage, the Council does not have enough information to predict whether these possible trends translate into an overall traffic increase or decrease..... However it seems there will most likely be some reduction in traffic volumes when TGM is completed. However, we don't know the extent to which a potential reduction could counteract the level of service constraints and accident incidence. The limited level of service may yet present a significant constraint on further development opportunities north of Grays Road intersection. We will continue to evaluate this as the rural review progresses."

The full response from Peter, including the specific traffic volume numbers PCC is using in its calculations, is available on the PRA website.