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Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

April 2016

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Annual General Meeting

You are invited to join us at our AGM

Tuesday 3 May 7.30pm
Judgeford Golf Club, SH58

- ➔ The agenda includes presentations on
 - Transmission Gully – find out the latest progress information on this project
 - Village History Trail – get a sneak preview of the images being used on the History Trail
 - Riding for Disabled – find out more about RDAs relocation to Battle Hill
- ➔ There is an opportunity to see the first mock-ups of the Pauatahanui Village signs and to provide some comment
- ➔ As well as General Business and Election of Officers
- ➔ The bar will be open and tea and coffee available

Join the PRA Committee

And help us to work on issues of importance to the Pauatahanui community. We are always keen to have more members join us on the committee.

Current Issues being Addressed by PRA

Recent topics for consideration by the PRA Management Committee have included

Pauatahanui 33kv line & pole replacement by Wellington Electricity - This line, which needs replacing as it is at 'life end', runs through the wildlife reserve. WE's preferred option is to move the line closer to the eastern edge of the reserve and then to cross Grays road and run parallel with Grays Road northern edge. The resource consent will be lodged at the end of May with work planned for November-December 2016.

Village Sign - PRA has chosen the designer for the village signs and provided a design brief. There are to be two identical signs – one for the roundabout end of the Village and one for the Grays Road end. PRA wants the signs to give the message that Pauatahanui is "old but progressive."

Village History Trail - The plinth sites for the Village History Trail have been chosen and the first information board has been erected. With the text for the information boards and plinths in its final editing stage, the History Trail will soon be 'up and running'.

School Bus Bay - There has been agreement with Porirua City Council and Pauatahanui School that there needs to be a different layout for the school bus bay area, including the creation of a designated drop off zone with a new layout to be trialled soon.

Also - State Highway 58 Upgrade, Moonshine Road Maintenance and Porirua City Council's Draft Annual Plan.

For more information on these and other topics, visit our website www.pauatahanui.org.nz

Notice of Proposed Rule Change

Notice of intention to amend "Rule 21 – Auditor" of the Rules of the Pauatahanui Residents Association Incorporated.

As a "Tier 4 charity" (with under \$125,000 in operating payments), under the new standards effective from 1 April 2015, the PRA is no longer required to appoint an auditor. PRA is still required to provide a financial report to the Annual General Meeting and to file this along with the Annual Return to the Charities Services.

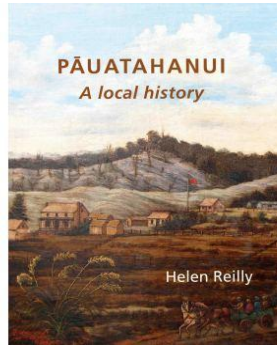
The Committee is proposing to retain the provision to appoint an auditor but to change the PRA rules to enable this to be at the Committee's discretion rather than mandatory. At the AGM on 3 May 2016 the Committee will propose to change Rule 21

Existing Rule 21

"An Auditor shall be appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Association and certify as to the correctness of the annual Statement of Accounts."

Proposed New Rule 21

"An Auditor shall be appointed, *at the discretion of the Committee*, to audit the books and accounts of the Association and certify as to the correctness of the annual Statement of Accounts."



Pauatahanui History Book

Copies of this wonderful book, celebrating our local history, are still available.

It is a hard copy publication of 300 pages and over 300 pictures, covering from early Maori settlement to the present day, from thriving hotels to urban development to lifestyle blocks and Transmission Gully. It covers the old District of Pauatahanui, which included modern day Whitby to Paekakariki, Haywards Hill to the beginnings of Camborne, providing a great insight into the history of this area. The book can be purchased at Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene or through TradeMe.

Septic Tanks – With recent renewals of Onsite Wastewater Licences, here is a timely reminder of some substances that may interfere with your septic tank's ability to work effectively. For all the coffee drinkers, remember that coffee grounds can be your septic tank's Enemy #1. But it also doesn't function well on fats, grease, bleaches, whiteners, nappy soakers, stain removers, cold water soap powders with enzymes, antibiotics, disinfectants, paper towels, wipes, solvents, degreasers, acids, oils, paints, or pesticides!!

Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc
MEMBERSHIP FORM - 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Registered Charity # CC42516

Name: _____

Email: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone No. (Day) _____

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

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Membership fee of \$20 enclosed

Membership fee has been paid by direct debit

Please make cheques payable to **Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc.** and forward to: PRA Treasurer, P.O.Box 50055, Porirua 5240.

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