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Pāuatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

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Pāuatahanui Village History Trail

Take the time to check it out!!

On Saturday 20 August the Pāuatahanui Village History Trail was officially unveiled. The History Trail includes the 2 information boards and 10 plinths containing photos and accompanying text. The PRA would like to express a huge thanks to Christine Stanley and Claire Giblin for their support and assistance with this project and to committee member, Anna Dellow, for her efforts in seeing this project through to its great conclusion.



Anna unveiling the information board at the Grays Road end of the History Trail

Nearly here

The concrete bases have already been poured at the three entrances to the village – on Grays Road, Paekakariki Hill Road and SH58 and construction is nearly complete for the new signs announcing Pāuatahanui. PRA is looking forward to their installation in the next few weeks.



What are your thoughts?

PRA's current projects are

- ➔ Bus shelter at school bus bay
- ➔ Safety improvements at the Moonshine Road-SH58 bus stop
- ➔ Signs encouraging safer road use on our rural roads

If you would like to contribute your ideas to these projects, please get in touch with us.

Pāuatahanui Planning Meeting



Tuesday 8 November 7.30pm

Judgeford Golf Club

PRA will be hosting a community meeting to gather as many ideas as possible about how we can improve our local area. No idea too big or too small to be considered, so mark this date on your calendar now so that you can come along and tell us what you would like to see for Pāuatahanui.

Whitebait Fishing, the rules

One night last week, around 11pm, our dog was barking in her dog garden. This was unusual so I went out to investigate and found 3 people heading along the path way to the Pauatahanui stream with whitebait fishing gear. This is illegal, as whitebait fishing is only permitted between 5am and 9pm (depending on summer time savings). This is to ensure that fish cannot be netted on *both* tides, giving them an opportunity to grow and replenish the fish stocks. The vast majority of whitebait fishers in and around our village follow the rules, but what are those rules? I thought I'd summarise the rules as they apply to our area so that the walkers, kayakers, cyclists, and runners can keep an eye out

and ensure that whitebaiting is a pastime that can continue to be enjoyed in our area for many years.



Summary of Whitebait Rules

- ➔ It is only permitted between the hours of 5am and 8pm or (6am and 9pm during day light saving).
- ➔ It is only permitted from 15th August to 30th November.
- ➔ Nets cannot be wider than one-third of the stream.
- ➔ Nets cannot be longer than 6 metres (approx 20ft).
- ➔ A single person cannot use more than one net.
- ➔ A person must remain within 10m of their net at all times.

- ➔ People cannot work together to circumvent the rules above. That is, two people cannot set up nets to cover 2/3rds of the stream and two people cannot set up opposite to each other.

Should you see any of these illegal activities you do not need to approach the fishers but you can call the MPI poaching line (0800 476 224) and report it to a Fisheries Officer.

The full set of rules and a PDF guide can be found on the doc site

(<http://www.doc.govt.nz/whitebait>) and more about reporting illegal fishing activity can be found on the MPI Fishing Site (<http://www.fish.govt.nz>).

Andy Manning

PRA Committee member

Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground

Sharon Evans has provided an update on the Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground.

- ➔ Maintenance by PCC staff has been done well over the winter
- ➔ The working bee, organised through PRA, repairing two more graves was much appreciated.
- ➔ The Burial Ground is again being included in the Rotary Garden Tour being held this year.
- ➔ Rosemary Patterson will also lead further tours for rose enthusiasts during the summer.
- ➔ The next two story plaques, these ones funded by PRA, will be made and installed soon. These will be for the graves of Heke Clark and William Blackey.
- ➔ There is an oak tree in the Burial Ground which was grown from an acorn that came from the tree planted in the Bolton Street Cemetery by Bishop Selwyn, the first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand. A small plaque containing this history will be made and placed next to the tree.

Te Ara Piko – update

Driving along Grays Road recently you may have noticed some activity indicating the next stage of Te Ara Piko is underway.

- ➔ A double line of waratahs with bunting flags has been installed that defines a 2.5m wide corridor that the contractor, Fulton Hogan, has to keep within for the construction of the boardwalk.
- ➔ The next stage of works will involve some geotechnical drilling investigations to confirm the required depth for the boardwalk piles. Once this work is completed the contractor will start constructing the boardwalk from the Kakaho stream end, so that they can form abutments for the new bridge over the Kakaho stream.
- ➔ The bridge over the Kakaho stream is likely to be mainly constructed off site but the concrete abutments at each end will be formed onsite. When ready the bridge will be craned into position on top of the abutments.