



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## October 2017

CHECK OUT THE PRA WEBSITE  
[www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz)

EMAIL US YOUR THOUGHTS TO  
[pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

### Please Join Us as we meet with Porirua City Council for another round of Consultation

**Feelings of déjà vu ?? Definitely!!      Is it important ?? Most certainly!!**

So please come along and tell PCC why these issues are important to us .....

#### Rating Policy

We won the battle but the war is not yet over!!

We thought we had achieved a victory after our submissions earlier this year were successful in holding the rural rating differential to 70% of the general rates.

However PCC is now consulting on raising the rural rating differential to 80% of the general rates. This will mean a 12.23% increase to our rates. To make this more palatable the Council is proposing to introduce the increase over a 3-year period.

For more information visit the PCC website  
<https://porirucity.govt.nz/your-council/getting-involved/public-consultation/rating-policy/>

If you do not think there should be an increase to the rural rating differential - and therefore to the amount of rates you pay - then complete an online submission

or attend the meeting at Judgeford Golf Club, SH58, Tuesday 31 October 6.30pm

**Submissions close Thursday 16 November**

#### District Plan Review

Further to the consultation carried out in 2015, PCC is now undertaking a further round of consultation on the District Plan.

The District Plan sets a framework for land-use planning, and imposes provisions and rules to protect it. The new District Plan being prepared now will therefore influence what we can and can't do with our properties, including topics such as

- providing for smaller lifestyle blocks
- enabling greenfield (new housing development) in the right places
- rules for earthworks
- identifying and protecting Outstanding Natural Landscapes and features

For more information visit the PCC website  
<https://porirucity.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/district-plan/make-your-mark/>

or visit PCC's site at Pauatahanui School, Lamb & Calf Day, Saturday 4 November

or attend the meeting at Judgeford Golf Club, SH58, Tuesday 7 November 7.30pm

**Submissions close Friday 24 November**

## Pest Free Pāuatahanui

As reported in our last newsletter, PRA is supporting the pest-free initiative which is being extended into the rural Pāuatahanui area. As well as the Committee agreeing some funding for this project, we have also sought further funding that will make 200 traps available. Earlier this month, Jo Cross accepted a grant from



Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for \$1000 which will help fund some of the traps. There are two sizes of traps and they are intended to catch rats, mice, hedgehogs, stoats and weasels. The position of each trap is marked and a website has been specifically set up so that people clearing traps can keep a record of their catches. If you are keen to join this initiative you can register your interest at the website <http://pestfreepauatahanui.nz/> or by emailing us on [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

Jo accepting the grant from Anita Baker, HMCT trustee

## Current Issues being Addressed by PRA

Recent issues the PRA Management Committee have been considering include local roading concerns, "share the road" signs, Transmission Gully, SH58 upgrade, Pest Free Pauatahanui, Grays Road-Paekakariki Hill Road roundabout, Village Planning review, history archiving and much more.

If you would like to receive an email copy of our monthly minutes and newsletter, please let us know by completing the membership form below.

**Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc**

**Registered Charity # CC42516**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM - 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018**

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee of \$20 enclosed

Membership fee has been paid by direct debit

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