



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Pāuatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

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www.pauatahanui.org.nz

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District Plan Review

As a community we have already been involved in meetings with PCC about the District Plan and what changes might be made within the Rural Zone. These changes include the introduction of two new rural zones - a Rural Residential Zone and a Rural Settlement Zone for Pauatahanui Village.

PCC's Draft District Plan is now available to view online and PCC want to check that they are on the right track. This is your opportunity to provide feedback before the more detailed rules are developed so check out the draft District Plan on the PCC website

It is important to note that the draft District Plan does not contain any maps. The spatial extent of the zones are being consulted on and developed as part of the Growth Strategy, which will help to inform where the new zone boundaries are in the District Plan. The formal draft of the Growth Strategy will be released in November.

PCC will be having combined community workshops in November on both the Growth Strategy and the draft District Plan. In these workshops, they will be going through a high level summary of key changes seen in the draft District Plan and answer any questions you may have. They will also be running through the key principles of the Growth Strategy and asking for your feedback.

In the meantime, go to the PCC website <https://porirua.govt.nz> and provide your feedback. Feedback closes on 30 November.

Can you reach your letter box without getting out of your vehicle?



As we welcome our new "posties", PRA thought it would be timely to have a reminder of the terms of your contract with NZ Post that sees your mail delivered so we asked Derry to provide us with this information. He has kindly written ...

"Firstly, Nic and I would like to thank the community for making us feel welcome. We really are enjoying meeting everybody.

Our aim is to deliver your mail safely, securely and efficiently. To help us achieve this, we have listed a few rural mailbox requirements. Please ensure that your mailbox

- Is located to allow easy, all weather access and is positioned so your rural post owner driver can reach it without leaving their vehicle.
- Has a mail slot at a height between 1.0-1.2m to also allow easy and safe access without the rural post owner driver having to get out of their vehicle.
- Is a minimum size of 400mm deep by 270mm wide by 270mm high, with a flag fitted to indicate if mail is required for pickup
- Provides access by a front opening, non locking hinge door, fitted with a mail slot large enough for large magazines to be placed inside without bending or opening the door. Mail should drop out of sight to keep it secure.
- Has the road number of your property clearly printed on the box in numerals at least 25mm high. If not or if you would prefer to use your name please feature your initials and surname."

Check it out at www.nzpost.co.nz/personal/receiving-mail/rural-delivery#rural-mailbox

PAUATAHANUI BURIAL GROUND TRUST DEED

The renovation of Pataka Museum's storage area in 2017 brought to light two documents that are probably the oldest existing paper records of early Porirua.

In 1856 the village of Pahautanui (now called Pauatahanui) was the only settlement in the Porirua area. Thomas Hollis Stace, who had arrived with his family from Tasmania in 1853, bought a piece of land on the southern edge of the village. He saw that the village lacked a school, church and cemetery; so he donated an acre of his land to help fill these gaps.

The details of this generous gift were set down on two sheets of parchment on 6 December 1856, and it is this 161-year-old Trust Deed that has emerged from the Pataka storeroom.



This photo shows the front page. The map shows that the donated acre lies near the then-shoreline of the Pauatahanui Inlet, and above what is now part of SH 58 between the roundabout and Lighthouse Cinema corner.

The Trust Deed called for the building of a chapel, to be used as a school and for Protestant worship, and for the rest of the land to become a public 'Burying Ground'. It reserved part of the land to be the burial plot for Stace and his descendants.

Thomas Hollis Stace received "the sum of five shillings of lawful British money" for his generosity. The Trust Deed sets out the dimensions of the land, roughly 200 links by 500 (40 x 100 metres), and describes its location next to the public road that passed through Section 63. At the time, as there was no formal system of land surveying and registration in New Zealand, the Trust Deed served as the title to the land.

On 9 July 1887, as the result of the passage of the Cemeteries Act 1882, further text was added to the deed. It confirmed the existing Burial Ground Trustees in their role, but renamed them 'Managers', and gave them additional rights and obligations. It also updated and corrected the legal description of the land, following a survey, which showed the land to be five-sided rather than rectangular, and confirmed that its boundary included a small 'spike' in the western corner. The addition to the Trust Deed also reiterated the Stace family's right to a certain plot, and described its location within the Burial Ground more accurately.

The chapel described in the Trust Deed was built in 1857, and was used as the first school in Pauatahanui for a short time. From the beginning it was used for church services, mainly by the Church of England. By 1887 it had fallen into disrepair, and was no longer used. In 1908 it was sold to a local publican, Matthew Moynihan, who demolished it and used the timber to build a shed.

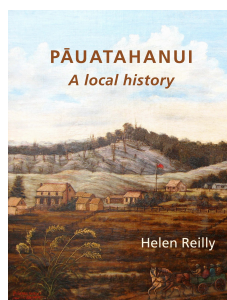
The documents have been copied in high resolution and in colour, and these copies are also held at Pataka. The cost of the copies was met by the PRA using profits from the sale of the Pauatahanui history book.

Sharon D Evans

10 September 2018

* PRA notes that Sharon is leaving the district. We thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm and wish her and Lew well for the future. Thanks, Sharon

Interested in learning more about the history of Pāuatahanui?



Copies of the Pauatahanui history book are still available.

This is a beautiful, hard bound, 300-page book covering the history of the Pauatahanui area from 1820 to 2012. It contains almost 300 illustrations from archives and personal family collections, including a number of early paintings not seen publicly before.

The book can be purchased for \$65 (plus p&p) through TradeMe or at Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus and P&Z Decorating Centre, Porirua