



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## September 2018

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[www.pauatahanui.org.nz](http://www.pauatahanui.org.nz)

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[pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

**Keen to be involved in your community?**

**Looking for a project?**

**We are looking for volunteers to**

- **help tend the heritage roses**
- **help with Pest Free Pauatahanui**
- **join the PRA committee**

for further information or to offer your support, email us at [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com)

### **Village Planning projects 2018-19**

At a recent meeting of Porirua City Council, Council support for the following PRA projects was approved

- printing of new Village Plan – Pauatahanui Future Focus
- community working bees to restore and revive valued community assets
- investigation of speed issues in the Village
- issue updates associated with rural road maintenance
- rural information pack



### **Heritage Roses - Volunteers needed**

The roses growing in the Pauatahanui Burial Ground, next to St Alban's

Church, are a nationally significant planting of historic roses.

The early settlers to New Zealand brought rose cuttings with them on the long voyages from Britain for their gardens and when a family member died often planted a rose by their grave. Some roses found growing in the Burial Ground are believed to be from original plantings and these are considered 'Living History'.

The Pauatahanui Burial Ground now contains over 150 heritage roses, planted and cared for since the early 1990s by a team of volunteers led by Rosemary Patterson. Over time the number of volunteers has dropped, while the number of roses hasn't. Rosemary is keen to increase the size of her team, which looks after the roses and does some general tidying around the graves.

Saturday afternoon working bees are organised from time to time during the summer (with a delicious afternoon tea provided). Rosemary and her team would welcome your participation one or more times over the next months. You don't need to be an expert on heritage roses, just a willing helper. To volunteer or find out more, contact Rosemary on 233 9274 or [Rosemary.P@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Rosemary.P@xtra.co.nz)

You can also read more about the roses and links to further information on our website [pauatahanui.org.nz/heritage+roses+award](http://pauatahanui.org.nz/heritage+roses+award)



## Pest Free Pauatahanui

### Update 2

Pest Free Pauatahanui (PFP) is up and running with lots of activities undertaken since the beginning of the year, with special thanks to Jo Cross and Leigh Corner. Activities undertaken this year include:-

#### January

- ✓ Jo Cross, Leigh Corner and Matthew Cross manned an information stand for PFP and Vespex at the Public Open day held at Battle Hill Farm Forest Park on 21 January 2018. More than 2500 people visited the stand. DOC traps were given out and there were taxidermy pests for view and information.
- ✓ 17 doc200 traps were collected by Jo for backyard trapping
- ✓ 2 trapinators were delivered to a local resident for possum eradication

#### February

- ✓ Jo and Leigh manned an information stand for PFP and Vespex at the Pauatahanui Garden trail (Rotary fundraiser). More than 1000 people visited the stand.

#### March

- ✓ A Vespex trial / control project was run in the Village as well as in Murphys and Flightys Roads.
- ✓ Village residents were advised via flyer and all permissions were gained for participants. Jo provided information and publicity via Facebook, Stuff, Kapi Mana News and Whitby Newsbrief.
- ✓ The trial was done by Leigh with assistance from Jackie Edkins and Leigh informed the participants of the results, which unfortunately were disappointing.

#### April

- ✓ Jo, Jackie and Leigh attended follow up meetings with DOC and Merchento (suppliers of Vespex) regarding the poor results from the trial.
- ✓ The Pest Free Pauatahanui stencil was organised to mark traps

#### June

- ✓ PFP invited by DOC and Merchento to attend VUW Science Challenge, a government project to fast track pest management. Leigh and Jo attended and were very excited to be involved.
- ✓ Attended a meeting with Plimmerton Rotary and arranged for them to take over fundraising and management of funds for the Vespex project. The funds for Vespex were handed over to Rotary.

- ✓ Classroom talk to Paremata School about wasps. There was a generous donation to the project from a bake sale. This will be used for next year's Vespex project.

#### July

- ✓ Follow up flyer was sent to all residents who took part in the Vespex trial regarding the outcome and a way forward with the future of the Vespex project now with Leigh and Rotary.
- ✓ Picked up 25 rat and mouse traps from PCC for the long tunnels

#### August

- ✓ Attended meetings with "Pest Free Porirua" a group that includes all the local groups, assisting them with links to Vespex/ wasp control and structure setup work for the future of having a pest free Porirua

#### September

- ✓ Collected a further 25 rat and mouse traps to put in long tunnels
- ✓ 40 of the 50 long rat tunnels were collected
- ✓ The long tunnels were painted with the PFP stencil proudly, marking them as Pest Free Pauatahanui
- ✓ Held an open house on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 10am-12pm and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> all day for trap pickup as well as delivering 2 traps
- ✓ Delivered cut mesh to papakowhai pest free for more traps to be made
- ✓ Returned 1 DOC200 for redistribution

#### Coming up

- ✓ Purchase of DOC200 to use Hutt Mana funds we gained
- ✓ Pick up 10 more rat tunnels
- ✓ Arrange distribution to backyard trappers
- ✓ Find additional helpers for project - very hard work for Jo on her own!



Sign up on the Pest Free Pauatahanui website <http://pestfreepauatahanui.nz/> or contact Jo at [crossandco@xtra.co.nz](mailto:crossandco@xtra.co.nz) for more information