



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Pāuatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

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www.pauatahanui.org.nz

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Greater Wellington Regional Council Consultation on Land and Water Management

Thursday 9 August 7.00pm

Judgeford Golf Club

All welcome

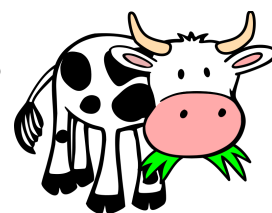
Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committee are inviting you to have your say about rural land and water management in the Pauatahanui catchment area.

The Committee wish to discuss their ideas with you, to further understand their potential impacts on the rural community, and to let your experiences and concerns help form a way forward.

The agenda for the evening includes:

- Exploring what can be done to improve water quality as a rural community
- Presenting draft fresh water objectives.
- Explaining the early understandings of the economic implications of these objectives
- Gathering your feedback on the methods of implementation and time frames that might be required to meet those objectives

Lifestyle block owners, do you have any cattle? And are you aware of your legal obligations???



If you have any deer or cattle on your lifestyle block, even just one animal, the law requires you to register them with the National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) programme.

Protect yourself and your neighbours by following these six simple steps:

Register your cattle or deer herd: By law, you must register any cattle or deer you own and obtain a herd number. This costs nothing, and can be done easily on line.

Check your testing requirements: Once registered, NAIT will advise you if, and when, your animals need TB testing.

Tag your animals: All cattle and deer must be identified with NAIT-approved RFID tags. Tags can be ordered from your rural merchandise supplier.

Provide TB testers with suitable facilities: Your animal(s) will need to be suitably restrained during testing and tagging.

Complete an Animal Status Declaration (ASD) form: If you are moving any cattle or deer you will need to supply a completed ASD.

Never buy cattle or deer without ear tags and ASD forms: Find out the TB status and testing history of any cattle or deer before you buy. Always insist that the seller provides a completed ASD form and that the animals are tagged.

For further information visit
<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/livestock-and-animal-care/national-animal-identification-and-tracing/>



Wasp control



Citizen scientists volunteer here

In March 2018 we ran a pilot to control wasps in Murphy's Road, Flighty's Road, and Pauatahanui Village. Our results were disappointing with a dip in numbers but a resurgence in nests. We discovered that there is no silver bullet for wasp control.

Much discussion and research has taken place as to why, and we have identified a number of issues such as a lack of protein feeding, variable times of protein feeding, alternative sources of protein such as dead rabbits, and weather conditions.

We have been working to find a way forward for next year and were excited to be invited to the wasp tactical meeting where many of New Zealand's top scientists are working on the control of wasps with cutting edge technologies.

How can you help?

1. For the 2019 year, we want to identify nests and monitor them in preparation to next year's control, so if you find a nest, or are aware of them, please let us know.
2. We need individual volunteers to count wasps and help with putting up bait stations and bait.
3. We need properties to use for bait, (note that volunteering your property does not mean that you will be included in the project).
4. We need groups of people to facilitate the opportunity to expand the project. Please get in touch if you represent a group that could contribute in this way. This could be a street or a group of houses.
5. If anyone has a good quality thermal imaging camera we could borrow this would be a unique way to detect nests in the early evening or early morning.

We are looking forward to trying to find a way forward to reduce the numbers of wasps in our area and we hope that you are prepared to help. Please feel free to get in touch with Joanne Cross on crossandco@outlook.com with any queries, concerns or assistance.

Porirua City Council District Plan Review Feedback from 22 May Meeting

PCC have provided PRA with a copy of the notes made at the community meeting on 22 May.

This is a collection of the community views expressed at the meeting and will be used by the District Planning Team to help build their understanding of the issues for the Pauatahanui community.

A copy of these notes can be found on the PRA website www.pauatahanui.org.nz/

PRA Membership

Membership of the Pauatahanui Residents Association is open to residents of the greater Pauatahanui area, including Grays Road, Paekakariki Hill Road, Bradey Road, Belmont Road, Flightys Road, Murphys Road, Mulhern Road, Moonshine Road, Harris Road and SH 58.

The yearly subscription is \$20 per household for the year from 1 April - 31 March.

If you wish to join please download and complete the membership form on our website www.pauatahanui.org.nz/ or contact us at pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com.