

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

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Proposed District Plan

The Proposed District Plan is now open for submissions and it has never been easier with everything online including being able to make a submission through the ePlan.

This is your time to have your say about matters that will affect you. For example, do you know what you can and can't do on your property?

Do you know what Zone your property is in?

General Rural? Rural Lifestyle?
Settlement? Future urban/industrial?

Do you know what this Zone means for the types of activities you can carry out on your land or your ability to subdivide in the future should you wish to?

Is your property affected by

Significant Natural Areas?
Natural features & landscapes?
Natural Hazards – Fault rupture, flooding
Infrastructure – National Grid Yard, Gas Transmission Pipeline
Corridor, Noise corridor

Check out what will affect you by going to the Council website and looking at the ePlan

<https://eplan.porirua.govt.nz/districtplan/default.html>

There is a comprehensive ePlan User Guide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnAdlhr73-I> or you can check out PRA's Quick Guide to Navigating the Proposed District Plan on our website www.pauatahanui.org.nz

It is important to make a submission if you would like to see something different or if you want to make sure that things do not change

Submissions close on Friday 20 November

Guy Fawkes



Thinking of having some fireworks? Please give some thought to the animals in your neighbourhood. If you are wanting to have some fun with fireworks, let your neighbours know so that they can make arrangements to keep their animals safe.

Volunteers Wanted

2020 CLEAN-UP

Pāuatahanui Inlet

Sunday 22 November
10.30am (Wet or fine)

For more information
<https://www.gopi.org.nz/>

Burial Ground Roses



New volunteers keen to support the PBG rose plantings are being sought.

No prior experience required as support is given.
If interested, contact Micky on 021-404 592

SNAs - Significant Natural Areas

Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) are areas of significant indigenous vegetation or habitat. Under the 'old' District Plan there were still requirements to protect areas of native vegetation but these were vague rules, for example 'There shall be no destruction of any native vegetation where the area of native vegetation exceeds 1 hectare with an average height of 3 metres or more'

Porirua City Council is now required to have more specific provisions within the 'new' District Plan and are mandated to identify the specific areas of the most significant biodiversity and to protect these. The SNAs that Council has identified are listed in a Schedule within the Proposed District Plan with each SNA having a name and an explanation of its significance.

Where an SNA has been identified the Proposed District Plan does not require it to be fenced or for the landowner to undertake any other form of stock management. Restoration and maintenance is encouraged, but not required. There are various circumstances where removal of the native vegetation is allowed but it is possible that a resource consent would be required for clearance of the native vegetation.

Council first notified landowners with SNAs in June 2018. This has been followed by opportunities for landowners to work with Council to further define these areas resulting in some changes. Now that the Proposed District Plan has been notified, under the Resource Management Act, any further changes must be requested through a submission which will be considered by an independent hearings panel.

Landowners are encouraged to put in a submission if they believe the Significant Natural Area has been incorrectly mapped or if they do not support the rules themselves. Remember submissions close 20 November 2020.

Pest Free Pauatahanui

PestFree Pauatahanui aims to protect native wildlife through actively trapping rats, mice and stoats. Traps can be supplied to households in the Pauatahanui area for a small koha of \$20. People using traps are encouraged to report their catches.

More information is available on the Pestfree Pauatahanui Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/pestfreepauatahanui> or by emailing pestfreepauatahanui@gmail.com

Consider joining the PRA

PRA membership is only \$20 per household per annum. It's a small investment in meeting our community needs and aspirations and advocating to our local and regional councils. It also enables us to harness our collective resources to maintain our historic and environmental locations.

Membership can be paid by direct credit to the PRA's ANZ account number

06-0582-0096750-00.

Please quote your name on the deposit & make sure you email treasurerpra@gmail.com with notification of your payment so that we can add you to our email database. This means that you will receive copies of our monthly minutes and other notifications relevant to the Pāuatahanui community.

Check out our website www.pauatahanui.org.nz