

Pāuatahanui Residents

Association

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

www.pauatahanui.org.nz

Rural Living 101

Online & Free

The Pāuatahanui Residents Association has created an online information pack for all residents of the Pāuatahanui community with a particular focus on those new to rural living. The enclosed magnet is for your convenience with the link to our website for easy access

<https://pauatahanui.org.nz>

Topics covered include Essential & Emergency Services, Local Authorities, Community, Lifestyle Farming, Land Management, Water Management, Roading and Local Businesses & Services. As well as detailed information, there are links to other websites to ensure that the information available is the most accurate and up-to-date possible.

Pāuatahanui Water Catchment

An objective of the Pāuatahanui Residents Association is to “promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement to its rivers and waterways, with particular emphasis on the Pāuatahanui Inlet.” PRA already supports Pest Free Pāuatahanui and would now like to support a Water Catchment community.

“A catchment community is a group of people, who identify with a geographical area, working together to take actions towards a common vision. This vision is based on a healthy environment – from water quality to biodiversity goals.”

To gauge the level of interest in forming a catchment community, we would be pleased to have you complete our survey using the link or QR code on our website through the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW8D67H>

Please note, this is a PRA initiative and is not linked to our local or regional councils. It is a local community effort and the individual results of the survey will remain confidential to Pāuatahanui Residents Association.

Proposed District Plan Hearings

Hearings for the Proposed District Plan are due to start on 27 September.

The hearing panel is made up of independent commissioners. These are the people who, after listening to Council recommendations and submitters, will make the decisions. It is therefore important that, if you made a submission and indicated that you wanted to be heard, that you do attend the hearing to present your points.

The hearing for the Natural Environment topics, which include the Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) will be from 29 October to 15 November. The date for the hearing for other Rural topics has yet to be set but will be in 2022.

If you have submitted on the SNAs, landscape or other environmental issues, you should look for the Council report (Section 42a Report) on 24 September. This will provide you with the Council’s response to all the points raised by submitters and the Council’s recommendations.

All information is on the Council website <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/district-plan/proposed-district-plan/hearings/>

Did you indicate in your submission that you wish to be heard? If so

PRA strongly recommends you have your say!

We invite you to join the Pauatahanui Residents Association

Why you ask?

For only \$20 per household you get to:

- know about the important topics affecting our community
- actively participate in the things that concern or interest you most
- be part of a team committed to keeping our community safe, attractive and environmentally responsible
- stay in touch with other community members
- be advocates for positive change, challenge areas of concern and influence local decisions

Who are we?

A small group of diverse local volunteers committed to keeping our area attractive, safe and maintaining our village and rural character. We typically meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone can join our meetings at any time - just let us know in advance.

What we do

In the past couple of years PRA, along with funding from the PCC Village Planning process, have funded village and walkway signage, safe lighting on the walkway between Whitby and the village, improved security in the Lighthouse Cinema car park, managed Pest Free Pāuatahanui and much more.

We have developed a new comprehensive rural online handbook packed full of useful advice for those new to lifestyle block living or needing particular local info.

The PRA committee (with input from the community) has advocated for SH 58 safety improvements, made submissions to Council challenging proposed rates increases and provided regular newsletter updates.

We are committed to improving our community, particularly as Transmission Gully work winds up and we can again focus on keeping our village and surrounding rural district attractive.

All this for just \$20 per household per year!

Help PRA to support your community!

Payment can be made to the PRA account 06-0582-0096750-00 Please include your name and address details in the reference area.

Pauatahanui Residents Association Inc Registered Charity # CC42516
MEMBERSHIP FORM - 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Name: _____

Email: _____

Postal address: _____

Preferred Phone No. _____

I / we agree to these contact details being kept on the PRA database and used only in communication about local and association issues.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Membership can be paid by direct debit to 06-0582-0096750-00

Please quote your name on the deposit & send the completed subscription form or an email with your contact details & information to the PRA Treasurer by e-mail at treasurerpra@gmail.com

Check out our website www.pauatahanui.org.nz