

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association

July 2023



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18 July 7.30pm

Judgeford Golf Club

### Agenda

- Guest Speaker - WREMO - Wellington Region Emergency Management Office
- Presentation of Reports
- Election of Officers
- General business

All Welcome



### Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

For many communities around New Zealand 2023 has been a year that has made the need for emergency preparedness a stark reality. Here in Pāuatahanui we have been fortunate that our emergency preparations have not been called upon but it is a timely reminder of something we do need to think about.

In 2017 Pāuatahanui residents worked with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) to develop a working document that can be used by anyone to set up an emergency hub at Pauatahanui School. Previously referred to as Civil Defence centres, the purpose of the hub is to make a place where locals can come to collect or give information and help. The resulting document included information specific to our area including places and people that could offer assistance, people who might need assistance, local hazards and local strengths.  
[https://cdn.fld.nz/uploads/sites/pauatahanui/files/Rural\\_Info/pauatahanui\\_Community\\_Emergency\\_Hub.pdf](https://cdn.fld.nz/uploads/sites/pauatahanui/files/Rural_Info/pauatahanui_Community_Emergency_Hub.pdf)

WREMO is intending to update our Emergency Hub document later this year. They have also just produced a Lifestyle Block Preparedness Booklet so we thought it would be a good time to start our “emergency thinking” and have asked a representative from WREMO to be the guest speaker at our AGM.

### Do you have your Rapid Number clearly displayed?

The Rural Address Property Identification (RAPID) system is a standard numbering system for rural properties in New Zealand. The reflective numbers are displayed on a blue stick.



Emergency services use the RAPID numbers so they can quickly and accurately locate rural properties. On entering the road, emergency services know exactly how far, and on which side of the road, the property is. A stick or plate with the allocated RAPID number should be attached to a gatepost or other visible point at the entrance to the property where it can be easily seen from the road. Property owners must provide the road name along with their RAPID number when contacting the emergency services.

If you do not have a Rapid number stick you can get one by contacting Porirua City Council service desk Phone 2375089 or email [enquiries@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@porirua.govt.nz)

If you already have a Rapid number, check that it is clearly visible to approaching vehicles.

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association - The what, why, how and who

## What

The Pāuatahanui Residents Association is an incorporated society and a registered charity set up to serve the Pāuatahanui community. Pāuatahanui is defined by the rural area of Porirua City surrounded by the boundaries of Whitby, Hutt City, Upper Hutt, Kapiti District, Pukerua Bay, Plimmerton and Camborne.

## Why

The Objectives of the Pāuatahanui Residents Association Incorporated are

- a. To act as a voluntary organisation supported by its members to promote development beneficial to the whole community of Pāuatahanui (this includes Pāuatahanui, Paekakariki Hill and Judgeford, all adjacent rural localities of Porirua City) by organising and participating in projects designed to
  - Maintain or improve the community and its environment for all residents, while preserving its rural character and scenery
  - Promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement to its rivers and waterways, with particular emphasis on the Pāuatahanui Inlet
  - Encourage residents to preserve and protect its flora and fauna
  - Preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area, both Māori and European
- b. To do all of the above in cooperation with existing or new organisations that are involved in each area
- c. To cooperate with other Residents Associations in the Porirua area on wider issues involving local residents
- d. To do all such things as are incidental or conclusive to the attainment of the above objectives

### Are you a current member of PRA?

PRA membership is only \$20 per household for each year ending 31 March. This is a small investment towards meeting your community's needs and aspirations and for representation to local and regional councils on matters of importance to this community.

Your membership of \$20 can be paid by direct debit to 06-0582-0096750-00

Please remember to include your name and address in the Reference fields.

If you are paying membership for the first time please also email us at [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com) so that we can then send you copies of our monthly minutes and other notifications relevant to the Pāuatahanui community.

PRA is a registered charity CC42516 so if you would like a receipt please let us know.

*Note: Your contact details will be kept on the PRA database and used only in communications about local and association issues.*

## How

As part of its role towards meeting the Association's objectives, the PRA has made submissions to support the views of residents on topics including the District Plan, rates, Village Planning, parking in the Village, speed limits, Willowbank Quarry and Belmont Regional Park. We have liaised with Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington Electricity and Waka Kotahi. This has included meetings with Waka Kotahi over the State Highway 58 safety upgrade and with the Transmission Gully project on noise impacts and the future of Lanes Flat.

The PRA also directly supports the work of

- Pāuatahanui History Group
- Friends of Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground
- Pest Free Pāuatahanui
- Pāuatahanui Freshwater Catchment Community

## Who

Much of the work of the Pāuatahanui Residents Association is carried out by the Management Committee, an elected group of up to 9 members.

Of the current Committee, 7 are putting their names forward for re-election - Ken McAdam (Chairperson), Diane Strugnell (Secretary), Joanne Cross (Treasurer), Anna Dellow, Micky Reilly, Laurie Watkins and Richard Bourne.

We are sorry to be losing the services of Karyn Herbert and Ian Kearney who have both made a positive and much appreciated contribution to the Committee over the last few years. With Karyn and Ian leaving us, this opens the opportunity for two other members of the Pāuatahanui community to step up and join the team, so please give this some thought. If you would like to be nominated or know someone who might, then let us know by email

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

### Check out our Rural Information Pack



Available on our website, this information pack is for all residents of the Pāuatahanui community with a particular focus on those new to rural living.

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