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# Pauatahanui Residents Association Newsletter

## December 2013

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### Pauatahanui - A local history

The launch of the history book at Pataka in October was a huge success, with book sales exceeding initial expectations. You will need to be in quick if you would like to get your copy before Christmas. You can view a sample copy locally at Rural Trading Post or the Lighthouse Cinema.

This is a truly special book celebrating our local history, the people and the times. It is a hard copy publication of 300 pages and over 300 pictures, covering from early Maori settlement to the present day, from thriving hotels to urban development to lifestyle blocks and Transmission Gully. It covers the old District of Pauatahanui, which included modern day Whitby to Paekakariki, Haywards Hill to the beginnings of Camborne, providing a great insight into the history of this area.

The book can be purchased at Pataka Gallery, Paper Plus (Porirua and Lower Hutt), P&Z Porirua Resene, Unity Bookshop Wellington, online at [www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz](http://www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz) or at the Whitby Mall on Saturday, 7 December between 10am and 2pm.

Any surplus proceeds from the book sales will be put back into the Community to preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area, both Maori and European. The PRA would like to thank the history group and the many other contributors to the history book project.

### Pauatahanui Residents Association Committee meeting - November 2013

At this month's meeting the Committee addressed a number of topical issues related to local infrastructure and use of local land and resources, including:

- ➔ SH58 safety and traffic issues related to **Winstone's clean landfill** application. The hearings have been adjourned whilst an independent safety audit of the traffic issues associated with the access to SH58 is undertaken.
- ➔ Pauatahanui planning priorities, including input into plans to provide safe access to the **Whitby walkway**.
- ➔ **Village sewerage and reticulation scheme** initial works will commence in December, with main work occurring later next year.
- ➔ PRA's submission on **District Plan Change 16 - Network Utilities**

For more information on these discussions please request a copy of the minutes from [pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuiresidents@gmail.com) or request a copy from Erica Nicholls, Secretary, PO Box 54141, Mana 5247 or mobile 021 797 366. Please use these same contact details if you would like to flag an issue or idea for future Committee discussion. **The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 21 January 2014.**

### Te Ara Piko Walkway completion

The Te Ara Piko walkway is becoming a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. So when might it be completed?

The contract to complete the works from Ration Creek to the village has now been let. This work will commence in January, to reduce any disruption over the Xmas period.



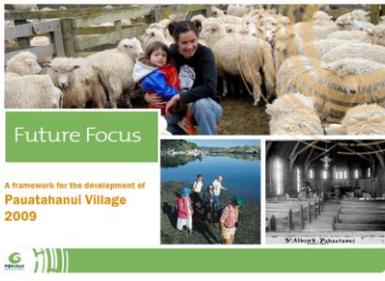
### Our Neighbourhood planning programme

Did you know that each of the communities in the Porirua City develop their own Village Plan? The programme was launched in 2004 when the Council responded to community demand for involvement in the development of their neighbourhoods.

With Council support a village representation group is brought together to gather ideas from residents about what is important in their neighbourhood and

how it might be improved. This work aims to:

- Improve villages
  - Increase community pride
  - Strengthen community networks
  - Create a stronger mandate for community leadership
  - Develop an agreed community vision for the future
  - Bring 'hard to reach' agencies to the table
  - Forge closer links with the Council
- Our last plan was developed in 2009, with input from over 50 residents.



If you have not seen this plan, copies are available to you, please send your request to the Secretary PRA. It would be great to get your input into future planning for our community, so please look out for opportunities to contribute to community planning in the New Year. In the meantime we welcome your ideas at any time, to the Secretary.

**PAUATAHANUI VILLAGE BOUNDARIES**

**Northern boundary:** The junction of Grays Road and Paekakariki Hill Road to the north.

**Western boundary:** The boundary between Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve and the private land along the western side of Paekakariki Hill Road in the village, and extending into the Wildlife Reserve to include Stout Cottage.

**Eastern Boundary:** Similarly this lies behind the houses immediately bordering the eastern side of Paekakariki Hill Road in the village and including the school and pre-school, St Albans Church and the Public Burial Ground.



**Listening to our community...**

**October 2013 Residents survey**

Thank you to the 46 residents who took the time to complete our online survey during October. It has given the Committee a useful insight into what you would find valuable.

**FAST FACTS**

92%

92% of residents support the Committee's current focus on topical issues related to infrastructure (roads, sewerage and water) and use of local land and resources.

20%

20% of respondents were unsure whether they were members of the Pauatahanui Residents Association, were unsure whether they had paid their membership fees or did not know how to join.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

To make a membership enquiry please email [pauatahanuieresidents@gmail.com](mailto:pauatahanuieresidents@gmail.com) or contact Erica Nicholls, Secretary, PO Box 54141, Mana 5247 or mobile 021 797 366.

**Your comments**

You recommended:

- More interactive opportunities for community to voice opinions
- More surveys
- Assistance to develop community support system and networks
- Organisation of fun nights, quizzes
- Miscellaneous requests including more rubbish bins, reducing road speeds and increasing road safety
- Raise the fees
- More information about what PRA does

## What is the PRA about?

The Pauatahanui Residents Association is a voluntary organisation which represents the community of Pauatahanui (including Pauatahanui village, Paekakariki Hill, Judgeford and 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 Pauatahanui Inlet
- ➔ Encourage residents to preserve and protect its flora and fauna
- ➔ Preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area, both Maori and European

The PRA represents and does feedback to the community on issues of importance to Pauatahanui. The PRA is recognised by Porirua City Council as representing the community and receives notification of issues which affect the Pauatahanui area.

This information is passed on to members for comment. Membership enables you to participate in consultation and representation on key issues which affect our community.

A copy of the PRA Rules and Constitution can be requested from the Committee Secretary.

## How do I support the PRA objectives?

Tell us what about the local issues which matter to you. Email us at any time.

## Need help from the Council?

The Porirua City Council operates a **Request for Service** system for customers to report a problem or make an information request.

If the problem is URGENT, please phone on (04) 237 5089 - 24 hours a day.

If the problem is NOT URGENT, please fill in the Request for Service form on PCC website, and attach any files or images relevant to your request.

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Thank you for your support