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WWW.PAUATAHANUI.ORG.NZ

Profile - Nicky Chapman

I joined the wonderful Pauatahanui community with my partner in 2003 when we bought a piece of bare land in fabulous Flightys Road. We first put up a barn so I could move my horses on to the property and then came the house. After 13 months of construction we moved in as permanent residents in October 2005.



Nicky riding her lovely Clydie cross 'Braveheart Beau' in a competitive trail ride at Battle Hill

After attending a couple of residents' association meetings I was invited to join the committee in 2006. It's been an interesting and at times testing experience as a dedicated and passionate group of people have worked long and hard to ensure the interests of this great community are looked after.

It's been a pleasure to work alongside my fellow committee members. Residents Associations rely on so much goodwill and often the hard work of a few is not well recognised or financially supported.

Nine years living in this beautiful spot has made me even more aware of what we need to preserve and take care of – you can make a difference, but it certainly makes more sense if it's a united effort.

Horses are my passion, second only to my wonderful partner, serving and supporting the Pauatahanui community and making the most of life in a little slice of paradise.

PRA Committee meeting - December 2014

For a copy of the December minutes please refer to the PRA website

www.pauatahanui.org.nz. The November meeting was deferred to 2 December. In summary the meeting covered:

- Hearings for the GroundUp Café retrospective notified resource consent were held 17, 18 & 19 November. The independent commissioner has now closed the Hearings to make his determination.
- PCC will be investigating with NZTA the type of road barrier options to improve safety at the bottom of Josephs Banks Drive pedestrian access to the Village.
- The Village bus turning circle and parking issues in the Village will continue to remain on the Village planning agenda.
- Two boards have now been drafted for the Pauatahanui History Trail. These are being reviewed by a Pataka adviser.

Pauatahanui Residents Association December 2014 Newsletter



*Merry Christmas
& a safe and happy
New Year from the PRA*

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- The PRA has donated \$1,000 to the WWII Honours Board at the St Alban's Church, Pauatahanui.
- Pauatahanui School children have developed ideas for a rubbish bin for the new carpark area. PRA will assist these ideas being presented to Council.
- PRA members are invited to become part of the online Pauatahanui website business directory. Please refer to the website for more information.

The next meeting of the PRA Committee is scheduled for 17 February 2014.

UPDATE ON SUBMISSIONS

Check out the NZTA, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Porirua City Council websites for more information:

Item 1: District Plan change 16, Network utilities The hearing is to be reconvened on 29 January 2015.

Item 2: Northern Growth Area Structure Plan A decision on submissions and on the final structure plan is expected by December 2014.

Item 3: GroundUp Café notified resource consent The independent commissioner is now making his determination.

Item 4: The Natural Resources Management Plan is being drafted. Consultation on the proposed plan is expected during 2015.

Item 5: SH58 Haywards Hill submissions closed 5 December.

Working Bee

By Ken McAdam

Three of the Whitby churches (North Porirua Baptist, St Marys and The Anchor) meet on the first Saturday of each month for a men's breakfast. In October working in conjunction with the community we tackled repairing two of the graves at Pauatahanui cemetery.

St Albans church opened up for us to host the breakfast on site and **Purser Contracting Ltd** donated a truck load of builders mix and the use of a concrete mixer. **Challenge Pauatahanui** donated the cement and with some willing workers we achieved a great result as can be attested to by the photos below of one of the graves.

A big thank you to all those who provided labour, equipment and materials.

Before repairs



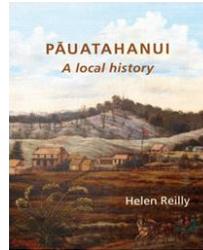
After repairs



Pauatahanui A Local History

The perfect Christmas present for current and former Pauatahanui-ites! By Sharon Evans

There are still copies of "Pāuatahanui – A local history" available for giving to friends and family. The book would make ideal post-Christmas dinner reading, with its hundreds of interesting photos, lots of short paragraphs, a bit of poetry, maps old and new, and snippets about other people's ancestors.



DID YOU KNOW?

"Currency used in the Pāuatahanui vicinity 1819-1847 - US dollars, doubloons, rupees, pieces of eight and guineas were readily exchangeable because of their metal content. Spanish coins dominated the money market for many years. In the late 1840s, British coins became more common and were made legal currency in 1858" p.37.

It's all about Whitby as well, from the time when the only building along Duck Creek was a sawmill (1863), to the Bradeys' Glenbrook Homestead, to the bulldozing and urban development of the 1970s, right up until 2012. So far, about 900 copies of the book have been sold. The proceeds have more than covered the cost of printing and publishing, and the profit is held by the Pauatahanui Residents Association in a separate bank account. The money is to be used only to further the history-related aims of the PRA, which are to preserve, protect and record local history.

GET YOUR HISTORY BOOK NOW AT:

www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz

\$65 + postage & packaging, using PayPal, Direct Debit or Cheque.

Or purchase from:

Pataka Museum, Porirua

North City Papers Plus, Porirua

Resene ColorShop, Porirua

Paper Plus, Lower Hutt

Paper Plus Coastlands, Paraparaumu

TRANSMISSION GULLY PROJECT

Extracted from letter from David Low, Chief Executive, TG Project

The NZ Transport Agency signed a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract with Wellington Gateway Partnership in July 2014. The contract is to design, construct, finance, operate and maintain the new Transmission Gully motorway for the 25 years that will follow the expected five-year period to build the motorway.

A Leighton Contractors and HEB Construction Joint Venture (LHJV) will be designing and constructing the motorway. During the five-year build LHJV will be based at Lanes Flat, near Pauatahanui.

The site establishment works are expected to begin early in November 2014. This will include bringing in fill to build up the area to accommodate a number of temporary buildings to provide office space for around 100 permanent staff. As with any construction activity there will be some dust, noise and vibration associated with this works, but steps will be taken to minimise these.

There will be an increase in traffic movements during both the establishment works as well as the eventual occupation of the site. Site establishment works are expected to be completed in early 2015. Some heavy equipment and around 100 permanent staff will be accommodated on the site which will be occupied from 6.30am until 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Traffic management is also likely to occur to ensure you, staff and visitors can safely negotiate in or around the access to the site during the tenure. Please watch for signs indicating the location of the site office and any layout or speed changes.

If you have any concerns or questions during the site establishment activities and beyond, please call the freephone number 0800 TGINFO (0800 84 46 36) or email info@tg.co.nz

National award - Pauatahanui burial ground roses

By Porirua City Council

A passion for heritage roses has led to national recognition for a Porirua woman and the rose collection she has helped nurture for 23 years at the Pauatahanui Burial Ground in Porirua City.

The roses at the Porirua City Council managed burial ground are being officially recognised at 4.30pm on Friday 5 December as a "nationally significant planting of historic roses" by Heritage Roses New Zealand.

Project co-ordinator Rosemary Patterson, who began the restoration with four other local women 23 years ago, and Porirua Mayor Nick Leggett will be on hand to receive the award and citation from Heritage Roses New Zealand President Sally Allison.

"It's great to see Rosemary and her group of passionate volunteers recognised for the work they have put into developing the

heritage rose collection at the burial ground. Through their hard work, they've created a nationally recognised site that we can all be proud of," says Mayor Nick Leggett.

Rosemary is really pleased the work of the volunteers and the heritage rose collection are to receive the prestigious award, which is given just once every three years.

"When we started to clear the overgrown burial ground we were inspired by the old roses at Bolton Street Memorial Park in Wellington. I am very pleased that the burial ground roses have at last received official recognition after the efforts put in by so many people over the years to build a notable collection for future generations to enjoy."

The burial ground boasts 115 varieties of roses across 181 rose bushes, which commemorate some of Porirua's early inhabitants and the hardships they endured. The burial ground was nominated for the award by Judith Soja, a member of Heritage Roses New Zealand, to recognise the rose

collection, acknowledge the vision and work of Rosemary and her volunteers, as well as the Council's on-going commitment and contribution to the preservation of the burial ground and the rose collection.

The Burial Ground is open to the public free of charge every day of the year.

See our [Pauatahanui Burial Ground](#) page and our [Historic Roses](#) page for more information.



Pauatahanui Carols in the Paddock 2014

Invitation from the Daltons, Dellows, Gaults and Robinsons



We are pleased to announce our second annual **Pauatahanui Community Carols in the Paddock** to be held Sunday 14 December from 5.30pm to 8pm in the paddock adjacent to the Lighthouse Cinemas.

All are welcome... past and present Pauatahanui school families... the wider Pauatahanui community... the more the merrier! For more information and to RSVP please click the following link:

RSVP: [Click here to RSVP for Pauatahanui Community Carols in the Paddock - December 14th](#)

Songsheets: REMEMBER to please print the songsheets out and bring them along with you on the night.

[Click here to print the songsheets](#)

What to bring:

- Picnic and drinks for your family (*please take rubbish away with you*)
- Christmas shared plate – a little something extra for all to enjoy
- Chairs, bean bags, picnic blankets...
- Please do NOT bring your dog

O' Christmas Tree: Please bring a homemade Christmas tree ornament to donate to our Pauatahanui Christmas tree. Ideas for a fit-for-all-weather ornament may be a glittery pinecone, a driftwood Christmas star... anything merry and bright!

Before you head off at the end of the Carols evening, make some time to wander over to our Pauatahanui Community Christmas Tree in the Village to place your decoration.

In case of rain: We will NOT be going ahead with this event should we be vexed with a rainy day. But don't let that stop you from hanging your ornament on our Christmas tree in the Village on the 14th or 15th so the

school children can admire them during their last week of school.

The more the merrier: Feel free to forward this email/invitation onto anyone you think should be joining in so they can RSVP as well. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you soon!

