

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Annual General Meeting



Date of meeting:	10 June 2025
Time:	7.30pm – 8.50pm
Venue:	Judgeford Golf Club, SH58, Judgeford
In attendance	27 attendees including Mayor Anita Baker, PCC Councillors Josh Trlin, Nathan Waddle & Ross Leggett, PRA Committee members, local body candidates & residents
Apologies:	Judy Parker, Suzanne Wareham, Grant Wareham, Hamish Wareham, Grant Fairbairn, GW Cr Chris Kirk-Burnnand, Micky Reilly, Joce Kearney, Heather Phillips

Item	Minutes
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Guest Speaker	Don Robertson, immediate past Chief Executive of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC), gave a presentation to the meeting. AREC is the public service arm of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART). Following on from 2024's AGM guest speaker, Whetū Bennett, Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, Don outlined how the New Zealand's emergency communications work from a national to local level including how Police, SARS, Ambulance, Air ambulance, Defence Force, Civil Defence, Maritime, WREMO and AREC interface. He went on to explain how this will integrate with the Pāuatahanui Emergency Hub at the school and ways in which the rural community might prepare for an emergency or natural disaster. He briefly outlined the use of radio communications in the event of an emergency and has offered to run some radio training sessions for our community. A copy of Don's presentation has been uploaded to the PRA website https://bit.ly/45hAKO7
3. Apologies	Motion: That the apologies be accepted. Moved: Ken McAdam Seconded: Mary Jones Carried
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated via email prior to the meeting with copies also available at the meeting. Motion: That the minutes from the previous AGM held on 13 August 2024 are a true and correct record. Moved: Jo Cross Seconded: Mary Jones Carried
4. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Chairperson's Annual Report

Ken presented the Chairperson's Annual Report which noted:-

PRA Committee

- the Committee has had the full complement of officers having been joined by Mary Jones, Pim Engels & Lisa Dymond during the year
- the Committee is currently reviewing the governance rules to a new constitution as required by Incorporated Societies Act 2022. As these have to be adopted by the PRA membership before April 2026, there will be a Special General Meeting held for this purpose.

Activities over the past year undertaken by PRA have included

- supporting residents and lobbying PCC over inaccurate LIM information predominantly associated with flood hazard mapping - refer to attached report
- working with Wellington Water to publicise and support current flood hazard mapping for Horokiri & Kakaho Streams i.e. Paekākāriki Hill Road & Grays Road
- beginning work to address issues associated with Council's implementation of Esplanade Reserves & Esplanade Strips under the District Plan subdivision requirements
- liaising with PCC & NZTA on roading issues including Transmission Gully consent conditions (Lanes Flat, roundabouts etc) SH58 safety upgrade & local roads including engine braking in village
- liaising with the Kapiti Coast Trails Trust which is seeking to develop a trail from Paekākāriki to Pāuatahanui. If this is successful it would deliver on PRA's Village Plan aspiration for a safe off-road trail between the Village and Battle Hill
- working with WREMO on the Village hub practice and radio communications
- submitted on PCC's Annual Plan - including noting the frustration associated with doing so, that Council needs to ensure greater efficiency rather than increasing rates or service charges and that Council should advocate to central government on a better system for calculating rates
- disseminating information to the community from PCC, NZTA, Wgtn Water, WREMO

PRA continues to provide representation to

- Public Burial Ground - Micky Reilly
- Pest Free Pāuatahanui - Jo Cross
- Pāuatahanui Freshwater Catchment Community - Diane Strugnell
- Village Community Placemaking (replaced Village Planning) - Steph Manning
- Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison - Diane Strugnell
- History Group - through ongoing book sales and taking ownership of the WH Carter painting

Finally PRA would like to acknowledge the passing of Alan Gray. Alan was PRA's only Life Member having made a huge contribution over many years to PRA and the Pāuatahanui community. Alan was on the PRA Committee from 2006-2014 - most as Secretary - and continued to provide assistance to PRA following his resignation from the Committee. He will be missed and PRA's condolences go to Christine and Hannah.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Pāuatahanui Residents Association financial statements covering the Association's General account and History Account for the year ending 31 March 2025 were circulated via email prior to the meeting with copies also available at the meeting. Jo Cross provided a brief overview noting some key points.

Motion: That the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 are accepted and approved.

Moved: Jo Cross **Seconded:** Stephanie Manning **Carried**

7. Flood Hazard Mapping Report

Mary presented the report on LIM Information and Flood Hazard Mapping - as attached. Following the presentation of the report, two motions were put forward.

Motion 1 “That Pāuatahanui Residents Association requests that Porirua City Council openly publicise to the Pāuatahanui community, the legal requirement to issue Section 71,72,73,74 Notices on properties in Pāuatahanui, and advise residents of the possible impact this may have on them, including the ability to insure properties and secure mortgages.”

Carried unanimously

Motion 2 “That Pāuatahanui Residents Association lobby Porirua City Council to work with Pāuatahanui Residents Association to develop a clear process for residents to resolve any inaccuracies in information Porirua City Council holds on properties including on flood hazard mapping.”

Carried unanimously

8. Election of Committee Officers

Nominations were received for the Committee positions prior to the meeting and were circulated by email prior to the meeting. With no further nominations from the floor, the following were declared elected.

Chairperson - Ken McAdam

Secretary - Diane Strugnell

Treasurer – Jo Cross

Committee members - Michaela Reilly, Richard Bourne, Stephanie Manning, Mary Jones, Pim Engels, Lisa Dymond

It was noted that Committee meetings are open to attendees other than the Committee and anyone wishing to attend a Committee meeting is welcome. The date, time and venue for the next Committee meeting is noted at the end of the minutes which are circulated by email and on the PRA website. This information is also available by contacting the Secretary.

9. General Business

Flood Hazard Mapping Support

At the 2024 AGM Ian and Joce Kearney brought to PRA’s attention, significant concerns over flood hazard mapping on the Land Information Memorandum (LIM report) for their property. Since then PRA has been supporting Ian and Joce and other Pāuatahanui residents affected by inaccurate LIM information. Ian and Joce wanted to formally acknowledge and express their appreciation for the assistance from PRA and, in particular, from Mary and Diane. Ian noted, however, ongoing frustrations in getting clear and meaningful responses from Council officers to requests for information that could help resolve the concerns that were first raised more than a year ago.

SH58 Safety Upgrade

Donald Love raised the topic of the SH58 Safety Upgrade. He stated that “whilst SH58 has been classified as a lifeline road and safety might be achieved, it is resilience that is just as important.” With the installation of the central wire rope and the metal side barriers, the available road width, in the event of an accident or vehicle breakdown, may be insufficient to enable emergency or service vehicles access. A meeting attendee noted a recent experience where an emergency service vehicle was held up in traffic and could only move with the traffic until there was a pull in area and even then was only able to pass a few cars. Donald tabled a letter from NZTA (as attached) in response to an OIA request regarding the length of time SH58 could be closed in the event of a large vehicle breakdown. In the truck breakdown scenario presented, NZTA stated in the OIA response that crews

would arrive on site within 20 to 40 minutes to set up a “Stop/Go” operation with removal of a disabled vehicle likely to be completed within 30 minutes to two hours depending on a number of circumstances.

Whilst the first stage of the SH58 Safety Upgrade has been completed, the next stage from Moonshine to Transmission Gully is about to commence. It was reported that there is some consultation with directly affected residents regarding egress from properties that have yet to be finalised. Mayor Baker also noted that the Council is working to address some concerns they have over the road design. There was agreement that PRA would work with residents and Council in approaching NZTA to request a wider carriageway that would enable better emergency or service vehicle access and reduce response times.

WH Carter Painting

An oil painting by William Henry Carter, dated 1907, was shown to the meeting and a brief outline of its relevance to Pāuatahanui was given. An image of the painting is in the history book, Pāuatahanui - a Local history by Helen Reilly. WH Carter was a member of the NZ Academy of Fine Arts and a grandson of Edward Charles Carter who ran two sawmills in the area, one near the mouth of the Pāuatahanui Stream and one at Duck Creek. The painting shows horses pulling logs up a beach, presumably near one of the sawmills alongside the Pāuatahanui Harbour. The painting has been gifted to PRA by members of the Carter family. Subsequently PRA has had the painting cleaned and reframed and the Light House Cinema in Pāuatahanui has agreed to display the painting so that it is available to be viewed by the community. Once on display it will be accompanied by a QR code which will provide more information on the painting, the Carter family and early sawmilling in the district.

History Book

Copies of the history book continue to sell through TradeMe or, in Porirua, at Pataka, P&Z Decorating Centre and Paper Plus. There are 137 books still available for purchase and they can be purchased at the outlets noted or directly through PRA. All proceeds from the book sales go towards local history projects such as the cleaning and framing of the WH Carter painting..

Thanks to Judgeford Golf Club

Thanks were expressed to Craig and the Judgeford Golf Club for their support of PRA events. This support can be “repaid” by residents supporting the cafe and dinner nights.

10. Meeting Close

8.50 pm

Report to Pāuatahanui Residents Association AGM 10 June 2025

Topic:- LIM report information and Flood hazard mapping.

At the AGM in August 2024 Joce and Ian Kearney first raised their concerns with the Residents Association, regarding inaccuracies in LIM information, and in particular inaccuracies in flood hazard mapping for their property.

PRA met with Ian and Joce and offered to support them in raising their concerns with Porirua City Council. Over the past 10 months we have carried out a range of indepth communications with PCC, raising specific concerns regarding:-

- The considerable inaccuracies in the maps, and the consequent significant potential legal and financial implications posed.
- the source of the maps.
- the source and nature of PCC legal opinions regarding possible council actions.
- PCC consulting with the Min Local Government regarding the intent of Section 44A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), and possible remedies.

We have lodged OIA inquiries regarding the source of the maps, and regarding the number of properties in Grays Rd and Paekākāriki Hill Rd, that have been served with Section 71.72.73. and 74 notices under the Building Act 2004.

We copied our ward councillors and the Mayor in our communications, so they are fully informed.

We have sent a detailed request, with the record of email communications with PCC, to the Minister for Local Government – the Honourable Simon Watts, regarding the intent of the Sect 44A of the Act, and remedies for affected landowners. We are awaiting a reply. We included local MP Barbara Edmonds in this communication and she has indicated interest in this matter.

We have met with other landowners who are directly affected by LIM information which has raised the issue of Section 71.72,73,74 Notices being served on properties. We are very conscious of the fact that the community is largely unaware of the presence of inaccurate maps, or Section 71.72.73.74 notices, and potential risks to the ability to borrow and insure properties.

"Notices under ss71-74 of the Building Act 2004 regarding hazard-prone land, prohibit building consents for buildings, or major alterations, on sites subject to hazards in some specified circumstances. However, there is an exception in this section that a building consent can be issued where certain requirements are met, one of which is that a notation is placed on the title that a consent has been issued." <https://www.qualityplanning.org.nz/>

To date we have not met with much success. We have:-

- No clearly identified source of the maps or detail regarding the decision to use them in LIMs.
- No detail of source or content of legal opinions provided.
- No consultation from PCC to the Min LG, despite several requests to do so
- Very minimal action to change inaccurate maps

What we have achieved:-

- Identification of Sect 44A of the legislation as the major barrier to progress in changing existing maps.

What we know

- There is no process currently by which residents can raise concerns regarding inaccuracies in flood hazard mapping.
- Residents face very significant and real financial and legal consequences from inaccurate flood hazard mapping information

- Our local ward councillors are supportive of our actions.
- PCC has not been proactive or supportive in exploring and addressing these issues.
- This community is very willing to be involved in ground-truthing future mapping information with Wellington Water.

Next Steps:-

- Ensure the wider community is fully informed about these matters and actively engaged in developing solutions. (**Notice of motion**)
- Ensure full community involvement in the development of the new flood hazard mapping ground-truthing.
- Hold Council to account when inaccuracies occur, by working directly with Council to develop a clear process for residents to raise any inaccuracies in future flood hazard mapping or other LIM information. (**Notice of motion**)

Summary:-

The good news is that PCC has commissioned Wellington Water to develop new flood hazard mapping for Horokiri (Paekākāriki Hill Rd) and Kokaho streams (Grays Rd). At the recent community meeting it was clear that there is considerable local knowledge, expertise and willingness, that will be invaluable in directly informing new mapping.

The reality is that these new maps will not be ready immediately, so we will continue to actively support residents seeking to resolve current issues related to their properties with PCC, including the impact of Sect 44A.

Notices of Motion:-

“That Pāuatahanui Residents Association requests that Porirua City Council openly publicise to the Pāuatahanui community, the legal requirement to issue Section 71,72,73,74 Notices on properties in Pāuatahanui, and advise residents of the possible impact this may have on them, including the ability to insure properties and secure mortgages.”

“That Pāuatahanui Residents Association lobby Porirua City Council to work with Pāuatahanui Residents Association to develop a clear process for residents to resolve any inaccuracies in information Porirua City Council holds on properties including on flood hazard mapping.”

Mary Jones

PRA Committee Member

June 10 2025

10 September 2024

Donald Love
donald@moonlightfarm.co.nz

REF: OIA-16094

Dear Donald

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 5 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I remain concerned that under normal circumstances if a truck breaks down, that the nominal width of 5.45m may not be sufficient for typical larger width vehicles to safely pass. I content that it is likely that the road will be blocked until recovery can occur. [...]

My measurements of the H2M section today, using a laser meter from the edge barrier, show that a typical width of between 5.45m and 5.50m has been achieved to the central support posts. There is one location at the start of the side barrier where the width available is down to 5.28m at the end mount. One spot check was at 5.43m so the lower limit stated of 5.45m is not always achieved. [...]

The formal request:

1. Please state the expected duration of SH58 closure in the event of a full width truck breaking down, westbound on the H2M section with 1.2m shoulders, when such a vehicle may not have come to rest within 150mm of the edge barrier. A median and maximum duration of expected time delay is requested.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) interprets this request as regarding the stretch of State Highway 58 (SH58) between Harris Road and Moonshine Road, Judgeford.

Our process for an incident response to the rare event of a truck breakdown that blocks following traffic on this section of SH58 consists of two principal activities:

- **Traffic management:** crews will arrive on site within 20 to 40 minutes (depending on traffic density) to set up a "STOP/GO" operation for two-way traffic and ensure that the breakdown site is safe. This will initially be between Harris Road and Moonshine Road and will then move to a shortened length of traffic diversion once the wire rope barrier has been lowered.
- **Removal of disabled vehicle:** this is likely to be completed within 30 minutes to two hours, depending on the state of the vehicle at the time of the incident.

It is important to note that the time durations are estimates only, as responding to an incident – especially given the complexity of this section of SH58 – depends on a range of factors such as the time and day of the week, whether it occurred during school holiday or term time, the weather conditions, how far along the section between barrier gaps the breakdown occurred, and what else was happening on the network at the time.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact us by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Wiles', is positioned above the printed name.

Peter Wiles

National Manager, Infrastructure Delivery