



Pukehina Ratepayers and Residents Association

Community Update December 2021

We hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to a relaxing summer ahead at the beach. The PRRA volunteer committee 2021 has delivered on a number of key projects for the Pukehina community this year that we're delighted to share with you below:

- Organised and managed coastal dune reshape work to remedy major erosion at various points along the beach, with works carried out in September. Considerable planting along many beachfront properties, with the support of Coast Care and homeowners and community, is ensuring the healthy restoration of natural dune to help mitigate erosion and build a more resilient dune system along the coastline. (NB: Stage 2 dune push up work will be assessed mid-January to see if there is enough high tide beach so we will be in touch with more details following this).
- Worked with WBOPDC to carry out the boat ramp replacement. A new ramp has gone in and reformative stonework has been carried out to mitigate tidal damage to the shore.
- Had many meetings with WBOPDC following community consultation and now remedial work is being carried out to the Pukehina Community Hall to obtain building compliance. The Hall is anticipated to be open around Easter time.
- Worked with WBOPDC to ensure that the funding was there to get the much anticipated, and needed Costello Crescent footpath!
- Promoted and supported community events such as: planting days at the new wetland on Cutwater Road, Pukehina Surf Rescue Street Party and Pukehina Autorama.
- Progressed plans for the designated walkway and cycleway around the estuary with a set of wooden stairs to be erected at the stop bank. This will deliver a short term solution that will enable community to be able to walk the route until major funding is sourced.
- Actioned a coastal management report (funded by BOPRC) that identifies remediation options for erosion issues along the estuary. Now that the boat ramp is complete, we'd like to work to address the fallen down walls etc in front of Oruroa reserve.
- Presented to Council to clarify the targeted community rate collected by WBOPDC (the Pukehina Development Fund), and obtained a commitment from Council to consult with community about the continuation of this fund (for the original purpose of connection to a sewerage system) in light of upcoming legislative reforms.
- Completed signage and refreshed the community registration programme for ATV and quad bike access on our shared beach.
- Completed welcome pack for new residents – key information about our area and the special things that people should know to ensure they feel settled in the community.
- Obtained funding from WBOPDC Community Matching Fund to put in a community orchard at Midway Park.

- Maintained our community website and physical noticeboard outside the Store, as well as regular community updates on FaceBook, and special Coast Care newsletter.
- Continued liaison with Civil Défense, helped to staff the Community Patrol car and continued payment for the security camera.

We would like to thank you for supporting our Association this year! We also acknowledge the mahi/work that other volunteers do in our community such as the Surf Club, Fire Brigade, Civil Defence and others, and realise we are blessed to live in a place where so many people help to ensure our community, and environment thrives.

As our little community morphs into a seaside suburb full of permanent residents from a casual collection of seaside baches we'd love more interaction between residents and ratepayers with our committee - what is working for you, and what is not, what aspirations do you have for our community? Do you have skills that would benefit the Association, or a passion to see change in an area of the beach? We'd love to hear from you! **We would welcome new committee members, or people to help out with specific projects such as Estuary walkway development, navigating Council plans or the Community Patrol Car.**

As a reminder we meet at 7.00pm on the second Monday of each month – come along to listen or share a particular project idea, or area of concern. You can also email or drop the Committee a message via our FaceBook page.

*** AGM Change of date for 2022* :** We normally hold an AGM in early January each year but for 2022 the date will be the 5th March. This will give the Committee more time to plan under the current traffic light framework, so this meeting will be hosted in person, and also be accessible by Zoom.

Many thanks for your annual subscription of \$30 per year. As a reminder your subscription goes towards our community security camera, the Community Patrol car, our Pukehina website hosting www.pukehinbeach.co.nz some administration costs and other small projects.

May you have a restful and enjoyable holiday break,

Ngā mihi nui

The Committee

