



Pukehina Ratepayers' & Residents' Association Inc. Community Update January 2023

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to a relaxing summer ahead at the beach. Hopefully the disruptive weather is all behind us!

The PRRA is a group of elected representatives of the Pukehina community who volunteer their time to inform/be a conduit to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC). We remain as a volunteer Ratepayer's & Resident's Association, as opposed to a paid Community Board, to ensure our voice remains independent and is not captured by umbrella district-wide decisions imposed by the Council.

The PRRA volunteer committee 2022 has delivered on a number of key projects for the Pukehina community over the past year.

- Launched a new website to profile Pukehina Beach, the amazing community groups and projects the Association is involved in. You can register your ATV's and join up online. www.pukehinabeach.co.nz
- Completed dune restoration along a number of key areas on the beachfront. We managed the push up process and worked with Coast Care to deliver plants and get schools and community groups involved in planting. This work ensures healthy restoration of dunes and helps to mitigate naturally occurring erosion.
- Advocated for better facilities at Midway Park and as a result we can expect to see some great things happening here in 2023! BBQ area, pump track, planting etc
- Worked with Coastal engineer and Regional Council to create plan for restoring the estuary area at Oruroa Reserve (boat ramp area) which is filled with concrete and is eroding considerably. First step was arranging a clean-up of rubble in the estuary which the Surf Club assisted with.
- Remedial work to gain building compliance for the community hall has started. The work has been slowed by contractors unable to proceed due to either time or materials. With support we would like to see the hall open 2023. Council have been supportive and so hopefully we may see it open again later in 2023
- Progress continues with stakeholders for a designated walkway and cycleway around the estuary.
- Pushbike racks installed along the parade for school kids on the bus route to use
- Forensic research has been undertaken to clarify the intended use of the additional annual levy collected by WBOPDC – initially for provision of a future sewerage plant – consultation held with Council opting for the lesser vote to Pause the rate for 2 years. Further investigation is being conducted by the PRRA.
- A total of 4 CCTV cameras are fully operational within the Pukehina area to ensure safety of our community. These were applied for through a council initiative.

For those Pukehina Ratepayers and Residents who are members of our Association, we would like to thank you for supporting fellow residents of Pukehina to protect our special community, promote Pukehina's current needs and future project requirements for this growing community to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

We need more volunteers to give the community some of their time and skills, and would like every resident of Pukehina to be a financial member to support the vital work that the PRRA undertakes on a voluntary basis on behalf of all the community.

The Future

As our little community morphs into a seaside suburb full of permanent residents from a casual collection of seaside baches, we need to KNOW how you want to live here – what is working for you, and what is not, what would you like more of?

To do this we need MORE interaction between residents with our committee. What is it that you want WBOPDC to provide for the Pukehina community? Any issues with the parks or beach access? Would you like to help with the Community Centre/Hall? Please get in touch!

Projects for 2023

- Action Community Centre/Hall repairs and get this facility reopened
- Repaint toilet block at Seabreeze Park
- Continue to work with the community and experts on Coastal erosion mitigation along our beaches, and actively manage the push up and reshape process when required.
- Further boardwalk and estuary walkway
- Upgrade the community patrol car and secure more volunteer drivers
- Continue to communicate well through website, FaceBook page and newsletters

Contact us

The PRRA meets at 7-00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month, and meetings are open to all residents and ratepayers to listen, or to address the committee, on any particular issue of concern. Council staff regularly attend, as do guest speakers from community support groups

Annual subscriptions, now due, are \$30 per year to cover costs of the Association for the community e.g. Accountant, Tarnix security camera monitoring, Resource Consent inspections BOPRC, website hosting and small projects etc

Please join today through our email or check out our great website and register there, and please actively involve yourself in our community association.

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