



PUKEHINA BEACH

Paradise created by nature and cared for by the community.

NEWSLETTER – December 2014

PUKEHINA BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Committee - Ian Rodger (Chair) Bev Naim (Secretary), Alex White (Treasurer), Rex Cameron,
John Cook, Alan Sutherland, Stella Cressey, Carol Forrester, Ray Foster, Dallas Bates.

AGM Invitation:

Please accept this official invitation to attend the Pukehina Ratepayers' Association Annual General Meeting.

Date: Saturday 3rd January 2015 Time: 2:00pm

Where: Community Hall 14 Pukehina Parade Pukehina Beach

This voting procedure is in place for a fair, clear vote, in line with the rules of the association.

The PBRA rules state:

1. Only paid up members can vote
2. Only ratepayers/ owners of property at Pukehina Beach may become Members
3. Membership may be in either one or joint names. Where there is joint membership - that is only one subscription has been paid per property, only one vote will be allowed.
4. Members who own more than one property may, if the required additional subscription(s) have been paid, have more than one vote allowed to them;
e.g. if they own three properties, and have paid three subscriptions they are entitled to three votes.

To allow the committee to manage the above process, it has formalised the AGM registration as follows:

- At the meeting, provide the following details: Name and Pukehina address, or if different, the address the rate demand is sent to: This will allow the Treasurer/Secretary to confirm that you are a ratepayer and a financial member of the association. You may pay on the day.
- On confirmation of being a financial member the Treasurer/Secretary will provide you with a batten to display to register a vote, or to move or second a motion.
- Non members are allowed to speak with the chairman's permission.

Please come to the AGM and if you wish to vote on the important subjects, ensure that you are a financial member. See below the different options for payment of your subscription.

Subscription payment options:

- *If you were a member last year and have provided us with an e mail address you will have received an invoice. Please just follow the instructions for payment (On-line is preferred). If you have not received an invoice via e mail choose the most convenient of the following:*
- *By Post – complete the enclosed subscription form and post a cheque to the address listed*
- *On-Line Banking – Go to the Webpage and complete the membership form. An invoice will be issued.*
- *Come to AGM with enclosed form filled out and cheque or cash*

Report from the Chair:

It is with a certain amount of satisfaction that I report that your committee has continued to work very hard on the members' behalf through 2014. There are a number of projects that have been completed and others that are still work in progress and all will be reported on at the AGM – so please make a diary note, to attend the meeting to hear about the projects and use your vote.

One subject that deserves your input is the ongoing role of the Association. Through the year your committee held special meetings (in addition to the regular monthly meetings) to focus on a Strategy going forward. We believe that members should have input into this strategy, so should attend the AGM where we will describe the process and the final outcome, detailing a Mission Statement and set of clear Objectives to meet it. The survey "Community Profile 2009 – 2029", which established the desires of ratepayers was reviewed along with current initiatives, and a document produced which aligns these into a working guideline.

Slogan:

Paradise - A kiwi beach like the one you remember. Created by nature, cared for by a great community.

Mission Statement:

To promote a great community that protects our environment and preserves our unique character.

Objectives:

Promote and Represent generally the interests & welfare of ratepayers at Pukehina Beach by:

1. Communication, Representation and networking;
2. Conserving the Environment;
3. Providing a Safe Community;
4. Fostering a Community that looks after each other;
5. Protecting the special character of the beach.

Important Business to be discussed at AGM:

Wastewater

At the last AGM the committee was given a mandate to investigate the concept of a "*self imposed maintenance plan to keep the existing septic tanks on the beach functioning well*", in order to avoid the need for a reticulated Waste Water Scheme at considerable costs to the ratepayers. We have investigated further and will report the findings at the AGM. Like previous years, this subject will impact on your decision for the collecting of the **Pukehina Development Fund Rate**, so come along, hear the recommendations and vote accordingly.

Sand dune refurbishment

The other continuing topic we will report on is the Sand Dune Refurbishment Fund Rate and the use of the accumulated monies. At last year's AGM, the vote was to continue collecting the rate and for the committee to gain a long term consent enabling the refurbishment of major wash outs without delay. Again I can report that your committee has made great progress on gaining consent and through that process learnt a lot about Sand Dune Refurbishment.

Waihi Estuary Walkway:

The sub-committee has finally achieved the WBOPDC Resource Consent for the construction of the walkway and we are now able to make application to various institutions for funding. A full report will be tabled at the AGM so please come along and hear how we are progressing with this project.

The following subjects will also be reported on at the 2014 AGM:

- PBRA Committee Submissions to the District Plan
- Council Representation
- Community Patrol Vehicle
- Community Emergency Plan/ Tsunami Warning
- Closed Circuit TV Surveillance
- The Website
- Community Hall
- Dotterel Point & coastal environs
- Stormwater/ Kerb and Channel

General items of information for the holiday season:

Pukehina Beach Website: www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

This continues to be popular with hits from all over the world. Our very grateful thanks to our current sponsors. If any local business is keen to sponsor a site at only \$100 annually, please email the PBRA secretary at pukehina.bra@gmail.com

Bikes on the Beach:

It's that time of the year that our beach is being used by a larger number of people and in particular children. We, **as Registered Beach Bike users**, need to be aware of this increased use and **take on the responsibility** of policing the behaviour of **all bikes** using the beach. Some riders will need a friendly signal to slow down but if you feel threatened don't get involved, just call Rex Ph 533 4345 with registration number and description of the bike and the misbehaviour.

Remember our ongoing access to the beach could be taken away by some inconsiderate bike user.

As a reminder, here are our **rules for Registered Bike Use** (for the sake of safety spread the word to all):

1. *Use only designated beach access ways to the beach (no private access from beach properties in order to minimise damage to dunes).*
2. *Whist travelling on the road to the access ways, drive at a minimal speed. It must be noted it is illegal for non MOT registered bikes to be on the road at any time, and it is **illegal to have passengers** so it is very important not to raise Police attention.*
3. *Drive bike on the beach in a manner and at a speed that does not endanger other users of the beach. This is a most important obligation to retain riding access to the beach*
4. *Restrict beach driving whist in the "housing area" of beach to 15 km per hour at all times.*
5. *Avoid driving the bike more than 1 metre above high tide mark at any location and at any time. This will protect the sand dunes and the planting on them.*
6. *Encourage other bike users to abide by these obligations. Remind them that **all bikes could be refused access by law** if bike users on the beach do not respect these rules.*
7. *Report misbehaviour call **533 4345** with registration number and description of misbehaviour.*
Remember all vehicles are prohibited on the spit west of the Surf club.

Estuary Harbour Warden- Important notes for Boat/Jet Ski users:

1. The bar does shift constantly, so it is important that you check the location of the channel regularly at low tide. (See the Surf Rescue report below for their contact details and offer of advice.)
2. The 5 knot speed limit is for the safety of all users of the water ways of our estuary and any boat/ski that goes over this limit is liable for a \$200 fine. Our local Warden is well located to see offenders.

Dotterel Point and Environs:

The spit continues to improve in many regards and Dotterel population is now expanding across to Newdick's beach. **Dogs present one of the main threats** to the birdlife, so please respect the council by-law that prohibits them on the spit.

If you want to protect your beach side property, call Coastcare 0800 884 880 for free native sand dune plants, fertiliser and planting advice.

Tennis Court use:

The key system is continuing this summer season. A key can be purchased from the **Pukehina Beach Store** (the first dairy as you come into Pukehina), costing \$20.00 and will allow entry to the courts until Easter. Upon returning the key to the same place you can receive a refund of \$15.00. How good is that ?

To ensure only paid up Key Holders have access please lock the gate while using the court and ensure it is locked when leaving.

Community Patrol Vehicle: *It is a very effective but passive role assisting to secure a safer community.*

We are pleased to report that this volunteer community-based activity is still very active at Pukehina Beach. The Association wishes to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who volunteer to patrol our community and report suspicious activity to the police. This activity is seen by the police as a huge deterrent to the criminal element and we are proud to be actively supporting this organisation. We intend to discuss the funding of this service at the AGM.

There is always a need for more volunteers to improve security, so please contact Rex ph 07 533 4345 for more information about the patrol activity if you can help.

Community Hall for Hire:

This very functional facility **is available for hire** at very reasonable rates, which cover management costs and day to day maintenance of the hall. The hall is suitable for indoor sporting activity, community meetings, and family events such as weddings and special birthdays etc. The fees support community activities. Phone 07 533 4345.

Recycling Centre Te Puke:

The new recycle centre located at 36 Station Road Te Puke is open every Tuesday and Thursdays 9:00am to 3:30pm, and Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm. Use of this site benefits the Avalon Disability Centre.

The centre will accept **free of charge:** Paper, Cardboard, Steel and Aluminium Cans, Glass Bottles and Jars, Plastic Soft Drink and Milk Bottles, Printer Cartridges and Fluorescent Lights.

The cost of Green waste is as follows: Car and Station Wagon \$7:00, Small Trailer and Utility \$24:00, Tandem Trailer \$46:00. The stem diameter must be no thicker than 100mm and length no longer than 3m. Green waste **not** accepted includes: Flax, Pampas, Bamboo, Gorse or Palm.

There are other refuse and recycle options within 40 minutes travel in every travel direction from Pukehina beach at The Mount, Rotorua and Whakatane.

Neighbourhood Support:

Our community has a dedicated voluntary team of 28 team leaders covering all the properties at Pukehina Beach. Our aim is to be instrumental in preventing crime in the area by keeping our eyes and ears open and reporting suspicious activity to the Police. We also want to help keep your properties safe and secure by advising you of any damage happening in your absence.

The Neighbourhood support team is very keen for you to:

- Get behind neighbourhood support to keep Pukehina safe and free of crime
- Know who your team leader is
- Report ALL incidents or suspicious activities as soon as you can – nothing is too trivial!
- Get to know your immediate neighbours so that you can all look out for each other

Your team leader will happily assist in helping you achieve these.

Would you like to supply us with your contact details? If you have already done so could you please update us with any details that have changed? The information you supply will be passed on to the Team Leader looking after your stretch of the beach and will be kept confidential and be used only for Neighbourhood Support matters. If you have any questions or would like to be part of our team do not hesitate to contact us.

Please provide your details to the Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator, Joy Walker by;

- calling into her office at First National Real Estate office 66 Pukehina Pde
- Phoning 07 5333 070 or 0274 855 455
- Post to 428 Pukehina Pde RD9 Te Puke 3189
- Email pukehina@tepukerealty.co.nz

Western Bay of Plenty District Councillors:

Sue Mathews, Kevin Marsh, John Scrimgeour: Councillors Maketu – Te Puke Ward

State Highway 2 Revocation: Speed Limit Review is seeking submissions in January 2015.

It has taken some convincing for the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to understand that the issue of speed limits requires community consultation. **The recommendation from the NZTA is that the entire “open road” from Paengaroa round-about to Domain road round-about is to be set at 80 kilometres per hour.** Te Puke Fast Forward has provided feedback to Western BOP Council staff and Councillors that the 80 kph is **not** acceptable.

When the report came to council on 11 December there was considerable debate in the Council Chamber and many of us are not happy with this speed limit in view of the community response to this proposal. However, Council have gone with their recommendation **as a starting point** for public consultation. It is important for us to demonstrate that there is a real need for community consultation in future planning within the Western Bay of Plenty - by going with the 80kph we hope this will certainly generate this feedback to NZTA.

Councillors really need the community input on **all** the different speed limits through the entire highway – which includes from Waitangi through Puke to Collins Lane. What do you think is both safe and practical?

The Councillors at the Eastern end of Western Bay do not want to see the speed limit on State Highway 2 being so restrictive that it deters people from travelling into Te Puke as this town is the service centre of our communities. We want it to remain vibrant and a place where we all prefer to shop.

NZTA state that there is at present a national review on speed limit policy. They are looking at excluding 90 kph and have stated that they will not approve a 90 kph under a Council's bylaw – thus the section for the open road is either 80 kph or 100 kph.

The information should be on WBOPDC Website mid to late January. We will confirm the dates.

We wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas. We would like to thank your very hard working committee for all the work and care that they put into the effective management of Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association. They appear to go from strength to strength and the website is just one of the great things that they have introduced to improve communication with the many home owners on the beach.

Sue Mathews, Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR CASH RENEWAL FORM

* All boxes must be completed for new members.

Full Name of Property Owner: _____ *

Valuation Number : _____ or existing member ? *

Postal address: _____ *

_____ *

Pukehina address: (If different) _____ *

Contact Person: _____ *

Email address: _____ *

Telephone numbers: _____ *

I Agree / Do Not Agree that this information may be used in the event of a civil emergency,

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SUBSCRIPTION

Annual subscription is \$20.00, invoiced September each year, gives you access to the member's section, all Newsletters, meeting minutes and some promotions; and voting rights at the AGM.

*When making your first payment, please use your **Property Valuation Number as a Reference** so that your membership payment can be correctly reconciled. **You will only need to do this once!***

Payment can be made either online

or by cheque

Received from: _____

Please print application form and post to

Reference: (Valuation #) _____

The Treasurer,

Code: (Address) _____

Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association

Account Name: Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Assoc PO Box 113, Te Puke 3153

Bank: Westpac, Te Puke

Bank Account Number: 03 0474 0429781 00

Please email application form after payment to: Pukehina.bra@gmail.com

PBRA Membership receipt - \$20.00 for year beginning 1st November 2014
(Manual payments only)

Name :

Date :

Received with thanks :

The Website member's logon is ----- and the password is -----