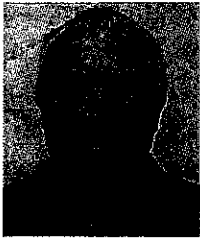


Paekakariki Community Board Newsletter

April 2015

Dear Paekakariki Residents,

Thanks for reading this, the latest newsletter from the Paekakariki Community Board, keeping you informed of issues for our community. Hopefully you've all had a relaxed and enjoyable summer, and are now ready to debate, plan and participate in all the many things that keep our community fun and functional.



Note that earlier this year, Philip Edwards was elected as the chair of the Paekakariki Community Board, replacing Jack McDonald, who has resigned due to other commitments. Steve Eckett remains as deputy chair. Contact Philip on 04 904 8616 or 027 286 1947 or email philip.edwards@kapiti.govt.nz

Representation review

Members of the public are invited to a public workshop on the Council's Representation Review. This will be held Tuesday April 14th, from 6-7pm at St Peter's Church Hall.

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review their representation arrangements every six years. The review gives the council an opportunity to ask you about the best way to achieve fair and effective representation for all voters at the next local body elections. We would like to hear from you about issues such as:

- The sense of community in the district – who are we?
- Do we have the right number of councillors to represent us?
- Should we retain the structure of having district-wide and ward councillors?
- Are ward and community board boundaries in the right places?
- Should we continue to have local community boards?

The purpose of the workshop is to start discussions on these matters. There will also be other opportunities later in the year for you to have your say.

For further information or enquiries please contact the democracy services manager Vyvien Starbuck-Maffey on (04) 296 4728 or vyvien.starbuck-maffey@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Sea wall update

Coastal protection is a very real problem for Paekakariki people, as we all live within a few hundred metres of the sea. We are all aware that the wooden wall built in the mid-1970s to protect The Parade after a series of storms stripped away the sand dunes is now at the end of its life. We have had several public meetings and workshops to discuss the issue over the last three years or so, and seen robust debate regarding what to do, if anything. Out of this a locally-based design group was formed to see if agreement could be reached. Aply led by Pete Handford, they have included or brought in some of the best engineering expertise and experience to formulate a plan that will now be shared with us all.

The Community Design Group will make a short presentation to the board and yourselves at the next community board meeting at 7pm on April 14th at St Peter's Hall.

Then, on Saturday May 2nd, a full presentation, workshop, discussion and public meeting, facilitated by the board, will be held at the Memorial Hall. There you can see the concept they are proposing, learn how it was developed, and find out how it links in with the KCDC's proposed \$10.3M project outlined in the draft Long Term Plan. There is a lot of detail that can be discussed and added, so please come along to listen and speak. Doors open at 10am, with the sit-down meeting at midday.