

PAEKĀKĀRIKI COMMUNITY TRUST Newsletter – July 2023

The Paekākāriki Community Trust (PCT) meets at 7.00pm on the first Wednesday of every month – you're welcome to attend. The Trust works to refurbish and maintain St Peter's Hall in Paekākāriki, and to manage it as a community centre and resource for the whole community. The Trust Deed can be found on the website.

[St Peter's Village Hall – Paekākāriki.NZ \(paekakariki.nz\)](http://StPeter'sVillageHall-Paekakariki.NZ)

GENERAL UPDATE

It has been a busy year since our last newsletter in December 2022. The hall has been the focus of many fundraising activities, community events, musical performances, and personal/whānau celebrations. Improvements to the hall and its facilities continue. The Trust is working with KCDC to achieve compliance with fire safety requirements in the basement. See more details on all these below.

2023 PAEKĀKĀRIKI ART SHOW

The Art Show, curated by Ronda Thompson and Sushei Hamlin-Sullivan, was a feast for our eyes and minds and a successful fundraiser for the hall. It also gave 60 artists from Kāpiti, Wellington and beyond the opportunity to sell their work, which was displayed in the hall over Waitangi Weekend (3 - 6 February). Opening night was a fun event for the local community. Thank you to the enormous efforts put in by a wide range of community and other volunteers. The Art Show could not go ahead without you.



2023 BOOK FAIR

As usual, Paekākāriki's legendary Book Fair, held over the weekend of 7-9 July, was a successful fundraiser for the hall and a fun event. The fair, which was kicked off almost 10 years ago, continues to grow. As with other big fundraising events, it can only proceed because of our army of enthusiastic and hardworking volunteers, so thank you! And thank you to Ian and Jenny Clark for their enthusiasm and organising efforts.



HALL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE

Hall Painting Bee

You may have noticed all the activity at the front of the hall in mid-April. A dedicated group of locals prepared and painted the front and east side of the hall over an intensive week. The hall sign was also refurbished. The hard-working group were perfectionists and the final paint job looks wonderful and should stand up to the elements for some time. Volunteers sanded, filled, and painted, and enjoyed feasts provided by yet more volunteers. Their collective efforts, along with leadership from Francis Mills and Derek Borland, remind us of how loved our hall is.

Replacement Piano

The hall has a better piano! The Trust, led by Robyn Mills, successfully applied for funding from four organisations who clearly recognised the importance of the hall as a community centre and performance venue. The piano is available for use free of charge and will hopefully be used widely by the community, especially by young people and children. It may also attract a wider range of musical gigs to our hall.

Sound and lighting system

Upgrade of the hall's lighting and sound system ensures its appeal as a venue for even the most demanding users. Improvements include new stage lights, overhauled electric wiring and data cables, and a 24-channel lighting desk.

Fire Safety Upgrade

The Trust is in the process of undertaking work to upgrade the fire safety of the basement to comply with KCDC fire regulations. In the meantime, the basement area cannot be used for any activities, including storage. Subject to Council approval, we hope to have the work completed in the spring. The Trust is seeking funding to assist with upgrade costs.

SATURDAY MARKET DAY AND PAKĀKĀRIKI CHRISTMAS FETE

Market Day continues to grow in popularity and the variety of stallholders is widening. Bookings are heavy, so potential stallholders need to book early to get a space. Feedback from stallholders is that this is their favourite market, as they feel looked after by the organiser (Jan Borland) and because of the market's friendliness.

The idea for a Christmas Fete grew out of talking with stallholders, visitors and local businesses. It will be held on the second Saturday in December, and will extend into the grounds of St Peter's Church (with their blessing) and along the footpath. It will include children's activities, entertainment, food, and Christmas-themed stalls. More information will be provided nearer to the time. It promises to be a fun community day that hopefully becomes a yearly event.

2023 PAKĀKĀRIKI FILM FESTIVAL

This year's Festival was a great success, with an inspired range of movies, including for children. Attendance was strong and film goers were treated to a choice of delicious hot and cold snacks at the festival café. The festival continues to be an important fundraiser for the hall. Thanks must go to the hard work of Pat McIntosh, along with Val Little and the rest of the team.

PAKĀKĀRIKI BIKE LIBRARY

Jan Nisbet and her team continue to run our much-loved Bike Library. Like other users of the basement, the Bike Library has been affected by the requirement to upgrade fire safety in the basement. The Bike Library cannot operate from this location until the basement complies with KCDC's fire safety regulations. In the meantime, it is operating a skeleton service from temporary premises. Hopefully, in the springtime, the full Bike Library services can be reinstated. The Bike Library can be contacted at: bikelibrary@outlook.com

BUSINESS AND FINANCES

Along with upkeep of the hall, our core business is hall bookings. It is a very busy event location - most weeks we receive around four new bookings and most months there are around 8-10 hosted events, plus up to 20 regular classes or activities. These can be anything including funerals, weddings, concerts, meetings, classes, fundraising etc. Thanks must be given to our Bookings Admin person, Jan Borland, for her huge commitment to the endless admin work involved in the operation of the hall and to the Hosts who make events more pleasurable and less stressful for the wide range of groups, whānau and individual users. Full financial reports are available on our website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Website: Look at the St Peter's Village Hall website: [St Peter's Village Hall – Paekākāriki.NZ \(paekakariki.nz\)](http://StPeter'sVillageHall-Paekakariki.NZ(paekakariki.nz))

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PCT Members:

Ian Clark – Chair; Julie Warren - Deputy Chair; Jan Borland – Secretary; Francis Mills; Robyn Mills – Treasurer; Paul Riley; Ronda Thompson; and Sean Treacy.

Date of 2023 AGM:

Our Annual General Meeting will be held 2.00pm on 20 August, during which the Chair, Ian Clark, will present his Annual Report. The Trust will be farewelling one long-serving Trustee and taking nominations for new Trustees.