

Paengaroa Community Association at the Agriculture and Pastoral Show 10 February 2024



**Sue Matthews – Treasurer and Lyn Fraser-Jones – Secretary
at the “TIME OUT TENT”**

“Love our new signage!” – provided by Dean Lyndsay WTF Print NZ

It takes “a village to raise a child” and Paengaroa Community Association were instrumental in supporting babies through to the grandparents by providing shelter from the hot sun at the Te Puke A & P show.

Paengaroa Community Assn provided a timeout tent. The response was great. We the gazebo was situated was opposite where people entered the showgrounds – so very visible.

We got hundreds of thank you and most thought it an excellent idea - Including the people with the bouncy castle who travel from Auckland – Taupo and they commented that all A & P shows should provide something for hot and bothered kids, parents and grandparents

Paengaroa Community Assn provided the gazebo, cold water, sunscreen, table, chairs etc to support Plunket. Plunket provided the children's table, baby changing facility, bean bags and kids activities. Chris Elmsley was there for the morning and he organised and set up the gazebo which had been donated by the Te Puke Amateur Radio Club (Paengaroa).

There were 2 x 3 week old babies who were breast feed - plus about 32 others utilised the Napkin changing faculties and feed their babies and toddlers took time out playing with the toys or drawing pictures in the shade. The Plunket nurse was able to provide support and information for babies Plunket made \$250.00 in their raffle to go towards their badly needed Archgola on the front deck at the Plunket rooms

We were able to promote the Paengaroa Community Association and we also began the Community Plan review that is due next year. Lyn went and got all the store holders details – 57 responses recorded in our data base and gave out information on the "Spring Festival" on Paengaroa Domain 9 November 2024 – where we want to promote local businesses and have a fun day for families.

We got surveys completed – 26 points identified on how our local people wanted to see Paengaroa develop in the future

We gave out over 240 bottles of free cold water and some we gave small paper cups of water to children as well. There was no evidence of bottles lying as rubbish. The Free sunscreen was appreciated as the forecasted rain never happened and it was a very hot day.