

Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.
Christmas Newsletter - 2011

The Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Committee would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Hahei Community Christmas Function and Fire Brigade Honours

Friday 9th December at the Hahei Community Hall

6:00 Socialise

6:30 Hahei Fire Brigade Honours Presentation

6:45 Entertainment and Santa arrives!

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner- BBQ meat and ham supplied by the Hahei Community Centre and Fire Brigade

- Please bring drinks, nibbles, a salad, vegetable or dessert
- BYO Crockery, cutlery & glasses

Christmas Eve Entertainment

The Grange Road businesses will be having their annual sausage sizzle from 3 – 6:00pm on Christmas Eve in the carpark. Come down, have a sausage and listen to music provided by Soul Sax. Santa may even show up with lollies for the kids!

Church Services

A Christmas Church Service and Communion will be Sunday 25 December 10am at the Community Centre. There will also be a Carol Service Christmas Eve from 7pm. All are welcome to come and celebrate the season!

Hahei Community Centre Mini Fair

The Hahei Community Centre Inc. are having a MINI FAIR on Thursday 29 December on the Village Green from 10 am to 12 noon. Fun for the kids! Coconut Shy, Bouncy Castle. Fun for the adults! Quick Fire Raffles, Cake Stall. Come along and assist them in raising funds for the proposed alterations to the Community Centre,

Cooks Beach Summer Gala

The Gala will be held on Wednesday the 4th of January from 9am - 3pm on the Cooks Beach Central Reserve with all proceeds going to Whenuakite School. 120 stalls –

White Elephant, lots of games, prizes and food. *Richardson's Real Estate is again sponsoring the 'Daisy Dung Drop' with a cash prize of \$1000!* Tickets available from the Hahei Store or Kirstin Dickie 866-3242. If you have anything you would like to donate for the White Elephant please call Dave Wharton – 866-3152

Hahei Market

The annual Hahei Market is on Friday 6 January 2012, at a **new location - Kotare Domain, Pa Road**, starting at 9.00am. With over 100 stalls the Market is bigger than before, so mark it in your diary! Food, music, games for the kids, plus a big variety of stalls.

The Hahei Tennis and Sports Club

Bookings and Memberships can be made at Cathedral Cove Dive

- Family Membership is \$100 per year (includes a key - \$15 deposit /refundable).
- Membership is from the 1st of October to 30 September.
- Casual bookings can be made at \$15 per hour per court at the dive shop.

Please be sure to close the gates after using the courts as it encourages everyone to pay for the use of the courts and therefore contribute to their upkeep!

Library

The Library is open Mon - Sat from 10am-12pm. It will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day & the day after. Library subscriptions are due 1 July \$20 (\$15 if paid before 31 December). Casual holiday borrowers are welcome and summer membership is \$10. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out at the library (shelving returned books etc.) over the holiday period would be most appreciated.

Library Book Sale – Don't miss the Big Book Sale, which is to be held at the Hahei Community Hall on Thursday 5 January, 10am - 2.00pm. Bargains for book lovers. Proceeds to the Hahei Community Library.

Hahei Store Hours

Normal summer store hours are:

8:30am – 6:00pm

From Boxing Day to the end of January the Hahei store will be open from 8am – 8pm

Hahei Petrol Station Hours

The Service Station hours are the same as the Hahei Store hours -7 days. From Boxing Day it is pay at the pump.

Plenty of food outlets – less time cooking, more time on the beach

Hahei Store Take-a-ways

Normal summer hours– Fri/Sat–5:30–6:30PM. From Boxing Day open every day (7days) 11am till late.

Luna Café –open 7 days, 8am - 5pm, as it gets busier we will stay open until we close.

The Church Restaurant - open 7 days with dining from 5.30pm until Easter Sunday- bookings essential! ***Christmas Day Lunch***One sitting at 12.30 Limited seats booking essential

The Grange – From the 27th - brunch from 10 am dinner from 6pm. Bar and snacks all day. Closed public holidays. Live music New Years Eve.

Maddens Ice Cream Parlour & Pizzeria – Open 10Am – 9 PM

Beach Habitat and Deli -9:30AM – 5:30PM
Come in for Christmas gift ideas and all your delectable delights from the deli.

Local News

Cathedral Cove Arch

In early November, the first phase of work to scale the Cathedral Cove arch was successfully completed via abseiling. Video footage of this work can be seen on the following web links;

<http://youtu.be/Y5aGfC4pjAE>

<http://youtu.be/Z9gjFfwEojg>

Further work was done last week with ladders. DoC plan to keep the access to the beach open. As has been the status for some time, the arch will remain formally closed to public access until deemed otherwise. The arch, rock structures and cliff faces in this general area are natural features, the issue of

more rock falls will always remain present. Due to the ongoing rock fall hazard, whilst DoC plan for the arch barrier ropes to be removed, signage will remain in place warning people of the hazards.

New Kopu Bridge

Get to the beach faster this year – the new bridge at Kopu opens in December! There is a public ‘walk over the bridge’ on Saturday the 10th December.

Park and Ride

The Park and Ride will operate again this year providing a bus to the Cathedral Cove carpark with secure parking in the paddock next to ‘The Church’. Wednesday the 28th of December through to Sunday the 15th of January. The bus runs from 9:45am to 5:30pm (approx every 15 to 20 mins) Fares(return) Adult \$3, Children \$2, Family \$7. Free Parking available 9:30 to 5:45pm

Freedom Camping

There has been much coverage and activity recently about the issue of freedom camping in New Zealand and on the Coromandel.

The Government has introduced legislation this year to help Councils enforce their camping rules and as a result TCDC have had to change their bylaw and policies. Current bylaw states that it is illegal to camp in a public place on the Peninsula.

Have a look at the TCDC website for further information

<http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Council/Council-Projects/Bylaw-changes-and-government-legislation/>

Entrance to Hahei – Roadworks

You will notice that many streets in the village have been resurfaced in the last few weeks. Work is scheduled to begin on the widening and strengthening of the entrance (Snake Gully) to Hahei. We will be discussing this at our committee meeting on 4 December and will be advising you further on this.

Reminder to Boat Owners and Swimmers

- the 5 knot/200 metre rule must be complied with,
- the Ski Lane is set aside for boats towing skiers and only those vessels can exceed 5 knots in the Ski Lane provided they are towing a skier,
- no other boat or Jet Ski can exceed 5 knots in the Ski Lane.
- Buoys and 200 metre markers mark the Ski Lane,
- life jackets for everyone on board!
- Finally, Swimmers need to stay out of the Ski Lane!!

Vehicles on the Beach

- Vehicles (Tractors, cars, trucks, quad bikes, etc) are **not** allowed to drive on Hahei Beach except for the launching or retrieval of boats. This is a bylaw and is enforceable.
- Tractor and boat towing maximum beach speed is 8kph(check those brakes) Watch out for our children.
- Please use courtesy and consideration to other beach users --park only within the designated area. Parking is only allowed at the south end of the beach (Wigmore Stream)

Useful numbers to note: Mercury Bay Harbourmaster 0274 931 379, marine forecast Metphone 0900 99907 (menu option 5 Coromandel).

Fire Brigade

There is a total Fire Ban in place from 20 December to 8 February, again this year and it is extremely important this year that you ***Do not have open fires including braziers or use fireworks during this period.***

The long range weather forecast indicates very high risk of bush and grass fires, we have all experienced that in this area and do not want a repeat.

During the year several of the Fire staff have also joined the St John service adding to our collective ability to respond to community needs

Ambulance

The ambulance is now permanently stationed at Hahei and will still cover the Cooks Beach, Whenuakite and Hot Water Beach areas, including state-highway 25a from Pumpkin Hill to Coroglen if required.

Due to purchases of a new defibrillator and a fully equipped First Response pack we now have the ability to respond in both the Fire vehicle and the Ambulance if the workload requires.

We are also trying to arrange outside staff coverage to help with the expected workload.

The **Westpac Helicopter** will be back in Whitianga for the Holiday period, which will add greatly to the over-all emergency service coverage in the area.

Please remember that all the staff are volunteers who are putting their time and energy into making your holiday enjoyable, please help us to help you.

Noise Control

The TCDC has a 24 hour telephone number for Noise Control 868-0200. Please be considerate of your neighbours this Christmas and make sure you are not the one complained about!

Liquor Ban

There is a total 24 hours liquor ban all year round in all public places including roads, beaches and reserves.

Rubbish Collection – Holiday Period

At the printing of this Newsletter we did not have the Holiday collection dates. As in past years there will be two collection days going through to Anniversary weekend. Collection days for Hahei are Monday and Thursday.

There are two sizes of the TCDC Blue Rubbish bags and can be purchased at the Hahei Store. **Remember that only rubbish and recycling in official TCDC blue rubbish bags and green bins will be collected.** If you need a replacement green bin, contact the TCDC Customer Services team on 07 868 0200 or visit your local Refuse Transfer Station for one. There are 24/7 drop-off facilities for rubbish and

recycling at Whangapoua, Opito Bay, Tairua, Pauanui and Matarangi

If bags are put out the night before, you need to protect them from the sea gulls.

Dogs

From 15 December – 8 February dogs are **not allowed** on the beach and its reserves between the hours of 9am and 7pm. They may be exercised off lead but under control outside those hours.

All dogs in public places must be controlled on a leash. Please pick up any ‘deposits’ made by your dog. Be aware the dog wardens will be enforcing these rules.

Traffic Warden

The area now has a Traffic Warden patrolling - 868-0200

Note: There is No Parking on Grange Rd

Hahei Business Association

You are receiving a Hahei Business Directory with this Newsletter provided by the Hahei Business Association. Copies will also be delivered to your Hahei address. If you require further copies, the Hahei Store has a supply. The Business Association hopes it is helpful.

E-mail Newsletters

If you are a member of the Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association and wish to receive Newsletters by e-mail please make sure we have your correct address. We do send out quick updates by e-mail.

Note: Effective January, the new Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Secretary/Treasurer is Committee Member Neil Barr.



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