



Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Newsletter May 2013

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Certainly a summer of endlessly long hot sunny days, it feels like 2013 paid tribute to the 70's when summers did not end and return to work and school seemed to be amidst the hottest of days ever. Mother Nature threw in a windstorm to keep everyone on their toes, and whipped up the seas that lead to 20 odd swimmers being safely returned to the beach by local lifesavers and surfers.

By now most will be aware that the Cove Kitchen (formerly the Grange Café) was razed to the ground in October last year. A tremendous loss to the community. Well done Tim and Lauren who had recently taken over ownership of the Grange Cafe, and whom have picked themselves up and are making a success of Sixfortysix in Whangamata.

The land left from the fire has been purchased by "The Coromandel Brewing Company". Whilst council approvals, consents and general paperwork is a way from completion the early indicators are by Christmas this year once again the locals, rate payers and weekend visitors will have a venue to take the family to. Specialising in producing and selling their craft beers, a selection of other beverages will be available, and a simple menu, it is sounding like it will complement the community in a positive way.

Grange Road footpath was well used, enjoyed by many and all in all a successful project.

Unfortunately the overcrowding of vehicles continues to be an issue for Grange Road residents with parking across driveways continuing to be a bother. The shuttle bus extended its tour of duty this year, and was well supported. Some days the carpark at the collection point being full, a good indication of what a great service to all this is.

Leadfoot Festival again drew crowds to what is fast becoming quite the event, drawing international visitors as well as many national enthusiasts. The festival brings vital income to the area, and tentative dates for next years event look like they will soon be set.

The Hahei Tractor Bash had bach owners, local residents and their children washing, polishing and "tarting up" the proverbial boat launchers in another display of imagination gone wild. This year a very popular Quiz night was added to the growing list of events AND a team of locals took away first place!

The AGM Briefly.....

The AGM held in the Community Centre Hall over Easter Weekend drew a fine crowd.

- Discussions were raised as mentioned above, around possible solutions to the volume of traffic and the parking habits of the transitory Cathedral Cove sightseers over the Summer Season. It was unanimously decided that further enforcement is required.
- Concern regarding the uncomfortably sharp road surfacing in Dawn Avenue.
- Progress regarding the fundraising for the Community Centre Upgrade was reported.
- For many years Hahei Autos has opened its doors for WOF, car engine repairs, puncture repair, caravan storage as well as earth moving contractors. Laurie and Anne Donovan have decided it is time to scale down operations. Car maintenance and WOF are no longer options, and AA call outs will now come from Tairua, however the yard will remain open and some services are still on offer.
- A rather annoyed resident brought to the meetings attention how frustrating it is, that fruit trees are stripped bare of their crops. Whilst generally many are happy for wind fall to be collected, be respectful to the owner of the fruit tree !!
- Discussions were had around Hahei Rate Payers being included in the Mercury Bay rate impost to aid the shortfall in funding for the Whitianga Sports Complex.
- Security cameras were again suggested after a spate of burglaries in Hahei over the Christmas New Year, and Easter period.
- Concern was mooted in regard to a concession for a water taxi to operate off Hahei Beach, and conversation around Department of Conservation CMS Road Show and difficulties in accessing the site in order to make a submission. It appears that many residents have made submissions and are waiting correspondence.

You will remember the national up roar over an ice cream vendor operating off Cathedral Cove, become a member so that with support these and other issues can be nipped in the bud.

Become part of the solution become a paid up member.

Hahei Beach Rate Payers Association was formed so that YOU the absent ratepayer are kept up-to-date with news, views and contentious issues. You together with the local community who are quite passionate about the world we live in, can join forces to support positive growth and development in the area whilst maintaining the sanctuary we are fortunate to retreat to.

In order to have your say, your vote, your input – Become a member.

Annual Subscription is now due

\$20 per annum per property is all it takes

As a member you will have the right to suggest, submit and most importantly vote for what is important to you as a ratepayer.

Whilst this newsletter is going out to ALL property owners that we have in our database – as the year unfolds it will become a members only update, with the possible exception of a Christmas News Letter. If you know of someone we have not mailed to please pass on this email, and contact us with up dated information.

It is one membership per rate payer or associate please add “M” for member or “A” for associate to the end of your address in the reference

Subscriptions can be paid directly into

Westpac Whitianga

Hahei Rate Payers Association:

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Reference: YOUR NAME and HAHEI STREET NAME AND NUMBER
Joe Bloggs 123 Pa Road “M”

If you prefer to send a cheque, please do so

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So that we are sure we have got your details up to date please reference your name, street and number and “M” for member or “A” for associate member on the back of the cheque.

The committee working for a better Hahei are:

Bryan Fotheringham (Chair)
Shane Harnett
Brian Keucke
Wendy Lawrence (Secretary/Treasurer)
Peter McAdam
Jo Mannington
Sam Verran

Thank you to Neil Barr for your contribution as Secretary/Treasurer through 2012

OTHER STUFF:

Hahei has slipped into “off-season” mode with the

Hahei Store now open 9-5 - 7 days

The Church Restaurant Open 6 Days Mon – Sat

Maddens Ice Cream Parlour 10-6 Tues – Sun late night on Friday

Hahei Library is open 6 days 10-12 closed on Sundays

Pat and Tom have hung up their aprons and....

Pat and Rachel are the proud new owners of Luna Café, Now... Hahei Beach Cafe – They have closed for refurbishment and looks as though they will be open again mid-August more news and opening times as soon as we know.

HBRPA Committee Member Meetings

If you have any comments to make regarding the activities of the HBRPA then please contact myself or any of the committee members. E-mails can be sent to news@haheiratepayers.co.nz
Committee meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hahei Community Centre.

Next Meeting: Sunday 30th June 2013 – Hahei Community Centre

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