



October 2011

### **Beach Front Barbecue**

A public meeting was called following community concerns regarding the Beach Front barbecue proposal on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Hahei Community Centre. The meeting was chaired by Alison Henry, Chair Mercury Bay Community Board and Lesley McCormick, TCDC Area Manager and Scott Farrell – TCDC Reserves. There was a great turnout with over 80 residents and ratepayers in attendance to ask questions and express their views.

Information at the meeting covered -

- the Reserve Management Plans were adopted in 2007 after full public consultation
- the status of the reserve and that barbecues are permitted activities on this type of reserve
- there will be no structure over the barbecue at Hahei
- the barbecue is a two burner and is electric - a photo was passed around for all to view
- there will be a timer to restrict hours of operation
- there will be no extra lighting
- Smart Environmental Ltd will include cleaning of the barbecue when cleaning toilets
- the barbecue will be sited near rubbish tins
- extra screen planting will be done
- there is a liquor ban in place
- freedom camping is not allowed on the reserve – TCDC will be placing new signage at the carpark regarding this.

There was strong indication of Community sentiment with a show of hands. E-mails sent to Council and HBRPA were also included. A barbecue will be placed at the Beach Front Reserve.

### **Hahei Happy Hour**

Happy Hour is this Friday, 7 October from 5.30pm in the Community Centre. Bring some nibbles and drink and meet your neighbours.

Happy Hour is the first Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome!

### **Hahei Tractor Bash**

To all you Tractor enthusiasts!! The Hahei Tractor Bash is once again on in Hahei. It's this coming weekend 7 -9 October with the Tractor Parade on Sunday 9th October 2011.

It is the first weekend of the school holidays, so pack up the kids and head on over for a great weekend.

- **Friday night:** Register your tug of war team, Sunday swim and late tractor registrations at the Hahei Fire Station from 6pm with a BBQ fundraiser.

- **Saturday:** Time to decorate your tractor and get out and about in the area. Check out local restaurants or enjoy wine tasting from the Mercury Bay Estate outside the Hahei store and tastings at the Beach Habitat Deli.
- **Sunday:** The 'Main Event' – The Tractor Parade through the streets of Hahei. Assembly point, Kotare Reserve car park, Pa Road, 9 am. Tractor judging, food stalls, games and prizes for kid of all ages. Autumn Swim at 12 pm run by the Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Register your tractor or for more information go to: [www.hahei.co.nz](http://www.hahei.co.nz) or contact Kay Harrison ([pkharrison@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pkharrison@xtra.co.nz)) phone ([07 8663281](tel:078663281)) for a registration form.

### **Hahei Holidays Ltd. Structure Plan**

The owners of the Hahei Campground are seeking to amend the Structure Plan covering their land to provide some certainty to them regarding proposed developments over the next 50 years. In essence, over the long term, they intend the camp to transition to the provision of fixed accommodation (cabins/villas/motels/etc.) for half of its allowable occupancy.

The application has received a significant level of support and Hahei Holidays Ltd. are to be congratulated for the quality of it and the level of consultation that attended it.

Our submission urged further consideration of issues relating to traffic/ parking, building coverage, building height and preservation of the esplanade strip along Wigmore Stream which remains part of the campground.

TCDC's Planners Report essentially supports our views. Traffic/parking has been addressed, building coverage has been better defined to our satisfaction and building height has been restricted from what was sought, such that it represents a reasonable compromise. However, the proposal could still see up to 20 buildings over 8m high in the central part of the camp.

The application proposed an 8m development setback from Wigmore Stream, primarily to protect the significant Pohutakawa along this strip. Seemingly, the only way this strip of esplanade can become (public) reserve is if the campground should be subdivided. The Structure Plan does not envisage this within 50 years – but who knows. The existing esplanade reserve along both sides of Wigmore Stream is 20m wide and we will be urging Council to impose a development setback of the same distance. The land would still be available for camping activity but be preserved in case of it becoming a reserve in the future and to better protect the Pohutakawa.

The application's hearing is on 12 October.

### **Hot Development Ltd. Structure Plan**

Hot Developments Ltd. has applied to amend an existing Structure Plan over 20 hectares of land at Hot Water Beach. Our Community Board are currently very keen on structure plans as a means of development planning. We have so far taken the attitude that they simply create an additional layer of zoning that generally is either not necessary or desirable.

In this instance, HDL are seeking a greater level of development. Our submission to Council urges them to consider the merits of the application as if it were a new structure plan and tested against the rules applying to the original/underlying zoning of the land – in this instance, rural.

### **Proposed Freedom Camping Policy and Bylaw**

The recent passing into law of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, has meant that Councils need to define areas where camping is prohibited and permitted (with any conditions of use), because a blanket ban cannot be imposed anymore, which means for the Coromandel, a brand new policy and bylaw are required.

The Council has approved a draft Freedom Camping Policy and Bylaw for public consultation, which proposes all of the areas on the Peninsula where Freedom Camping is prohibited (Schedule A). In the draft bylaw, this includes all of the Peninsula's urban areas and other known "hotspots".

Schedule B of the proposed bylaw is a list of areas where Freedom Camping is permitted (with any conditions of use). Currently there are no locations in the proposed "Schedule B", but Community Boards are investigating potential locations for this schedule.

Submissions open 30 September and must be in by 31 October. For more information go to: <http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Media/News/New-freedom-camping-bylaw-and-policy/>

### **HBRPA Secretary/Treasurer**

The Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Committee is looking for someone who would be interested in joining the Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee meets every 4-6 weeks in Hahei. The role would be responsible for taking the minutes, sending out Newsletters (by e-mail and post), maintaining the Membership roles, Notice Board, the banking and the year end for presentation to the Financial Reviewer. With our new web site, the ability to work with the site would be beneficial although not required. If you are interested please contact [news@haheiratepayers.co.nz](mailto:news@haheiratepayers.co.nz). There is financial compensation for this position.

**The next HBRPA Committee Meeting will be held Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October -200 PM (Labour weekend) and the final meeting for the year the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2:00 PM at the Hahei Community Centre. Members are welcome.**

**Judith Couldrey – Chair of the Hahei Library has asked we send this letter out on behalf of the library.**

#### **Open letter to Hahei Residents Archival Records of the Hahei Basin**

At the AGM of the Florence Harsant Community Library in Hahei on 23rd July 2011 the future of the Archival Records of the Hahei Basin, presently held in storage by the library, was brought up.

A suggestion was made that all the material should be transferred to the new purpose built Coromandel Peninsula Archives unit which has been set up in the old Carnegie Library in Thames.

This suggestion was met with the approval of the meeting and relief by the members of the Management Board who had become concerned at the deterioration of the archive material housed, due to inadequate storage facilities.

However the Board is very mindful of the importance of these records to many long standing Hahei residents.

Consequently we request those who have an interest in the archival material being retained in Hahei to please contact Judith Couldrey, Chairman of Management Board of the library before 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2011, to register their preference which will be taken into consideration before the final decision is made.

To date the library has already been in touch with Charles and Ann Harsant who have been over to Thames to inspect the new facilities and, after photocopying material of specific interest to their family, have given their approval of the move.

Register your interest and leave your contact details at the library during the open hours of Mon – Sat. 10.00am – 12.00md. before 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2011

Please remember that these records could well be lost altogether if they are not housed in the correct environment.

Regards

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