



## HAHEI BEACH RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

**September 2011**

### **Beach Front Barbecue**

An electric barbecue is proposed for the Hahei Beach Reserve to be available for general use. The proposal is to place the barbecue where it will be screened behind bushes, it will not have a structure built over it, it will have a timer and it will not be lit. TCDC contractors will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the facility. The Reserves Committee had been considering a beachfront barbecue for Hahei since 2008 after seeing them working well on other Reserves. When it was first discussed funding was not available from Council so the Reserves Committee went to the Ratepayers and the Business Association for consideration and possible funding. In August this year Council notified the Reserves Committee that the funding was now available and the project could proceed. With this announcement, the Ratepayers Association withdrew their financial support.

However, the barbecue has become a contentious issue. There are some people who see the barbecue as a beachfront development that will change the relaxed and low key environment of the beachfront. Others think the barbecue will enhance a relaxed beachfront environment. The barbecue will go to another reserve in the Mercury Bay area if it is not wanted in Hahei. The Reserves Committee are suggesting that, to be fair to everyone in this community, they hold a meeting with Council representation to discuss this matter. The meeting date is Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Hahei Community Centre. You can email your support or otherwise to Community Board Chair – Alison Henry [henry.a@xtra.co.nz](mailto:henry.a@xtra.co.nz), TCDC at 07 868 0200 or [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz) or come along to the public meeting.

### **Coromandel Blueprint Project**

Council and the three partner agencies, Department of Conservation (DoC), Waikato Regional Council (WRC) and Hauraki Whaanui have adopted the “Coromandel Peninsula Blueprint Framework for our Future”.

We have received a letter from Lesley McCormick – TCDC Area Manager Mercury Bay, Policy and Planning that outlines the role of the Blueprint, the Local Area Blueprints (LABs) and Community Plans in the planning process. We will put the letter on our website for everyone’s information.

It is evident that the stated objectives are not set in concrete in relation to the District Plan and the Ten Year Plan. This further reinforces the value of our own Community Plan to reflect the desires of our community.

It is very clear that our next step is to provide input and clear direction to the future of Hahei through the District Plan review and the Ten Year Plan. We will be coming to you for your input and feedback as to how you want to see Hahei.

### **Hot Development Structure Plan Change 11– Submission**

The Committee will be making a Submission on this Plan Change. In our view an application such as this should be considered against the underlying zoning of the land rather than as an amendment to the existing structure plan.

### **Hahei Park and Ride**

The Community Board will continue to support the continuation of this service along with the shuttle service from Ferry Landing to Hot Water Beach.

This project is being managed by the TCDC Rooding Team under the guidance of Matt Busch. Waikato Regional Council is preparing tender documents which will be advertised as a 3 year contract. It is a requirement of NZTA that contracts are tendered for 3 years to obtain the passenger service subsidy. However it should be noted that the subsidy is not guaranteed for 3 years.

### **Walkway – Grange Road**

TCDC have confirmed that the proposed walkway designed as part of the upgrading of Grange Road will proceed during the 2011/12 year and future years. The footpath has qualified as a safety project attracting a 40% subsidy from NZTA. The Community Board's footpath budget \$100,000 pa will be assigned to this work which will continue until the walkway is complete.

### **One Lane Bridge (Dalmaney Corner) and other roading**

Guardrail installation at this bridge is programmed to start the week commencing 5 September. The guardrail will extend across the bridge to reduce the risk of vehicles ending up in the stream. Also TCDC have included a project in Council's draft 2012-22 ten year plan to reduce the frequency of flooding in this area. The draft 10 year plan is will be available for public consultation/submissions in early 2012.

Other roading improvement works programmed in the current (2011/12) year in the Hahei area include: Road pavement strengthening work on Hahei Beach Road (800m length from Link Rd intersection to bottom of the hill coming into Hahei), this will include some minor widening and geometric improvements on the hill section (to improve safety - especially for cyclists!)

### **Broken Glass**

We continue to receive complaints about broken glass being left in the street on rubbish pick up day. We have written to TCDC regarding this and have been advised to send complaints to customer services every time - yes, every time you see a Smart Environmental truck smashing bottles and landing broken glass on the street. TCDC staff need this info to be able to discipline the contractor. 07 868 0200 or [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)

### **Street Lights in Hahei**

We have also received complaints about the brightness and direction of street lights. We contacted TCDC and were advised:

- most street lights in our district have old style lanterns (GL500's) which weren't designed with limiting light spillage in mind
- We are replacing these old style lights with new technology that greatly reduces light spillage (reduced by 4x compared with a GL500) as the old lanterns need replacing. This is the most economical way of upgrading the lanterns. The new lanterns that we use have the lowest light spillage rating that you can get with street lights.
- Putting shields on lanterns or installing new lanterns to reduce light spillage is a low priority compared with maintaining existing lights in a safe condition or installing new lanterns where there are none.

The street light in particular on Grierson Close will not be replaced in the short term but it is on the radar and will be done when replacements are made in the Hahei area. Maintenance is on a schedule across the district.

### **International Day of Older Persons**

Promoting what's out there for you!

Full line up of entertainment, \$2 raffles, spot prizes, wellness area and lunch provided  
Whitianga Town Hall – 10:30am – 2:30pm, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2011-09-04

No Charge

## **Hahei Tractor Bash**

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

This 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 or a treat from 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.

\*Correction to the last Newsletter. Our new e-mail address is [news@haheiratepayers.co.nz](mailto:news@haheiratepayers.co.nz)

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