

Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association

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Attention: Matt Lamb

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and Terry Gould.

Subject: Hahei Parking and Roothing Upgrades

Dear Matt

Thank for visiting us Hahei last Thursday, 31th May 2018 to discuss the roading and parking upgrades we need in Hahei to deal with our visitor numbers. The following is a summary of the key points we discussed.

- 1) **Commercial Area Upgrade**– We would like to upgrade the commercial area to manage vehicles and pedestrian as follows (see attached mark-up of Google Earth)
 - a) **New Pedestrian Crossing** – We would like a new pedestrian crossing to enable people to walk safely across Hahei Beach Road to the shops and cafes. The pedestrian crossing on Google Maps is out of date. We should retain the pedestrian crossing just past Grange Road.
 - b) **New Bus Stops** – It is important for the Park and Ride shuttle bus to be able to drop off and pick up passengers at the shops and so we propose 2 new bus stop areas. See attached Goole map.
 - c) **Upgrade Area by Proposed bus stop** – We would like to see the area under the trees tidied up, to allow a wider footpath and perhaps a couple of seats.
 - d) **Review Angle Parking on Grange Road** - the area on Grange Road, just past the pedestrian crossing should be reviewed for safety. No large campervans should be park here are they protrude on to Grange Road. It can remain a 60 mins parking zone. The angle park by the pedestrian crossing could be removed as any vehicle that parks there goes across the pedestrian crossing when reversing.
 - e) **Parking outside Shops** – The area immediately outside the shops should be 30 min parking. Please examine how we can optimise this area – we still need the current bus stop to remain for vehicles such as the NZ Post courier van and food provider trucks. Perhaps the entire area fronting Hahei Beach Road could be made angle parking.

We would like you to develop a more detailed drawing for this area, so we can discuss the concepts with the shop owners and other residents.

We should aim to complete this area by 1 Oct 2018 as this is an important area for both visitors and most importantly, our businesses.

- 2) **Hahei Entrance**– This a critical area for visitors to Hahei. Changes we would like to implement are
- a) **Changing Speed Restrictions**– We would like to implement the following
 - i) **50kph prior the S bend** – Shortly after cars turn left at the corner of Link Road and Hahei beach road, we would like to reduce speed to 50 kph. This will slow cars down prior to the s bend, improving safety and get people ready to slow down further
 - ii) **40 kph immediately after the S Bend and prior to the Visitor car park** – Vehicles should slow down further for safety reasons, and also so they can read the signs
 - b) **Signage** – These are currently are totally inadequate and we would like you to come up an effective signage plan that maximises the number of vehicles that enter the Visitor Car Park. Our recommendations are
 - i) All signs along Link Rd should have the same distance for Hahei and Cathedral Cove. Currently Cathedral Cove is shown as 1 km further.
 - ii) We needed fewer, clearer, larger signs, carefully located on the section of road from the S Bends to the Visitor Car Park entrance. They should be the same size are the signs on Link Road. We think the first sign should be “Welcome to Hahei”, following by a sign instructing visitors to use the Visitor Car Park.
 - iii) A Round about outside the Visitor Car Park Entrance – As the traffic counter showed only about 20-25% of vehicles entering Hahei are driving into the Visitor Car Park. We need to increase this substantially, and we wonder if signs alone will work in the long run. One suggestion is to install a temporary roundabout with cones, similar to the one installed by NZTA at the Kopu turnoff. This has been successful. Can we can consider a similar installation in Hahei? It would probably only be needed from 1 Oct to 31 May. Have you any other suggestions?
 - c) **“Pedestrian Crossings” on Pa and Grange Road** – Currently there are painted virtual pedestrian crossings. We recommend that these are replace with proper pedestrian crossings.
 - d) **Road Verges** - The grass verges along the entrance strait need to be kept mown and tidy so as to make it more welcoming to visitors. Sue Costello has been working on this with Kare Blair and Anna Bartlett but needs co-ordination between all parties.

3) **Implementation Plan** – Please tell us when you can get this done

We hope this summarises correctly our mutual understanding of the roading upgrades needed in Hahei. We anticipate the costs will be very small, but they will make a huge difference to the visitor experience

Thank you again for coming to Hahei and we look forward to working with you to implement the changes.

Yours faithfully

Bill Stead

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Stead', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chairman of Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association



1 hour Parking
Review safety

Max 10 min Parking in this area

Bus Drop off

New Pedestrian
Crossing

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