

HAHEI RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: 26th October 2024 at 3pm

Title of Meeting: HRRA AGM 2024

Meeting Location: Hahei Community Hall

Attendees:

HRRA: Chair Brett Harries, Secretary Penne Clayton, Treasurer Paul Revell, Maggie Beattie, Jen Goldsworthy, Ray van Beynen

Guests: Hon Scott Simpson, His Worship the Mayor Len Salt, Councillor Deli Connell, Heather Bruce TCDC Area Manager, Richard Shelford-Woodcock Chair Coromandel Alliance Association, Caroline Hobman Community Board Chair, Paul Hopkins Mercury Bay South RRA.

Residents and Ratepayers: Brian Donald, Lorne DePape, Andrew Watson, Jenny Gill, Ron & Debby Duin, Mary Slater, Anne Donovan, Michelle Saba, Robyn Dalzell, Robyn & Peter Hogg, Anne Scott & Philippa Hall, Barbara Ritchie, David Pearce, Diane Tankard, Mike Packer, Nicholas Glanfield, Brian Green, Tyrell Browne, Julyan Lawry, Neil Egan, Liz and Hamish McIntyre, Pat Morgan, Mick Ahern, Beth Pearce.

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Minutes

- 1. Welcome:** The Chair welcomed residents, ratepayers, the Member for the Coromandel, The Mayor, Councillor and TCDC and other RRA representative guests.
- 2. Apologies:** Dianne Simson, John Jonassen, Maarten Bangma, Councillor John Grant, Councillor Rekha Giri-Percival, Gavin White, Carroll DePape, Mike Ritchie and Philip Anders.
- 3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM:** The minutes being circulated were taken as read and moved by Penne Clayton and seconded by Anne Donovan. Approved as a true and accurate record by a show of hands. Passed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:** There were no Matters Arising.

5. Chairs Annual Report: The Chairs Annual Report ([attached](#)) was presented for John Jonassen by Brett Harries.

Moved Brett Harries, Seconded Barbara Ritchie that the report be accepted.
Passed.

6. Matters Arising from the Chairs Report: Richard Shelford-Woodcock as Chair of the Coromandel Alliance Association was invited to speak a few words. He reiterated the information supplied in the Chair's report and commented that the Association's wish was to work beside Council to provide more autonomy for Community Boards, look at rates and expenditure and core infrastructure.

Ray van Beynen was invited to add a brief update on Cathedral Cove to supplement the Chair's report.

- DOC continue to work on the cleanup – they have undertaken track clearing, weed control, reinforced fencing and have commenced work on the boardwalk that will replace the damaged parts of the track.
- Planned opening is 1 December
- Toilets will be located on Ian Carters farm and possibly a kiosk
- Traffic management for the peak is still to be clarified as that will involve Council

Maggie Beattie was asked to speak to the generator/CDEM fund:

- Council have given the community a generator
- Housing for the generator is required. This is proposed to be a kitset shed with appropriate venting and electrical connections located out the back of the Community Hall for Convenience.
- There is a cost associated with this of approximately \$12,500, we have fundraised \$10,000 so it is proposed that the additional \$2,500 come from the committees discretionary spend of HRRRA funds up to \$3,000pa.
- Brian Donald is project managing this and Geoff Hick will complete the build works.

New Constitution

The updates to the [Constitution](#) to bring it in line with the new Act were explained, moved by Penne Clayton and seconded by Brett Harries. Passed by a show of hands. The Committee will now be able to reapply for registration under the new Act.

7. Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report and presentation of reviewed accounts was presented by Paul Revell, ([copy attached](#)).

Paul Revell moved by the Report be accepted, seconded by Penne Clayton.

8. Matters Arising from Treasurers Report: It was confirmed that the AGM will revert to Easter in line with the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act, from 2025.

9. Honorary Financial Reviewer: Geoff Dalzell was given a vote of thanks for the years he has been the financial reviewer of the Association.

The Association is investing in Xero to reduce the amount of work for the Treasurer. Once set up, our annual accounts and reporting will reviewed by Fisher Accounting in Whitianga from now on.

10. Subscription Fees: It was proposed by the Chair that the subscription fees remain at \$20 per person. Seconded by Penne Clayton, agreed by all.

11. Election of Officers: Paul Revell, Jennifer Goldsworthy and Dianne Simpson have stepped down from the committee and David Pearce was voted onto the committee. A call was made for nominations for the role of Secretary. And Robyn Dalzell expressed her willingness to take on the role.

The HRRRA Election of Officers were proposed by Brett Harries and Seconded by Penne Clayton as follows:

Chair: John Jonassen

Vice Chair: Brett Harries

Treasurer: Penne Clayton

Secretary: Robyn Dalzell

Committee: Maarten Bangma, Maggie Beattie, Ray Van Beynen, David Pearce, Tyrell Browne

Bill Stead was remembered fondly for the work he did while on the HRRRA, his wit and humour and the other work he did for the community he loved.

12. The Hon Scott Simpson Address: Scott Simpson acknowledged the Mayor, Deli Connell, and the Committee. He thanked all volunteers who are passionate about their communities.

He commented that lots have happened in the last 12 months – the repair to SH25A and the funding allocation, and commencement of work on Cathedral Cove track repairs. He acknowledged that our communities have unique challenges of geography and tourism, and our infrastructure needed to be able to support this.

He commented that breaking down silos and cross-entity collaboration will obtain the best outcomes for communities – case in point being the demarcation between Council and DOC roles. He commented that the Coromandel Alliance Association was a great idea.

Brett thanked Scott for the update.

13. His Worship the Mayor Len Salt Address: Len thanked the Committee for their ongoing work.

Visitor Levy Funding

From 1 October the visitor levy to NZ increased to \$100. It would be nice to see areas impacted the most by tourism having a say in how these funds are spent as the cost of increased numbers of visitors (and the infrastructure to support it) is largely funded by ratepayers.

Traffic Management Plan

Acknowledged the need for a traffic management plan for summer visitors and advised that Brian Taylor from TCDC would be meeting with Jon (and Brett) in November to discuss.

Commercial enterprise from residential properties

He clarified that small scale home businesses are looked at on a case-by-case basis by Council.

Subdivision in Hahei

The mayor advised that no applications have yet been received by Council for the subdivision proposed at 94 Hahei Beach Road.

Brett thanked Len for his update.

**14. Councillor Deli Connell
Address**

Deli acknowledged Bill Stead's work and gentle humour with aroha. She acknowledged the work the committee does and enjoys the quarterly RPA Chair meetings.

- She understands the community's frustration about Cathedral Cove and has herself spoken to media to advise it's not the locals walking the track, but tourists.
- Destination Coromandel who has been running the stakeholder meetings in Hahei for the reopening of Cathedral Cove needs 5 new board members if anyone wants to put their hand up.
- She cautioned the meeting to not believe everything said in local media, the Council is not fiscally irresponsible, and she suggested anyone with questions review the annual report for facts and figures.
- She floated the idea of a monthly 'coffee and chat' with Councillors if there is an appetite for it in the community.

15. General Business:

Comments from the Floor

Graham Harsant questioned how the \$5M allocated to DOC would be spent and whether some funds could be allocated to planning for the future of Hahei. This would require cross organisational collaboration, as per Scott Simpson's address.

Barb Ritchie asked if signage redirecting camper vans from the community centre carpark to the visitor's carpark could be erected. Heather Bruce agreed to complete a request for service.

Peter Hogg questioned whether our community giving met the purpose of our new Constitution. The committee believe that the appropriate sections of the constitution are as follows: Section 2 Purpose', clause a. states *"To promote and advance the interests and welfare of the residents and ratepayers of properties in and near Hahei by whatever means the Association may from time to time determine to be appropriate"*; and clause e *"To use the funds of the Association as the Association considers necessary or proper in payment of the costs and expenses associated with carrying out the objects of the Association"*.

It was also noted that the committee have discretionary spend of \$3,000 pa. Any expenditure above that requires the approval of the AGM or fundraising to cover the costs. The Donations in 2022 to Bellyful and Country Kids were approved at the 2022 AGM by all present.

Surf Life Saving

Councillor Deli Connell advised that due to increase in surf's minimum wage and lack of increase in funding from Waikato Regional Council there will be no funded surf lifesavers on Hahei and Cathedral Cove Beaches over the summer months.

Deli is in consultation with Avan Polo from the National Council to lobby the Waikato Regional Council for additional funding. Deli will advise the outcome.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.05pm.