

Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association

29 July 2019

Chair
Mercury Bay Community Board
Thames Coromandel District Council
Private Bag
Thames

Attention: Chair

Copy: Allan Tiplady, Heather Bruce, Mohamed Imtiaz, Bruce Hinson, Johnathan Smith
Councillors Tony Fox, Murray McClean

Subject: Hahei Water and Sewage

Dear Sir/Madam

As we discussed at our Hahei liaison meeting in Whitianga on 15 April 2019, water and sewage treatment in Hahei is a very important matter. (See attached copy) We are disappointed that TCDC staff have not responded to our request for information and our committee would like you to update us on the following issues

1 Sewage Treatment Plant Non-Compliance

TCDC staff undertook to provide us with TCDC's plan to rectify plant. Please provide us copies of your correspondence with WRC and the most recent data on the performance of the plant. Is it now in compliance with its Discharge Consent?

In our view, TCDC staff should notify the appropriate Community Board of any non-compliant water or wastewater occurrences. The Board should consider the non-compliance and be satisfied that TCDC staff and WRC are taking the appropriate action to ensure that water and wastewater plants are operating in accordance with the relevant water quality and discharge standards. The Hahei Wastewater Treatment plant has been non-compliant for most of 2018, yet Mercury Bay Community was not informed of the plant's non-compliance.

At your next meeting, please discuss and agree what action the Mercury Bay Board will take to ensure that water and wastewater treatment plants in your area on being operated in compliance with their appropriate standards.

2 Hahei Water and Sewage Upgrade

Please provide an update on this project so we can effectively work with you to help develop and implement planned work. Have you appointed consultants? When is work due to start? We are disappointed that there was not update to Mercury Bay Community Board Meeting, 17 July 2019. As we have discussed on numerous occasions, the upgrading of water and sewage in Hahei is an

important matter and we request that TCDC allocates the appropriate resources to manage this project.

3 Wastewater Testing

3.1 Tutaritari stream Testing

HR&RA has funded water sampling in the Tutaritari stream on the beach and near Grange Rd. Details are the results can be found our website. <http://www.hahecommunity.co.nz/tautari-stream-water-quality/>.

Our community and our visitors have found the information very helpful in deciding to avoid the highly polluted Tutaritari stream.

Our committee now requests that TCDC take responsibility for sampling the Tutaritari stream. Samples should be taken at the same time as the Wigmore samples so we can compare water qualities.

We believe TCDC has an obligation to monitor **both** these important streams to protect the health of our community and visitors.

We look forward to your response as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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

Bill Stead (on behalf of the Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association)

HAHEI RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES

Time / Date:	9:30am – Wednesday 15 April 2019	Venue:	TCDC Office
Present:	TCDC - Allan Tiplady - District Manager North, Heather Bruce - Community Manager Mercury Bay, Donna Blick – Area Administrator Jonathan Smith – Water Services Asset Engineer Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association - John North, Gilbert Bannan, Bill Stead (Chairman)		
Apologises	Nil		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO
Wastewater Discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the issue of non compliance discharge from the wastewater treatment plant into the Wigmore Stream. A report has been submitted by Veolia and sent back to Waikato Regional Council (WRC), last Friday. Veolia to undertake additional investigations and testing programme to improve treatment. Jonathan to respond to the Hahei Ratepayers Association regarding the issue and provide a copy of the report sent to WRC. Contractual enforcement needs to be discussed with Management and Jonathan will report back to the Hahei Jonathan apologised to the Hahei Group for lack of response of acknowledgement and follow up. District Manager North to have an overview of this matter. The discharge consent for Hahei is due to expire in 2020, new consent is due to be lodged. 	<p>Respond to email and provide copy of report</p> <p>Discuss with Management and report back</p>	<p>Jonathan Smith</p> <p>Jonathan Smith</p>
Water Expansion Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tender for the development of the project, which includes the programme and strategy has been advertised, an extension of time has been requested due to Easter. Appointment of successful tender due late May. The Mayor has been briefed and will cover this at the Hahei Beach Ratepayers AGM on 20 April. Consultation with key stakeholders June/July and consultation to the wider community Aug/September. Consultation will include the four water authorities, Public drop in sessions, stakeholders and WRC/IWI. Hahei Ratepayer Group advised the 100 acres for sale, land on the left hand side, entering Hahei has been sold (purchased by Motor camp). 		
Emma Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hahei Group expressed their concerns regarding the management of the Emma Place infrastructure extension advising there are a number of unhappy property owners. Highlighting the need for Council to better manage public relations and have a strategy moving forward. 		

Hahei Visitor Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRC Consent regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A section 127 to amend/change the existing consent would be required, should an emergency overflow pond be required in the future. ○ Hahei Group requested a copy of response from WRC • Carpark Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outstanding issues with the Hahei Visitors Carpark should be addressed during these works. • Consideration is being given to a pathway along Hahei Beach Road, in front of The Church Accommodation, possible TIF funding. • John North advised Ross Ashby, TCDC Project Manager, had informed him a pedestrian counter on Pa Road could be a possibility, TIF funding dependent. 	Provide copy of response	Jonathan Smith
Grange Road Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works still outstanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broken footpath and bridging drain repairs, updated, Builder due on site next week. ○ The concession holder is required to have rubbish bins / signage for their customers • Winter Fencing removal has been programmed for 1 May 2019. • Revenue information - awaiting information from Finance • Signage – Pay Here sticker placed on the reverse side is too small and does not advise REGO plate details required. • Commercial Concessions – still managed by DOC, plans for next summer to be located on other side of fenced area. Concessionaire numbers will be discussed jointly (DOC and TCDC). 	Follow up on outstanding issues Follow up with Finance	Allan/Heather Allan
Beach Front Carpark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control and management of Beach Front carpark is still with DOC. No timeframes given. • This reserve will be excluded from the Reserve Management Plan due to DOC ownership and management, however Community Facilities has been asked to consider the whole area in their planning of the Reserve Management Plan. 	Control & Management	Allan Tiplady
Hahei Village Roading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the parking Control Bylaw have been approved by Council on 2 April. • Outstanding issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional pedestrian crossing near new bus stop – possibly won't happen, due to the close approximately of existing crossing on Hahei Beach Road. ○ Request for parallel parks outside store to be changed to angle parking – not approved by Council due to lack of room. ○ Request removal of first car park space on Grange Road by the pedestrian crossing – in progress ○ Request for indicative painted pedestrian crossings on Pa Road and Grange Road to be upgraded – re- 		

	<p>discuss with Sam Edlin (Matt Busch) - in progress</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enforcement over the busy period was every 3-4 hours and not the hourly, as previously requested. ○ Campervan Parking – still working on the management of campervans 		
TIF Funding & Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hahei Beach Road Walkway – Bollards, removable, footpath / costs / consultation ● Beach front walkway – from beach to DOC track, awaiting DOC comments on best method across dunes. ● Upgrading DOC track to Cathedral Cove 	<p>Follow up with Ross Ashby</p> <p>Follow up with DOC</p>	<p>Allan</p> <p>Heather</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dalmeny Corner (Hot Water Beach Road) one lane bridge – investigation progressing ● DOC Share and Care initiative no further update received. ● Financial reports for Shuttle bus and car parks – awaiting expenditure costings to be received. ● Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association – Changes – Bill Stead advised at their AGM they will be looking for nominations. <p>Bill will be standing down from Chairman and John and Gilbert will be resigning from the committee.</p> <p>Gilbert advised he will still be available to feedback on any projects relating to Hahei in the future.</p>		
Next Meeting –			

