

## **Minutes of the Hahei Community Meeting**

**Purpose - Discuss the Relocation the Whitianga Skateboard Halfpipe to Kotare Reserve, Hahei**

**Date and time:** Thursday 19th November 2020 at 5:30pm.

**Location:** The Hahei Community Hall, Hahei.

**Meeting Opened:** 5:45pm

**Apologies:** Mike Grogan Chair of the Hahei Business Association, Dave and Annabel Wharton, Ginney and Tyrell Brown, Alastair Sims and Jennifer Cook, Penne Clayton.

**Present:** Catherine Baloghy (Chair of the Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association) Jeremy Lomas (representative of the Mercury Bay Community Board), Tim Stephens (representative of the Hahei Tennis and Sports Club), Anna Bartlett (representative of the Darkside Skateboard Halfpipe Facebook Group)

Christine Bannan (representative of the Memorial Garden Trust), Gilbert Bannan, Peter Hogg, Robyn Hogg, Jen Goldsworthy, Ben Wharton, Tossie Lockhart, John Jonassen, Barbara Holehouse, Mishka Banhidi, Justine Boyd, Lorne DePape, Carole DePape, Peter Harrison, Matt Harrison, Fleur Wiig, Tineke Hert, Robyn Harnett, Caroline Courtney, Hayden Gray, Sean Butler, Ryan Cochrane, Todd Herbert, Brayden Allen, Diane Tankaal, Andreas Eggmann, Louise Lomas, Kaitlyn Gooch, Aarron Harrison, Gemma Donovan, Martinus Sarangapany, Aliza Niclas, Sam Clark, Adam Clow, Melita Kohnston, Loisa Giesler, Henry Buchanan, Tim Bright, Ashe Pollock, Logan Carter, Garrick Courtney, Jemma Gregory, Rachel Clow, Margaret Green, Brian Green, Kym Trapski, Becs Wood, Tina Albach, Ana Keelly, Aleisha Crackett, Jonny Niclas, Julian Hansford, Tom Bromhead, Jess Harnett, Geoff Hick, Roxanne Dejoie, Jory Becker, Jacob Sims, Owen Sims, River Sims, Ewen Hick, Geordie Hick, Rewi Gemmel, Dave Kurth, Katerina Slimistinai, Josh Cochrane, Dave Paterson, Sam Gillespie. (Total 76)

### **Welcome.**

The meeting facilitator Catherine Baloghy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

### **Inward Correspondence:**

There were 6 emails supporting the concept and 4 that expressed concerns

Keys issues identified were

- The Memorial Garden is a place of quiet contemplation and is should be protected from noise as much as possible.
- Kotare Reserve is a popular off leash dog area and the Half Pipe should not affect dog owners ability to exercise their dogs.

Another email, in support, said it would be a great asset for the town and great for the younger generation.

A short discussion of the correspondence was had.

### **Speakers.**

Jeremy Lomas spoke as a member of the Hahei Community and noted he was our Mercury Bay South representative on the Mercury Bay Community Board. Jeremy gave a bit of background of the project. His points included: he lives here, has kids here and enjoys the community and in his time here he has seen more families, more young people moving to the area, and 80% absentee ratepayers. He mentioned the Half Pipe was surplus to requirements. It has been recently resurfaced and is in good condition. He mentioned the Kotare Reserve is an active recreation reserve and

therefore requires no resource consent to relocate the Half Pipe there. He thanked Geoff Hick for offering his time, labour, and building materials to install it. He expressed the need for a clear mandate from this meeting as to the direction the HRRA should take.

Tim Stephens drew a map of the proposed location on Kotare Reserve, between the changing room toilet block and the Ambulance station. Tim had recently measured out the site with Sue Costello, Operations Manager Reserves, for Mercury Bay. He mentioned it was a great site for a really great piece of skate equipment which can be used by differing abilities.

Chairperson Catherine Baloghy thanked the speakers and mentioned the the TCDC had sent out invitation to express interest in the Half Pipe to all communities in the district which need to be in by the 4th December.

**Discussion:**

Christine Bannan spoke as a representative of the Memorial Garden Trust. She said it was a great idea, but that there will be some noise when it is being used. She mentioned the Memorial Garden was a place of quiet contemplation, all ages use the garden, and it has received huge community support. The Memorial Garden Trust seeks assurances that respect be shown to those using the garden for contemplation and quiet. She mentioned a proposed walkway to the garden was planned and could also be to the Half Pipe. She suggested planting might help mitigate the noise.

A question from Kaitlyn Gooch to Christine Bannan asked What that respect would look like? How would it be shown? Christine indicated being respectful to those in the garden was enough.

John Jonassen is a neighbour, who supports it, loves it and is happy to plant the plants himself.

Brian Green: How does the Hahei Camp feel about it? Answered by a representative, Tossie Lockhart, they're really excited about the proposal and 100% on board.

Jeremy: There is no appetite for lights but there is budget for planting.

Mishka: Lights become a larger planning issue.

John Jonassen: Has put in lights professionally in his career and if done well wouldn't affect the neighbours at all.

Gilbert Bannan: Asked if there would be any costs to the ratepayers? Jeremy answered that Hahei doesn't have many TCDC sports facilities and we are unique that the Tennis courts are privately owned.

Louise Lomas pointed out that the Half Pipe is TCDC funded so our rates would be paying for it wherever it was so what not have it here in Hahei where we can benefit from it.

Brian Green: Toilets will need to be unlocked.

Tim Stephens: He believes they will be open in the daytime, and then locked at night.

Caroline Courtney spoke about the Village Green and the Draft Reserves Management Plan which mentions the possibility of relocating the Whitianga skateboard halfpipe there instead. She was very concerned that it was going to go in the already busy village green.

The Chair Catherine Baloghy explained that this meeting was solely for the purpose of gauging community support or otherwise for a Half Pipe in the Kotare Reserve only. Anna Bartlett thanked

Caroline for her interest in the Reserves Management Plan and assured her the ramp was not going on the Village Green. Anna encouraged her to make a Reserves submission in any case.

Hayden Gray mentioned he has had a sHalf Pipe outside his house for a year now and lets people use it. He said he has not had one bit of trouble and it's a really positive thing to see and for teenagers to do.

**The Vote:**

The facilitator, Catherine Baloghy then proposed we have a show of hands for all those in support of the relocation of the Whitianga skateboard Half Pipe to Kotare Reserve. The hands up in support were over 90% of the room so there was no need to ask for those against. It was agreed that there is strong support in Hahei of the Half Pipe.

Catherine Baloghy then thanked everyone again for coming and declared the meeting closed.

**Meeting closed at 6:05pm.**

Photos of Meeting





***Vote –  
Showing  
most people  
support Half  
Pipe***