



HAHEI RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: 19th April at 3pm

Title of Meeting: HRRRA AGM 2025

Meeting Location: Hahei Community Hall

Attendees:

HRRRA: Chair John Jonassen, Vice Chair Brett Harries, Secretary Robyn Dalzell, Treasurer Penne Clayton, Maggie Beattie, David Pearce, Ray van Beynen, Tyrell Browne

Guests: His Worship the Mayor Len Salt (part), Councillor Deli Connell, Councillor Peter Revell, Paul Hopkins Chair Mercury Bay South RRA.

Residents and Ratepayers:

Brian Donald, Andrew Watson, Ron Egan & Sue Dorrington, Roy Carter, Ann & Tim Farquhason, Duncan Kingsley, Carrick & Caroline Courtney, Derek Fenton, Ray Lloyd, Mary Jones, John Mowbray, Michael Thorburn, Carmel Ireland, Francine Corbett, Lyn Koppenhagen, Alistair Matthew, Pamela Harries, Annette Jonassen, Rae & Quentin Mitchell, Paul Leighton, Kylie Shore, Kate van der Hulst, Anne Donovan, Michelle Saba, Peter Hogg, Anne Scott & Philippa Hall, Barbara & Mike Ritchie, Nicholas Glanfield, Julyan Lawry, Bruce Taylor, Peter Ruygrok, Juliet Small, Beth Pearce, Colin Tunnicliffe, Gavin Bush, Lorraine Selwood, Chris O'Meeghan, Paul Revell, Jo Thomson, Ian Carter, Terry Quinn.

Distribution: Uploaded to Website for community access.

Minutes

Welcome:

The Chair welcomed residents, ratepayers, Councillors and other RRA representative guests.

Apologies:

G & J Cameron, Dot & Ian Collinson, Shelly & Mark Osborne, Heather Bruce (TCDC Area Manager), Jane & Keith Thorpe, Alison & Brett Codlin, Richard Shelford-Woodcock (Chair Coromandel Alliance Association), Gavin White, Jan & Mick Ahern, Councillor John Grant, Councillor Rekha Giri-Percival

Minutes of the 2024 AGM:

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read.

Moved by Robyn Dalzell and seconded by Penne Clayton. Approved as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

There were no Matters Arising.

Chairs Annual Report:

The Chairs Annual Report (attached) was introduced by John Jonassen

Cathedral Cove Update - presented by Ray van Beynen:

The track opened last year to the Cove. Visitor numbers are strong; infrastructure repairs are ongoing.

DOC to present options for access from Hahei beach and accesses to Gemstone and Stingray Bays and long-term visitor management plan by end of June.

Concerns around future visitor charges and transport logistics.

Community Welcome Ambassadors – presented by David Pearce:

Volunteers provided a personal welcome to visitors for 3 weeks at the peak holiday period, primarily in the main car park.

Positive community response noted from both visitors and local businesses.

Discussion to be had on expanding volunteer involvement and future roles.

TCDC Annual Plan Priorities:

Traffic management - presented by Brett Harries:

Focus on pedestrian safety, particularly Hahei Beach Road between the fire station and Grange Road and at the beachfront end of Hahei Beach Road. A proposal to address these concerns has been presented to the council. The plan was circulated at the meeting.

Concern was expressed by Barb Ritchie about the cars parking on the verge on the corner of Dawn Ave and Hahei Beach Road. Peter Hogg expressed concern that there was no paved path from Dawn Ave to the beach. BH noted this is unlikely to happen.

Waste water – presented by John J

TCDC is finalising a report on using the spare capacity at the wastewater plant prioritising properties adjacent to Wigmore Stream including 5 number Robyn Crescent properties. Consultation with affected properties around payment will be required.

Call for consultation on development impact and wastewater expansion funding.

Water Infrastructure – presented by Quentin Mitchell (HWA)

New plant will treat water from the new bore feed. There are approx. 170 properties on the Council system now. With the new plant proposed to feed the approx. 180 more from the Hahei Water Association to come on Hahei Water Association is in negotiations for full integration with Council to take over and upgrade their system.

Hahei Future Development – presented by John J

The Resource Management Act is being replaced. Under the proposed new legislation there will be a requirement for all regions and councils to develop Spatial Plans. Hahei representatives have met with the Mayor and our local councillors to discuss the spatial plan needs of Hahei. The proposed development at 94 Hahei Beach was the initial catalyst.

Goal is to provide early input before Council commences such an exercise (after the legislation is finalised).

Proposed working group to involve residents, landowners, and business reps. It is important that the community feeds into the council what is needed, not waiting for the Council to make decisions.

Councillor Deli Connell noted that local government is driven by central government, who have changed the legislation. It is now mandated to have local, regional and central spatial plans.

Local Water Services Reform (“Local Waters Done Well”) - Duncan Kingsbury presented from attendance at drop-in-session

TCDC looking at two options:

1. Join a shared water entity (e.g. with Tauranga & Western BOP)
2. Operate independently.

Discussion on preserving asset ownership vs. leveraging scale benefits.

Councillor Peter Revell noted we have to come up with a plan on how we as a district manage water by September. Stated that feedback is important- we need to look at what's best in 30 years not just 10 years. Go to TCDC website for full proposal document.

Coromandel Ratepayer Alliance- presented by John J

Advocacy focus: rates (amount, what spent on, distribution of spend across the district), stronger community board powers, focus on core service delivery, and meaningful consultation.

Limited traction with Council to date, but advocacy continues.

There is an election this year – ask the question about these things.

Community Resilience & Emergency Preparedness- Maggie Beattie Presented:

Updated response plan in place with local leadership and equipment.

Generator installed; hall identified as emergency response hub.

First district wide trial is scheduled for 4th June to test the plan.

ANZAC Day Memorial & Commemoration - Maggie Beattie presented:

The community has been having ANZAC services at Hahei for 4 years now. A permanent memorial (with the names of locals that served in WW1 and WW2) and flagpole is being established at the reserve.

ANZAC commemoration 10.30 April 25. There will be buckets for donations for the cost shortfall (approx. \$3,000).

Communications & Membership Engagement- Penne Clayton presented:

Picked up communications this year.

Expanded robust database and personalized mailings.

New website under development.

Membership grew from all-time low of 168 last year to 393 so far this year following outreach efforts. Engagement important to the committee, want the community to be heard.

94 Hahei Beach Road Development- Steve Borlase (developer's agent):

Revised application to be submitted later May / June: reduced density with onsite water and wastewater for all lots.

Walking track easements proposed through private land.

Noted the developer is open to community feedback

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report and presentation of reviewed accounts was presented by Penne Clayton, (copy attached).

- \$20K spent on community projects (emergency prep & plant box).
- Operating deficit noted due to high investment and reduced 2024 membership.
- Rebound in 2025 membership and income highlighted.
- Upcoming tax liability due to change in tax status.

Penne Clayton moved the Report be accepted, seconded by David Pearce.

Matters Arising from Treasurers Report:

Nil

Subscription Fees:

It was proposed by the Chair that the subscription fees increase to \$30 per individual or \$50 per household (restricted to two members). Seconded by Penne Clayton. After some discussion was put to a vote (show of hands) - only two against. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

The HRRR Election of Officers were proposed by Robyn Dalzell and seconded by Barb Ritchie as follows:

Chair: John Jonassen

Vice Chair: Brett Harries

Treasurer: Penne Clayton

Secretary: Robyn Dalzell

Committee: Maggie Beattie, Ray Van Beynen, David Pearce, Tyrell Brown

General Business:

Constitution:

Following inputs from a member (Peter Hogg) and our accountant Suzanne Fisher, the committee has removed unnecessary items in the constitution such as the use of a Common Seal, and strengthened clauses to better protect its members.

The revised constitution has been circulated to membership.

Moved John Jonassen, seconded Penne Clayton the amendments be accepted. Carried

Rates Review -TCDC

Three options for rates are being considered by TCDC. It is strongly suggested that people use the calculator on the website to ascertain impact on their property. The council is looking for submissions on this. The council prefers option 3. Peter Hogg made the suggestion to the Mayor that this review wait until after local elections but rejected as has been on the table for a number of years.

Meeting Closed 5.05pm