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Hahei



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WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN HAHEI ??

Hahei maybe a small village, but we do get our share of events and dramas. As with the rest of NZ we have had a long hot summer. Our tourist operators have been extremely busy with visitor numbers high. The shuttle bus operating from next to the Church to the Cove carpark had a huge increase in numbers over January and still Grange Road was lined with cars every day!! For most of the time the seas have been glorious—calm and warm, however a few storms off the coast did cause big seas for a few days and we were entertained by surfers at Hahei Beach. Early in the season the Orca made an appearance and we had some visitors, and locals, fizzing with excitement to see several large whales off the coast and up the Whitianga estuary. Once again the dolphins didn't disappoint either and more than once a pod played in the surf, teasing swimmers and having a very playful time. There really is something special about these wild animals interacting with us humans. Cathedral Cove also had its share of attention this year, hitting the National news because of a 'shop' being allowed to operate on the beach. Rocks dislodged themselves from the arch in October and DOC have had parts cordoned off all summer. Now they have been forced to close the arch until they can decide the best way to address the problem. Mares Leg Cove is open and as beautiful as ever. Cathedral Cove itself is still accessible from the sea, so jump on a boat or kayak and explore. Get up early, watch the sunrise and relax for the day. If that goes well, stay another and do it all again.



MUST DOS

1 Swim with the dolphins at least once.

3 Come to the Tractor Bash 2011

2 Cathedral Cove on a crisp winters day—beautiful!!

4 Watch an Easterly storm in the winter!!

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- 500gms fresh fish fillets, finely chopped
 - 75gms celery or water chestnuts finely chopped(optional)
 - 4 spring onions, finely shredded
 - 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 tbls cornflour
 - 2 tbls chopped coriander(I also added 1 finely chopped fresh chilli)
 - 3 eggs lightly beaten
- Mix all ingredients and pan fry until cooked and lightly golden.



PROPERTY CORNER Sales from Dec 09 to May 2010 are as follows:

Hahei/Hot Water Beach 5 sales - Cooks Beach 16 sales
Unfortunately the expected summer pick-up in sales did not eventuate, however a nice waterfront sale in Harsant Ave happened, as did some in the \$700,000 plus bracket. Sales in the \$500,000 plus area have been slow in Hahei, however Cooks Beach fired up in that sector. There are some good buys to be had, it just needs pen on paper. With vendors willing to negotiate, now is the time to secure your piece of paradise in one of the world's "must do" destinations. Get in now before next summer!
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Spotlight on Hahei

The 2nd Annual Tractor Bash was held in Hahei on the weekend of the 2nd May. Organised by the Hahei Business Association it was held as a fun family day where all those with farm tractors, beach tractors, heirloom tractors and just plain any tractors, could dust off the cobwebs, dress themselves and their tractors and come out for a great day. A bbq fundraiser held at the Fire Station on the Friday night launched the weekend and the station was full to overflowing while people registered tractors, purchased t-shirts, watched clips of last year's bash and ate hamburgers and sausages. Sunday dawned a lovely day for the 44 tractors that lined the streets of Hahei. Local celebrity judges collaborated to name the winners of the 8 different categories. The Peoples Choice was won by Graham Hutchinson and his band of mighty Smurfs!! On the reserve children were entertained with egg n spoon, sack & 3-legged races, adults were entertained with great food and coffees, swimmers were catered for by the Hot Water Beach Surf Lifesaving Club's Autumn beach swim and funds were raised by auctioning, once again, the Hahei Tractor Bash "Rock" – check it out outside the Store. Monies raised from this, and last year's Bash, together with help from other community committees, will be going to the construction of a public beach BBQ facility. Keep an eye on the beach reserve for this great addition to our community. Along with all our other sponsors, the Hahei Business Association wish to thank Coromandel F.M. and The Breeze for helping to make The Hahei Tractor Bash such a success. These guys do an excellent job in keeping the community informed about local events. What would we do without those early morning interviews!!

Next year's Bash is due to kick off on Sunday 1st May, so mark your calendars now.



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Barry Phillips gets a tow and wins the "Last Legs" prize!!



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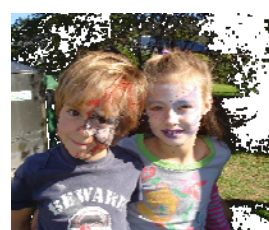
Graham Hutchinson and the Smurfs win the "Peoples Choice" prize



Most Loved Allan Small



"Most Original" Ron Campbell



Toitu he whenua, whatungarongaro he tangata

The land is permanent, man disappears

Vaughan and Dawn Harsant –Hahei from 1946 to Hahei today

In 1946 the farm was split again and Vaughan brought the bottom flats as a 60 cow dairy farm. This new road brought the public to the beach. Camping on the beach front under the pine trees was a wonderful way to spend the Christmas holidays. Many of the people living here today were those first “campers”. Trips to the cowshed with the billy for milk and water from the hose at the cow troughs. By 1958 the numbers had swollen making it necessary to provide some services so Vaughan decided to turn the beach side into a motor camp. He purchased the old Homestead to live in and sold six sections on Hahei Beach Road to pay for it. After finding the land he had purchased over the hill required a fair amount of capital for it to become useful farm land, he started the development of Tutaritari Road subdivision. Vaughan and his wife Dawn then decided to sell beach front sections, and relocate the camp. They formed a Family Company called Hahei Holidays Ltd, which is in existence to this day, and the new road, Harsant Avenue, gave access to the Motor Camp. This the same Motor camp that is here today, that has been enjoyed by thousands of holiday makers, from all over the world for all these many years. That first camp had movable pit toilets. The main block was built with conventional toilets and a septic tank system, then the drainage lines were extended and further septic tanks installed. In the adjoining area a small golf course was established to provide a clear space around a large soak hole. An aerator was added to see if this resolved the problems. Electricity was finally brought to the valley area in 1961.

Vaughan and his brother Fred, who was also farming, discussed several ideas. Fred with his family however decided to move to America to pursue his career in saddle making. Vaughan and Dawn formed another company, Hahei Developments Ltd., and purchased two of Fred’s blocks of land on the flats (Pa Road) and proceeded to install their own sewerage plant. They chose one that would fit the land allocated and used aeration ponds along with evaporation beds. Dawn’s two sons Roy and Ian participated in the actual construction of this system. All work was approved by the TCDC and the Catchment Board, and it was with this that Pa Road and Grierson Close became the first subdivisions to be connected along with the Hahei Holidays Ltd. This plant was built on their own land, with no financial assistance from the Council, however it was eventually taken over by TCDC by the public works Act 1991. At this time there also were no water rights for any of the water supplies in Hahei, so Hahei Developments made application for a water right as most of the bores were on their land. One of the conditions for subdivisions was not only sewage systems but reticulated water systems, up to fire fighting standards. The Family companies drilled for water near Pa Road. The Motor Camp water supply was eventually moved to bores located within the initial 12 acres of the camp area as TCDC required some further land around the old bore sites for reserve. This land was reluctantly sold to them. Vaughan and Dawn helped form the Hahei Water Association, still existing today, to secure that private water supply.

The “general store” was planned and built by the family and a small restaurant moved in. They went on to build a commercial area, that we all enjoy today, believing that it would be necessary for future infrastructure of Hahei. Their belief was that shops should be well back from the beach front and in a central area.

In 1969 the Vaughan Harsant family offered 80 acres to the Land and Survey Department as a Recreational Reserve. This magnificent piece of coastline was officially given in 1972 and today is known as the world renowned Cathedral Cove Reserve. It was donated by Vaughan and Dawn with the wish that all could enjoy its unspoilt beauty and it would remain untouched from subdivisions and commercial enterprises. The continued family ownership and running of the Hahei Holidays Tourist Park is also dedicated to the same principal, so that families and visitors can come and enjoy the beauty of Hahei, no matter what their circumstances are.

Taken from the “Hahei History from Community Plan” written by Jill Cameron

EMERGENCY SERVICES IN HAHEI

Once again the Fire and Ambulance services have been kept busy. Hahei Fire & Ambulance volunteers attended numerous incidents involving fire, medical and rescue call outs, several resulting in calling for the helicopter. We even had 2 Tsunami alerts and one evacuation of the Hahei area. With not much rain since December, drought conditions prevailed most of the summer and water tank levels became a major cause for concern, fire risk was high and a total fire ban was in place. Hahei was escaped with only a few minor vegetation fires, which were quickly extinguished. Our continual thanks go to our Volunteers!!

FISHING REPORT Fishing with Rod Pole

I spent an interesting day at this years Boat show at Epsom looking at all the latest innovations. Latest reels are getting an increase in drag from around 8 kg to upward of 12 kg (with an increase in price, of course) claims being that they are necessary to stop that big fish more quickly. There are some interesting new anchor designs to help free stuck anchors!

I purchased a chart plotter /fishfinder and now just need some practice with it! Water temperatures are holding well and are around 18 degrees but slowly dropping. Water clarity has been exceptional and reminiscent of the tropics. Visibility on recent dives has been great. Crays still around in numbers but some are starting to become soft-shelled, preparing to shed their shells. Cray loops are back in favour with Minfish after a bit of twoing and froing.

Plenty of school snapper still around on the sand at Cooks Beach, and a few bigger ones to be had as well. Gurnard are to have a size limit imposed on them which I think is going to be 250 mm but please check this with your local HFO, or call Minfish. A great move as any gurnard smaller than that hardly has a mouthful on it!

Some good hauls of bigger trevally being recorded around Whale rock and the Mercs in general, and terakihi are still fishing well. Expect the return of the barracuda in the next month or so. Take advantage of those still and beautiful late autumn and early winter days that we are experiencing and get out on the sea. Good Fishing :)

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