

National Surf Championships 3-11 January 2004

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers:

Blocking off of road to create a Competitors' village?

Roading: This option was a request to the Council. The area in question gets very congested even on an average weekend and we considered that blocking it off to vehicles would be the safest way to manage the area for the residents, competitors and general public. The road recommended be closed off is Marine Parade South Road.

Access: The gate to the area will be controlled 24 hours per day. All residents and their guest will have unlimited access. As well as this there will be over night security in the village to keep the undesirables out of the area.

Concern about noise

We dealt with the noise issues in the presentation to the R&R and they were happy with what we told them. There is no music until 11.00am and only public address announcements before that which pertain to the running of the contest. We are looking to involve local music groups and give them the opportunity to play in the village between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and then shut the music down at 5.00pm. We will operate the system at a sensible level with the speakers pointed out to sea.

Drinking of alcohol

Alcohol: We will not be having any alcohol as part of the contest itself or the village area. There is a liquor ban on at Piha at that time of year and we do not oppose the ban. If the general public bring alcohol then it will be a matter for the Police to deal with not Keyhole Boardriders or Surfing New Zealand as the co-ordinators of the event.

Rubbish

Council will be providing as part of their budget the ongoing site clean and extra rubbish bins during the event in the village and surrounding parking and access areas. We will keep the village area tidy and allow normal rubbish collection during the period. The council have offered the extra bins for the beach which we will encourage the use of by way of regular PA announcements. Hopefully our announcements and the extra bins will help change their attitudes.

Toilets:

We have requested that the toilets be pumped as they don't handle the normal level of use at that time of year and if we get people coming to watch the event then they may come under extra pressure. We have allowed for 8 Portaloos in the village area to help with the extra people. Extra portaloos and clean will be funded from the Council allocated budget.

Dune and Beach Care:

Pat La Roche from the Coast Care group was at the R&R meeting. I was asked for my plan for the event that affected the dunes. In it I laid out that we would be roping off all the dunes with sponsors bunting around the poles that the Council have placed in the area. This will clearly identify all the walk ways and as well as this we told them we would rope off the front of the dunes to prevent people from walking over them on there way back up the beach. Pat was very happy with this and I asked here for a sign that Coast Care have for the area at the top of the bridge track from the domain to warn people to respect the dunes. If they can't come up with one, we will provide it.

The people who will be affected were unaware of the plan to close off the road, etc until some of the R&R told them last weekend. Have they been met with and their concerns heard?

Notification: We sent out a mail box drop to all of Piha that we could in September. The houses that are in the area that have permanent residents are only 3. We did not know if we would be allowed to close the road. After a meeting with Council we had the option in our request to close the carpark off or the road. Eddie Dearham offered us the Marine Parade South Road, at that meeting providing we go through the notification process which we are now doing. We have not met with the residents as yet, and we also do not have contact information for the non residents. The Council Roading Department are writing to them on our behalf.

Police presence?

We have notified the Police of the opening ceremony at Barnett Hall and the dates of the event but have not had a response from them as yet. We would love it if they would set up at the fire station as they did a few years back as at that time there were very few problems in the valley. We have 2 walkie-talkies at the site and full mobile phone comm.'s to deal with any emergencies that may arise. The roading marshals will also have comm. s links.

What arrangements for First Aid, ambulance, helicopter for spectators as well as competitors.? Is there enough signage to keep people off the helipad? Is it in good order? What about sale of sunscreen?

First Aid: This will be handled by the surf club for the general public as it normally is. We will have first aid for competitors. Helipad; The helipad is at the opposite end of Piha from where we will be so we will not effect this.

Sunscreen: This can be purchased from Piha Store, Lush Surf Shop Piha Surf Shop and Blair's on the Beach takeaways. All businesses have been informed of the event.

If you have any further concerns or questions, I am happy to answer these at the Community Board Meeting on the night.

Phil Josephs – Event Organiser

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Waitakere City Council
Te Tatao o Waitakere

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION TO
CONSIDER ROAD
CLOSURE**

Notice is hereby given,
pursuant to Clause
11(e) of the Tenth
Schedule of the Local
Government Act 1974,
that consideration is
being given to road
closures associated with
the following:

**National Surfing
Championships**, from
5.00am on 2 January
2004 to 6.00pm on
11 January 2004.

Proposed road closures:

- Closure of Marine
Parade South Road,
Piha.

Any objections to the
above closure are to
be received in writing,
no later than Tuesday
2 December 2003.

Objections are to be
forwarded to: Edwin
Dearham, Service
Management, Private
Bag 93 109, Henderson,
Waitakere City 1231.

H V O'Rourke
Chief Executive

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