

18 December 2009

Dear Resident/Property Owner,

### **Quiksilver ISA World Junior Surfing Championships**

Merry Christmas,

It has been some time since we last corresponded on this event and my apologies for that, but the organisation has been somewhat of a moving feast as the organisers dealt with Council, its sponsors and the International Surfing Association, all who were looking to achieve different objectives.

However, on behalf of the organisers, I am now able to provide you with some clarity around the planning and how it may affect you as a resident. I would like to acknowledge the feedback that we have received to date and say thanks for the overwhelming support and enthusiasm that the organisers have received from a majority of residents.

Approximately 300 surfers, 50 volunteers and 150 staff and officials will be at the beach during the period of 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January and an event village (with staging and portacoms for officials, judges and media) will be set up in the carpark area in front of the Piha Surf Lifesaving Club. There will be restricted vehicle access through this area during this time.

The organising committee are estimating that crowd numbers for this event will be between 3,000 and 15,000 people, who are additional to those who normally visit the beach during the summer period. Mitigation plans for handling these increases are detailed below.

#### **Organising Committee**

The organising committee for this event are Surfing New Zealand and the New Zealand Sponsorship Agency. If you have concerns or questions that need answering before or during the event, please contact the following:

Greg Townsend	CEO, Surfing New Zealand	
Ben Kennings	Media Manager, Surfing New Zealand	021 227 8732
Gabby Steyn	Event Director, NZ Sponsorship Agency	021 997 573
Fabian Frei	Event Co-ordinator, NZ Sponsorship Agency	021 253 3796

You are of course welcome to call Council's 24/7 Call Centre on 839 0400 to lodge any complaints and these will be forwarded to appropriate Council staff to action as soon as possible.

#### **Liquor Ban**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Council passed a Resolution, in accordance with Clause 7 of the Waitakere City Council Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2008, implementing a temporary 24/7 liquor ban for Piha Beach. The ban is based on the current liquor ban areas (see attached map) and will come into and remain in force from midnight 19<sup>th</sup> January until midnight 28<sup>th</sup> January. Signage will appear in and around Piha in early January and a series of public notices will appear in newspapers advertising this temporary ban.

### **Event Set Up**

Set up of the events village will commence on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January and will be dismantled on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January meaning that there will be no public parking in this area during this period. Public parking will be in the Domain and Steadfast Park as documented later. All emergency access will be maintained.

Two power generators will be placed on site to ensure continuity of power over the competition period and to supply additional power requirements required for live video streaming of competition.

Because of the anticipated number of attendees and visitors, a number of additional food vendors will be located in the event village in front of the Piha Surf Lifesaving Club. Several local organisations have indicated their wish to participate as vendors, so funds will be returned back into the local Piha economy.

Team catering will be based in a marquee behind the Bowling Club and is being managed by Fiona Anderson from the Piha Motor Camp. The Bowling Club will be used as a lounge area for the teams to relax in when they're not competing.

### **Competition Days**

Competition days are 21<sup>st</sup> January until 28<sup>th</sup> January and surfing will commence at 8.00 am and conclude at 4.00 pm (waves allowing). Two competition areas will be used, one at the main Piha beach and the other at North Piha Beach beside Lion Rock. Following the conclusion of the surfing on the final day, a prize giving/closing ceremony will be held on the event deck located in the carpark in front of Piha Lifesaving Club.

A public address system will be in use during the event hours of 8.00 am to 4.00 pm and stacked speakers will be faced towards the beach and surfers in the water, which will lessen the noise disturbance to residents. Noise levels will be kept below 4 decibels and within the legal noise limits for events.

Teams not based in accommodation at Piha will be accommodated at Sky City and will be bussed to the beach each day.

### **Traffic Management/Parking**

A comprehensive traffic management and parking plan has been put in place. The plan will be managed by Traffic Management New Zealand with support from the Police as and when required. Traffic Management New Zealand will have qualified staff on site at all times. Temporary event warning signage will be installed and a VMS (digital) board will be used at the Piha Road/Scenic Drive corner to update visitors on traffic conditions and parking. Temporary speed restrictions and no parking zones will be erected and will be strictly enforced by the Police and Council Parking Wardens.

The main public parking areas will be at the Domain and at Steadfast Park in Glenesk Road. The Wildcoast Board Riders Club will be manning a shuttle bus which will run from Steadfast Park to the Beach and public will be encouraged to use this service for a gold coin donation.

There will be limited access to Beach Valley Road for the public, but residents and their guests will be allowed through, as will emergency service vehicles and a very limited number of VIP's. All other residents will not be affected. The traffic management plan allows for 7,000 vehicle movements before restrictions commence. However residents and their visitors **will not be affected**. They simply need to state to the traffic management people that they are residents or visiting residents and live at XXXX and they will be allowed through.

The carpark at the bottom end of Piha with the boat ramp will not be used by the event and will remain open for fishermen and the general public's use.

### **Waste Management**

A waste minimisation and management plan is in place. This will include the provision of several large jumbo bins where waste will be placed and removed daily to an offsite recycling facility. Our objective is to achieve 90% reduction of waste to landfill from this event. Council's rubbish bins will be cleared 3 times per day during this period.

A series of port-a-loos will be on site to handle additional visitors. These will be split between South Piha and the Domain and will be regularly serviced and cleaned throughout the day and are in addition to the current public toilet facilities.

#### **Dune Protection/Environmental Management**

A number of volunteers will be tasked to beach litter patrol and throughout the day will make sweeps of the beach to ensure that it remains free of blowing rubbish and debris. In addition to this a dune protection plan will be in place and crowd control barriers will be placed in high traffic areas to prevent people accessing the beach by walking directly through the dunes. Public announcements will be made during the day to remind visitors to keep off the dunes.

#### **First Aid/Emergency Management**

St Johns and the Piha Surf Life Saving Club will both have personnel on duty during this period. While St John's will be there for competitor wellbeing they will be able to assist visitors and residents if an emergency arises.

An emergency management plan will be in place and includes site evacuation plans in case of fire or natural disaster.

#### **Security**

Ryan Security, a well respected event security company have been contracted to provide event security. General beach policing and security will be undertaken by an enhanced Police presence.

I hope that the above information is sufficient to give you the information you need, but if not please feel free to call the organisers or myself and we can provide you with additional information.

I would like to once again thank you for your support of this event and appreciate your patience with us over the past months as we have worked with the organisers to ensure that there would be as little impact as possible on you, as a resident of Piha.

Yours sincerely



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Designated Liquor Ban Area

Piha



 Liquor Ban Area