

Recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee implementation - Purangi reserve

TO	Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM	Heather Bruce - Community Manager
DATE	7 March 2018
SUBJECT	Recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee implementation - Purangi reserve

1 Purpose of Report

For the Community Board to consider the timing of implementation of the recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee at Purangi Reserve.

2 Background

In line with Council policy a recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee is to be implemented when a boat ramp has been upgraded.

The upgrade of the Purangi Ramp by way of a floating pontoon, was fully completed in November 2017 and the Council resolved to commence charging the fee from 1 December 2017.

The Mercury Bay Community Board resolved at the 3 March 2017 meeting, to make a recommendation to Council to amend Schedule A of Council's Parking Control Bylaw 2014 to include Purangi Boat Ramp Reserve Boat Trailer Parking Pay and Display area.

Council resolved to adopt the recommendation at the 4 April 2017 Council meeting.

3 Issue

To consider changing the date of implementation of the recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee at Purangi Reserve from 1 December 2017 to 1 July 2018.

4 Discussion

Implementation of the recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee was introduced on 1 December 2017. This was communicated by way of the Council website, local newspaper updates, local boat owner representatives and email to Mercury Bay South Ratepayers Association.

Within a week, the honesty box and all associated signage had been removed by persons' unknown and not recovered. As a result of this action it was decided to postpone the requirement for a permit fee at that time.

In line with the approved bylaw amendment, the Community Board are asked to consider reinstatement of an honesty box and signage, and to postpone the requirement for the recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee until 1 July 2018.

Implementation of the fee will need to be communicated to the Cooks Beach and wider communities as early as possible, to maximise awareness and acceptance.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee - implementation' report dated 7 March 2018.
2. Approves the postponement of the implementation of the recreational boat launching/trailer parking permit fee at Purangi Reserve from 1 December 2017 to 1 July 2018.