

# Golden & Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Assoc. Inc.

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## ABOUT US

The Golden & Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc. is a community representative group and has the ability to act in an advocacy role with local authorities on behalf of it's members. The prime objective of the association is to represent and promote the interests of all members of the community, be they ratepayers or residents. The committee meet bi monthly at the Community Centre and each alternative month hold an open general meeting that anyone can attend. However, only financial members of the association are eligible to vote on any agenda items.

The Association maintains an office within the Community Centre and manages the business and associated activities of the Association from there. The Ratepayers Association has a lease agreement with Wellington Shire Council, maintains the hall and manages the RV rest stop.

Membership of the Ratepayers Association is \$10 per person and you can join at any time of the year. Renewal of Membership is due on 1<sup>st</sup> of July each year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is held in August each year. [click on this link for Membership and nomination forms \(LINK\)](#)

The committee [Click here for details of the current committee & meeting dates \(LINK\)](#)

## Volunteers

As a small coastal community with only 300 permanent residents we are very fortunate to have a small group of volunteers who help provide services to visitors. These include tourism information, Broadband for Seniors Kiosk and the Art by the Sea Gallery. We can always use more volunteers, so if you have the time and talents we would love to hear from you!

## Broadband for Seniors Internet Kiosk

Free internet is available to all people holding a Seniors Card or Pension card and volunteers are available to provide advice to visitors using the facility.

*Broadband For Seniors Kiosk is funded and supported by NEC in association with the Australian Government*

## Tourist Information

The Community Centre is open when volunteers are available and has a range of tourist information for visitors to the area.

## Art by the Sea Gallery

There is a selection of art work on display in the hall for visitors to view and most items are for sale.

## Art 4 Youth

This program is run through the school holidays and resident and guest artists have developed a range of activities for young people (and the not so young) who are interested in art.

*The Art 4 Youth program is funded by a grant from Wellington Shire Council*

Art work from local school children is also on display and the themes change through the year.

## Lett's Beach News – Community newsletter

The community newsletter has been in operation in one form or another for more than 30 years. The current format is produced four times a year in the first weeks of each season, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. Any community group is welcome to contribute news articles to the newsletter. [Click here for information on subscriptions and advertising rates. \(LINK\)](#)

*The newsletter is subsidised with a small grant from Wellington Shire Council.*

## Community Emergency Planning

The Community Emergency Planning group is a sub-committee of the Ratepayers association. The group have been working to;

- Identify and prioritise potential hazards for our community
- Develop a communication plan
- Develop a community action plan
- Compile a community resources and skills data base
- Identify and compile a register of vulnerable people.
- Help vulnerable people to develop a personal Emergency Action Plan
- Educate community members about potential hazards and making plans for their family members and pets.

## End of Summer Surf Festival

The Festival is run over the Easter weekend and incorporates activities for children and a surf fishing competition. Golden Beach has been hosting fishing competitions for over 55 years along the famous 90 Mile Beach. During the Festival weekend many community groups also hold events and activities, so it is a great time to come and enjoy all that Golden Beach has to offer. [Click here for information on the Festival for next Easter.](#)

## R.V. REST S.T.O.P. - Short Term Overnight Parking

Holiday makers and international travellers in fully self -contained Winnebago's, vans and caravans are welcome to stay up to 48hrs in this purpose built rest stop, which also has a hard stand area for big rigs.

The rest stop is situated only 200m from the beach and all amenities, including hot showers (fee), water (fee) and general store and take-away food. When the community centre is open there is also access to the internet and Art Gallery, which has an ongoing display of artworks from local schoolchildren and professional artists. Close to walking trails, golf, bowls and national parks, this location is ideal for people seeking outdoor activities. We would appreciate a small donation to assist with our maintenance costs.

[Click here for information on the RV rest stop conditions of use. \(LINK\)](#)

*Expansion of the RV Rest Stop was made possible by a grant from Regional Development Victoria – Putting Locals First Program.*

## **The Golden Beach Community Nursery & Open Garden**

A host program of the Ratepayers Association. The nursery is situated at the back of the old tennis courts adjacent to the RV Rest Stop. The nursery is open from 10am to 12 noon every Friday and Saturday when volunteers are available. Profits from the sale of plants will be used to develop the site and build more community plots. The group of volunteers meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the nursery at 10am.

We are currently trialling Community Garden plots next to the nursery and the vegetables are thriving. More plots will be built when ground has been levelled behind the Church. To be eligible to apply for a plot you need to become a member of the Ratepayers Association.

## **Wellington Shire Council Mobile Library**

The Library visits Golden Beach every Friday between 10am – 12 noon and has free internet services available. The bus is located in the car park outside the Community Centre on Surf Edge Drive.