



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BAWLEY POINT, KIOLOA AND TERMEIL

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Sallie Hardy

Snorkelling at Kioloa Boat Ramp within 50 metres.

Hi Sallie

At our last Bawley Point Kioloa Termeil Community Association (BPKTCA) meeting, our members reported an ongoing safety concern, occurring on several recent occasions. It was raised by recreational boats approaching the Kioloa Boat ramp, that Lands Edge school children are snorkelling around the entrance to the Kioloa Boat ramp. This causes concern for the fisherman who use the ramp to launch and retrieve their boats, and children snorkelling are difficult to spot and they are most concerned they are difficult to see in the water as they approach and the potential harm to the children.

The community absolutely supports that Lands Edge provides this outdoor education in our villages and beautiful beaches and forests and we appreciate that Kioloa beach is a great spot for snorkelling, especially when the local rays are spotted. However, it should be noted that swimming / snorkelling etc is not recommended within 50m of the boat ramp. There is boat safety signage in place at the ramp which everyone should read. This is especially important in busy peak seasons as there are lots of boats and jet skis coming in and out of the water, all using the boat ramp.

We love to share our beautiful beaches with the groups of school kids that Lands Edge bring to our area. As an alternative perhaps you could consider entering the water at Kioloa beach to the south of the boat ramp, or perhaps trying Bawley Beach away from the boat ramp, or the South end of Shelly Beach, there are many safe spots always depending on an assessment of water conditions on the day.

If we can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to contact us. Could you also acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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Appendix:- Kioloa Beach Boat Ramp Safety Signage.



- Beware, waves may break over this breakwater at any time.
- The breakwater is uneven and blocks may move.
- Standing, walking on or diving from the breakwater are not recommended.
- Swimming is not recommended within 50 metres of the boat ramp.
- Stingrays may inhabit shallow waters in this area.
- Due to sand build up, this ramp is not suitable for 2WD vehicles.