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## **1. 13 – 15 December 2011 Flood Event**

What an end to 2011 with two floods and so much damage.

I have been organising and working with the Periodic Detention people from Motueka. They have been coming over and working around the affected area and helping people clean up their properties. We have plenty of work ahead of us as word of mouth has got around.

I had a meeting with the residents of Labyrinth Lane about the flooding in their area. The drain that runs through the Reilly, Scott and Nalder properties is full of mud and needs clearing out. I have had meetings with the land owners and they tell me Council has an agreement with them to keep the drain clear. I have passed this on to Engineering Services.

The Community Board's walk around Pohara was good. It highlighted the need for more careful planning where properties are developed and shows that tranquil little streams can turn into raging torrents under extreme weather conditions. I believe that a lot of the drains need to now be made into splashes so water is less likely to dam up. For the last 28 years we have been told by some that the Takaka Township should be moved to the Clifton/Pohara area because of the flooding in town. Yes, we are in a flood plain but I believe that it is less dangerous where it is as there are no logs, rocks, trees or hundreds of tons of dirt to come down on us because it has had time to be dropped before it reaches town. I believe that with planning we can mitigate a lot of the risk in the township.

## **2. Abel Tasman – 370 Commemorations**

Penny Griffith organised a walk to the Beard property on Abel Head, Tata Beach on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of January as part of the 370 years Tasman celebration. There were

20 people on the walk and we had a good look around ending with a talk and afternoon tea.

### **3. Budget Cuts**

Council has made some big cuts to the budgets and our back country roads and the airport cross-runway are but two of the casualties.

### **4. Rototai Health Group**

There was a request from the Rototai Health Group to have a councillor on their committee and it was moved very fast at the Council meeting not to have a councillor on it. I would like to think that someone was on the committee and therefore I ask if someone from the Golden Bay Community Board could be there.

### **5. Holiday banners**

I have had a few complaints about the flags and the noise that they make in the wind. Also, there are a number that have come off the poles or are torn.

### **8. Speed restriction request**

I have had a request from a resident who lives on the way into Collingwood regarding the speed limit and whether it could be changed to 50kmh. It is currently 100kmh down past the Hospital.

Paul Sangster