

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Board Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 28 March 2005
SUBJECT: March Report

Activities, meetings and events attended during the past month included the following:

Annual Plan/LTCCP

The last three meetings were held in Collingwood, Pakawau and Bainham on 1, 2, and 4 of February respectively.

The Board prioritising meeting was held on 25 February. A healthy discussion on issues ensued and inclusive consensus reached on all categories. It is vital that we now submit the priority items to Council for consideration and inclusion and for Board members to follow up on maintenance and other items with our respective departments.

Community Board visit to Richmond

The Board visited the Richmond TDC Offices and met with available Councillors and senior staff. Golden Bay issues were discussed and channels of communication opened. A tour of the building and introductions to other staff and various functions and activities were provided. A very helpful and informative day.

Golden Bay Bike Ride

Participated in part of the Community bike ride which high-lighted the need for greater consideration of vulnerable road users. This was a well attended, high profile event which was well run in a friendly, good natured manner. A subsequent illustrated suggestion has been received and is attached for consideration.

Rural Futures Meeting

Held in the Takaka Bowling Clubrooms with an audience of 68 interested residents. Concern was expressed about inconsistent ad hoc decision making. More prescriptive planning was sought for the Bay. The meeting was advised that it is quite

possible for Golden Bay to have specific planning rules and policies for the area. This would be very helpful in addressing concerns.

Radio Programme

Recorded an interview for Fresh FM on matters raised during the February Board Meeting.

DoC Community Forum

Attended the quarterly DoC Community Forum held on 16 February. The Department update included: variable weather during the Holiday period saw some early departures; World Heritage discussion document open for submission until 31 March; toilet upgrades at Triangle Flat, Wharariki car park and Pupu Hydro walkway; Golden Bay Wharves - approach from group seeking to form a charitable trust to take over managing Westhaven, Waitapu, Milnthorpe and Collingwood wharves; fires near Mangarakau and in Takaka river bed fought and extinguished; re-survey of native snail plots in National Parks, vegetation survey and weed control at various sites all underway; camp site near Perry Saddle being formed.

Issues raised during the meeting included: recent Archeological survey work undertaken at Triangle Flat; fords on the Aorere Valley road causing problems; Colonisation of part of Milnthorpe reserve causing concern, boundary fencing requested; sculpture trail proposed for Reserve; montbretia patches on Abel Tasman Track need weed control; Wharawharangi Hut - infestation of insects, fumigation necessary; Westhaven Entrance view point near Knuckle Hill turn off - request made to keep this clear; update on Te Waikoropupu Springs and Abel Tasman National Park management plans provided.

Health Services Review Meeting

Chaired the meeting held on 17 February which saw approximately 50 representatives of Health and Community organisations in attendance including Chair and CEO of Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and the Primary Health Organisation Chair. The meeting considered Dr. Struan Clark's proposal for co-ordination of Golden Bay Health Services. A well supported steering committee was formed to investigate the proposals.

Keep Golden Bay Beautiful

Attended the monthly committee meeting, and also the subsequent working- bee, to release the last plantings alongside the Onekaka stream. These trees have grown very well as have the two previous annual plantings.

Writers on Wheels

Attended the very successful Writers on Wheels event in the gardens alongside the Takaka Library. 98 people heard the six writers talk about and read from their work. The Library should be congratulated for bringing this type of event to the Bay.

Tarakohe Marina Opening

Held on 27 February. The welcome rain dampened proceedings a little so the main event was held inside the Pohara Boat Club rooms. The Club also used the occasion to officially launch the use of the recently installed lift which provides disabled access to facilities.

Collingwood Hall Committee

Attended the committee meeting as the Board Representative. Members were concerned to hear of the high cost of Hall Warrant of Fitness inspections with three separate inspectors travelling over the Hill to undertake various checks. There has to be a better way.

The Resource consent for the protective rock work on the estuary margin has been received.

Issues

Tarakohe Income

Notwithstanding on-going requests for publicly available Tarakohe financial reports, following enquiries I have written on 15 February 2005 to the TDC Corporate Services Manager for details of rent arrangements for facilities established on the Tarakohe Wharf. To date I have not received an acknowledgement or response. I therefore recommend:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Corporate Services Manager of TDC with a copy to the CEO requesting details of past and present rental income from the facilities established within an approximate 860m² area of the Tarakohe Wharf”.

Fire Service Review

Concern has been expressed by Board Member Hill about possible loss of Golden Bay fire appliances. I therefore recommend:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the NZ Fire Service and requests a written assurance that no removal of fire appliances from Golden Bay is being proposed without replacement”.

Transit Liaison Meetings

During the Annual Plan/LTCCP prioritising meeting the question was asked as to whether the Board could be informed of Transit Liaison meeting dates. I therefore recommend:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Transit New Zealand and requests to be added to the mailing list for Agendas and Minutes of the Transit Liaison

meetings and also seeks the opportunity to attend from time to time to raise Golden Bay roading issues”.

Council Amalgamation Study

This matter was raised during our February meeting Public Forum and needs to be formally discussed and considered.

To make an informed decision a study of various models and opportunities needs to be undertaken. It could be that local representation could be strengthened through amalgamation with strong Community Boards/Councils established in each ward. Therefore I recommend

“That the Golden Bay Community Board requests that a full cost benefit study be undertaken to consider all aspects of co-joining Nelson City and Tasman District Councils”.

Reports From Councillors

Cr Riley has advised that he will report on the Tarakohe Marina opening, Golden Bay RMA hearings, Golden Bay Museum repairs and leave of absence (April). Cr Borlase may also wish to report on relevant items.

Vehicles on Beaches

From our Community meetings and other representations periodic inappropriate vehicle use (hooning) has been confirmed as the main issue of concern.

Accordingly, we now need to consider the resolution left lying on the table from our December meeting. This issue should also be referred to Central Government Agencies of Land Transport and Department of Conservation as well as Environmental and Planning of TDC. Perhaps in the speed limit review a speed of 10kmph could be set for beaches. This approximates the 5knot speed limit by vessels within 200metre of the shore.

Mobility Scooter Request – Ann Castle Memorial Fund

“That the Trustees recommend that \$250 be granted from the Ann Castle Memorial Fund to the Community Mobility Scooter Maintenance Fund.”

Transit NZ Consultation Questionnaire

A questionnaire and advisory paper has been received from Transit inviting comment on their 10 year highway plan. (Copy attached). We need to make a submission even though we are still awaiting the outcome of the last SH60 review.

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