

# REPORT

**TO:** GB Community Board  
**FROM:** The Chairperson  
**REFERENCE:** E855  
**DATE:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report – July 2005

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

**7 June Agenda setting** - for 14<sup>th</sup> June Community Board Meeting.

**9 June Community Board workshop** with CEO Bob Dickinson. Issues discussed included: Golden Bay component of TDC's publicity review; Tarakohe income and financial reporting; Council communication - acknowledgement and reply times; amalgamation study - difficult voluntary process explained by CEO, the Board felt that a study would provide for informed decision-making; Tukurua Camp private road - on-going issues considered; Board delegations - review underway; Community Forums - to be continued; Board declarations- text to be corrected; Draft Water and Sanitary Services Assessment Report - submission considered; Gravel meeting - date set.

**9 June Interview with TDC Planner Sonya Leusink** - regarding Golden Bay Strategic Planning.

**9 June Meeting with resident Brian Petterson** - regarding strategic planning, street names and Pioneer Memorial.

**10 June Community Boards Delegations Subcommittee meeting Richmond.** Current status report requested and prepared.

**12 June Keep Golden Bay Beautiful and Forest and Bird Arbor Day** planting and release at Para Para Historic Reserve.

**13 June Annual Plan hearing Takaka.** Presentation of Community Board and personal submissions.

**17 June Draft Water and Sanitary Services Assessment submission hearing Motueka** - presented a personal submission which had been supported by Board members.

**17 June Fresh FM interview** - on matters discussed during 14<sup>th</sup> June Board meeting.

**18 June Golden Bay Information Centre open day** - attended exhibition and then drew lucky numbers for prize draw at Police station.

**20 June Golden Bay River Gravels Meeting** - Upper Takaka Hall and then inspection of various areas of the Takaka River with Rivers Engineer Phillip Drummond and Compliance Officer Colin Michie. A most useful briefing on the careful consideration required to maintain a healthy, stable river system **and** access to limited gravel and sand supplies.

**21 June Fonterra Fire** - remained on phone watch fielding calls concerning the fire and referred callers to appropriate authorities.

The work by the Fire Brigades, Police and other Community agencies and individuals was most commendable. This includes the saving of much of the factory infrastructure and the sensible precautionary evacuation.

Well done to all concerned. A tremendous community effort.

**22 June DOC Community Forum - DOC update included:** Possum control on 6,000 hectares Wakamarama Ranges planned from July 1st; trapping on Goulard Downs has revealed low numbers (6 possums from 720 trap-nights); Abel Tasman National Park management plan due for release; Sanitary services: Totaranui sewerage - tender let, Pupu Hydro - new total containment toilet installed, Perry Saddle and Saxon Hut toilets improved, Riordans Hut - toilet to be installed shortly; 30% increase in snail population within predator fenced area Patarau; London Plane trees pruned at Totaranui; Te Waikoropupu Springs tracks graveled; Wharawharangi Hut - aesthetically compatible fire escape proposed; Asbestos Cottage maintenance underway; viewpoint and barrier at 'The Grove' completed; Marine mammal biopsy gun - staff training undertaken; internet booking system for Heaphy and Abel Tasman tracks due soon.

Agenda items discussed included:

Pupu Hydro walkway panels and signage proposed; Takaka River Oxbow project - thanks expressed by Keep Golden Bay Beautiful for DoC's fencing input on Paynes Ford side; Triangle Flat Archeological work - update from Jack Walls on recent findings - kumura and taro likely grown and stored here in 16th Century; Abel Tasman National Park management plan and mountain biking - issues discussed. Concern about possible hazards for walkers and cyclists expressed; Pariwhakaoho land disposal - a 6.5ha area of Forest Park in pasture is proposed to be sold to an adjoining farmer. The meeting felt that this was a sensible rationalisation and it was suggested that at least two independent registered valuations be obtained to determine a fair price.

**22 June Resource Management Committee Meeting Richmond** - The Draft Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Consultative Planning proposals paper was presented during the meeting.

The paper was approved for public consultation release after amendment. Community consultation on the Draft will commence with a Community Forum. The date for this is yet to be set.

**23 June Golden Bay Waterways public meeting** - TDC Resource Scientist, Trevor James, reported back to the Community on the recent Golden Bay waterways survey.

Generally, the larger the river the better the quality except at flood times. Some small streams are causing concern and need remedial action. The full report is available on [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

**26 June Eric Spiekerman's Memorial Service** - Eric passed away on 27 May. He was an American who had settled at Ligar Bay and, having witnessed the degradation caused by inappropriate development around San Francisco Bay, he was keen to see full consideration of the effects of development here. Eric gained New Zealand citizenship and held a strong interest in social and environmental issues.

**28 June Community Whanau meeting** - This was largely taken up with the various representatives commenting on issues arising from the Fonterra fire. Marama Taiko, Department of Internal Affairs, was in attendance and she outlined the many and varied responsibilities of her department.

**30 June Keep Golden Bay Beautiful** - The monthly meeting was held near Paynes Ford followed by an inspection of the Takaka River oxbow project. The proposed fence line and planting area was inspected. Nigel Mountford (DoC) was in attendance to provide helpful historical interpretation. This is a most interesting project which will be made possible by a grant from the Cobb Dam Mitigation fund, with support from TDC, DoC, neighbours and volunteers from KGBB.

**30 June "Following the Fire" meeting Takaka** - A meeting of industry and community group representatives was held to share and discuss current information. The Fonterra decision to reopen the plant during the coming season is a huge relief and has helped temper the sense of shock and loss. The great work by the Fire Brigades has made this possible with the drying tower suffering less damage than was first thought.

## **Issues**

### **Annual Plan Process**

Concern has been expressed about the rushed Annual Plan period from the closing of submissions to the final decision making.

It is apparent that the period between the hearing of submissions and the finalising of the Plan should be extended otherwise the consideration of submissions is not afforded the necessary time. To this end the following recommendation is suggested:

***“That the Golden Bay Community Board holds its Annual Plan/LTCCP Community meetings in October/November each year to allow the maximum possible time for matters raised to be included in the Draft Plan and further, that Tasman District Council be requested to allow for a full month between the hearing of submissions and the finalisation of the Plan each year so that all submissions can be properly considered and taken into account.”***

## **Fonterra Fire**

Following the initial shock, sense of loss and uncertainty, our Community has been heartened by the news that Fonterra is to commence repairing the plant so that processing can recommence during the coming season.

Letters of support and encouragement have been sent to Fonterra by the Board and others and we look forward to as many jobs as possible being retained. The company will be making an announcement about this on 25th July.

As a farmer cooperative, Fonterra does have a social responsibility to the communities that sustain it.

## **Monthly Meeting Agenda**

The close off time for Agenda items has been 12 noon on the Monday week prior with the Agenda setting usually held on the Tuesday morning. This provides a very short time for staff to compile the Agenda papers and information packs and meet statutory time limits for their distribution. We have recently been setting the Agenda on Monday afternoons and Bob Askew has agreed that this can continue.

Accordingly, it is suggested that the policy be: ***“That the Golden Bay Community Board Monthly meeting Agenda close off time be 12 noon on the Monday week prior except in weeks where a public holiday falls on a Monday, when it shall be 12 noon on the Friday week prior.”***

## **Golden Bay Planning**

We need to set a date for the next Community Forum which will have a planning focus for the discussion of Sonya’s Draft Consultative Paper. Early to mid August is suggested.

## **Planning Accreditation**

The Board’s request that members who wish to undertake RMA accreditation training be given the opportunity has been rejected by TDC in a split vote. This training was offered by the Ministry for the Environment through Auckland University and Board members from other local authorities have participated. Some of the reported

comments made during the debate are of concern. Especially in light of the forthcoming TDC Representation Review.

### **Representation Review**

Council has appointed a subcommittee to consider matters for the 2006 Representation Review. Our Community Boards should be fully consulted as part of the consideration. With strong interest in local governance in Golden Bay (67.3% poll in the 2004 election) and a large geographically separate area to service, it is vital that Golden Bay has adequate representation. It was reported during the recent Community Board's conference that in reviews of other local authorities Boards have generally been retained and strengthened.

### **Service Centres Manager**

We have been advised that the new Service Centres Manager is Mr Bob Askew. Bob has been a Consent Planner with TDC in Motueka and we congratulate him on his appointment and look forward to working with him in his new position.

**Joe Bell**