

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 1st August 2005
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August 2005

Activities, events and meetings attended during the Month included:

4 July: Setting the Agenda for 12 July Community Board Meeting.

5 July: Golden Bay Futures Public Meeting - presentations by various community groups as to their purpose. Explained the history, structure and purpose of our Community Board and responded to questions.

6 July: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful - Working Bee, Collingwood - post for interpretation panel erected and concreted in at the Historic Cemetery walkway lookout. Planting area by new water reservoir inspected and plant species and numbers finalised for order.

7 July: Engineering Services Committee meeting Takaka - spoke about the urgent need for appropriate speed limits around the Bay and safe walking accesses Pohara (camp to Hall and in front of camp) and Collingwood (Joan Whiting corner to Poplar Lane.)

7 July: Commissioning of Stage 3 Sewerage Extension Ceremony - attended at Dodson Rd/SH60 pump station and then the Rugby club rooms.

10 July: Attended Public Service organised by Rev Andy Thomas - as one of the speakers to thank the Fire Service and other agencies for their tremendous efforts in fighting the Fonterra fire and dealing with related issues on the night and since.

12 July: Community Board meeting Takaka

15 July: Tukuru Camp Rd Meeting - with owner Bob Perriam. Representations on this issue have been made to the Draft Annual Plan and a response is awaited.

17 July: Collingwood Hall Committee meeting - floor resurfacing quote, dust control and stock inventory discussed. New mobile lectern and steps demonstrated. (Thank you Johnny Johnson).

19 July: Fresh FM - participated in Arts Council Radio programme about forthcoming Joan Whiting Rest Home 'Festival of Light'.

24 July: Joan Whiting Rest Home - participated in 'Festival of Light'. A wonderful evening of lights, poetry, singing and supper. The Home has a great feeling with an innovative and caring staff.

26 July: Community Whanau meeting Takaka - Rachel Ennor, a lawyer based at Tui Community explained a new programme for young women called 'Tides', this parallels the 'Tracks' programme for young men. The programme caters for 10 -13 participants per course and addresses passage to adulthood, transition, role play and ritual; the forthcoming GB Planning meeting and the TDC Representation Review were addressed and explained; the integrated Health Project was further explained. Community feedback required by 12 August to GB Health Group; Fonterra restructure - meeting advised that there would be 33 site and 16 driver positions. A total of 49 out of the previous 88. This is less than the figure quoted in the media which had 54 jobs remaining.

27 July: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful AGM - held in the Onekaka Hall. The Annual Report was presented summarizing the year's activities. Another great year's work by the small team; the election of officers saw the previous committee re-elected.

28 July: Milnthorpe Park Society AGM - held at the Manager's house. Annual Report presented and the previous committee re-elected. Another great year's work with the regeneration being enhanced through fertilizer application, weed and pest control and plantings of Rimu and other rain forest natives. Thank you Dick Nicholls and helpers.

31 July: Visited Port Tarakohe - and observed Port area. Quantities of marine farming equipment covered a large area including part of the wharf. Quantities of bundled treated posts were also present together with considerable residue from a recent dolomite shipment. All of these activities confirm the view that further colonising of the area adjacent to the wharf for the erection of a proposed fish chiller is not wise management. The company concerned purchased the former office building site, in part, for the erection of the chiller. Community concern has subsequently been expressed about this latest proposal. Given the history of Tarakohe it is imperative that there be open debate about any proposals for structures to be erected within the harbour environs. Such use must be compatible with other uses. The Port is an asset of the TDC held on behalf of our whole community.

Issues:

Refuse/Recycling

This agenda item was inadvertently not discussed during the July Board meeting. Concern has been expressed about the loss of employment by the former local contractor, the loss of the Takaka township recycling depot (especially by those not on the recyclables collection route) and queries over an appropriate collection frequency; (it is suggested that recyclables be collected once a fortnight or once a month instead of weekly as a way to reduce the cost of the service).

There does need to be a review and fine-tuning of refuse/recycling policies.

Golden Bay Wharves

Both TDC and DoC seem bent in avoiding their respective responsibilities for Golden Bay wharves. This is in contrast to smaller Tasman Bay ports where Motueka and Mapua (and Torrent Bay jetty?) continue to receive TDC funding. Mapua having had \$400,000 plus spent, and the ill-fated \$1m Motueka channel training wall together with on-going harbour costs being budgeted (\$24,690) despite the Motueka Wharf having been sold for \$1. Other District wharves and boat ramps have a budget of \$53,770, but nothing for the small Golden Bay wharves.

Members of our community are concerned about these small GB Wharves being handed over to a single trust without sufficient safeguards and resourcing.

Building Permits

Concern has been expressed about a property being offered for sale with an 'un-permitted dwelling'. Whilst it may be inappropriate to discuss the specific property, the Board should be briefed on how Building Permit Compliance is equitably monitored and enforced.

It is suggested that Laurie Davidson, Danny Beattie or Bob Askew may be able to provide this briefing. Our community needs to be assured that rules are applied fairly and consistently.

Tarakohe Governance and Accounts

From the report to the Council Enterprises Sub Committee meeting of 20 July 2005 it is apparent that there are still more excuses being offered than solutions. Perhaps Cr Riley, our representative on this subcommittee, can provide an update on the steps being taken to have fair and consistent charging set for all harbour leases, wharfage, storage and activities and the collection of Tarakohe

monies regularised and openly accounted for to usual financial reporting standards.

Fonterra Fire

Concern has been expressed that Fonterra is removing windfall capital from Golden Bay by not reinstating the factory to its pre-fire production. It is suggested that Fonterra could be approached for capital contributions to local community projects from this windfall. Projects include proposed Community Trust Aquaculture development and the proposed Theatre and Arts Showcase.

Recommendation: "That the GB Community Board writes to the Fonterra CEO and Board passing on the suggestion that the Company makes a capital contribution to Golden Bay projects from its insurance cover pay-out in light of it not rebuilding the Takaka plant to its pre-fire production level."

Up coming events:

Zone Five Community Boards' Meeting

This meeting is being held at Seifrieds conference room, Appleby, Saturday 13 August for Board members and Councillors. There will be addresses by Mayor Hurley, Yvonne Palmer (Chairperson NZ Community Boards Executive Committee), Eugene Bowen (CEO Local Government NZ), Susan Chamberlain (Transit NZ) and Unicef NZ (Every Child Counts Initiative) together with workshops and general business.

Board/Planning Staff meeting 11 August

With Claude Lewenz (Renaissance Group Waiheke Island) on methods for Community involvement in planning.

Golden Bay Community Forum

This will have a planning focus discussing the Takaka- Eastern Golden Bay Urban growth issues and options paper. This meeting will be held at Senior Citizens Rooms, Commercial Street, Takaka Tuesday 16 August commencing at 7pm. Copies of the paper are available at the TDC Office.

Meeting Dates

We need to set dates for the 2005 - 06 Annual Plan/LTCCP community meetings in October/November. We need to do this in conjunction with the Corporate Services manager so that we are not duplicating and creating 'input overload'.

Recommendation: "That the GB Community Board sets the eight community

meeting dates to discuss Annual Plan/LTCCP items in conjunction with Corporate Services“.

Overnight Camping

We need to set a date for a public meeting to discuss this matter also.

Joe Bell