

# REPORT

**TO:** GB Community Board  
**FROM:** The Chairperson  
**REFERENCE:** E855  
**DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Report for October 2005

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Activities, events and meetings during the month included:

**4 September** - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting Onekaka. Takaka Ox-bow project - fencing and planting itinerary considered. Clean up NZ week Golden Bay preparations underway.

**5 September** - Tour of water supply options and TDC systems Wainui Bay - Collingwood. Checked out Wainui stream, Tata Beach, Ligar Bay, Tarakohe, Rameka Creek, Takaka bore, Collingwood bore and treatment facility. Board member discussion of options and TDC responsibilities with water scientist Joseph Thomas and assets manager Jeff Cuthbertson throughout.

**5 September** - Agenda setting for 13 September Community Board meeting.

**5 September** - attended Onekaka Hall Committee meeting, amended plans for building extension viewed and considered. Project to be advertised to obtain prices. Materials to be quantity surveyed. Community Board memorial tree and plaque positioning discussed and tree planted. Plaque to be mounted on a suitable Onekaka rock by an Onekaka resident.

**6 September** - Grey Power/Community workers public meeting to meet the Candidates for the West Coast Tasman Electorate 2005 Parliamentary Elections. All Parties represented except National.

**6 September** - met with Collingwood Museum Society representatives to discuss proposed addition to Museum building. A further meeting between the Society and members of the Aorere Centre group suggested. Museum Society representatives to take suggestion back to their committee.

**7 September** - Tasman District Futures facilitated meeting in Takaka to identify what is special about Golden Bay and how best to plan for the future. Support for use of 'Golden Bay in 2022' as a starting point and build on this.

**8 September** - Attended special showing of documentary the 'Future of Food' Village Theatre Takaka. This film recorded the capture of seed companies by multi national corporations and highlighted prosecutions by companies against farmers found with patented seed or plants on their properties even though they had not planted these; a real eye opener into the abuse of power and process. Every farmer and consumer would benefit from the knowledge to be gained from viewing this film.

**12 September** - participated in Coast Care planting of Pingau on Para Para sand spit and trees on Para Para Historic Reserve. Fence on the former repaired following erosion from recent easterly sea conditions.

**13 September** - Board meeting Takaka

**16 September** - Interview by Geoff Moffett Radio NZ for a documentary about living in out of the way places like Golden Bay.

**16 September** - Radio interview Fresh FM re 13 September Board meeting topics.

**18 September** -Collingwood Hall Committee meeting. Topics discussed included accounts for payment, recent rock protection works on estuary margin completed, floor refurbishment - another quote being sought, zip and sound system repaired. Hall inspections - co-ordination again suggested.

**20 September** - Attended community meeting with representatives of Omya New Zealand regarding expiring Mt Burnett mining permit (Feb 2006). Their new proposal tabled and discussed with informative responses to questions. Meeting was part of a series being undertaken as pre-consultation prior to an application for a new mining permit being lodged.

**21 September** - **took part in Clean-up NZ Week of a section of SH60.** Nine bags of litter of a 4.4km stretch covered. Additional assistance warmly welcomed.

**21 September** - Transport for Golden Bay - public meeting Environment Centre Takaka.

A well attended meeting considered transport ideas following the rapid increases in the price of fuel. Suggestions included more scheduled public transport, reduction in speed, development of bio-fuels industry.

Subsequently reported by Nick Smith (NEM 24/9/05) that Nelson and Tasman Councils contribute \$5.4 million to the public transport fund each year but get only \$20,000 back. If this is correct we need to take the initiative and develop public transport networks that can access our share of this funding to the benefit of our respective communities.

**22 September** - Bay Lit awards night; a full house at the Mussel Inn for this special annual event. Over 80 entries were received in the various categories and age groups. 28 works were selected by Judge David Eggleton for an award. It was great to see and hear the young people read their inspiring work.

**23 September** - attended the Bay Art exhibition at Golden Bay High School. This proved to be an excellent venue providing adequate space for displaying the wonderful array of art in all its form and materials. Congratulations to all entrants on a magnificent display.

**26 September** - Attended Representation Review Sub committee meeting in Richmond. Both Board Chairs were invited to speak. The Golden Bay Community Board perspective of retention of two Ward Councillors and the Community Board was reiterated. The Motueka Chair presented an idea for an alternative form of governance not too dissimilar to the Ward Council suggestion. (Copy attached) There is an apparent understanding/experience gap between those councillors from wards who do not have a Community Board. I am sure that Golden Bay would be accepting if all wards were to have a community board/council.

## **Issues**

### **Public Forum**

Feedback from the participants and the wider public is appreciative of the welcoming atmosphere at public forum. However this has led to more participation which in turn leads to time pressure on the monthly Board Meeting Agenda. I believe that it is important for residents to have issues heard by the full Board so would not be in favour of the Forum being held after the Board meeting when some members may have already have had to leave. In addition there may be matters on the Agenda which members of the public may wish to have taken into account and they can best express these comments during the Forum. These comments can be helpful to subsequent discussion and consideration. There is scope for particular items to be brought forward as a 'Deputation' and this will help ease the pressure during Public Forum. We also have the option of starting Public Forum at 9 am if numbers of participants warrant this. We can also have additional evening Community Forums which will help.

**Recommendation:** "That the Community Board keeps Public Forum under review and adopts one or more of the options of: an earlier start time; receiving 'Deputations' on particular issues; and holding additional evening Community Forums as and when the need arises or is apparent."

### **Public Transport**

Following on from the public meeting held on 21 September I believe that the Board should be making enquiries about government subsidies for public transport.

**Recommendation:** "That the Golden Bay Community Board identifies and writes to the relevant Government agency(ies) with a copy to MPs Damien O'Connor and Nick Smith and enquires into the availability of subsidies to improve the availability of public transport for Golden Bay".

## **Iwi involvement**

Further to TDC staff recently meeting with local Iwi, I feel it is helpful for there to be liaison with their representatives. The Board has appointed Cr Riley as our Iwi liaison representative and perhaps he can determine and advise as to which are the best means to achieve this. I am aware that there have been changes within the Iwi representation and that the planning person has been studying outside the Bay.

**Recommendation: “That the Board requests Cr Riley to discuss with Iwi the ways in which our liaison can be improved and report back to the November Board meeting and further, that Iwi representatives be invited to attend the November meeting also if they wish to do so.”**

## **Old Boat Club Building Pohara**

I have had feed back on the suggestion of permitting the fire brigade to use the old building as a fire training exercise. It was felt that any salvageable materials from the building should be recovered if at all possible.

**Recommendation: “That prior to a final decision on the demolition of the old Pohara Boat Club building being made the Golden Bay Community Board recommends that it be assessed for any salvageable materials with a view to these being recovered if possible.”**

## **Speed Limit De-restriction signs**

During a recent visit to the North of the North Island we noted continuing use of the de-restriction speed limit sign. We had been told by Engineering that this signage had been discontinued in favour of an actual designated speed sign. Attached to several posts underneath the de-restriction sign was another sign with the words Drive Carefully. Where 100kmph is totally inappropriate maybe this is another option to having 100kmph actually posted.

## **GB Garden Competition**

The GB Community Board has for the last few years held a garden competition towards the end of November, and the intention is to do this again this year. We need to set the categories, dates and select judges.

**Recommendation: “That Nancy Heyes, Stuart Borlase and Leigh Gamby be appointed as judges and that the dates be 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November.”**

Attached is a list of the categories for the Board to select from.

**Joe Bell**