

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Board Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 6th June 2006
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 2006

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

1 May - Agenda setting for the 9 May Community Board meeting.

2 May - Met with Dr Simon Thrush NIWA regarding ecosystem based marine management. Dr Thrush was late arriving in the Bay due to fog in Hamilton and the Community Board meeting with him was cancelled. However he subsequently addressed a well-attended Public meeting later in the evening. Copies of his presentation are available for circulation to Board members.

4 May - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful meeting, Onekaka

4 May - Attended Integrated Health Group Public meetings; Collingwood Hall 2pm and Golden Bay High School 7.30pm.

5 May - Submission to Abel Tasman National Park Draft Management Plan.

9 May - Community Board meeting Takaka.

9 May - Long Term Council Community Plan public meeting Collingwood Hall.

10 May - Public meeting at Pakawau as Board Environment and Planning representative to discuss possibilities for sustainable use of the Pakawau motor camp site. Suggestions from participants were provided to the new owner who is seeking a compatible community outcome from the facility.

11 May - Corporate Services Committee meeting Pohara Boat Club premises. This included a citizenship ceremony for seven residents of Golden Bay. When required to leave the meeting whilst the Regional Museum was discussed 'in committee', we checked out Tarakohe Wharf, Tarakohe Archway regarding recent blasting and the road to Wainui Bay regarding slipping damage.

Subsequently accompanied the committee and inspected the current library, former super market building and proposed new library site and two adjacent properties which are for sale.

12 May - Community Board workshop to compile the Board's submission to the Long Term Council Community Plan.

15 May - Attended Community Board correspondence Takaka.

20 May - Travelled to St Arnaud and briefed a Top of the South forum on the Bonaparte Diamond Mines prospecting application for 3393km² of the waters of Golden Bay and West Coast from Kahurangi – Separation points out to 12 nautical miles. I also attended a presentation about a proposed Marine Management Plan for Marlborough Sounds.

22 May - Coast Care meeting Para Para to discuss foreshore and re-vegetation plantings which are doing very well and the fenced area which needs reinstatement following recent erosion.

22 May - Aorere Centre public meeting at Collingwood Fire Station meeting room. Plans and model displayed. Participated in discussion.

23 May - Community Whanau meeting Takaka, topics included:

IRD representative updated meeting on “working for families” package, interest free student loans information available on line; “Steps” programme for improving fitness advised; updated Cobb Houses brochure tabled; A “Strength to Strength” four day course to be held at the Marae; Public Health Nurse advised that raised Tetanus awareness is needed; facilitator training for Plunket being offered if sufficient interest.

23 May - Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COG's) meeting Takaka, accounts presented. 20th birthday celebrated.

23 May - Walking Access public meeting Tahunanui Conference room. This was well attended and canvassed many of the issues relating to public access. The need to retain legal unformed roads, esplanade reserves and other public land suitable for access was affirmed together with the need to work with private land owners. There is a consultation document available and submissions are open until 30 June.

24 May - Dr Ron Colman's talk on Genuine Progress Indicators (GPI) held in Nelson City Council Chambers. A most interesting talk where 'trickle up' was promoted and the 2002 Local Government Act was lauded. Local level well-being is an essential component for community, regional and national well-being. GPI includes much wider criteria than GDP which is a narrow accounting system rather than a useful community performance indicator. For example GDP excludes voluntary or unpaid work which is so vital in successful communities.

30 May - Team Golden Bay meeting to discuss next steps in the Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Planning process. A stage two: Takaka and Eastern Bay consultation paper will be prepared.

30 May - Motupipi School to present prizes to winners in the recent Community Board Colouring Competition drawing attention to not riding bicycles on the footpath. The pupils performed a delightful Samoan action item.

1 June - Full Council meeting Richmond - The Council position on the Representation Review was adopted after extensive debate and will now go out to public submission.

The other issue for Golden Bay was the Motueka Pool poll. Whilst there is a special rate of \$23pa proposed for the immediate pool catchment area which is to be polled, it is also intended to increase the Facilities Rate across the District by \$19pa to accommodate this project. With a new pool complex in Richmond and community pools struggling to maintain facilities elsewhere, the Board suggests that support be given to existing community/school pools in Murchison, Tapawera, Motueka, Upper Takaka, Takaka, Collingwood and Rockville instead.

ISSUES

Port Tarakohe Charges

Concern has been expressed about the staff request to reduce some of the Port Tarakohe charges as part of the Harbour Bylaw review and the LTCCP. A submission from the Board raising concerns about this has been prepared and tabled at the Environment and Planning sub committee meeting held on 30 May 2006. We now need to submit formally on this matter during the current Harbour Bylaw submission period and it is recommended that the Board does this.

Representation Review

Following the Council decision to adopt the status quo as its position i.e. two Ward Councillors for each of Golden Bay and Murchison /Lakes, three each for Motueka, Waimea/Moutere and Richmond plus Community Boards for Golden Bay and Motueka, we need to encourage submissions in support of this.

In reading the papers for the Commission's forthcoming Review of the Local Government and Local Electoral Acts, many of the issues we have highlighted have also been identified. I.e. the Urban/Rural representation imbalance in mixed districts such as ours if the +- 10% model is adopted.

It is recommended that the Golden Bay Community Board formally submits in support of the status quo and encourages other groups and individuals in our community to do likewise.

Consent Hearing Information

It is again suggested that Board members be informed of details of Golden Bay Consent Hearings so that all can be aware of these and respond to queries if required.

Regional Refuse

Observing the Corporate Services meeting discussion on 11 May it became apparent that by increasing the recycling charge the wrong people will be targeted. If we are to work towards zero waste there must be greater disincentives for dumping mixed refuse. Bulk collectors of mixed refuse from wheelie bins or drums compete with Council services, usually in the settled areas, and also appear to play NCC and TDC off against each other for favourable land fill charges.

We have Regional interests in sewerage, port and airport, why not recycling and refuse?

If we had a Regional recycling and refuse body then there would be more scope to improve outcomes. We need to get NCC and TDC to work together on this. Accordingly the following resolution is suggested:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Engineering Services Committees of both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils requesting that they form a regional body to deal with recycling and refuse to ensure opportunities for working towards zero waste to land fill are not lost.”

and further”

“That increased charges be applied to mixed refuse with reduced charges for recycling”.

Takaka Library

Helpful suggestions have been made about the layout of the proposed new Library which need to be taken into account.

Other library users or individual staff may also have helpful suggestions, therefore it is suggested: “That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Community Services Manager requesting that consultation with staff and library users be undertaken before any library plans are finalized.”

Regional Museum

The Community Board has been following the Regional Museum debate and we have visited both the Stoke and Nelson sites and have had Annual Reports 2001-05 on circulation to members. Our position to date has been to support the Museum. Fundraising has fallen short of targets and part of this was through setting a deadline to have the new Museum opening as part of the Trafalgar Celebrations. It would be

untenable to close the Museum and/or to sell off heritage items to re-pay debt. Provided the Museum accounts have passed audit scrutiny, the best course would be for the facility to have its debt to the share holding councils re-structured so that it has the opportunity to become sustainable. A review after a full financial year's operation should then be the next step. Therefore it is suggested:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the NCC and TDC as shareholding councils requesting that the Regional Museum debt be restructured to sustainable levels and that the operation of the Museum be reviewed after operating for a full financial year.”

Iconic Sites

As previously discussed we need to compile a list of Golden Bay iconic sites (such as Tarakohe Archway), so their values can be taken into account with any proposed development. Could members each compile a list in preparedness for this.

Place Names

There have been two issues brought to the attention of the Board:

Mount Crusader

The name Mt Crusader is missing from current topographical maps and enquiries by a ratepayer suggest that there needs to be a public process to get it added. He has requested Board support for this. It is therefore suggested:

“That the GB Community Board writes to the appropriate authority and requests that the name be reinstated after checking with Iwi for any concerns.”

Black Maire Road

Black Maire Road was named for trees in that area but has been corrupted into the name 'Maori Road'. It has been suggested that it be returned to the correct 'Black Maire Road'.

Accordingly it is suggested:

“That the GB Community Board undertakes community consultation with Iwi, residents and the wider community and considers making a submission to having the name corrected.”

Joe Bell