

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 3rd July 2006
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July 2006

Activities, events and meetings attended during the month included:

June 1 Full Council meeting Richmond - Invited to table. Spoke on issues concerning Representation Review and Motueka Pool proposal. Council voted to go with the 'status quo' as it's initial Representation Review recommendation to go out for public consultation.

Motueka and area is to be polled on its swimming pool proposal. However, this project will have implications for the Facilities Rate across the District.

June 3 Parapara Historic Reserve - assisted arranging a work programme for a person on Community Service.

June 6 Agenda setting - for 13 June Board meeting.

June 6 Travelled to Tata - inspecting rock slide Stades Bay Tarakohe, Tarakohe Archway, road widening Ligar Bay and proposed widening to Tata Beach turn off.

June 7 Meeting with Kathy Tohill of TDC Parks and Reserves and local residents at Charlett Point Rd, Rangihaeata regarding Pine trees on Reserve land. Proposed that these be felled and replaced with native trees. Locals prepared to assist with labour, planting and finance. This is a long requested matter which needs to be resolved.

June 7 Meeting on 'communication' at Tui Community - regarding using the Marshall Rosenberg method of non-violent communication. A most interesting process which explains how communication can and does fail, and means by which it may be more successful.

June 8 Keep Golden Bay Beautiful meeting Onekaka - work planning for various projects including proposed Ox-bow planting. Discussion on correspondence and accounts. Concern expressed about current bio security issues and weed control. Need for local TDC contractor identified. Landowners need local support from a trained team and follow up work is essential.

June 12 Golden Bay Hearing of Long Term Council Community Plan submissions - Fire Station Takaka. Presented GBCB submission together with Board Member Leigh Gamby. Listened to the bulk of the submissions presented. Impressed by the scale, scope and quality of submissions which generally offered helpful suggestions and information to assist decision making.

June 13 Golden Bay Community Board meeting Collingwood

June 15 Cycle lanes/walkway public meeting Takaka - recorded notes. Proposals outlined. Small committee appointed.

June 16 Fresh FM recorded Radio Programme - on issues arising from June 13 Board meeting.

June 17 Met with Hon Damien O'Connor - and his Parliamentary secretary Peter Coburn and Electorate secretary Cecelia O'Connor. Discussed Golden Bay issues including Tarakohe Archway, Aquaculture, planning, seabed mining application.

June 21 DOC Community Forum Takaka - Update from Department:

7 bird Weka release, Totaranui – birds dispersing into the Park, transmitters fitted; Possum control – 2000ha Cobb Valley operation completed, 14,000ha Para Para/Castles operation planned along with 2000ha Gouland Downs bait station operation; Hut wardens on winter roster; two new bridges constructed Cobb Valley; guide wire on Anatoki Track fixed; Kahurangi cattle – removal efforts continue; Mt Burnett weed control plan being developed; Farewell Spit/Puponga Farm Park management plan being reviewed.

Issues raised by participants included:

Rakopi Rock Wall – DOC had declined to provide an Assessment of Environmental Effects, matter with TDC, landowner and contractor; Tata Island pest control local resident maintaining rat traps there; Riodans Hut DOC congratulated on restoration, topographic map has hut position incorrect (by 80 metres); Waingaro Forks Hut needs restoration, large pine trees on Waingaro side of ridge; Kill Devil Rd - legality questioned, progress on stopping legal roads within Park raised – DOC to follow up; Heaphy Track review – DOC to endeavour to standardise hut appearance, track etc for length of track across two conservancies; Whariwharangi Hut – increased cooking space sought; Intentions books – retention of these in Golden Bay confirmed; ATNP management plan – concern expressed about TDC submission; Mt Crusader – name missing from current maps – DOC to check out policy on this; Milnthorpe Park – 'Scenic Reserve' signage - DOC suggested these be compatible with existing Park signage; Golden Bay Jetties – Trust still to be formed. Transfer of Waitapu Wharf land from LINZ to TDC being sought, TDC propose then transferring this land to Trust; Ox-bow planting project 24 June advised; Mt Steven track – is this legal road? - DOC to inquire; Pakawau shags – sign requested, DOC to supply; Paynes Ford – biking access supported by DOC; Pip Green Trainee Ranger provided a most interesting presentation on gorse control efforts Gouland Downs.

June 24 Pakawau public meeting regarding Camp development proposals - unit title dwellings and body corporate conference centre, motel units, shop and café proposed.

June 24 Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Ox bow planting project Paynes Ford - 1300 indigenous native trees and 400 grasses planted by approximately 20 volunteers within fenced off riparian strip.

June 27 Community Whanau meeting Takaka - Community notices included: TDC Representation Review – open for submissions; COGS Committee vacancy a Golden Bay representative welcome; Healthy Communities – PHO considering funding a programme; suggested Community Whanau takes up issues such as Transport and fuel prices collectively; training available for youth and other community workers; affordable quality housing – funding still being sought, support for applications needed; Abbeyfield roof on, cladding commenced; Home builders – medical centre and hopefully all schools supporting initiatives.

June 28 Councils Enterprise Sub Committee meeting Tarakohe - Spoke about proposed amendment to Harbour by-law regarding Tarakohe charges and about Golden Bay property opportunities including Fire Station car park and Community concern about suggestions concerning occupation of Tarakohe Harbour land. Deputation of Harbour users concerned about indebtedness addressed meeting.

ISSUES

By-election

A 'meet-the-candidate' evening has been organized by Golden Bay Futures for 11th June at 7pm in the Community Centre. All members are invited to attend. Concern is expressed about negative comment in the media from a candidate. The Board has operated in an inclusive, co operative spirit this term and it would be a pity for this to revert to negative ways of the past.

We have moved on from knee-jerk reactions towards reasoned decision-making based on factual information. The amalgamation question is an example. The definitive study of costs/benefits options/possibilities has yet to be undertaken but should be before rigid positions for or against can be properly assumed.

Place Names Update

The Board has been asked to assist with investigation into the name of Mt Crusader removed from the current topographical maps and the possible misnaming of Maori Road. Information on both issues is currently being sought and replies will be compiled.

Tarakohe Update

A partial reply to questions put to CEO has been provided regarding Tarakohe finances. Unfortunately this does not address all of the questions asked and also raises more questions.

These matters are to be addressed at a Board workshop to be held on 4th July.

Bevan Langmuir

Collingwood's Chief Fire Officer, Bevan Langmuir, was recently awarded a 'Gold Star' in recognition for his more than 25 years as a volunteer fireman. A letter of congratulations has been sent to Bevan on behalf of the Board.

Army Exercise

Community concern has been expressed about heavy blasts which occurred at Tarakohe during the recent army exercise. Two in particular on the evening of Thursday 15 June caused much consternation and were heard across the Bay. The appropriateness of such heavy blasts in peace time where there are nearby residences must be questioned. Some damage to property has been reported and a petition to the army is being undertaken.

Affordable Housing

Community organizations have been invited to support funding applications by the Golden Bay Affordable Housing Trust. As the Board is supportive in principle of these efforts it is recommended that we provide a letter of support.

Leave of Absence

I will be on leave from 16 July to 27 July. Deputy Chair Carolyn McLellan will be available to deal with matters which may arise during that time.

Joe Bell