

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 5th March 2007
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for 13th March Board Meeting

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

8 February NZ Premier of the film “Indecent Exposure to Cars” Village Theatre. The film provided the history of the naked bike ride events held around the world and included footage of Golden Bay in 2005 and 2006.

10 February Amalgamation discussion between Nelson and Tasman Bay mayors at Motueka Memorial Hall.

11 February Hugh Webb’s funeral at Rototai Cemetery. Hugh was the Golden Bay Civil Defence Controller and was highly regarded for his community service and leadership contributions.

11 February Talk by Tony Maturin at East Takaka regarding World Poverty and sustainable uses of resources based on his experiences in Cambodia.

13 February Community Board meeting, Service Centre, Takaka.

15 February DoC Community Forum Takaka

Department update items included:

- Didymo in Takaka River now found from Cobb Powerhouse to the sea. ‘No water contact’ at Te Waikoropupu Springs being monitored by staff. Two other part time rangers for the waters of Tasman District are being administered by Fish and Game.
- Strap Toothed Beaked Whales – first known stranding of this species in Golden Bay.
- Heaphy Track Maintenance – culverts being replaced, water tables re-done, new section of track at approach to Shiner Brook Swing Bridge.

- Possum control - Para Para operation planned for April, Cobb in July. Animal Health Board Project Pakawau – Westhaven Rd including Kahurangi National Park and Farewell Spit in June.
- Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve gazetted.
- New stiles Puponga Farm Park.
- Onekaka riparian - planting fence completed.
- Banana Passion fruit re-categorized as progressive control plant.
- Back country goat hunting to re-commence mid March.
- Powelliphanta snail monitoring nearly completed for season.
- Six Blue duck to be released on Goulard Downs in March.
- Campbell-Ewing Sculpture missing from near Myttons Hut.
- New toilet Harwoods Hole carpark at Caanan.

Agenda Items discussed included:

- Puponga Farm Park – awareness of Archaeological site locations needed – some have been damaged through fencing and tracking. Very old artefacts have been found indicating early settlement there.
- Mt Stevens carpark – poor condition hopefully to be resolved with local input and in conjunction with DoC work being undertaken on road to Browns Hut.
- Te Waikoropupu concern about adequate monitoring of water health and flows with TDC and DoC sharing responsibilities. DoC Management Plan hopefully due out for comment 2007.
- Heaphy Track Huts – simple privacy screens for outside ablutions requested, unhygienic use of hut sinks for ablutions also mentioned.
- Memorial to John Mitchell: Favourable comment about Wetland Interpretation Panel adjacent to Haast DoC Centre made – comments to be relayed to Haast staff.

16 February – Recorded Fresh FM radio programme from 13 Feb Board meeting items for ‘TDC Lowdown’.

19 February – well attended Grey Power meeting to discuss proposed Takaka reticulated water supply. Meeting unanimous that fire-well improvements are needed now and these should be funded instead of money being spent on consultation for a reticulated supply.

23 February – Community Board workshop, morning tea provided for Staff as a ‘thank you’ for the helpful friendly manner their work is undertaken in.
Agenda items discussed included:

- Shared Fisheries Paper considered for preparation of submission.
- NZ Community Board Conference Best Practice Awards project.
- Draft Board submission to be prepared for Aquaculture Management Areas prior to 16 March 2007.

27 February – Keep Golden Bay Beautiful committee meeting: a community service worker who has worked so well joined us for lunch as a ‘thank you’.
Matters discussed included:

- Takaka Ox bow riparian planting update and next stage discussed and planned.
- Onekaka planting update: fencing finished, plants released.
- Incorporation of Keep Golden Bay Beautiful as a society underway.

27 February – Peak Oil public meeting Takaka- talk by Carl Horn from Nelson. “Peak Oil’ defined and explained. This was held as part of raising energy descent awareness. Mention made of Kinsale and Penwith Energy Descent projects. Wider community needs to take up the initiative if these models are to be used to good effect.

28 February – Submission provided to Ministry of Fisheries Shared Fisheries Discussion Paper.

1 March – Collingwood Hall Committee meeting with Francie Wafer of Tasman District Council and Liz Clingan representing the selected builder to discuss revamp of public and hall toilets. Plans modified and will now need to be redrawn to ensure project is both financially viable and practical.

3 March – Family bike ride for Bike Week. Village Green – Bencarri Farm Park. A very well attended event and congratulations are due to the organizers and all the participants.

4 March – Film “Happy Feet” an animation which holds important environmental messages about the inter relationship between species and the need to raise awareness of this. This is particularly relevant with the idea of a **Marine Management Plan for Golden Bay**. Marlborough Sounds have embarked on a Soundfish project and the Fiordland Plan has been enacted by Parliament. Further information is available on these projects is available from Fiordland Marine Guardians www.fmg.org.nz and Soundfish at www.soundfish.org.nz

ISSUES:

Road Safety

We will be sorry to lose Kirsty Barr from the role of Road Safety Co-ordinator. The Board should write formally thanking Kirsty for her enthusiastic efforts and helpful engagement with us.

Annual Plan/LTCCP

The Board will need to discuss the Draft Annual Plan and prepare our submission. It is suggested we do this following the Golden Bay public meeting to be held at Collingwood. We will also need to add any projects which have become apparent since our priority list was submitted such as the suggested Para Para Children’s Playground pending the outcome of community consultation.

Community Forum

With extended Public Forums each month there hasn't been the same need for the Board to hold separate evening Community Forums.

However, following the Peak Oil meeting it has been suggested that the Board holds a Community Forum to specifically discuss possible next steps. The suggestion is that we follow the lead of Kinsale and Penwith and start with consideration of 'local food'.

Energy Descent

David Holmgren co-founder of the perma culture concept is speaking in Golden Bay on 1 May 2007 at the Community Centre on "The Role of Perma Culture in Energy Descent and re-localisation". It would be helpful to have had the Community Forum before this.

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