

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 30th April 2007
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May 2007 Board Meeting

Meetings activities and events attended over the past month have included:

2 April: Agenda setting for 10 April Board meeting.

7 April: Totally Local Market Takaka. This was another very successful event. The changed location of Takaka Primary School provided an excellent venue.

10 April: Community Board meeting Takaka.

13 April: Fresh F M interview recorded for TDC Lowdown radio programme on matters discussed during 10 April Board meeting.

15 April: Mangarakau Swamp AGM. Attended as TDC representative. Vegetation regeneration and new plantings have done well since the two fires. Weed and pest control is continuing to reduce numbers of invasive plants and mustelids and rodents. Improvements to the Hall and Lodge are impressive. The committee was re-elected. They, and supporters, are doing a great job.

16 April: Transit 10-Year Plan hearing, Tahunanui. Presented Board submission regarding SH60 Collingwood to top of Takaka Hill. (Copy in Info Pack).

17 April: Prepared text for Board entry into NZ Community Boards Best Practice Awards. "The Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Team Golden Bay Planning Process" is the topic.

18 & 19 April: Work on Community Mural Collingwood.

20 April: Community Board workshop Takaka, issues discussed included:

- GBCB entry to NZCB Best Practice Awards Approval.
- Visit of English Language Training Organisation students to Golden Bay Community Board in August approved.

- Combined Community Boards meeting date set (19 June).
- Prepared submission to debt funded Port Nelson Distribution.
- Prepared submission on Government Rating Inquiry.

21 April: Work on Community Mural Collingwood.

21 April: Heard Jeannette Fitzsimons addresses at Collingwood and Takaka on Climate. Very impressed with Ms Fitzsimons as an informed speaker who is seeking positive ways forward and who presented information and ideas in a caring and gentle manner.

23 April: Golden Bay Community Board draft 2007-08 Annual Plan Submission completed and circulated for comment.

23 April: Community Whanau meeting Takaka. A briefing from Glenn Thomas and Sally McKay of the Nelson Bays PHO on the Be Well pilot project for Golden Bay. 126 people have participated to date. Community notices included information about Lottery grants, Annual Plan and Rating Review submission periods open, Fresh FM – new recording equipment purchased.

23 & 24 April: Work on Community Mural Collingwood.

25 April: ANZAC Day Service Collingwood. Attended as TDC and Community Board representative for the laying of a wreath on behalf of our community. The guest speaker was Chris Auchinvole MP.

27 April: Government Rating Inquiry. Golden Bay Community Board Draft submission completed and circulated for comment.

29 April: Motupipi River Care planting project. Part of the Keep Golden Bay Beautiful participation. About 1100 native trees and toi toi were planted by landowner and volunteers.

30 April: Agenda setting for 8 May Community Board meeting.

30 April: Government Rating Inquiry Golden Bay Community Board submission lodged. (Copy in Info Pack).

30 April: Permaculture and Energy Descent, an address by David Holmgren at Onekaka.

ISSUES

Overland Resources Ltd

A prospecting permit has been issued for a huge tract of land from the Golden Bay Hinterland to along the Mt Arthur Range.

Our community needs to keep a watch on this because there are sensitive catchment areas of Abel Tasman and Kahurangi National Parks involved.

It is suggested that the Board writes to Crown Minerals and asks “to be kept informed of any proposals in the Golden Bay hinterland as a consequence of prospecting carried out by Overland Resources Ltd or its successors.”

Present Library Building

There have been suggestions made for possible uses of the present library building once it has been vacated.

It would be helpful for the Board to be able to discuss these and it is suggested that this be done initially ‘In Committee’ due to the possible community implications of some proposals.

Collingwood Mural

This has been a most interesting community project to be part of with relays of volunteer participants assisting artist Christopher Finlayson. Each colour has 3-4 coats and has to be carefully applied to ensure a surface sealing skin. The final finish will be a coat of clear sealer. This should see a life of at least 20 years for the painting. The official opening will be on Saturday 12 May at 1-30pm with Auxiliary Bishop Harvey Whakaruru performing the blessing.

Steepness of Road Verges

The Board has received copies of letters regarding the steepness of road verges that are being modified to assist the drainage of the road carriageway. (Copies of correspondence are included in the Board’s Info Pack). It is suggested that the Board supports the stance taken by Rural Women.

Joe Bell