

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 2nd July 2007
SUBJECT: Report for 10th July 2007 Meeting

Activities, events and meetings attended over the past month have included the following:

1 June: Team Golden Bay workshop Takaka

Following Community submissions discussed the Takaka-Eastern Golden Bay Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan Variation to go forward to Council.

1 June: Inspected Collingwood Tennis Club Courts, the site of which is within the Collingwood Motor Camp. The visit included a discussion with the Camp Managers, Bevan and Denise Langmuir.

4 June: Energy Descent Community meeting Clifton power point presentation on aspects of Peak Oil and discussion.

5 June: Agenda setting for 12 June Community Board Meeting

6 June: NVC (Non Violent Communication) workshop meeting

Viewed Marshall Rosenberg film followed by a discussion.

7 June: Annual Plan Hearing at Pohara Boat Club Rooms Tarakohe

Listened to submissions and presented Board submission together with Board members Leigh Gamby and Mik Symmons prior to my having to leave to catch Auckland flight.

7 June: To Auckland for NZ Community Boards Conference

Attended the presentation of the Best Practice Awards. The Golden Bay Community Board received the Consultation Award for our part in the Team Golden Bay Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Strategic Planning process.

8-9 June: Attending NZ Community Boards Conference Manakau City

The content of the Conference is the subject of a separate report which has been circulated.

10 June: Return to Golden Bay

12 June: Community Board meeting Collingwood - including inspection of Aorere Heritage Trust Centre building under construction and Collingwood Tennis Courts.

12 June Citizenship Ceremony Takaka

Community Board formally welcomed Golden Bay residents receiving their NZ Citizenship.

17 June: Pest Control Workshop Takaka Fire Station meeting room - facilitated by David Butler contracted to TDC. Attended in capacity of Community Board Environment and Planning representative and TDC representative on Milnthorpe Park and Mangarakau Swamp committees. Both of these groups are undertaking extensive pest control within their areas.

19 June: To Pakawau with Service Centres Manager to inspect area of road works which has been subject to complaints from an adjacent resident. Met with Braeden Lobb of Montgomery Watson Harza on site; discussed issues and ways to address concerns.

20 June: Environment and Planning Committee meeting Richmond

Attended as Community Board representative and was present for discussion of Western Bay water report on the water quality of wells and rainwater systems which had been checked; and the proposed Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Plan Variation.

Other agenda items of interest included the signing of the Significant Natural Areas Memorandum of Understanding. Several Golden Bay representatives from various sectors have worked on this and it was heartening to hear of the positive way in which the Memorandum was developed.

20 June: NVC Compassionate Communication Workshop, Tukurua

Watched last of the Marshall Rosenberg films and engaged in various scenarios in order to find the best way to resolve defined conflict.

21 June: Village Green Management Committee meeting Takaka

Discussion included proposal to obtain a removable canopy for the stage. 'Heart Art' had this as it's funding focus during the 2007 Festival – Committee requested further information on funding the shortfall. Also discussed a request to re-locate the noticeboard (ex old Takaka Post Office site) to the Village Green. (Request declined – suggested re-locating in vicinity of new Library) and the copyright on the Village Green Mural image. (Village Green is to share royalties with Chris Finlayson, the Mural Design Artist.)

26 June: Community Whanau meeting Community Centre Takaka

Guest speaker was Mathew McMillan who is engaged to deal with problem gambling issues under contract to Ministry of Health. Problem gambling has an insidious effect on individuals, families and the wider community. Pokie machine addiction is the main problem.

26 June: Met with Nigel Mountfort at DoC to discuss the Takaka Oxbow planting project as the TDC representative on the Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee.

26 June: Central Bay Pest Control Groups Milnthorpe – Puramahoi met at the Mussel Inn to follow up on the workshop of 17 June. Discussions concerned the possibility of coordinated effort in trapping and monitoring and identifying gaps between areas being covered. Integrated control of stoats using traps set in 1km squares along coast and rivers considered feasible.

27 June: Attended funeral for Annabel Dunn, Editor of Dry Crust Communications

I had worked with Annabel on the TDC Lowdown interviews for Fresh FM following Community Board meetings. It was a great shock to learn of the serious illness which led to her death at the age of 44. Annabel was greatly supportive and interested in community and community representation. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

27 June: Challenger Scallop Enhancement Company and Ministry of Fisheries Southern Scallop Fishery pre-season community consultation meeting Nelson

Attended as Community Board Environment and Planning representative. Very impressed by the briefing of Mitch Campbell, Operations Manager. It was an informative and engaging meeting compared with previous perfunctory 'consultations'. Scallop stocks in Golden Bay are in a re-building phase and fishing (apart from a small catch in Queen Charlotte Sound) will be confined to Area 'C' (Eastern Golden Bay) for the 2007-08 season depending on shell fish condition. Taking the bulk of the catch in Golden Bay this will have benefits for Port Taranaki income.

29 June: Community Board/ Team Golden Bay Workshop and morning tea regarding strategic land planning with the Board introduced to TDC Planner Deborah Hewett who will be working on Western Golden Bay planning issues.

29 June: Village Green Management Committee meeting to discuss canopy for the stage. A second option was considered and viewed favourably and is to be costed.

30 June: Compassionate Communication NVC weekend workshop - facilitated by Anna Groves. This workshop built on the one earlier in the year with Jean Morrison and subsequent local group meetings. Compassionate Communication is an innovative method of communicating more effectively.

ISSUES

Services Centre Manager position

With Bob Askew taking up a position with Environment and Planning our Board needs to enquire formally when the vacancy will be filled.

Port Taranaki

With Bob Askew also serving as the Port Taranaki Administration manager the Board needs to formally enquire as to what is intended regarding this position. With the bulk of the 2007-08 Scallop harvest to come from Golden Bay there could be 1040 tonnes green weight landed (130 tonnes meat weight X 8 green weight conversion) which will be a help to Taranaki income. (1040 x \$9.75 = \$10,140) plus berthage charges for out-of-Port vessels.

Tukurua Beach Access

Concern has been expressed about the loss of informal access through the Tukurua Motor Camp to the Beach. This concern has been compounded by recent survey work on the Camp property leading to speculation that a subdivision application is imminent. Residents seek that any such application be notified and provision of formal public access as a condition in the event of any subdivision approval.

Takaka Property Purchase Proposal

The Board needs to formally request a response to its Takaka property purchase proposal.

Top of Town Stormwater

Concern has been expressed about the ponding of water at the Top Shop and Information Centre car park following recent sealing.

Development Impact Levies

Concern has been expressed about Development Impact Levies being charged for proposed infrastructure which is not in the LTCCP - i.e. Water supply connections.

Joe Bell

Appendix 1 – Attachment to NZ Community Board's Conference Report previously circulated: Targeting Local and National Resources to Young People – Birth to Youth Workshop