

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 3rd September 2007
SUBJECT: Report September Meeting

Activities, events and meetings attended during the month included:

6 August Agenda Setting for the 14 August Community Board meeting

6 August Kahurangi National Park Management Plan Review submissions closed

9 August DoC Community Volunteers Evening Takaka - An introduction by GB Area Manager, John Mason, and Power Point presentation and talk by Nelson/Marlborough Conservator, Neil Clifton. I attended as member of Keep Golden Bay Beautiful. The evening was part of Conservation Week and was an opportunity to hear what DoC is doing regionally and to meet with members of other voluntary groups.

11 August Inspected Keep Golden Bay Beautiful riparian plantings Onekaka Stream

13 August Golden Bay Futures Public Meeting to discuss progress towards the 'Golden Bay in 2022' project over the past five years. This was followed by the GB Futures AGM.

14 August Community Board Meeting Takaka

15 August NVC Compassionate Communication Group meeting, Patons Rock - Discussion on "Communication that Blocks True Compassion".

17 August Golden Bay Community Board Workshop Takaka

Agenda items included:

- Community Board delegations - action on these by TDC, as supported by the Local Government Commission, needs to be sought by the Board in the new term.
- Submission on TDC Engineering Standards Review. Draft discussed. Completion held over until after the Board briefing by TDC Engineering Services to be held on 10 September.
- Summer Street decorations – upgrade to be done, funding applications to be made for Takaka and Collingwood.
- Takaka –Eastern Golden Bay Planning. “Next Steps” discussed with Sonya Leusink-Sladen.

17 August NZ Landcare Trust/TDC forum Takaka - Launch of the Golden Bay Weedbusters’ initiative. Dr Peter Williams gave a lively, informative address entitled “Catching Weeds before They Establish”. Key points were avoiding the planting of pest plants and not dumping green waste so that it becomes a source of invasive species.

17 August Takaka Library. Provided written feedback responses to “Golden Bay in 2022” five year progress review.

17 August Resident’s meeting at Tukuruu to discuss Beach access and related issues

20 August Film ‘Why Petrol Prices Keep Rising’, Community Centre, Takaka - A “Four Corners” Australian, presentation which further explained facts about “Peak oil”.

24 August 2007 Local Government elections nominations closed at 12noon. There were four nominations for four seats on the Community Board and those who were nominated were therefore elected unopposed. The new Board to be sworn in after the election will be Carolyn McLellan, Karen Brookes, Leigh Gamby and myself. Congratulations are extended to the new Board. We will be joined by the two successful Ward Councillor candidates who will be appointed to the Board by TDC.

Present Board member Mik Symmons has opted to stand as a Ward Councillor in the coming election.

Stuart, Noel and Mik have all contributed positively to the Golden Bay Community Board and we will be sorry to lose one of them from the Board due to the three standing for two council seats.

28 August Community Whanau meeting Takaka - Claire Webster who was the TDC Environmental Education Officer based in Richmond, has recently moved to Golden Bay. Claire will continue in Environmental education in a part time capacity. She gave a brief outline of her role. Claire has also become a member of the GB Self Reliance Steering Group as a volunteer and updated the meeting about the forthcoming weekend forum and responded to questions.

The meeting also discussed the forthcoming elections and the need for Golden Bay to maintain its interest despite the election for the Community Board being completed.

The 'Be Well' Team is to hold a clinic at Pakawau and a Men's Health evening is proposed for Onekaka.

1 September Self Reliance Forum Golden Bay High School Takaka - A very well attended and organised full day forum saw willing leaders take responsibility to facilitate discussion on a wide range of topics. There was much sharing of knowledge and great ideas offered. Congratulations and sincere thanks to the Self Reliance Steering Group for their energy and enthusiasm. Community spirit is strong in the Bay and augers well for us to be successful in meeting future challenges.

2 September Self Reliance Forum Action Planning - Another well attended day which led to discussions on Action Plans for several of the defined topics including:

- **Affordable and sustainable housing** - An Action Group was formed to liaise with TDC on requirements and to investigate bulk purchases and development and use of innovative materials.
- **Food Access** - Identifying what we have and what we can and can't grow. Trade and exchange between provinces to fill gaps. Food Co-op, tuition about vegetable growing in schools and a website listing of produce proposed.
- **Transport** - Investigate ways of making a local public transport system sustainable. Bio fuels group; barging of bulk goods via Port Taranaki.
- **Financial** - Expansion of the Golden Bay HANDS.
- **Communications Networks** - Identifying/improving existing neighbourhood networks with contact lists, buddy system, communities of interest, skills and resource data base and inventory.
- **Hemp in Golden Bay** - Action Group being formed. **NB. It must be noted that Hemp for Fibre is not to be confused with similar species of plants grown for other purposes.**
- **Local Government** - Western Golden Bay planning and TDC Engineering Standards Review will provide opportunities for submissions and input.

- **Documenting Self Reliance Process** - Video equipment has been offered. Film can be used as an aid to other communities and explaining the concept of self reliance.
- **'Chairs around Town'** - Another Creative concept being developed to raise awareness of self reliance to locals and visitors.
- **'Ecoversity'** Community based education to be investigated on topics relevant for self reliance.

ISSUES:

Tarakohe

As previously noted much Tarakohe discussion is being held 'In committee'. From the Minutes of the Council Enterprises Subcommittee meeting of 22 August resolution were made including: FN07/08/28 *"That open meeting be resumed and that the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted."* And FN/07/08/27 *"That the Port Tarakohe Report be received"*.

I subsequently requested a copy of the Port Tarakohe Report on behalf of the Board. This was only supplied in part with some sections removed.

It is contended that as this report was received in open meeting then it should be available to the Board.

Despite Tasman District Council assurances, it is difficult to understand why so much of the governance discussion on Port Tarakohe is held 'in committee'.

Takaka Fire Wells

It is also hard to understand why it is taking so long for Engineering Services to call a meeting between it, the Board and the Fire Service to discuss the urgent provision of water for fire fighting in Takaka. We need to find a practical, cost-effective way forward as soon as possible.

Annual Plan Meetings

With the new Community Board elected and three sitting members returned we can now consider holding some (or all) of the eight Community Annual Plan meetings before the elections.

Summer Decorations

Due to conflict with other funding applications the Community Workers are not able to apply for funding for the summer decorations upgrade.

We need to formally move that the Board makes these applications.

Final Meeting

As this is the last formal monthly Board meeting of this Board I would like to thank all Board members for their positive contributions throughout the term.

I would also like to thank Tasman District Council staff for their support, particularly Nancy Heyes, and Bob Askew our former Services Centres Manager.

This term of the Community Board has been the most pleasant and positive I have experienced over the past twelve years.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Golden Bay community for the support shown to the Board and the pleasant, positive input to Public Forums in bringing matters to our attention.

Joe Bell