

REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 4th May 2009
SUBJECT: Monthly report for 12th May Board Meeting

Meetings, activities and events attended during the past month include:

April 5: Collingwood Hall Committee meeting. (I serve on this committee as the TDC and Community Board representative). Accounts passed for payment. New curtains inspected. Thanks are due to the volunteers who made and installed them. These curtains cover the windows which extend the length of the Western side of the Hall; a wonderful contribution.

April 6: Agenda setting for 14 April Board meeting.

April 10: (Good Friday) 'Collingwood Kids' book launch Collingwood Hall as part of the 150th Anniversary celebration of Collingwood Schools.

April 14: Community Board Meeting Takaka. The unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting are available on: <http://www.tdc.govt.nz/pdfs/GB900414%20Minutes.pdf>

April 18: Introduced Gordon Challis book launch "The Luck of the Bounce" at Takaka Library.

April 19: Friends of Labyrinth Park meeting and working bee - pruned vegetation back from tracks.

April 22: Met with Rick Barker Labour List MP currently responsible for West Coast/Tasman Electorate. Law and Order spokesperson.

April 23: Community Board workshop - preparing Board submissions to Tasman District Long Term Council Community Plan and Land Transport Strategy.

April 24: Gibbs Road drainage. Facilitated meeting between TDC Engineer, David Stephenson and residents, together with Board members Carolyn McLellan and Karen Brookes. A positive constructive meeting.

April 25: To Mangarakau. Visited the new accommodation at Wetland View Park. Two excellent chalets have been built by Sally and Murray. One wonders why people travel out of New Zealand to holiday when there are magical places like this to discover close to home. Their website www.wetlandviewpark.co.nz is most informative.

April 26: Friends of Mangarakau Swamp Society AGM. Chaired election of Officers. The new committee saw the addition of two younger members Selena Brown and Henry Dixon. Again, a small group of dedicated volunteers are doing a wonderful job for which they deserve full credit. I serve on this Society as the TDC representative.

April 27: Community Board workshop meeting with Ward Councillors. A summary of Board efforts and initiatives to date this term was compiled for the meeting. Discussion included the Councillors considering taking up their appointment to the Community Board and their offering to take questions about TDC charges up with the CEO.

April 27: Community Board submissions to Long Term Council Community Plan and Regional Land Transport Strategy completed and lodged.

April 30: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee Meeting - I serve on this committee as the TDC and Community Board representative. Matters discussed included:

- Takaka Ox bow riparian vegetation project on leased area. Survey underway and will be finished shortly. Once the survey is complete the boundary will be fenced and the next stage planting commenced in the spring of 2009. Some previous plantings have been badly damaged by stock when an electric fence was not working.
- Community Conservation Fund. Guidelines tabled and discussed.

May 1: Attended the AGM of Golden Bay Federated Farmers Onekaka as the invited representative of the Board. National President Don Nicolson gave an interesting and informative address on issues being currently addressed including implications arising from emissions and carbon trading schemes and national stock identification proposals. Sue Brown of the Aorere Stream care group reported positive feed back from Golden Bay Aquaculturists. John Taylor of DoC gave an illustrated talk on his experience as a fire-fighter during the devastating fires in Victoria. Most startling was hearing that extreme heat generated by the inferno caused houses 4 km from the fire front to implode.

May 2: Attended Dave Whittaker Memorial Service, Kaituna. Spoke in honour of Dave's fine Community contributions as a neighbour of the Takaka Transfer Station; an active participant in Golden Bay Promotions, Community Conversations and Golden Bay Futures; the developer of Labyrinth Park and subsequently the Labyrinth walkway beside the Kaituna Stream; and the contributory Founder of the recently established Naked Possum Community Charitable Trust which will make funding available to those in need of medical assistance.

May 2: Attended the Collingwood Fire Brigade Employer Recognition Programme evening hosted by Ian Pickard, Commander of the Arapawa Fire Region. It is great to recognize the support provided by employers of fire fighters and the self employed to enable participation despite the cost to their businesses. The tremendous work of the Volunteer Fire Brigades is also recognized. Service Awards were presented to fire fighters during the evening.

May 4: Agenda setting for the 12 May 2009 Board meeting.

ISSUES

Roadside sealing

The suggestion for a 1 metre sealed strip outside the sideline for vulnerable road users, where there is no separate cycle way/walkway provided, was left lying on the table at the 14 April Board meeting pending further information. Contractor Merv Solly has subsequently advised that stretches of Golden Bay roads have been formed to 8 metre widths but sealed to 6 metres. It would be an easy matter to test the formation under road verges. It is suggested that the verge on the Western side of McCartneys Hill could be a trial from Patchetts driveway to the Lookout.

Recommendation: *"That the Golden Bay Community Board requests that sealing of a metre strip outside of the sideline be trialled where tests show that adequate road formation exists under the area to be sealed."*

Ligar Bay Baches

The Board has had approaches from various parties enquiring about the future of the Ligar Bay baches erected on Road and Esplanade Reserve once the present 'License to Occupy' expires. It has been suggested that the Board facilitates a meeting of Ligar Bay property owners and occupiers to discuss this and other issues which may arise. We have requested the relevant information from TDC so that an informed discussion can be held. All Ligar property owners/occupiers/residents need to be invited. Accordingly it is recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board facilitates a meeting of Ligar Bay property owners/occupiers to be held in the Pohara Hall on a date to be decided.”

Labyrinth Park

During Dave Whittaker’s Memorial Service ‘Friends of the Park’ member Ross MacDonald suggested it would be great to have some gnomes etc re-established around the park. It has subsequently been suggested that the Board make a contribution towards this. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board considers making a suitable contribution towards the re-establishment of Labyrinth Park.”

Half Term Review

As we reach the half way point in the current Community Board Term it may be helpful to consider what has been done to fulfil our statutory role. A copy of a summary of Board initiatives and efforts this term is attached.

Joe Bell

Golden Bay Community Board Efforts and Initiatives November 2007-April 2009

As we reach the half way point of this term of the Board it is helpful to reflect on the efforts of the past 18 months as we commence the remainder of the term.

We also need to reflect on the statutory role of Community Boards.

This is set out in the Local Government Act 2002 s52 (p 40):

The role of a community board is to –

- a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and*
- b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or on any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and*
- c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and*
- d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and communicate with community organizations and special interest groups within the community; and*
- e) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.*

In fulfillment of these roles from November 2007 to April 2009 the Community Board Minutes record that our efforts and initiatives have included:

- Facilitated well-attended public forums every Monthly meeting. A wide range of issues have been raised and addressed where possible.
- Held eight community meetings across the Ward to discuss LTCCP and Annual Plan issues together with maintenance and other items of concern.
- Monitored and reported on large vessels at anchor in Golden Bay.
- Made submissions on Golden Bay speed limits including Takaka, Haven Road, Rototai Road, Para Para etc.
- Worked on Western Golden Bay planning.
- Worked on Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay planning.
- Made extensive representations on broadband access.
- Facilitated and fundraised for community street banner extension project.
- Advocated for a Marine Management Plan for Golden Bay.
- Made submissions to Transit NZ SH60 10 year Review (2).
- Facilitated consideration of issues raised by Ligar Bay residents.
- Presented submission on Engineering Standards Review.
- Followed up on resident's concerns about sewerage pump proposal Burnside Road.
- Made submissions on Climate Change.
- Supported Library car park project.
- Made efforts to obtain Village Green Hall for community purposes.
- Recommended Golden Bay Reserve Contribution fund allocations.
- Made submissions to Regional Transport Strategy.

- Supported reinstatement of TDC Heritage sub committee.
- Participated in Citizenship ceremonies.
- Urged settlement of Coastal Landscape Reference in Environment Court in order to avoid expensive legal costs.
- Supported a by-law proposal to control anti-social use of vehicles on beaches.
- Developed a Draft TDC feedback and complaints process for consideration.
- Approved allocations from Ann Castle Memorial Fund including a patient sling and reclining chairs (Joan Whiting) and wheelchair ramp (Te Whare Mahana)
- Maintained a continuing interest in financial viability of Port Tarakohe.
- Sought educative publicity for '5 knots within 200metre of shore' rule.
- Made submission on Nelson Airport parking charges penalizing rural residents.
- Obtained legal opinions re targeted rates on communities with Community Boards.
- Sought support from TDC to request Local Government New Zealand to seek a declaratory judgment on the legality of target rating communities with Community Boards. (Refused)
- Made submission to Parliamentary Review of Local Government Act 2002.
- Made donations to Golden Bay High School and Collingwood Area School prize-givings.
- Participated in Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply project proposal.
- Supported Golden Bay I-site recycling proposal.
- Held discussions with Tennis Club re Collingwood Courts.
- Supported Motupipi Hall 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
- Made submission to TDC on Transfer Station access to reusable materials.
- Sought briefing on TDC transferable water right proposals.
- Supported accurate levels of Takaka River stop bank being taken.
- LIDAR survey of lower Takaka Valley supported.
- Made submission on 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.
- Supported Golden Bay marine bio-security efforts.
- Supported 'Ocean Patriot' clean up efforts.
- Supported reduced solar heating consent fees.
- Submitted on grossly excessive target rate 'costings'. (Later reduced to less than half of original by staff once the target rate was put in Draft Annual Plan.)
- Submitted to Historic Places Trust re historic remnants.
- Supported Library sculpture.
- Made submission on elected member mileage reimbursement.
- Appointed ANZAC Day representatives (two occasions).
- Made submission to Parliamentary Select Committee on Bio Fuels Bill.
- Made submission on NZ Coastal Policy Statement Review.

- Received briefings on Aquaculture issues in the Bay and keeping abreast of developments.
- Made submission to MAF and others re marine bio security.
- Supported monitoring of coastal erosion.
- Supported rehabilitation of Te Kakau stream.
- Supported proposed Bird's Hill warning system pending real road improvements.
- Made submission to TDC to retain 'Main thrust of debates' being recorded in Minutes. (Declined)
- Made submissions on proposed Community Board budget.
- Supported Golden Bay Weedbusters.
- Supported Tata Beach resident's concerns about UDA charges. Should be a flat charge rather than on capital value.
- Supported in principle the proposed Integrated Health facility.
- Supported Lorna Langford retirement community event.
- Provided nominations for Joan Whiting Trust representatives.
- Supported Lexia Reading programme in schools (\$500).
- Made submission in support of proposed Maitaitai Reserves, North West Coast.
- Made representations to Engineering re Swiftsure St, Collingwood.
- Supported Rototai Rd walkway.
- Made representations re road issues Rototai Road/Arapeta Place (several).
- Made representations on 2008/09 Annual Plan hearing process (re workshops instead of open meetings.)
- Supported 'Heart Art'.
- Made submissions on TDC charges on communities with Community Boards.
- Supported appropriate/practical plantings of fruit/nut trees on Reserves.
- Received briefing from Challenger Scallop Enhancement Co re 2008-9 scallop season.
- Sought consultation on possible sale of Golden Bay Medical Centre property and made submission.
- Participated in Golden Bay Emergency response planning.
- Advertised to test interest in a proposed Board subsidised Friday bus service Collingwood –Takaka and Takaka – Pohara. (Insufficient response).
- Submitted on Water supply bylaw.
- Submitted on Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve Management Plan.
- Submitted on Te Waikoropupu Springs Management Plan.
- Supported 'Loves NZ' recycle bins subsidy scheme.
- Supported Golden Bay Cement Works Reunion (funding towards venue hire).
- Sent congratulatory letters to recipients of various awards.
- Supported Community Workers anti-violence programme.

- Supported Historic Plaques project.
- Facilitated Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition.
- Supported Takaka Market.
- Submitted for removal of 'cats eyes' on road surface Commercial St.
- Supported Affordable Housing efforts.
- Submitted on appropriate road width sealing.
- Submitted in support of sealing low trafficked rural roads.
- Submitted suggestions to obtain compliance with stationary school bus 20kmph passing speed.
- Submitted on visitor access roads. (several)
- Supported proposed Bainham playground.
- Supported removal of Tauhinu from TDC reserves planting list.
- Supported alternatives to burning plastics.
- Supported TDC publicity of removal of 'minor building works' from consent requirements.
- Made representations on concerns about increase in TDC 'in committee' business.
- Made submissions for NZ Transport Authority liaison meetings.
- Inspected and supported community concerns re Gibbs Rd walkway erosion.
- Supported improved radio broadcast access by Radio NZ and Fresh FM.
- Supported Golden Bay HANDS.
- Supported community concerns about light pollution.
- Submitted on Takaka flooding mitigation.
- Submitted on Waitapu Rd and Commercial St flooding.
- Submitted on Regional Arts Strategy.
- Submitted on Takaka carparking issues.
- Supported Seaweek Marine Management talk.
- Submitted on Salisbury Swing Bridge and need for timely inspections and repairs.
- Sought Onekaka advisory signage.
- Submitted on need to keep roading costs under review.
- Made repeated requests (11) to TDC for explanation of CEO and other charges recorded against Community Board budget.
- Made efforts to achieve beach access for Tukurua residents.
- Supported Takaka Museum floor repairs.
- Submitted to Land Transport Management Plan.
- Submitted to TDC LTCCP 2009-19.
- Made representations re Takaka Oxbow land privatization.
- Submitted on repayment to Golden Bay Reserves fund of temporary loan monies by TDC.
- Submitted requesting community input into proposed Pohara cycleway.
- Submitted on proposed Tourism rate.
- Support for GB Mountain Bike Club projects.

- Made submission on Heaphy Highway proposal.
- Supported efforts to improve safety SH60 Onekaka.
- Attended on-site meeting and considered Collingwood Boat Ramp parking and access plans.
- Supported Friends of Labyrinth Park efforts including on-site meetings/working bee and representations.
- Submitted on Draft 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan.
- Submitted on Regional Transport Strategy.

Other Meetings/Events

In addition to the Community Board responsibilities members are appointed to 28 other community committees/groups at an average of 7 per member.

Representing the community results in attendance at many community meetings and events.

For an example, the records show that in addition to the Monthly Board meetings the Golden Bay Chairperson has attended 244 other meetings and events during the period November 2007-April 2009.