

REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
SUBJECT: Report for 10th November 2009 Community Board Meeting

Meetings, activities and events attended during the past month since the last report have included:

October 7: Collingwood Hall Committee meeting and inspection of Memorial windows together with Susan Creedy of Aspects Gallery, options discussed.
other business included:

- Accounts passed for payment.
- Hire charge set for use of kitchen.
- Power bills still being sorted out with Network Tasman and Contact Energy.

October 11: HANDS 20th Birthday celebration Onekaka

October 12: GBCB meeting at GB Work Centre with Alli Gardner and Bjarne Vandeskog regarding Golden Bay facilities study and the next step. Umbrella group for current facilities suggested.

October 13: GBCB meeting Takaka - Unconfirmed minutes available on:
<http://www.tdc.govt.nz/pdfs/GB091013%20Minutes.pdf>

October 15: GBCB submissions and correspondence

October 17: Launch of Jessica Le Bas's acclaimed new book 'Walking to Africa', Nelson

October 17: St John's presentation of Awards evening, Tarakohe. It was great to be present for the acknowledgement of those who have provided various lengths of service to this vital community organization.

October 19: GBCB community meeting for 2010-11 Draft Annual Plan, Bainham

October 20: Celebrated 150th Anniversary of continuous family ownership of part of our land at Milnthorpe

October 20: GBCB community meeting for 2010-11 Draft Annual Plan, Collingwood

October 21: GBCB submission preparation for Parliamentary Petition and Rural Broadband Discussion Document

October 23: Opening of Golden Bay Arts Council exhibition Golden Bay High

School - Another wonderful display of local art in a variety of form and materials.

October 23: GBCB community meeting for 2010-11 Draft Annual Plan, Onekaka

October 24: Fireworks display Collingwood. Another wonderful community event and a fundraiser for Volunteer Fire Brigade Civil Defence equipment.

October 25: Nelson Provincial Biennial Vintage Car Rally. A well organised event. Presented with 35 year membership badge. (38 years)

October 25: Community Fair Ngatimoti School. Another great event in a lovely location. Took the opportunity to have a look at the recently built Fire Station, meeting room and grounds.

October 27: GBCB community meeting for 2010-11 Annual Plan, Pohara Hall

October 28: Collingwood Hall committee meeting at Hall. Financial report, electrical upgrade delayed, memorial windows discussed and options considered, further enquiries being made to TDC and local artists.

October 29: GBCB community meeting for 2010-11 Annual Plan Upper Takaka

October 30: GBCB submission to Ministry for Economic Development in support of improved broadband to and within Golden Bay.

October 30: Meeting with West Coast-Tasman MP, Chris Auchinvole and secretary Rainer Bonda, Takaka. Issues discussed included:

- Electorate equity for roading subsidy sought. West Coast receives a 72% Transfund subsidy and Tasman 49%. Golden Bay has similar climate, population density, land use, demographics, proportion of Crown land etc to the West Coast. Prior to amalgamation in 1989 we used to receive the same subsidy as the West Coast. Mr. Auchinvole to investigate this anomaly.
- Integrated Health care proposals. Updated Mr. Auchinvole on these.
- Parliamentary petition regarding targeted rates on communities with Community Boards. Motueka and Golden Bay petition currently before the Local Government and Environment Select Committee chaired by Mr. Auchinvole.

October 30: Visited exhibition of 'Put Your Best Breast Forward' in The White Room, Lollokiki Gallery, Takaka. This was a wonderful community fundraiser organised by Billie Kerrisk as part of the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer awareness campaign.

October 30: Second visit to Bay Art

October 31: Replaced a stolen Fire Control sign Milnthorpe Park with one supplied by DoC. I serve on the Park committee as the TDC representative.

November 2: Agenda setting for the 10 November Board meeting

ISSUES:

Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition

Claire Webster has kindly offered to help organize this popular event again. Judges will need to be appointed. Date to be confirmed, likely second week in December.

Recommendation: "That the Golden Bay Community Board appoints two people to be judges for the 2009 Garden Competition".

Golden Bay Seal Extensions

Travelling around the rural areas between the inland and coastal highways in Moutere/Waimea Ward and elsewhere revealed how much seal extension has been happening over the hill. As tourist traffic roads in Golden Bay (such as to the Farewell Spit Visitor Centre and to Wharariki Beach) carry high traffic numbers as the tourist season has extended to all year round, they should have a higher priority. We must continue to make representations for seal extensions.

Land use Planning

Travelling in the area between the Coastal and Inland highways also brought to notice the large tracts of rural land formerly in forestry and orchard which is being compromised by urbanization.

This will surely lead to problems with cross boundary effects and demands for the extension of services such as water supply. The Board supports new titles providing their own water supply. When one considers 220ha of prime Rural 1 land recently re-zoned for urban development West of Richmond it is of concern that 'growing the rating base' may be taking precedence over sustainable land use planning. With no separate Regional Council there is little separate check and balance.

There are alternatives to widespread fragmentation and urbanizing prime land such as concentrating development around existing villages of Upper Moutere and Mapua or providing for a new village off the flat fertile plains but close to services on hill land above O'Connor's Creek at Appleby.

Golden Bay Facilities Project

The suggestion of an umbrella group for existing Golden Bay facilities was left to lie on the table during the October Board meeting. It is to be considered again during the November meeting.

There were questions about how the umbrella group may work. Geoff Rennison, Chairperson of the Golden Bay Work Centre Trust and Alli Gardner, manager of the GB Work Centre, plan to be in attendance to discuss this.

Recommendation: "That the Golden Bay Community Board supports the GB Work Centre Trust investigating the co-ordination of Golden Bay halls and venues with the idea of an umbrella organization to make the best use of facilities."

Golden Bay Community Board Community Meetings for 2010-11 Annual Plan

With five of eight meetings completed it is noted that numbers are generally down at most venues. We need not be too concerned about this. The Board provides the opportunity and it is up to members of the community whether to participate or not. Reasons for non-attendance advised by regular participants have included:

- Another engagement
- Out of the Bay
- Board doing a good job
- In Australia
- Insufficient notice
- Just finished last planning round
- Too early to think about. TDC starts too early then always ends in a rush
- What's the use? They never took any notice last time
- Some of the things have been on the list for years
- Forgot

Recommendation: *“That the Golden Bay Community Board meets to prioritise the issues listed during the eight Community Planning meetings for submission to TDC prior to 12 November.”*

Speed Limit Review

TDC is currently undertaking a partial speed limit review. Whilst it is good to see the requested improvements for Haven Road, Collingwood and Patons Rock Road near the village, there are concerns about Rototai Road remaining at 70kmph despite regular submissions from residents for it to be reduced. This has been especially since the Arapeta subdivision has been filling up.

The other area of concern is Abel Tasman Drive where there are no footpaths or cycleways, a narrow carriageway, deep ditches, ribbon development, a school, hall, side roads, undulating road surface, heavy trucks etc. Whilst it is good that there is proposed rationalization of the present 50,70,80,100,70,100, 50kmph zones along this relatively short stretch of road the suggested 50, 80, 70, 80, 50kmph replacement does not go far enough in acknowledging the factors listed above.

Consideration needs to be given to reduction to 70kmph outside of the 50kmph areas (instead of 80kmph) with a 'School Zone' declared for the section of road around the Motupipi School.

Recommendation: *“That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the Draft Partial Speed Limit Review requesting reconsideration of Rototai Road and Abel Tasman Drive and supporting other proposals.”*

Privatising Water

Cabinet has approved a paper which includes the possibility of corporatisation of water supplies.

The Golden Bay Community Board has raised concerns about privatising water previously. Water is the basis for life and access to it must not be captured for profit-making purposes.

Accordingly it is recommended: *“That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission against the corporatisation of water supplies including by Council companies removed from community oversight and ownership.”*

‘Privatisation’ in this context does not refer to individual water supplies of property owners or community schemes run as non-profit entities.

TDC Communitrak Survey

This survey was carried out in July/August 2009 by National Research Bureau Ltd. A sample of 401 people were interviewed by phone across the District and asked a range of questions about Council performance. It was particularly pleasing to see the positive responses for Community Boards to the question “Who do you contact first if you have a matter to raise with Council?” with 18% for Golden Bay Community Board compared with a median of 7% for Councillors across the District.

Also of note is the 97% satisfaction recorded for those contacting the Golden Bay Service Centre in Takaka which is great recognition for the work of our local staff.

Joe Bell