

## REPORT

**TO:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**FROM:** Chairperson  
**REFERENCE:** E855  
**DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010  
**SUBJECT:** **Chairperson's Report – RGB10-03-01**

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

**January 26:** Repositioned the Keep Golden Bay Beautiful 'Please Don't Litter' sign posts on the top of the Takaka Hill so that they were ready for the sign which has been repainted by Chris Finlayson. (The sign has since been re-attached.)

**February 4: Meeting with Chris Auchinvole MP West Coast Tasman.**

Issues raised included:

- 1) Progress on the Golden Bay and Motueka Community Board member's petition to the Local Government and Environment Committee?
- 2) Broadband progress? The Golden Bay Community Board is working with the Nelson/Tasman Schools Cluster. High Speed Broadband for the schools would result in a fibre reticulation which the rest of the community could utilize for lateral connection supplemented by other means.
- 3) Speed Limits. Interpretation of the NZ Speed Limit Warrant System relies largely on whether there is built development on each side of a road. This results in decisions being made with the 100kmph limit applied inappropriately to roads which are clearly unsuitable. 100kmph is the maximum legal speed for fully engineered motorways with wide lanes and verges, median barriers and the like
- 4) Progress on adequate funding for the frail elderly in Rest home care? Rest home residents are becoming frailer due to sensible efforts for people to be maintained in their own homes for as long as practicable. This needs to be taken into account with funding.
- 5) Progress on increased roading subsidies for maintaining and improving roads with a high proportion of Tourist traffic?

**February 6: Mardi Gras Takaka** - Another wonderfully creative community event.

**February 9: Community Board meeting Takaka** - Unconfirmed minutes are available on: <http://www.tdc.govt.nz/pdfs/GB100209%20Minutes.pdf>

**February 9: Community visit to Fonterra** - Briefing on Takaka site operation and environmental management and monitoring. These meetings provide a great opportunity for helping to build an understanding between the community and the company and to ask questions.

**February 10: Golden Bay Community Board News** briefs from the 9 February Board meeting

**February 11: Recording radio interview** - about matters discussed during the 9 February Board meeting for the TDC Lowdown programme on Fresh FM.

**February 12: Met with South East Asia students from Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)** - in Takaka together with deputy chair, Carolyn McLellan. Discussed the structure of local governance in Golden Bay and responded to questions. Then had a walking tour of some community facilities pointing out the Golden Bay Work Centre, Community and Child care centres, Pioneer Park and Memorial, Museum Village Green and Library. Thanks are due to Margaret Bell for providing afternoon tea.

**February 13: Mark Raffill's birthday, Onekaka** - Mark is the principal of Dry Crust Communications and has served as Tasman District Council's communication officer for many years. Community publications such as 'Walk and Bike Tasman' and the 'Tasman Collection' are well regarded.

**February 17: Community Board correspondence**

**February 20: Discussion TDC Harbourmaster** - regarding the possibility of an access lane for water skis etc in Western Bay. Explained that this has issue has been discussed before. This matter is raised later in the Report under 'Issues'.

**February 21: Hands Market and Live Fresh FM community concert Golden Bay Work Centre** - another really special Golden Bay event.

**February 23: Community Board submission in support of education funding for Nelson Provincial Museum** - sent to MP's serving in the region. It is proposed that funding of the educational facility at the Museum will cease on 30 June 2010. This programme caters for 9000 children from our Region in 2010.

**February 23: Community Board submission to the 'Vehicles on Beaches Report'** on the Agenda for the 25 February Environment and Planning Committee meeting.

**February 25: Meeting with Globalization Students** for discussion on local governance as part of their visit to Golden Bay.

**February 25: Agenda setting for the 9 March Board meeting**

## **ISSUES**

### **Theatre Royal 'Buy a Seat' fundraiser**

The Board has been requested to consider supporting fund raising for the Regional Theatre Royal in Nelson. A copy of the information is attached. It is therefore recommended:

*"That the Golden Bay Community Board considers making a contribution to fundraising for the Theatre Royal as a regional facility."*

## **Freedom Camping**

Concern has been expressed about abuses of the Freedom Camping policy observed this summer. It is therefore recommended:

*“That The Golden Bay Community Board seeks a meeting with TDC staff to develop ways of addressing abuses of the Freedom Camping policy in Golden Bay”.*

## **Coastal Landscape Policy**

Concern has been expressed about the lack of progress on developing a Coastal Landscape policy. The Board urged settlement of the Environment Court Reference in order to avoid expensive litigation at ratepayer cost. The terms of the agreement with the referees have not been fulfilled by TDC. It is very disappointing that planning for built development on 290ha of some of the best flat land on the Waimea Plains had taken precedence. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board supports the urgent development of the promised Coastal Landscape policies and requests to be kept informed about the progress being made towards the compilation of these.”*

## **Rototai Road Stall**

Following the 9 February Board meeting enquiries have been made about the Rototai Road stall. A Consent application is currently under consideration by TDC. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board requests to be informed by TDC of the outcome of the Resource Consent application to operate the produce stall on Rototai Road”.*

## **Light Pollution Ligar Bay**

Concern has again been expressed about excessive urban style lighting causing light pollution at Ligar Bay. This has been taken up with TDC. Shading of lights creating the problem has been suggested. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board continues with efforts to seek mitigation measures for the light pollution reported from Ligar Bay.”*

## **Speed Limits on Beaches**

A report has been compiled by TDC for consideration during the Environment and Planning meeting held on 25 February 2010. A submission has been lodged raising concerns about the Report recommendation: *“That no further work be undertaken at this stage to progress the development of a by-law in relation to controlling the use of vehicles on beaches.”*

At the time of writing the outcome of the meeting is not known.

## **Speed boat Access Lane Western Golden Bay**

This issue has been discussed previously. The outcome was that no access lane needs to be provided. If vessels observe the 200m/5 knot rule they can launch wherever they wish. It would be difficult to provide a designated lane which would suit all users launching at the many launching places.

It was also felt that it was best to keep such activity dispersed and intermittent rather than concentrated. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board formally advises the TDC Harbourmaster of the discussions and outcome of previous consideration of the suggestion for a speed boat access lane in the Western area of Golden Bay”.*

Joe Bell