

## REPORT

**TO:** Golden Bay Community Board

**FROM:** Acting Chair

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**SUBJECT: GB10-11-09 - REPORT FOR THE 9 NOVEMBER  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

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This is the first report from the Community Board elect. We will not be Sworn In until November 9 which is also the date of our first meeting.

The team of Leigh Gamby, Karen Brookes, Mike Symmons and I, have already been busy with a round of meetings and events with our new Councillors also very involved.

Congratulations to Noel Riley who was re-elected and Martine Bouillir elected as a first time councillor and who has hit the ground running (probably sprinting); both Noel and Martine have elected to be appointed to the Community Board. After 3 years of not having the councillors appointed to the Board it feels like we have a real team again. The last 3 year term it made for a small decision making group, so we are pleased to have the Board revert to having 6 members working together for Golden Bay.

Thanks to Stuart Borlase our departing Councillor who served on TDC for 6 years, for all he did and achieved. Stuart may briefly have had concerns whether there was life after Council; however he is now finding new challenges presenting themselves to him.

That's the nature of elections where not everyone will make it to the Council table however in Golden Bay we can be very proud of our voting statistics which show we have more people who are interested in who represents them than anywhere else in Tasman. Golden Bay had a 62.78% voter turnout compared to Richmond 50.77%, Motueka 45.34%, Moutere /Waimea 49.73% and Lakes Murchison 44.72%. Golden Bay turn out is right up there with the highest stats in the country.

The old Board held a workshop prior to the election to ensure we had identified any outstanding issues and looked at items that needed to be addressed in the month when we don't have a formal meeting.

One of these, Coba Holdings appeal to the Environment Court saw the Board take the unprecedented step to become involved in a series of meetings to ensure that the public have the right to access the beach by walking track in the area where the Coba subdivision has been approved - between Collingwood and Milnthorpe.

This is also an opportunity for agreement to be reached between neighbours to give vehicle access to property that previously had only beach access.

Board Members Gamby, Brookes and I attended the Environment Court Hearing September 27, then Board Members Brookes, Symmons, Joe Bell and I attended the mediation on October 22.

The Board has subsequently also submitted on the Incredible Adventures application. Their land is adjacent to Coba Holdings and we believe that to ensure the public of Golden Bay are represented we need to support Council in its recommendations to ensure that the public do not get excluded from these special places around our coastline. Joe Bell had initiated this process and it is appropriate for him to continue to assist us complete this work.

October 16 Pakawau Hall celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an old fashioned social – ladies a plate - and had local band Anne and Ray George playing assisted by Paul Sangster who was also MC. It was a great night out and there was no trouble getting the crowd to dance.

On October 21 all members of the Board attended the Inaugural Meeting of Council to see the Councillors sworn in followed by lunch. This was the first time since I have been on the Board (12 years) that we have had an invitation to this. It was an opportunity to meet the new councillors, re-elected councillors and Mayor. We had concerns about the New Code of Conduct that Council adopted at this meeting as there was no reference to Community Boards. We requested alterations which were all made in a spirit of co-operation. An inclusive and pleasing start for all of us.

### **Golden Bay Garden Competition**

The Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition planning is well under way thanks to Claire Webster, TDC Environmental Facilitator. The Golden Bay Garden Centre is once again a major sponsor of this along with Tasman District Council and the Board. In addition to prize money the Garden Centre is giving vouchers to all entrants and providing Fay Brownlie to judge for 2 days, we are appreciative of this generous support.

It is recommended:

*That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Golden Bay Garden Centre thanking them for their involvement in the garden competition, and to Council's Environment & Planning department for Claire's involvement, and to Parks and Reserves for its contribution.*

*Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board contributes up to \$500 for prizes, and also expenses for the judges.*

### **Fire Reticulation Scheme**

At the time of writing Cr Bouillir has arranged a meeting on November 4 to discuss the timing of the fire reticulation work. Retailers in the main street have been concerned that any disruption to the street frontage will be detrimental to trade at this busy time of year.

Also the sewerage upgrade at Haldane Road has elicited concern that water bores may become contaminated. It is hoped that Jeff Cuthbertson will answer questions about both these issues.

### **School Bus Safety Issues**

As raised by Rural Women NZ this is an ongoing issue and we are still looking at local solutions. It is suggested that Board member Gamby approaches the school bus operators to discuss possible safety options

### **Anatoki Track Road**

The GB Community Board will follow up on the maintenance of this road. There is concern from the residents who are party to the agreement with Council, that Council is not honouring this contract.

It is recommended:

*That the GB Community Board requests a report from Transport Manager Gary Clark on the maintenance of the Anatoki Track Road as detailed in the contract signed between residents and Tasman District Council.*

### **Dogs in Takaka CBD**

There have been complaints that people have not seen the signs prohibiting dogs in the commercial area of Takaka.

It is recommended:

*That the Golden Bay Community Board requests further signs and that Board member Brookes will report on the locations where these are needed.*

*Further, that the stencilled footpath signs be repainted prior to Christmas 2010.*

### **Compliance Issues**

There are a wide range of issues regarding compliance in Golden Bay. These include:

- Freedom Camping
- Horses tied in the main street
- Dogs in the main street
- Boat speeds within 200 metres of the shore
- Jet skis within 200 metres of the shore
- Un-permitted fires

It is recommended:

*That the Golden Bay Community Board requests that funding be made available to trial having a Golden Bay based person to deal with all these issues of compliance for approximately 6 weeks over the Christmas period 2010/11.*

*Further, that funding for a Golden Bay compliance officer be made available in the 2011-12 Annual Plan.*

### **Annual Plan Meetings**

The 8 Annual Plan Meetings invariably raise lots of issues that need to be looked at. So far we have had remarkably few roading issues which is due to Fulton Hogan who has the roading contract in Golden Bay. They are exceptionally vigilant and Kevin or Daniel Bruning has attended all our meetings so they can jot down any jobs needing attention. Also Braeden Lobb from MWH (contracted to TDC) attends and he is able to also advise us of the best course of action over engineering issues. Their attendance is invaluable.

During the Annual plan meetings we have sought opinions on:

#### **A Marine Management plan for Golden Bay**

It is suggested that a Marine Management Plan for Golden Bay be an issue for the Annual Plan.

#### **The new Proposed Facility at the Recreation Park**

Refer to Community Services Manager, Lloyd Kennedy's report, on the agenda.

## **The old Library site –what should happen there?**

We await a report from Jim Frater, Manager Property and Services, on the options for this site.

## **Takaka Market**

The Community Board is in agreement that this market should continue; we request that the market operator be given a guarantee of continuation until the end of April 2011. The GB Community Board agrees to monitor the market over this period and will prepare a report for Council at the end of this time.

## **Port Golden Bay (Tarakohe) Development**

Tasman District Council had a meeting of stakeholders to which the Community Board was invited and is committed to the Port becoming self-supporting.

If people haven't been able to get to meetings we are still happy to hear your viewpoint on any of these issues.

We note in Amalgamation Update Newsletter Issue 2 there are errors; we have taken these up with the Mayor and would like to have them corrected.

Submissions on the Local Government Commission proposal for the Union of Tasman District and Nelson City close on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and the Golden Bay Community Board will submit in favour of a study being done. We are neither for nor against this proposal but wish to see more details in order that we can make an informed choice.

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