

## REPORT

**TO:** Golden Bay Community Board

**FROM:** The Chair

**DATE:** 6 December 2010

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**SUBJECT:** **GB10-12-14 – REPORT FOR 14 DECEMBER 2010  
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

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This is my first official report as Chair of the Golden Bay Community Board. I am very aware of the honour and responsibility that this position holds and I will do my utmost to ensure I represent this community well.

Since the October report there has been no let up on meetings and commitments for all the Board and Councillors.

**26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November** were the final four of the Annual Plan meetings around our community halls. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for us to hear the communities' viewpoints on the whole spectrum of Tasman District Council activities and what should be happening or not happening here in Golden Bay. There are also huge differences in how people perceive our Council should deal with matters and indeed the matters that Council should even be dealing with. No matter what, Council has the four well beings of the community; Social, Environmental, Economic, and Cultural it must consider when making all decisions.

**5<sup>th</sup> November** - We finalised our submission to the Local Government Commission on the proposed Union of Tasman District with Nelson City which in the end we kept very brief.

Included here is a copy of our submission.

### **“Submission on the Proposal for the Union of Tasman District and Nelson City**

The Golden Bay Community Board supports the proposal being taken to the next stage to allow for the gathering and dissemination of sufficient information to allow both Nelson and Tasman ratepayers to make an informed decision on the proposal.

The Board's position is neither for nor against the proposal, but it does have concerns about the process used to decide on future governance options for the region. It is noted that the LGC Information sheet states:

*“The Commission may carry out other investigations and enquiries so that it has enough information on which to make a decision”*

It is for this reason we support the proposal going to the next stage to allow the Commission to gather sufficient information and financial analysis to inform ratepayers.

As elected representatives of a region of Tasman District defined by the Local Government Commission in 2007 as an isolated community the Golden Bay Community Board would like to be assured that any proposed governance models give adequate representation to rural communities, and suggest that well resourced community boards be incorporated into any proposed governance model.

Rural ratepayers would also like to be assured that any proposed governance model addresses some of the perceived inequities in the rating system where farming businesses under either a land or capital rating system pay a proportionately higher level of rates than urban businesses.

The Golden Bay Community Board would like to speak to this submission.”

Since this we see that Motueka Community Board has supported Tasman District Council in opposition to the study being done. We however believe we are representing the majority of Golden Bay residents who have told us they want to see the study done so they can make an informed decision when the time comes.

We have been given a time to make a verbal presentation to the Local Government Commission at the Takaka Primary School Pohara Hall on the 17th December.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a verbal presentation to the Local Government Commission at Takaka Primary School regarding its submission to the proposed union of Tasman District and Nelson City”.*

I was disappointed that there were errors relating to the costs of Tasman District Council community boards in the Amalgamation Newsline 2 that was sent to every householder by Council. Our community board cost just over \$30,000 last year - not \$90,000.

### **3 November – Interim Management Group**

Board Member Symmons and I attended a sub-group meeting of the Interim Management Group. Mik represents the GB Medical Centre Trust on the IMG and I am the Community Board representative. This sub-group is involved in finding the necessary community funding for the Integrated Family Health Centre.

### **4 November – Rural Women NZ – School Bus Safety**

I attended the AGM of Rural women NZ at the Old School Café at Pakawau at which Joy warren was re-elected Golden Bay Provincial President. School bus safety is still an issue both nationally and locally and Rural Women will continue to

campaign for more safety standards. The Community Board has supported this campaign.

### **Takaka Fire Fighting Water Reticulation**

The Fire Reticulation meeting called by the Mainstreet businesses was held at the Takaka Fire Station and was attended by Philip Woolf (Takaka Fire Chief) and two other members of the Fire Service, Council staff including Jeff Cuthbertson and Peter Thomson, Mayor Kempthorne, Cr Norriss and Golden Bay Ward Councillors and Board members Symmons and Brookes. Vicki Carlisle was the spokesperson for the businesses. Council staff answered questions posed by the business owners who were very concerned at the prospect of pipes being dug in front of their businesses over the busy tourist season between December and April.

A very positive outcome was achieved and the work will not be undertaken until mid-February and will be completed in 24 weeks. Any disruption to traffic flow both pedestrian and vehicular is not a viable option for CBD businesses who are very dependent on a good return over this short tourist season to be able to maintain business throughout the whole trading year.

### **5 November – Meeting to seek funding from Canterbury Community Trust**

Board Member Symmons and I, along with two other members of the IMG travelled to Motueka to meet with the two Nelson Marlborough members of the Canterbury Community Trust to seek funding for the Golden Bay Integrated Family Health Centre. We are very hopeful that we may receive some funding from this source however realistically they do not have a very large allocation for Health.

### **8 November – Annual Plan Priorities**

All Board Members and Councillors met to prioritize our Annual Plan and LTCCP items which we need to submit to Council before the end of November to ensure they can be included.

### **9 November – Inaugural Meetings and Takaka Tramway Plaques**

GB Community Board Inaugural Meeting which was conducted by Acting CEO Dennis Bush-King and Mayor Richard Kempthorne. Family and friends gathered for morning tea and then all Board Members and Councillors attended the official opening of the three Takaka Tramway plaques. These commemorate the tramway which ran from East Takaka to Waitapu. Each one of these plaques will be erected in different places with one each at Waitapu terminus, East Takaka terminus and in town where the tram used to stop. Barry Cashman presented a brief history of the tramway and introduced his Heritage Golden Bay Committee and relatives of some of the original tram drivers who were present on this occasion. This was my first official engagement as Chair and Barry presented me with an engraved piece of tramway track which could be used as a paper weight and is a cherished memento.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the GBCB write and congratulate the Heritage GB Committee on the Heritage Panels project and thank them for their on going dedication to the task of preserving the heritage of GB.”*

We returned to the Council Meeting room for our first meeting of the new term.

Our first public forum was busy and a major issue raised on this day was the noise associated with Motocross at the Motupipi track. The Board is anxious to see this noise issue resolved. We believe an initial meeting date has been set. A report relating to this issue of noise is to be dealt with later in the meeting

**10 and 12 November –**

### **Senior Prizegiving At GB High School and Collingwood Area School**

Golden Bay High School and Collingwood Area School senior prize-giving ceremonies; we are fortunate to have two such excellent schools in Golden Bay offering secondary education to year 13. Both have long histories, CAS celebrated 150 years of education in 2009 and GBHS will celebrate theirs in 2011. Board Members Brooks, Symmons, Councillor Bouillir and I attended GBHS and I attended CAS where past Chair of the GBCB was the keynote speaker and his topic was “Integrity”.

Congratulations to both schools for an interesting and varied evening which highlighted the considerable achievements of their students. We provide \$100.00 to each school annually for either prize giving and/or magazine

**Local Government Workshop** - both councillors, four Board members and Nancy Heyes our minute secretary attended the Local Government workshop, “Effective Governance”. This was an excellent presentation on governance for elected representatives, secretaries and senior managers. There was a very good turnout and I’m sure the feedback would have been positive. We appreciate being included in days such as this, as apart from the actual workshop content the opportunity to speak informally to other councillors and staff is invaluable.

**15 November – GB Small Wharves** - All Board Members, Councillor Bouillir, Gary Clark, (Transportation Manager), Glenn Thorn, (Reserves Officer Community Services), along with John Mason from DoC, went on a tour of Golden Bays small wharves and up to the Heaphy fords at 17-mile, 19-mile, and Fossil Creeks. We looked at Waitapu, Milnthorpe and Collingwood wharves and then at the fords which are without any safe foot crossings.

A report is being prepared on the wharves and the intention is for Council to once again take over management of these from DoC, for whom this is not core business, and have them re-licensed and brought up to an acceptable safety standard for their current use. In the case of Milnthorpe this will be as a recreational fishing platform. These wharves are valuable assets and we welcome the negotiations between DoC and Council and finding an acceptable pathway so that these can once again return to Council ownership.

The fords up at the Heaphy have already been on the Board's list as we have been concerned about the dangerous nature of these creeks and the number of tourists who unwittingly put their lives at risk trying to cross in adverse weather events and in doing so endanger the lives of those who have to rescue them. DoC and Council are exploring options to give safety to foot traffic when the creeks are high. This was a very worthwhile day and the opportunity to have informal discussions with Gary, John, and Glenn on other issues within Golden Bay was an added bonus.

### **Kiwi Egg Recovery – Goulard Downs**

Also of interest was the DoC party from Nelson Lakes that John stopped to speak to that were off to Goulard Downs on a kiwi egg recovery mission. The helicopter arrived while we were there and they were following on from last year's successful mission which recovered 3 eggs and resulted in 2 great spotted kiwi chicks being released in the Nelson Lakes area. Goulard Downs has one of the highest populations of these birds; due to the harsh climate it is almost predator free.

### **Other Meetings:**

Board Member Symmons and I attended the Integrated Management Group (IMG) meeting.

**16 November** - Board Member Mik Symmons and I attended a community contributions meeting for the Integrated Family Health Centre (IFHC).

**17 November** - I met with a ratepayer in relation to Swiftsure Street issues.

**22 November** - Councillor Bouillir, Board Members, Brooks, Gamby, Symmons and I attended the Manawhenua ki Mohua meeting at Onetahua Marae. We were invited "to touch base" at the beginning of the new electoral term. We are looking at positive reciprocal ways of working together and we will explore having a Memorandum of Understanding between us. This was such a great meeting and we look forward to excellent collaboration between both organisations. We are both working for, and in the best interests of the community of Golden Bay and it makes so much sense to have a much closer relationship.

Suggested recommendation:

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board and Manawhenua ki Mohua looks at examples of Memoranda of Understanding to provide a guide to working reciprocally in the interests of the community of Golden Bay."*

**25 November –**

**International White Ribbon Day** - for the elimination of violence against women and both Board Members Gamby and Symmons were stationed for a couple of hours on the Village Green handing out ribbons to folk in town.

## **GB Community Board – Priority List – Annual Plan**

Also, a meeting with Council Strategic Planner, Susan Edwards. We had our list ready to go to Council, however, we made a decision to enlist help from Susan to fine tune our Annual Plan submission to Council. This was very helpful session and we should still have our list in by the end of the month.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT THE 2011-12 annual plan list compiled after consultation with the Community, and sent to Council, be approved.”*

**29 November – Playgrounds** - Along with Bainham Rural Women I met with Glenn Thorn at the Bainham Hall regarding the playground to discuss the playground equipment that will be installed.

Also, a playground meeting at Parapara to discuss the equipment to be installed there.

## **GB Community Workers AGM**

The evening Community Centre AGM was attended by Board members Gamby, Brooks and me. The excellent reports presented at the meeting are included in the Boards information pack. The Community Workers Inc. has dedicated highly trained and skilled workers who deliver a wide range of social services here in the Bay. We are exceptionally fortunate.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the GBCB write to the GBC Workers Inc expressing our appreciation for their service.”*

## **December 3**

- **Interim Management Group - Publicity Material Meeting.**
- **Work Centre Trust meeting with Lloyd Kennedy** – regarding facilities consultation. The Work Centre Trust to come back to the Community Board in the New Year.

## **Old Library Site**

We have had a formal request from the Community Services Committee:

***That the Community Services Committee requests the Golden Bay Community Board to undertake a consultation process with the Takaka community regarding the future options for the local purpose reserve previously occupied by the old Takaka Library building, within the uses permitted by the Reserves Act and Reserves Management Plan; and***

***That a report comes back to the Community Services Committee detailing the use of insurance monies.***

**Carried**

We need to discuss how we do this consultation and as there is no time frame we need to enquire how soon Community Services require this report. There may be further information required.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board accepts this delegation, however, in order to carry out an effective consultation requests the following background information:*

- 1. The scope of consultation; can it cover the whole reserve or just the footprint of the old library building;*
- 2. The financial implications for the new library loan; and*
- 3. Implications for design of the new building. Eg. Height and carparking requirements.”*

## **Takaka Market**

With regard to the Takaka Market the operators are working well with the Community Board and we are individually and collectively monitoring the market. The operators have a set of rules that they expect all stall holders to abide by and this ensures that everyone has the same standards and there are no misunderstandings.

## **Pike River Mining Tragedy**

The Pike River mining tragedy has been uppermost in everyone’s minds this month and the Community Board has sent messages to the Community relaying our heartfelt sympathy for their tragic loss.

## **Golden Bay Compliance Issues**

Issues of non compliance have already begun, with freedom camping in the i-SITE carpark and tents under the Takaka Bridge without facilities, it makes our request to Environment and Planning for assistance in Golden Bay over the holiday period even more important and urgent. The item from our annual Plan request submission is as follows:

**Golden Bay Based Compliance Officer** - The Population of Golden Bay quadruples for approximately 6 weeks over the summer holiday period and we believe it would be cost effective to have a short term contract for a person based in Golden Bay to deal with all the issues of compliance. (This could be a reallocation from within the existing budget).

- Dogs in town and Dog control generally
- Illegal fires
- Boats, jet skis within the 200 m doing more than 5 knots.

- Vehicles on beaches
- Freedom camping
- Parking
- Horses ties up in town(manure issues)

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board asks that our recent request for a trial Compliance officer for 6 weeks be given urgent consideration for this holiday period 2010-11.*

*Further, if this is not possible, we request that a weekly advertisement be placed in the GB weekly and fortnightly in the Newline with phone numbers for business and afterhours (toll free) for contact for all the following where there are problems:*

- *Dogs in town and Dog control generally*
- *Illegal fires*
- *Boats, jet skis within the 200 m doing more than 5 knots.*
- *Vehicles on beaches*
- *Freedom camping*
- *Parking*
- *Horses ties up in town(manure issues)*
- *Noise”*

### **Clifton Walkway Opening**

The Golden Bay Community Board requests a date for this wonderful new walkway.

### **Positive Relationships**

The Mayor has indicated he would like to meet with the Golden Bay Community Board to discuss building a positive relationship. The Board welcomes this and looks forward to arranging a date for the New Year.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Mayor to suggest a date in the New Year for a positive relationship building meeting.”*

### **Motupipi Motocross Meeting**

Meetings regarding the noise issues are taking place on 8 December 2010.

### **Roading Issues**

We have several issues to discuss regarding roading / safety. It would be helpful to have Gary Clark (Transportation Manager) at a meeting in the New Year.



Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board invites Gary Clark to a meeting in the New Year to discuss:*

- *Rural Roads – Delineation Policy*
- *Anatoki Road*
- *School buses*
- *Speed limits*
- *Paynes Ford*
- *Rototai, and any other relevant matters.”*

### **Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition**

Our thanks to the judges, Claire, Faye and Mik who had a pretty full two days judging all the wonderful Golden Bay gardens. Letters and prizes have been sent to all the winners. Congratulations to all the entrants and especially the winners. Claire Webster, Council’s Environmental Educator has done a fantastic job withal the organisation; our very special thanks to the Golden Bay Garden Centre for their sponsorship and for Faye’s expertise on the judging circuit.

### **Nelson Tasman Environmental Awards**

Congratulations to all our Golden Bay winners. Golden Bay people did especially well yet again in these awards. We are very proud of the achievements of all the groups and individuals who are making such a difference in our community.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes and congratulates the Golden Bay winners in the Nelson Tasman Environmental Awards.”*

### **Age Concern Worker**

There is concern in the community regarding the recent letter from Age Concern telling us that Golden Bay will no longer have an Age Concern worker here in the Bay, but instead will be serviced from Richmond. This has been done without consultation with the community and this is a vital service here for our elderly that we cannot afford to lose. Golden Bay has isolated community status and as such I believe we have a special case to retain the service we currently have.

Suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Age Concern expressing our concern at the proposed loss of this vital service and requesting that the service be reinstated until the case for the retention of this service is fully investigated.”*

## **Christmas Greetings**

Wishing everybody a great Christmas and best wishes for 2011. Our thanks to everyone who has helped in any way throughout the year.

Carolyn McLellan