

## **REPORT**

**TO:** Golden Bay Community Board

**FROM:** The Chair

**DATE:** 23 February 2011

**REFERENCE:** E855

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### **Christchurch Earthquake – 22 February 2011**

At the time of writing this report a major aftershock has hit Christchurch and it has been declared as a major national tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Christchurch as they come to terms with yet another earthquake and our heartfelt sympathy to the all the families who have been personally affected. The Golden Bay Community Board has written to Mayor Bob Parker on behalf of the Community of Golden Bay.

### **Golden Bay Community Board Budget**

We began February by meeting with the Mayor Richard Kempthorne, the CEO Paul Wylie, and Corporate and Community Services Managers Murray Staite and Lloyd Kennedy. We discussed our budget for the forthcoming year 2011-2012 and have again reduced the amount payable by Golden Bay ratepayers for the targeted rate to \$14.51 GST excluded, from \$15.04 GST excluded. This funds the Golden Bay Community Board governance which we remain opposed to paying and will continue to work towards an inclusive situation where Golden Bay governance will once more be reincorporated into the Governance budget for the whole of Tasman. So in the meanwhile we continually find ways to work smarter and cheaper as we are so aware that many ratepayers struggle to pay their existing rates.

### **2011-2012 Annual Plan**

We have submitted to the annual plan and have been invited to be part of the deliberations on the Long Term Plan (LTCP) when Golden Bay issues are discussed. We are very aware of Council's need to ensure there is a nil or very minor rate increase so we in turn need to be looking at any savings that can be made in Golden Bay. We have therefore agreed to postpone several projects due to happen next financial year and put them out a year, to make savings in our Reserves fund which has not had the income projected due to a lesser number of subdivisions being embarked upon.

## **Good Relationships**

Relationships and open and transparent communication were issues that were amicably discussed with Richard and Paul and we are all committed to the ideal of a team working together for the benefit of Golden Bay. The councillors have the added responsibility of the whole of Tasman District.

## **Aorere Flood**

The engineering meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was held in Takaka and certainly when the venue was agreed, Engineering had no idea of the extent of the issues that would be Golden Bay related after the disastrous floods of 28th December. The James Road Bridge replacement options are being priced and in the meantime a swing foot bridge on loan from the Department of Conservation is bridging the gap for the Pomeroy's and Garretts. It is a great improvement to kayaking the river but not for the faint-hearted carrying shopping across in the wind.

## **Ligar Bay Baches**

We knew the Ligar Bay bach issue would be difficult, as the Community Board had already spent a great deal of time preparing a recommendation which we submitted to Council a year ago. This recommendation which was confidential is the only matter that has been dealt with confidentially in the 12 years I have been part of the Community Board team. This carefully thought out recommendation which acknowledged the sensitivity for both the Ligar Bay bach owners and the adjacent residents was subsequently released to the bach owners as a result of an Official Information Request. We considered that once we had passed this on to Council it was no longer within our jurisdiction and it became the property of Council. This Community Board recommendation was included in the briefing papers and Councillors were able to weigh up this recommendation, alongside the report submitted by the property Manager, Jim Frater.

Both sides of the debate were given unrestricted time to put their cases at the public forum so Councillors had the opportunity to assess all the information imparted there also.

The Councillors' decision to uphold the 1989 agreement, whereby the bach owners agreed that their tenure would end and the reserve would return to public ownership, was unanimous.

It would be inappropriate for the Community Board to now become embroiled in any ongoing debate.

## **Old Library Site**

We have collated the submissions (approximately 80) and several themes have emerged. Submissions have also been received through the Annual Plan process which we have taken into account. We intend to have a public meeting to present these ideas and hopefully some sketch proposals for you to look at. It is important that the play ground proposals are presented at the same time, so we are in the

process of teeing all the right people and elements together and as soon as these arrangements are made we will advertise a date.

### **Reticulated Drinking Water Survey**

This survey has provoked much controversy and for some people the thought that they may have to find additional money to pay for water has been deeply distressing. It is hoped that people are motivated and return their survey forms so that we have a conclusive result. This will be known by our meeting day.

The Golden Bay Community Board will ensure that the residents are informed of the outcome.

### **Waste Water Treatment Plant**

The waste water working group of Councillors, Manawhenua, Community Board, and Engineering staff meet on the 28 February and have the ability to co-opt other members if needed.

The questions this group needs to answer are:

- Is the existing location appropriate?
- What are the costs and benefits of the existing site versus relocation? (Cost will be a consideration).
- Is there a suitable alternate site?
- Should Council consider a different treatment process, eg mechanical?
- Who will pay for the treatment process?
- What is the visual impact of the existing site?
- What are the vegetation/screening options for the current site?
- What is the impact (if any) of the treated effluent discharge to ground on private bores?

We are charged with reporting back to the Engineering Committee by 23rd June 2011 with a recommendation regarding the preferred option for the Takaka waste water treatment plant.

### **Alternate Local Controller - Golden Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)**

With the retirement of Johnny Wilkinson from this position there has been a need for a new appointment to be made.

It has been proposed that Sara Chapman of Collingwood who is currently Station Officer at the Collingwood Fire Brigade fulfil this role. On behalf of the Community Board I have endorsed this nomination of Sara who has shown her undoubted ability to work under pressure in very difficult situations and who would be an admirable addition to the team as assistant to Roger Broadhurst. We are very grateful to Sara to agree to her name going forward and to all the other volunteers who provide such sterling service to our community in times of emergency. With the current situation in Christchurch this is particularly pertinent.

Recommendation:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to thank Johnny Wilkinson for his work over the years for Golden Bay CDEM. And further:*

*That the Board writes to Sara Chapman thanking her for taking on the role of Alternate Controller in the interim.”*

### **Anatoki Track Road**

Board members met up with residents from Anatoki Track Road at the bridge and drove up the road to see the condition first-hand.

### **Pakawau Beach Front**

Board members visited Pakawau Beach front to look at the damage that has been done by ‘big tides’ that have caused considerable erosion to peoples’ properties.

Merv Solly was also present.

### **Draft Freedom Camping By- Law**

This will be on the Environment and Planning agenda for 10 March 2011 after our March meeting. We will need to study this and discuss it at our meeting.

Recommendation:

*“That the GBCB submits to the Draft By- Law regarding Freedom Camping.”*

### **Compliance Officer/Control Services**

John Bergman will report to the Environment and Planning Committee and the additional \$3,000 worth of time allocated to Golden Bay over the holiday period will be discussed. Dennis Bush –King has reiterated there is no budget allocation for this in 2011-2012. We will need to read this and see if we have any recommendation arising from this report.

### **Takaka Inundation Study**

The Community Board was invited to the presentation of the draft report. There is a work in progress drawing together information from LIDAR and using data from previous floods and looking at areas of settlement that are vulnerable in the event of flooding. There is more work to be done, however when completed this should be a helpful tool for planning issues in the Takaka valley.

### **Freedom Camping**

I was taken on a tour of Collingwood carparks to see the toilet paper left in the bushes by unauthorised overnight campers, despite both these parks having ‘no camping’ notices. This issue is ongoing.

## **New Year's Eve Complaint, Pohara**

Following this letter addressed to the Golden Bay Community Board, the Chair is to contact the camping ground (Brent and Del Clarke), and Board members Gamby and Brookes to discuss the matter with the Police. The Meeting Secretary has been asked to follow up the matter of the noise complaint with Mr Kennedy.

## **Street Banners**

It is timely to review our street banners with regard to wind resistance issues. Is this current method the best way of making the town look festive?

## **Facility for Golden Bay**

We have had approaches from groups interested in accessing this fund for Golden Bay. Council has delegated this responsibility of working with the community to assess what will work for Golden Bay.

## **Department of Internal Affairs – Community Development Fund**

Tasman has been designated as a priority for the 2011 funding round. Several groups are seeking support for applications that would have benefits for Golden Bay.

Recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board agrees to support where requested by community groups whose applications for the 2011 Community Development Scheme funding from the Department of Internal Affairs will benefit Golden Bay.*

## **Marae Visit**

The Board joined the Mayor, Councillors and Staff at both Te Awhina Marae at Motueka and in Golden Bay we were proud to stand alongside Manwhenua ki Mohua to welcome the Tasman District Council visitors onto Onetahua Marae. It was a day of sharing and learning and a spirit of co-operation and respect was evident with a willingness from Tasman District Council for further engagement. The Golden Bay contingent all enjoyed their day and thought it was extremely worthwhile.

Recommendation:

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Te Awhina and Onetahua marae thanking them for their hospitality and reiterating its commitment to continue working with Manawhenua ki Mohua in the best interests of the community of Golden Bay.*

Carolyn McLellan