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1. New Councillor

Another month with change in the air, as our four Golden Bay candidates campaign for the Council position vacated as a result of Noel Riley's resignation. We should know the result by the time of our October Meeting.

The "Meet the Candidates" meetings were well attended and thanks to Rural Women for arranging the Collingwood meeting and to the Community Workers and Grey Power for the Takaka Meeting. Thanks to all four candidates for their participation.

2. Tasman District Council CEO Position

The outgoing CEO of Tasman District Council, Paul Wylie, has announced he will finish at the end of September to take up his new role as CEO of Buller District Council.

Dennis Bush-King (who is Council's Environment and Planning Manager) will take on the role of Interim CEO until a new appointment is made. The Environment and Planning Department will be managed during this time by the department managers acting as General Manager on a rotational basis.

The Golden Bay Community Board was pleased to be consulted by way of a questionnaire regarding what we considered were the preferred qualities for a CEO. The information gathered from those consulted will be given to the recruitment specialists. The Council has engaged the services of Sheffield South Island to assist in the recruitment and appointment process. The advertising and search process will start shortly.

3. Kaumatua

It is really pleasing to see that Archdeacon Andy Joseph has been accorded this important role for Tasman District. Archdeacon Joseph and his family were long standing residents of Golden Bay and have strong family ties here. I have included an excerpt from the press release made by Council:

“Tasman District Council Invites Archdeacon Andy Joseph to the Role of Kaumātua”

The Tasman District Council has resolved at its meeting (Thursday 22 September) to invite Archdeacon Andy Joseph to become Kaumātua for the Council.

“This is an important appointment for the Council, recognising the role the Council has in the District and the importance, and the need for recognition, of Iwi and the Treaty of Waitangi in Tasman”, said Mayor Richard Kempthorne.

“This is an important new role at Council and was not arrived at without due and considered process. I would like to thank Manawhenua ki Mohua and representatives of Ngati Rarua, Te Atiawa, Ngati Koata and Ngati Kuia for their invaluable assistance and advice throughout this process.”

As Kaumātua Archdeacon Andy Joseph will provide the Mayor with support around tikanga Māori at civic events, enhance Council’s understanding of Iwi and Māori priorities and support the Community Outcome of “Our community understands regional history, heritage and culture”.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Archdeacon Andy Joseph to relay to him our pleasure that he has agreed to take up this appointment.”

4. Takaka Sewerage Plant on Site visit

On 7 September 2011 Board members Brookes and Symmons, Cr Bouillir, Engineering Services Chair Cr Norriss, Council’s Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson, and Hayley Gale, residents’ representative on the Waste Water Plant Working Group, met on site at Haldane Road to see a trial of the Rapid Infiltration Bed system (RIB) that is proposed as part of the upgrade of the plant.

The trial is being closely monitored to ensure that the RIB disposal system that filters treated waste water directly into the gravels underlying the site performs in line with the water flow modelling. The results from the trial will form the final design of the RIBs.

The Working Group was set up to address concerns raised by residents over the proposed upgrade.

5. Old Library Site

We have had a number of enquiries about what is happening with the old library site. Rest assured we have not forgotten about it nor is it on the back burner! This is very much a work in progress and the detailed draft planning is in the hands of Glenn Thorn of Community Services. We will have a draft presented to us before the end of the year.

The intention is to have the draft plan for this area displayed on-site to allow anyone who is interested to peruse and let us know their thoughts. Expect some quirky playground equipment, some of which will be more suited to the littlies (this was requested) and some for more mature users of the play area (also requested); also a water theme throughout the area (requested).

Last month Jaymala Morgan-Lakeman from the Golden Bay High School Youth Council joined us around the table and asked if we would consider extending the skateboard park to accommodate the increasing numbers using the area and the increasing sophistication of the way they utilize the jumps etc. This is an excellent idea and this is the right time to put this suggestion on the table.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board looks at the possibility of extending the skateboard area and add it to the annual plan items for inclusion in the Golden Bay priorities.”

6. Annual Plan Process

We are beginning the annual plan round of consultation around the local halls in Golden Bay. The comment we are getting is that it is getting earlier and earlier. Yes it is early but we need to have our priorities in to Council by 17 October to allow Council time to look at all the requests and where applicable make budgetary decisions. This year the Long Term Plan (LTP) is to be reviewed – this is Council’s 10-year plan and so if we have any items we believe we need for our district we need to ensure they are in the 10-year plan. We can always take items out if necessary but we can’t just decide to embark on a new project unless it has already been included and programmed in to the LTP.

We really appreciate attendance at these meetings as we are pleased to get different viewpoints and we will in turn consult on issues affecting Golden Bay; the meetings commence at 7.30pm:

Bainham Hall -	Wednesday 28 th September
Collingwood Memorial Hall	Friday 30 th September 2011
Onekaka Hall	Monday 3 rd October 2011
Pohara Hall	Wednesday 5 th October 2011
GB Service Centre	Monday 10 th October 2011
Upper Takaka Hall	Tuesday 11 th October 2011
East Takaka Hall	Thursday 13 th October 2011
Pakawau Hall	Friday 14 th October 2011

A very warm invitation is extended to everyone.

7. Local Government Commission – Hearing on the Draft Reorganisation Scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District

The three Commissioners will be in Takaka, at the Takaka Fire Station, 6 Motupipi Street, to hear oral submissions on the 12th October 2011. If you are unable to be in Takaka on that day you can arrange to have your submission heard at one of the other venues that are being held as follows:

28 September - Saxton Pavilion
29 September - St Johns Hall, Motueka
30 September - Saxton Pavilion
11 October - Murchison

The purpose of the hearings is to give an opportunity to those people who have made submissions, to speak to and expand on any points made in those submissions. It is also an opportunity for the members of the Commission to ask questions of submitters.

Anyone can go and you can stay as short or as long a time as you like, these are public meetings and everyone is welcome. The Golden Bay Community Board has the first slot of the day and we give our submission at 9.00 am.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes an oral submission to the Local Government Commissioners on the 12th October 2012.”

8. James Road Bridge

Construction has begun on replacing the road bridge over the Aorere River, swept away in the flood of 28 December 2010.

The affected residents have been using the narrow swing bridge which is very kindly on loan from DOC and although much appreciated they will be very relieved when they no longer have to make this sometimes pretty hair-raising crossing. It is hoped the new bridge may be operational by Christmas.

9. Grants from Rates

The Community Board was delighted to again be successful in the application for financial assistance to put up the festive holiday flags in the main streets.

Other groups that were successful were: Collingwood Memorial Library, GB Community Arts Council; Takaka Citizens Band; The Village Theatre; GB Riding for the Disabled; Takaka Amateur Athletics Club; GB Toy Library; GB Community Workers; GB Community Service Vehicle Trust; GB Work Centre Trust; Keep GB Beautiful; GB Museum Society Inc and Collingwood Museum Society Inc – a total of almost \$30,000 for the Golden Bay community from this fund.

10. Golden Bay Multi Purpose Facilities Project

This project was seeking seeding money and was successful in securing funding from the District Facilities Rate account. This will allow the group who are working to progress this project to secure project management assistance and develop concept plans. This will then enable them to take the proposed multi-purpose facility to the next planning stage in order for this to be presented to the Golden Bay Community.

Board member Symmons reports that *“A Sub-committee of the group had previously reported back on the meetings with the three architectural groups who had answered the expression of interest. An Inc Soc is in the process of being formed. This work will enable a clear concept to be taken out for further discussion “.*

The Community Board continues to be the lead agency for this proposed facility.

11. Motocross

A follow up meeting is planned to enable both parties to discuss how the protocols are working. Environmental Health officer, Graham Caradus, has been following up measuring noise levels. This issue is ongoing.

12. Heritage Information Panels

Board member Symmons reports from the GB Heritage meeting that more plaques are being developed showing the history of buildings in Takaka and also the Takaka Tramway terminus at East Takaka.

Also, the Community Board was very impressed with the new panels in Collingwood affixed to the outside of the Fire Brigade building depicting the history of the Brigade and the series of devastating fires which are such a part of Collingwood's history. All these panels are a wonderful resource for locals and tourists alike and add a whole historical dimension to anyone having a walk around our district.

13. Bike Safety Post Card

Tasman District Council Safety Co-ordinator, Krista Hobday, has revived a postcard designed some years ago by Dean Reybold to promote safe cycling in town. This was originally a Community Board initiative and we have again agreed to assist with this. We have had generous donations of safety gear for prizes from the Quiet Revolution, Hammer Hardware and Escape Adventures. Krista will be promoting this colouring competition through the Golden Bay Schools and the winner will have his/her version of the colouring in printed in colour and distributed for use.

Recommendation:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board meet the cost of printing of the post cards and that a letter of thanks be sent to the businesses who have donated goods for prizes."

14. Outstanding Landscapes

Tasman District Council Planner, Shelagh Noble, is continuing to work on this project with the next meeting for the stakeholder groups on the 12th October.

15. Fire alarm testing and Building Warrant of Fitness

The current fire testing regime has certainly provoked quite a bit of grumpiness from hall committees who have objected to the amounts that have needed to be paid monthly to ensure they met compliance standards.

Francie Wafer is working to try to get a lesser standard for halls that do not have heavy use and is endeavouring to use a local contractor to save on travel costs. The Building Warrant of Fitness that halls are being invoiced for annually is a new fee that was adopted by Council in 2009 to meet the cost of staff processing building WOFs. The unfortunate part of all of these new compliance measures is that hall

committees and groups such as the Drama Club (who asked this question last month in Public Forum) have to raise even more money to ensure they maintain compliance. We all understand the need for safety but it comes at an increased cost for the community.

16. Vodafone and the Rural Broadband Initiative

In June 2011 we had a presentation from Chorus to bring us up to date with what they were planning for Golden Bay under the Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI). They were ready to lay the fibre optic cable over the Takaka Hill to the hospital and the schools and would update some cabinets on route. They are meeting in excess of the Government contract aim of 80% of rural households to receive high speed broadband. To do this they are topping up the RBI with Telecom funding to ensure they more than meet the Government's stated target and will deliver to 86% of rural homes. This is being done as a joint operation with Vodafone who are also contributing Vodafone money to achieve this 86%. Vodafone will be putting in the towers and using cable laid by Chorus to deliver to a much wider area.

We have Caitlin Metz and Desiree Wehrle from Vodafone in Auckland coming to our November meeting, accompanied by Neville Warsaw from Chorus, to ensure we have the complete picture around this very important issue. It is quite different to have Vodafone and Chorus working together but this is how this project is being delivered throughout New Zealand with Chorus laying the cable and Vodafone taking the signal out to the wider area.

This is the statement Caitlin issued for advertising:

“As part of the Rural Broadband Initiative, Vodafone will be responsible for delivering broadband community coverage to rural New Zealand at peak speeds of 5Mbps or better. In order to deliver this, Vodafone will be building open access towers and equipping them with state-of-the-art wireless technology. Vodafone will be presenting their plans for rural broadband at the Golden Bay Community Board Meeting on 8th November at 9.00 am at Kahurangi Function Centre.”

This meeting is scheduled for Collingwood and we debated about changing the venue however there may be a significant part of western Golden Bay that is not going to benefit from this initiative so we have left the meeting at the western end of Golden Bay at the Kahurangi Function Centre in order to accommodate greater numbers and in addition it has excellent facilities for a power point presentation. We anticipate a good crowd and it is important that as many people as possible know about this meeting and come along to hear how it will affect their broadband coverage.

NB This is for the 8 November meeting but we want to give as much notice as possible so anyone who is interested can arrange to attend.

17. Te Waikoropupu

The names of Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road need to be discussed with the community prior to any changes of the names to Te Waikoropupu Valley and Te Waikoropupu Springs roads.

The Department of Conservation has recently gazetted the full Maori name of Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs) Reserve. As a result they have requested that Tasman District Council considers changing the road names for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.

Tasman District Council staff has prepared a report and is seeking feedback from the community with regard to changing these adjacent roads' names. (Attached to this report).

Recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board consults with the affected landowners and community members regarding name changes from Pupu Valley Road (to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road) and Pupu Springs Road (to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road).”

Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board sets a date to hold a public meeting to consult with the community on the proposed renaming of these roads.”

18. Resolution from Council Meeting

At its meeting on 22 September 2011, the Council passed the following resolution:

Moved Crs Edgar/Bouillir

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THAT Tasman District Council agree to:

- **Monthly meetings with the Community Board Chairs and Mayor**
- **the dedicated Council officers for Golden Bay Community Board be Community Services Manager L Kennedy and for Motueka Community Board be Corporate Services Manager M Staite.**
- **Officially approve joining Council at the table, and speaking rights, for the Chair (or portfolio delegate) from each Community Board for each standing Committee and Full Council meeting.**

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19. Aorere Futures Trust

There has been heaps of volunteer action at the home of the Aorere Future Trust at Parapara. Building repairs, maintenance and painting are some of the jobs that a dedicated group of volunteers have undertaken to ensure that everything is ship-shape for the summer season. This is an amazing water sport resort with kayaks, optimists, sunbursts and wind-sailers available for schools and individuals/families to hire. Parapara Inlet is a safe place for children to learn and will soon have its first opening of the season. Russell McKendry who looks after things at Aorere Futures says they need more key holders to bolster their funds to ensure they can continue to maintain and expand their fleet. For \$50 your family can become an annual key holder which means you can get down to Parapara and hire the gear and have a great day on the water whenever the tide is right. This would be a great family gift and it would give many days of fun. Russell McKendry can be contacted on 5248485.

20. Congratulations

Congratulations to Lance Corporal Alistair Baker who was one of the three men caught in an Afghanistan ambush on August 3rd 2010 and who has been awarded the NZ Gallantry decoration for his bravery.

21. Port of Golden Bay at Tarakohe

Cr Bouillir and I were present at a meeting at which the Port of Golden Bay was discussed.

The discussion led us to issue a verbal invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to have a tour of the Port and the environs to give them an up-to-date view of this facility. We further suggested that the Community Board could host the Mayor and Councillors for lunch at the Pohara Boat Club and workshop various issues relating to the Port.

As part of the Annual Plan and LTP planning process the Golden Bay Community Board has requested that the Port of Golden Bay at Tarakohe be listed as a Strategic Asset under the Tasman District Council Significance policy.

Recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board follows up on the verbal invitation to the Mayor and Councillors, to tour the Port of Golden Bay and Environs, with a formal written invitation.”

Carolyn McLellan