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## 1. Harry Holmwood JP

Harry died at home on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 after a short illness.

He served the community in a variety of roles and was part of the last Golden Bay County Council prior to amalgamation with Tasman District Council in 1989; he then became part of the Golden Bay Community Board which he chaired for 12 years.

Harry liked to get things done; he was a man of action and his mantra was “do it once, do it right”. As the Board Chairman he liked meetings to be concise and for speakers to “keep to the point” and “not waffle”. The mourners at Harry’s funeral were reminded of these points just in case anyone was tempted to go on too long!

After Harry resigned from the Community Board he set about building a museum to store his collection of machinery and he purchased a Fowler steam engine which has been a very familiar sight in Golden Bay at the A & P shows. Harry and his engine have given much pleasure to people as they have enjoyed this wonderfully restored and maintained piece of machinery from a bygone age. I believe it will be at the next A & P show one last time before going to Pigeon Valley Museum.

Harry will be missed in this community where he worked very hard to achieve community goals; he was a tenacious fund-raiser and was respected for his ability to get on with the job.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dianne and the Holmwood family in their very sad loss.

## 2. Election 2011

I am writing this the day after the General Election that has delivered some interesting results.

The voter turn-out nationally was 73% - it will be interesting to compare this with Golden Bay's turnout when we finally see the figures.

Congratulations to Damien O'Connor who has reclaimed the electorate seat of Tasman West Coast, also to Chris Auchinvole who has been re-elected as part of the National Team and to Kevin Hague re-elected as part of the Green Team. We look forward to working with all three of these MPs for the next three years.

It also appears that the majority of voters have nominated MMP as the preferred option for our electoral system. It is probably timely for Tasman District Council to re-consider our local body voting system. Although STV is more complicated when it comes to counting the votes, it appears to be a fairer system whereby no vote is wasted. It would standardize the voting as we already use STV when doing the Health Board vote.

*Recommendation:*

*"That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Damien O'Connor, Chris Auchinvole, and Kevin Hague congratulating each one on their success in the election."*

### **3. RMA Workshop**

Councillor Martine Bouillir, Board Member Karen Brookes and I attended this workshop at the new Headingly Centre in Richmond. This free workshop was run by the Environmental Defence Society and was a long (8.45am -5.00pm) but very worthwhile day, jam-packed with a great line-up of presenters (including our own Steve Markham). There was a very good attendance at the workshop and quite a number of Golden Bay people. There is huge interest in, and concern for, the environment and the participants were from all over the Top of the South and West Coast, representing a wide variety of local and national groups and organisations.

### **4. Whanau Meeting**

Board Member Gamby and I attended this information-rich meeting. Connie Schrader is the new Women's Refuge worker in Golden Bay who has 20 hours a week, which will enable her to do both education work and co-ordinating any referrals to this service.

The NMDHB spoke about the new Dental Health Bus which will become a familiar sight at our Golden Bay schools. Our rural children and their families will have the benefit of this "state of the art" clinic.

Inland Revenue representative Margaret King told us of a new innovation for phone clients whereby they can now have voice recognition so they do not have to go through the usual checks as voice is so individual and recognizable. This is optional.

## **5. Mobile Dental Surgery**

Board Member Leigh Gamby and I paid an impromptu visit to the new Mobile School dental surgery as a result of hearing about it at the Whanau meeting. Fortunately it was at the end of the day and one of the two surgeries was empty and we were able to see the fantastic facilities. Having two surgeries allows families to have their children examined more quickly as both dental technicians are working at the same time. Also parents bring all their children at the one visit and by having a parent present they are able to hear first hand of any treatment, if any, their children will need. In the past many parents were totally unaware of what went on at the old Dental Clinics. This is a new era in whole family responsibility and empowerment for the oral health of the children. Also children are included at a young age as soon as they have teeth and will continue being seen while at school until age 18. This is one amazing service and the NMDHB are to be congratulated for this initiative.

## **6. Visit by the Dutch Ambassador**

Mr. Arle van de Wiel the Dutch ambassador to New Zealand accompanied by Mrs. Christine Hofkens Senior Cultural Advisor to the Ambassador, had a very busy day in Golden Bay on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Penny Griffith had been instrumental in organising this visit as part of the discussions on the proposal to commemorate the 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the visit by Abel Tasman to Golden Bay. The Ambassador was welcomed with a Powhiri at Onetahua Marae then he visited the Abel Tasman Memorial, followed by an afternoon tea which the Ambassador hosted for members of the community. He told us that in Holland the name Abel Tasman is hardly known whereas in New Zealand he is very well known. He believes, however, that this anonymity is about to change with the release of a movie in Holland about the life of the famous Dutch explorer.

The Ambassador then walked across to the Golden Bay Museum where Robert Jenkins spoke about the diorama on display that he designed and built to show the contact between Abel Tasman and the Tangata Whenua of Golden Bay. Mr Jenkins also demonstrated a newly purchased touch screen with an innovative story of Abel Tasman's journey to New Zealand and particularly Golden Bay, which he has also designed.

Ambassador van de Wiel is keen to advance relationships with Golden Bay and hinted at future visits and hopefully perhaps Dutch Royalty.

Penny Griffith's campaign to have the 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognised seems to have at last gained some momentum.

*Recommendation:*

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Penny Griffith and thanks her for the work she has done organising the Golden Bay visit of the Dutch Ambassador to New Zealand also for her efforts to gain recognition for the 370<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abel Tasman's visit to Golden Bay."*

#### **7. Golden Bay High and Collingwood Area schools' Prize-giving**

Both these occasions were attended by the Board Members and they reported splendid evenings where once again the achievements of our students were celebrated. It is wonderful for the community to have the opportunity to be part of these special ceremonies which showcase our schools and their students. Well done to both students and their teachers.

In Golden Bay we are fortunate to have five schools that all continue to deliver a quality education to our students.

#### **8. White Ribbon Day**

White Ribbon Day promotes the awareness of anti violence towards women. This movement was begun in Canada and is now marked throughout the world on November 25<sup>th</sup>. A group of one woman and eleven men have toured NZ on their very flash motorbikes to promote the anti violence to women message, and they were actually in Golden Bay on White Ribbon Day. Board Member Brookes and Gamby were present on the Village Green to help welcome them to Golden Bay. The motorcyclists also went out to Collingwood School and met with the community there. Board Member Brookes said *"they were a very interesting and dedicated group."*

#### **9. World Cup Banners**

We discussed auctioning these to perhaps assist with funds for additional equipment or art works for the old library site. We need to decide when we think this auction should happen. Suggestions include at the A&P show or during the holidays on the Village Green.

## **10. Fresh water Quality Open Day**

This was held at the Kotinga Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and was attended by Councillor Martine Bouillir, Board Members Gamby, Symmons, Brookes and I along with most of Marlborough District Council's Environment Committee. There was an excellent attendance of Golden Bay people to hear the presentations by Trevor James (Tasman District Council), Dairy NZ, Sue Brown (Aorere Catchment), Nigel Harwood, and Barbara Stuart (Land Care NZ). This was a good news story for our waterways here in Golden Bay, which are healthy and clean and are supporting a variety of fish life including endangered species.

The ongoing collaborative approach that has been adopted here in Golden Bay, where there has been a commitment from all sectors of the community to work together, is acknowledged as being a very successful one for our waterways.

## **11. Takaka Flood Inundation Study Open Day**

Councillors Sangster and Bouillir, along with Board Members Brookes, Gamby, Symmons and I, attended at least one of the three presentations to the community on the 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Takaka Bowling Club. Lisa McGlinchey (Tasman District Council planner) took attendees through the options for protecting the township of Takaka and various flood bank scenarios by way of a power-point presentation. These were followed by an opportunity for questions from the floor.

It was stressed that no decisions have been made. This was an opportunity for the community to see the modelling work Council has done using new and exciting computer soft ware. They are able to look at the effects of floods of different magnitudes with or without the flood bank and further examine the advantages and or disadvantages if the flood bank was to be extended.

This is a very early consultation and any decision that the community may look at in the future would need to be subject to affordability.

## **12. Golden Bay's Integrated Family Health Facility**

The Integrated Management Group looks forward to being able to show the community of Golden Bay the progress that has been made and the milestones that have been reached at the Open Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Takaka Fire Station from 11.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Included here is the notice prepared for the GB Weekly:

***“Open Day for Integrated Family Health Centre project on 12 December – Takaka Fire Station 11.30am – 4.30 pm.***

*Golden Bay people will have an opportunity to be fully updated on the integrated family health centre project at an open day to be held at the Takaka Fire Station rooms on 12 December 2011.*

*The project has made major progress over the past few months and is continuing to achieve momentum, with the Centre planned to open by late 2012.*

*Information that will be available at the Open Day will include:*

- *Detailed plans of the new building, including perspectives and sketches*
- *A model developed by local man Barry Evans whose talented work is on display all over the country*
- *An electronic “fly over” of the facility shown on computer*
- *A brief presentation from the architects at 12.15 pm and 3.30 pm to explain some of the features of the finalised plans.*
- *An opportunity to meet EFHC service director Rhoda McDonald who starts work on 5 December*
- *Information on timing and other planning for design, construction and service integration*
- *An opportunity to learn more about the plans of the trust to raise \$800,000 from the community and other sources”*

A range of people involved in the project will attend and be available to talk to people, including architects, project managers, health professionals and the interim Management Group, including those who are trustees of the Golden Bay Community Health – Te Hauora O Mohua property trust.

Among recent milestones in recent weeks: the appointment of Rhoda McDonald, and a range of ministerial approvals to give the official project green light allowing for example, the purchase of adjoining land and the appointment of a Nelson Marlborough District Health Board trustee to the property trust.

### **13. Trustee Appointment**

The AGM of the Te Hauora O Mohua Trust – Golden Bay Community Health, will be held on 19 December at 5.00pm at the Junction Hotel front room. The Golden Bay Community Board will need to make an appointment to this trust.

*(Section 8.4 of the Deed, minimum 4 maximum 7 trustees.*

- i) One Trustee appointed by the Community Board and GB Ward Councillors from within this group*
- ii) One Trustee appointed by Manawhenua ki Mohua*
- iii) Two persons representing the Golden Bay Community chosen by a clear and transparent selection process*
- iv) Up to three persons co-opted by the Board for their particular skills.)*

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes an appointment to Te Haurua O Mohua Trust on behalf of the Board and Tasman District Council for the next year 2011-2012”.*

This appointment will also need to be approved by Council.

<b>14. Consultation on the Proposal to change Pupu Springs Road and Pupu Valley Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and Te Waikoropupu Valley Road</b>
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The Golden Bay Community Board held a consultation meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November which was attended by eight residents of the affected roads. A variety of viewpoints were exchanged and the Board has decided to consult each resident of the affected roads to ensure the people most affected with an address change have had an opportunity to be heard.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes contact by phone or email with each of the residents of Pupu Valley and Pupu Springs roads regarding the proposal to change the names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road, to be consistent with the Te Waikoropupu Springs.”*

<b>15. A &amp; P Show</b>
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Tasman District Council will again have a tent at the Golden Bay A & P Show in January. Councillors and Board Members traditionally assist by having a presence on the Council stand, so we hope all the locals will come and check out the Tasman District Council tent. We look forward to seeing everyone at the show that is described as “New Zealand’s Best One Day Show”.

## **16. Thanks**

My personal thanks go to Martine, Noel, Paul, Mik, Karen, and Leigh for your commitment to the Board on behalf of this community.

This is an awesome team and I have really appreciated all you have done; it is a pleasure for me to work with you all.

A huge 'thank you' to Nancy Heyes, Senior CSO, who provides magnificent administration support in the Tasman District Council Takaka Service Centre.

To Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager), who comes over each month for our Board meetings and provides the link between Tasman District Council, headquarters and Golden Bay, our appreciation for your ongoing support and assistance.

Thank you to the Golden Bay community for your support, assistance and your willingness to engage with us on a myriad of issues. It makes our job so interesting and varied. There are very many people working on behalf of this community in clubs and groups all over the Bay and without all these dedicated people our community would be the poorer. A very big 'thank you' to everyone.

## **17. Seasons Greetings**

On behalf of the Board, very best wishes for the Christmas and Holiday season to all the community of Golden Bay. This is an exciting and vibrant time of year with many functions and events planned for the next couple of months. I do hope everyone can make time to relax and just enjoy living in this very special part of the world.

Have a wonderful December and January, and we look forward to re-engaging with the community again on the 14th February at our first meeting for 2012.

## **19. Bainham Playground**

The people of Bainham are very delighted with the new playground and the local children are really enjoying having this lovely play equipment so close to home. Bainham Rural Women has organised a Playground Opening on 14 December at 11.00 am. A sausage sizzle will be provided – please bring a small plate to share. All are welcome.



## 20. Anatoki Track Road

The issue of maintenance of this back country road has been ongoing for several years, however, a resolution is now looking likely thanks to all parties who have been working together collaboratively.

## 21. Signs

In conjunction with discussions on bridges and waterway naming signs, I am aware of how easy it is to lose the names of historical connection with our roads when they were formed – eg cuttings like King’s Cutting, Wood’s Cutting and Harvey’s Cutting, which are all Bainham and Aorere ones that I know of. The names are still used by locals as reference points but often new residents have to be told where these places are.

I would like to propose that the Board looks into having these places sign-posted around Golden Bay to ensure our historical connections are not lost.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Heritage Golden Bay to seek assistance with listing and naming cuttings and other places of historical significance.”*

## 22. Old Library Site, Takaka

Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) will attend the December meeting and will present to us his landscaping plan for the whole area.

We looked at the proposed playground equipment last month and are pleased that it will be wooden furniture and accept with reluctance that it will be imported Robina timber as this is the most cost-effective option.

The entire proposed plans – landscaping and playground – are to be displayed on the old library site over the Christmas and New Year holiday period to enable the public to get an idea of what is proposed and to give the Golden Bay Community Board feedback. There will be feedback sheets available in the Takaka Service Centre and a box to put them in.

### **23. New Officer in Charge – Takaka Police**

Sergeant Kane Haerewa (who replaces Arthur Clarence) began work at Takaka Police Station on Monday 28 November.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes and welcomes Sergeant Kane Haerewa to Golden Bay and invites him to the Board’s February meeting.”*

### **23. Up-coming Meetings and Events**

#### **Golden Bay Integrated Family Health Centre Open Day**

December 12 at the Takaka Fire Station  
Open with Displays from 11.00am -4.00pm  
Presentations at 12.30pm and 3.30 pm

#### **Bainham playground Opening**

December 14 at 11.00 am  
Sausage sizzle provided.

#### **Santa Parade**

Organised by Recreation

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