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As always there seem to be many issues to occupy the attention of the Councillors and Community Board members.

## 1. December 2011 - Recovery

The ongoing issues that have resulted from the December deluge are certainly going to be with us for a long time and there will not be any 'quick fix'. Every time there is a rain event or a forecast of rain we have very worried residents who are afraid that their homes will be threatened again.

**The Community Meeting at Pohara on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February** was very well attended by residents, Tasman District Council staff, Councillors and Community Board members.

Adrian Humphries (Recovery Manager Tasman District Council) advised that the Nelson Tasman Recovery Office has now produced a Recovery Action Plan which he described as a very high level document. Adrian advised that residents could contact the Tasman District Recovery Team directly with any issue they may have so it can be logged as a Service request and dealt with according to priority.

Direct dial is 03 543 7254

Or email [eoc.recovery.2011@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:eoc.recovery.2011@tasman.govt.nz)

- To date \$700,000 has been spent on the event and to date a loan of \$1.5 million has been approved by the Council.
- NZ Transport Agency, Civil Defence, EQC, Local Authority Protection Programme and the Tasman District Council Disaster Fund are all different funding agencies from which some monies will be recouped.
- EQC representative stated that so far there are 950 claims received
- 116 inspections completed by engineers
- 150 open Claims

- All claims lodged up until 14 days prior to that meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb) have been seen.
- If anyone wants to contact EQC then email [nelsonflood@eqc.govt.nz](mailto:nelsonflood@eqc.govt.nz)

Residents were given an undertaking that Council staff will carry identification and introduce themselves to homeowners if they are working near property boundaries.

Regular update newsletters will be produced every Tuesday and will be available on the Tasman District Council Website. [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz)

## **Restoring a House after Flood Damage**

BRANZ has produced a pamphlet which is available at the Takaka Service Centre.

## **2. Project Janszoon**

This amazing funding gift for our Abel Tasman National Park is so significant I have included some abridged details from the newspaper.

An extensive 30-year multi-million dollar project to restore Abel Tasman National Park's natural ecology is being launched with initial funding from a private family trust.

The far-reaching ecological project, called Project Janszoon, aims to enhance native forest and wildlife over close to 80% of the 22,500-hectare park by 2042, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dutch explorer Abel Janszoon Tasman discovering New Zealand.

Project Janszoon is a partnership between the Department of Conservation and the Project Janszoon Trust, formed last December to support the Abel Tasman conservation programme with initial funding from a philanthropic New Zealand family who wish to remain anonymous.

Project Janszoon Director, Devon McLean, said the project was named after the middle name of Abel Tasman to symbolise restoring the ecological heart and essence of the Park.

“The Project Janszoon Trust wants the 2042 celebrations of the park's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abel Tasman's visit to be a celebration of an outstanding conservation success story.”

Project Janszoon intends to increase the abundance of native species still found in the park including kaka, bellbirds, tui, weka, Powelliphanta snails, northern rata and mistletoes. It also aims to return species no longer found in the park, including possibly great spotted kiwi, mohua, and sooty shearwater.

It is aimed to highly involve Iwi and the community in the project and to carry out educational programmes.

Project Janszoon has been divided into three distinct phases:

1. Secure - 2012 to 2015 - through planning for pest control, baseline monitoring, planting projects, education and funding initiatives.
2. Restore - 2013 to 2023 - through pest control tasks, tree planting, involvement of schools and media communication.
3. Future proof - 2017 to 2043 - through education initiatives, park history being told and the establishment of an endowment fund to secure conservation gains made.

Project Janszoon Director, Devon McLean, is a Nelson-born businessman and former Chief Executive Officer of Carter Holt Harvey Ltd. He is Chairman of the Project Crimson Trust which in partnership with the Department of Conservation is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of New Zealand's pohutukawa and rata trees.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Project Janszoon Trust Director, Devon McLean, expressing our appreciation to the Trust on behalf of the people of Golden Bay, for this remarkable gift to enhance the Abel Tasman National Park.”*

### **3. Tasman District Council Draft Long term Plan**

This has now been released and is out for submission. You have until Tuesday 3 April to get your submission in to Council.

There is a special Long Term Plan Summary Edition Document that everyone will have received in the mail.

This is your opportunity to have your say on what Council does and how your rate money is spent. Do exercise your right to comment.

The Golden Bay Community Board will make its submission available to everyone once it is prepared.

*Recommendation:*

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board prepares a submission to the Tasman District Council Draft Long Term Plan.”*

Dates for Meetings to discuss the Draft Long Term Plan:

**Wednesday March 14:**

2.00 pm - 4.30 pm Takaka Fire Station

6.30 pm - 8.00 pm Collingwood - St Cuthbert's Sunday School Hall

Council Golden Bay Submission Hearings

1 May 2012: 10.00am - 5.00pm venue to be advised

<b>4. Te Waikoropupu / Pupu – Proposal to Change Road Names</b>
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It was agreed at the February meeting the matter of the proposed name change from Pupu to Te Waikoropupu Valley and Springs roads would “lie on the table” until all of the residents of Pupu Springs and Pupu Valley roads have received a consultation letter asking for comment on the recommendation that both names “Pupu” and “Te Waikoropupu” be on the directional road signs.

It was further agreed that Board Member Symmons would take the matter to the Manawhenua meeting to also consult with their members.

The Board was therefore not prepared to make a formal recommendation to the Engineering Services Committee until we had further feedback from both groups.

We have since received information from the new Australian and New Zealand Guide lines on Rural and Urban addressing (AS/NZ 4819:2011) which has been recently published.

There may be implications for any proposed name changes in this document.

*Recommendation:*

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board postpones any recommendation to Engineering Services regarding any proposed name changes of Pupu Valley and Pupu Springs roads until full consultation with the residents of the affected roads, and Manawhenua is completed.*

*Further, it is acknowledged that the new Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Rural and Urban Addressing may have an impact on any such proposed name change.”*

## **5. Sicon Spraying on the Village Green**

Beryl Wilkes, Tasman District Council’s Parks and Reserves Manager responded to the concern expressed about spraying on the Village Green the day of the Mardi Gras; she states:

*“Around the township SICON only use an organic spray called “Hitman” to control weeds in the hard paved areas etc.*

*It has a very quick action and would not have been an issue for anyone using the reserve the day of spraying or the following days.”*

This information is very reassuring for us all.

## **6. Rubbish Bags**

The Board was contacted with a concern that the larger rubbish bags were now cheaper than the small ones and this reduction in price appeared to be rewarding people for having more rubbish. We referred this matter to Engineering Services and David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer, replied:

*“You are correct in noting that the yellow, larger rubbish bags work out cheaper per litre, and this is a product of the real costs of collecting rubbish bags.*

*When deciding pricing for Council’s rubbish bags Council needs to consider a range of factors, including:*

- *Fixed and variable costs of the activity*
- *Value for money for ratepayers*
- *Commercial alternatives*
- *Value of landfill space, and*
- *Geographical factors*

*The introduction of the larger rubbish bags last year was with the intent of better providing for larger households in the district, who previously have less options available. These rubbish bags compete with two or three other rubbish bag and wheelie bin providers in the Richmond urban area, and the new bags were priced accordingly.*

*Over time we expect that Council's share of the rubbish collection will consolidate (it has been diminishing over time) and Council will be able to adjust the price of the smaller rubbish bags accordingly".*

## **7. Birds Hill**

Work has been approved for Birds Hill to be restored and it is hopefully expected to be finished mid-year, all going well.

We are fortunate that we will have Michael Kargar of New Zealand Transport Agency at our March meeting so we will get a full update on these and other NZTA matters affecting Golden Bay.

## **8. Totaranui Road**

This is another roading issue that was of huge concern for Golden Bay and indeed the whole region. It was certainly a huge relief to have confirmation that this vital tourist road which generates so much income for the region will be restored and I am sure that we will have an update on this also from Michael Kargar at the March meeting.

## **9. Old Library Site**

Work is ongoing to come up with proposals for this site. I know I said we would have boards displaying various design options for this area. We had hoped they would be there for public comment and feedback over the holiday period. We are sorry that it did not happen but the staff were initially involved in the disaster work and now are working on the recovery phase. This work is just temporarily delayed, however we have had work progressing recently and are hoping we may have something to display to the public soon.

## **10. Waste Water treatment Plant Open Day**

The Open Day which was held on-site at the Haldane Road location on 17 February was well attended. The Mayor, Engineering Staff, Councillors and Community Board members were all present on the day and the public were shown how the Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBS) work. We all stood above these while treated water was pumped down stone-lined basins and there was no odour whatsoever.

I believe this day and the information given to residents will have been reassuring both in terms of odour and the visual effects which have been minimized by the positioning of the RIBS and ponds. There will be ongoing monitoring and testing of the ground water at agreed bore sites.

### **11. English Language Training for Officials - ELTO**

This is an annual visit that the Golden Bay Community Board hosts which is organised by Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology. The officials in the ELTO programme meet with the Board and enjoy learning about the self-determination and participatory processes in the community. They want to know how the Community Board works, how often we have elections, what our jurisdiction is and all about the community. It is a real privilege for us to meet these interesting men and women. This current intake included officials from Timor Leste, which has been reintroduced to the programme; there were 17 all together - 10 men and 7 women, representing Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor Leste & Vietnam – an interesting mix. They almost all work in Local Government in their countries and have been chosen from a huge number of applicants for this programme.

### **12. Port of Golden Bay at Taroakohe**

Harbour Manager Alan Kilgour gave an update at the February Community Board meeting and we are hoping that these updates will be a regular feature at each monthly Board Meeting.

There will be a Port Taroakohe meeting next week which will be attended by both Councillors Sangster and Bouillir and me. It is hoped a verbal update will be able to be given at the March meeting.

### **13. Rainbow Valley Community – Public Walkway Proposal**

The residents of Rainbow Valley have approached the Golden Bay Community Board regarding the opportunity for a public walkway vested in Tasman District Council. Although there are outstanding issues with part of an unformed road the plan put forward by the residents of Rainbow would provide a win /win solution for all parties. I understand that Council staff are working on this matter and attempting to work through the technical issues.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Council’s Manager Property Services be asked to report to the April Board meeting on this issue.”*

### **14. Fire Protection Amendments to the Tasman Resource Management Plan**

From the 29 February Environment and Planning Committee meeting Fire protection for rural dwellings there is a TRMP change 34 – Managing Fire Risk to Rural Dwellings for notification in March 2012. This plan change will, in some instances,

require new or additional dwellings to install up to three water tanks to provide a domestic supply and separate fire protection supply.

Board member Symmons attended this meeting and believes the Golden Bay Community Board should be submitting on this issue.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to Tasman District Council on the change to the TRMP regarding Managing Fire Risk to Rural Dwellings.”*

### **15. AA Finger Signs**

The Golden Bay Community Board were disappointed that the old AA yellow directional signs that were promised to the Golden Bay Community Board have been disposed of privately. It appears that although Council staff were aware that we had requested these signs when being replaced by the new blue ones, the contractors were unaware of this request.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT The Golden Bay Community Board write to all contractors who are likely to be removing old signs and replacing them with new ones asking that the old signs be given to the Community Board. This would provide the Board with the opportunity to either auction the signs for funds for community purposes or dispose of them to the local Museums, whichever is appropriate.”*

### **16. Amalgamation Meeting**

The Golden Bay Community Board is in the process of arranging an information meeting for the public of Golden Bay. We will advise as soon as we have all the details finalised.

### **17. EcoFest**

As part of the Ecofest 'outreach', Council will be staging an Ecofest (mini) Expo in Golden Bay, Saturday 12 May, at the Takaka Primary School.

Co-ordinator, Jo Reilly, met with Claire Webster and a number of other local people to explore and plan the event. We will keep you up-to-date with developments.



## 18. Aging in Place in Golden Bay

Both councillors and community board members attended a presentation of the investigation into our ageing population in Golden Bay and what they need to be able to 'Age in Place'.

This report was commissioned by the Golden Bay Work Centre Trust and was prepared by Dr Bjarne Vandeskog, Abbi Vandeskog and Dr Linda Liddicoat and financed by the Lottery Community Sector Research Fund.

This report provides valuable research data about our ageing population that can be used to plan for the future.

- 2011 – 43% of population is 50+ and 33% - 55+
- In 10 – 20 years, close to 50% of population will be retirement age.

It is well worth reading, is available online at [www.gbworkcentre.org.nz/pdfs/ageinginplace - feb2012.pdf](http://www.gbworkcentre.org.nz/pdfs/ageinginplace-feb2012.pdf)

There is a limited supply of disks available at the Work Centre and full copies of the document are available at the library.

## 19. Landcare Ambassador

Congratulations to Sue Brown who was a guest speaker at the recent New Zealand Landcare Conference and has been honoured by being made a Landcare Ambassador.

Sue has worked tirelessly initially in our own community and New Zealand-wide spreading the word how a community's positive collaboration can make such a outstanding difference, and has been outstandingly successful. Sue has helped provide the leadership to make this success possible.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Sue Brown congratulating her on being made a Landcare Ambassador.”*

## 20. Rates Relief

We have had several enquiries to ask if Tasman District Council will consider following Nelson City Councils lead in offering rates relief to ratepayers affected by the adverse weather events. Some of these have had their homes completely destroyed and others are hoping to return to their homes once they are repaired or are working hard to try and restore their properties to some sort of normality. I understand Council is in the process of preparing a similar package.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT The Golden Bay Community Board supports the Tasman District Council proposal to look at a rates relief package to ratepayers adversely affected by the December floods.”*

Carolyn McLellan