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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 8 May 2012  
**Report Author:** Carolyn McLellan, Community Board Chair  
**Subject:** **Chairperson's Report**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains the Golden Bay Community Board Chairperson's regular meeting report.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the report be received.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Chairperson's Report RGB12-05-01.**

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**1. Amalgamation Poll**

- 1.1 Top billing for the May report must be results of the Amalgamation Poll which closed on Saturday 21 April.
- 1.2 Nelson had a 57% vote in favour of amalgamation while in Tasman it was a resounding vote against the proposal with 74% opposing amalgamation.  
  
 Tasman votes cast FOR the proposal 5802 (eligible votes 35349)  
 Votes cast AGAINST the proposal 16,873  
  
 Nelson votes FOR the proposal 10,536 (eligible votes 35623)  
 Votes cast AGAINST the proposal 7984
- 1.3 The very positive aspect of this Poll was the voter engagement which saw much heavier voting than had been originally anticipated.
- 1.4 In Nelson 52% of voting papers were returned while in Tasman it was 64%.The voter engagement exceeded typical voter turnout at triennial elections.
- 1.5 We were told we would not be able to receive a ward by ward breakdown of polling results as these figures had not been collected and the details that would identify these aspects were not included on the bar code. However, it appears this information was collected and the details of the various wards and their voting have now been made available.

**Poll Result by Ward**

	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>Moutere-Waimea</b>	<b>Motueka</b>	<b>Golden Bay</b>	<b>Lakes Murchison</b>	<b>Special</b>
<b>Vote Number</b>						
<b>For</b>	2051	1535	885	1023	265	43
<b>Against</b>	5243	4460	4150	1382	1524	114
<b>Votes</b>	7294	5995	5035	2405	1789	157
<b>%Return</b>	64.3	65.9	60.0	62.3	69.1	
<b>%Vote*</b>						
<b>For</b>	28.1	25.6	17.6	42.5	14.8	27.4
<b>Against</b>	71.7	74.3	82.3	57.4	85.2	72.6

- 1.6 It has been a long amalgamation campaign and this decisive result against the proposal certainly leaves no doubt that this model was not favoured by the public.
- 1.7 This campaign has been very divisive at times, and has on occasions seen normal good judgement and humour notably absent.
- 1.8 It is certainly hoped that all parties can now look forward to ongoing respectful and congenial working relationships to allow any wounds time to heal.

## **2. Tasman District Council Flyer and the Auditor General's opinion**

- 2.1 The flyer which caused much controversy at the April Golden Bay Community Board meeting has since been the subject of an opinion from the Auditor General. This opinion prompted Mayor Richard Kempthorne to issue a media statement, as follows:

### ***“Mayor Accepts Auditor-General's Ruling***

*Tasman's Mayor Richard Kempthorne has today accepted the view of the Auditor General that a flyer sent out with the Council's Newsline newspaper last week was in breach of the Council's resolution not to spend any money promoting or opposing the proposal to unite Tasman and Nelson Councils.*

*Mayor Kempthorne said I was conscious that we had taken the decision not promote or oppose the proposal as a Council and the intent of the flyer was purely to provide answers to some of the key questions raised in recent public meetings and to provide information not available in other material currently in circulation.*

*“The Auditor General has taken the view when read as a whole the flyer was not neutral and opposes amalgamation. I have accepted that view and will accordingly make good the loss incurred to Council as a result of the publication. The amount I will reimburse Council is \$3,088.14 (GST inclusive), which covers the set up, production, and distribution costs of the flyer”.*

*Under the Local Government Act, any unauthorised expenditure promoting or opposing the reorganisation proposal is treated as a loss and all elected members can be held “jointly and severally” liable. However, Mayor Kempthorne says that he takes personal responsibility for the content of the flyer and does not wish his fellow elected members to be exposed to the recovery of the debt.*

*Mayor Kempthorne said that in his view the matter is now closed.*

*“The remedy for the expenditure breach has been met and I do not see that the flyer in any way jeopardises the integrity of the poll and nor should it stop people from casting their vote on this important matter”*

**END”**

### **3. Civil Defence Discussion Meeting**

- 3.1 It was agreed at our April meeting that the Board would have a follow up discussion with Civil Defence Controller Jim Frater to look at all aspects of the December Emergency in order to better understand decisions that were made and get an overall understanding of the process. Jim Frater likened an Emergency Declaration to a Military Style Operation where in effect the Civil Defence Controller assumes Military Command and as such has the total overall decision making, power and control.
- 3.2 This was a very worthwhile meeting with several aspects of the December emergency explained in detail which helped alleviate any misconceptions.

### **4. Motocross**

- 4.1 The Mayor has called a meeting with all parties which has been scheduled for the end of April.
- 4.2 The matter of the Motocross noise on the track situated on the Harwood property at Motupipi has been ongoing for some years.
- 4.3 The Office of the Ombudsmen wrote to Council in August 2011 and as a result of that letter a legal opinion was sought in relation to the interpretation of rural zone noise rules.
- 4.4 Council's legal opinion in October 2011 reversed an earlier legal opinion so that the rural noise performance standard specified in the TRMP is now considered applicable to motocross activity on rural land and is no longer classified as agricultural noise.
- 4.5 A Code of Practice to ensure compliance currently operates, giving a guide to motorbike use within the specified guidelines for using the track.
- 4.6 Council has continued to take noise measurements. The matter is ongoing. I will attend this meeting on behalf of the Community Board.

### **5. Nicole Foss**

- 5.1 A very thought provoking address from this Canadian academic who has toured the world speaking about how communities can build local resilience to withstand the world, credit crisis and the impact of peak oil.
- 5.2 She encourages families to ensure they have access to cash in the event of complete credit melt down and to try and get rid of as much debt as is possible. She does not encourage anyone taking on additional debt in these times and in answer to a question about renting rather than buying in the current market she believes renting is a very comfortable place to be. She spoke of the very precarious state of the world financial markets and eventually anticipates a great popping of the world financial bubble.
- 5.3 Nicole had three talks in Golden Bay and all were well attended.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mr Laurence Boomert thanking him for his work in arranging the Nicole Foss tour and three different speaking engagements in Golden Bay.”*

<b>6. Disability Tour</b>
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- 6.1 Board Member Brookes, as part of her involvement in the Accessibility for All Committee, has arranged a disability tour of Takaka. This will show how easy or difficult shops, entrances and crossings are to negotiate by those who have disabilities. Karen took part in one of these in Richmond which she thought was very challenging so it will be interesting to see how adequate Takaka is for anyone with disabilities. I’m taking part in this and I have to say I’m quite apprehensive about how tricky it may be.

<b>7. Tourism Accommodation – Signage</b>
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- 7.1 As a result of a request for individual accommodation directional signage at White Bridge, Collingwood the Board has looked into what options are available.
- 7.2 This area has had an extensive signage upgrade to try and ensure that tourists heading up the Aorere Valley or out to Farewell Spit do go the correct way and don’t, as has happened in the past, find themselves at Bainham still looking for Farewell Spit!
- 7.3 However individual Lodges and accommodation facilities cannot expect to have signage at these road intersections where a proliferation of signs can confuse rather than assist tourists.
- 7.4 It is therefore preferable to have reflective international signage specific to individual hospitality premises at the turnoff to these facilities to enable guests to find their accommodation without difficulty. Hosts need to fill in the appropriate forms with Council, will need to pay for their signs which are international and reflective.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mr Turner informing him of Tasman District Council and MOTSAM regulations.”*

## **8. Boredom Busters Mag**

- 8.1 The April School holiday edition of this magazine did not include the full list of Boredom Buster Programmes as had previously been the case and is what parents and grandparents had come to expect from this magazine.
- 8.2 Neither were the programmes advertised on the Tasman District Council website and it was expected that each family should ring the Boredom Busters Coordinator.
- 8.3 It is acknowledged that school holidays are a very busy time of year for the Coordinator and it is surely more efficient to have the programmes published rather than leaving it to families to phone up. Since enquiries on this were initiated it is now agreed that the programmes will be on the Tasman District Council website however the actual magazine still seems to me to be the easiest way for all families to be kept up to date with the programmes that are available.

## **9. Long Term Plan Submission**

- 9.1 The Golden Bay Community Board has been allocated 20 minutes to present our submission at 10.10 am on Tuesday 1 May 2012.

## **10. Anzac Day**

- 10.1 Councillor Paul Sangster attended the services in Takaka and I attended the citizens' service in Collingwood on behalf of TDC and the Community Board. Mayor Richard Kempthorne and Mrs Jane Kempthorne were also present at the Collingwood Service along with Councillor Sangster.
- 10.2 There was a very good attendance, the Takaka Citizens Band accompanied the anthems and hymns and lead the march from the Collingwood Hall to the Cenotaph. Mayor Richard, Jane and I marched in the parade and laid the Tasman District Council wreath at the Cenotaph.
- 10.3 Barry Pomeroy, Collingwood RSA president said that they had had the best ever attendance at the Dawn Parade with over 90 present for this service of remembrance.
- 10.4 John Garner principal of Collingwood Area School who grew up in the UK gave the address from a UK perspective of life after the war; the debt of gratitude we have for those who bravely fought in all the wars and his fervent hope that we can avoid future wars and the waste of young lives on the battlefields.
- 10.5 Collingwood RSA ladies provided a great lunch and everyone enjoyed lingering over a cuppa having a yarn. Thanks to all who made this 97<sup>th</sup> Anzac day a success.

## 11. Chemical Spraying

- 11.1 At our March meeting we had a presentation by Felicity Fitz-William regarding chemical spraying by Council and Council's contractors. Ms Fitz-William had also presented a petition (signed by approx 250 people) calling for the use of organic sprays or hot water to treat weeds rather than toxic sprays which cause sensitive reactions for some people. This had been sent to Mr Selwyn Steedman, Council's Transportation Manager, and we forwarded all this additional information to Mr Steedman for his comment.
- 11.2 Mr Steedman has now responded to Ms Fitz-William and we have had a copy of that letter in which he states Council will not be using organic sprays due to the high costs and because Council already has existing contracts in place.

### *Recommendation*

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board invites Mr Steedman to speak to the Community Board regarding the existing contracts and the available sprays and methods with a view to finding a solution to the issue of toxic spraying."*

## 12. LGNZ CEO

- 12.1 It was great to meet the new CEO of Local Government New Zealand. For Malcolm Alexander it was day 12 of his new job and we were his first visit outside the greater Wellington region. It was also his first visit to Golden Bay; it was a beautiful clear day so he stopped on the top of the Hill and soaked up the amazing view of the Valley to the sea.
- 12.2 He is very enthusiastic and we covered a huge range of topics. He assured us he is there for us should we want assistance. It was an exceptionally worthwhile couple of hours.

## 13. Old Library Site

- 13.1 We are very fortunate to have had an approach from Jude Gilles (Nelson Mail Gardening columnist) to help with landscape planning for the Old Library site. Jude has a holiday home in Golden Bay so is in the Bay as often as her work allows. Glenn Thorn from Tasman District Council who did the initial plans has been flat out on the Recovery effort in Golden Bay and landscape planning has certainly not been a priority in the face of all the recovery work needing attention. Glenn was also enthusiastic to see what Jude envisaged and was pleased to have fresh input.
- 13.2 The Board has been delighted to have a variety of ideas for this area. In the short term we do hope to at least sow some grass down before winter.

### *Recommendation*

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes and thanks Jude Giles for her assistance with landscape planning for the Old Library site."*

**14. Takaka River Flood Hazard**

- 14.1 **The Golden Bay Community Board has received the Report from Lisa McGlinchey and the following resolution from March 29<sup>th</sup> Environment and Planning meeting is noted here.**

**Moved Crs Norriss/Dowler  
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**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee:**

- a) receives the Takaka River Flood Hazard – Community Feedback Summary and refers it to the Golden Bay Community Board for further discussion and feedback from the Takaka community.**  
**b) staff be instructed to continue the hold on work for the South Takaka Draft Plan Change and Structure Plan.**

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board meets with Lisa McGlinchey and Eric Verstappen on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 to discuss the Takaka River Flood Hazard Report and workshop the issues in order to report back to the Environment and Planning committee with a recommendation.”*

This Report is available on the TDC Website.

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/link/takaka-river-flood-hazard>

**15. Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme**

- 15.1 Everyone is welcome to make a submission on this document which is for 2012-2015. The full draft Regional Land Transport Programme contains:

- An overview and introduction;
- An explanation of the strategic context;
- An assessment of how the programme meets core legislative requirements;
- An assessment of the relationship of police activities to the programme;
- An overview of the proposed monitoring of implementation.
- Submissions by 4pm Monday 21 May.

*Recommendation*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission on the Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2015.”*

**16. Golden Bay Issues from Engineering Services Committee meeting 26 April 2012**

- 16.1 **Water Networks**



Tenders for improvements to the Pohara Valley water supply closed on 4 April 2012 and the tender is expected to be awarded by end of this month, following approval by the Environment and Planning Department of the outline plan.

16.2 Pohara Valley – Leak detection survey revealed two large leaks which were repaired, reducing daily volume from around 200m<sup>3</sup> to 30m<sup>3</sup> per day.

### 16.3 **Resource Recovery Centres**

Waste tonnages at Resource Recovery Centres are on target overall with volumes rising at Richmond and Mariri and falling at Takaka, Collingwood and Murchison. While income for the year to date is at 98% of budget, expenditure at some sites is tracking above budget due to unexpected maintenance and operational requirements.

16.4 Installation of new site signage is now scheduled for all remaining sites (Takaka, Murchison and Collingwood), as well as other minor civil and mechanical works. A video surveillance camera has now been installed at the Murchison site primarily in order to monitor after hours activities at the site.

### 16.5 **Closed landfills**

Capital works at the closed Rototai landfill (Golden Bay) remain deferred as the long term future of the site is considered in light of flood events.

### 16.6 **Regional Waste Minimisation**

The proposed Nelson-Tasman Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (JWMMP) was released for public consultation on 9 December 2011 and the period for submissions closed on 31 January 2012. A total of 17 submissions were received, and a hearing of submissions was held on 19 March.

### 16.7 **Golden Bay Maintenance**

February has been a busy period for the maintenance contractor. Normal maintenance activities have been undertaken as well as continued recovery works following the December flood event. Fulton Hogan staff from outside of the Golden Bay area will continue to supplement the local crews for some time yet to ensure work programmes are completed.

16.8 A summary of general works completed during February:

- Installation of various new signs throughout the network.
- Reseal programme for 2011/2012 completed.
- Continued spraying operations as required.
- Pavement maintenance on sealed and un-sealed carriageways.
- Removal of summer seasonal speed restriction signs.
- Clearance of wind damaged trees within road reserve.
- Completion of Rototai/Boundary Road footpath construction.
- Recovery response to December 2011 floods within Golden Bay.

16.9 Items not completed during this period:

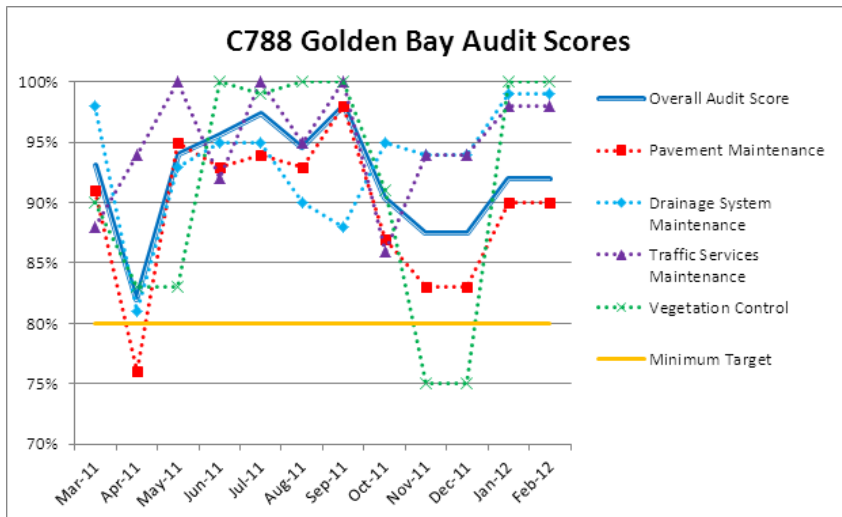
- Cobb Dam Road (Lower section) pre-reseal repairs.

16.10 Items underway and / or programmed for completion in March-April 2012 include:

- Water table improvements.
- Sign upgrades.
- Cobb Dam Road (lower section) pre-reseal repairs.
- Undertake any further recovery work required following the December floods.
- Night time delineation audit.

16.11 The most recent MWH audit of the Golden Bay network indicated that the network, as a whole, was in an acceptable standard. Even though the maintenance contractor has been busy undertaking recovery works, the routine maintenance items are still being completed to the expected standard.

16.12 The results of recent MWH audits of the network condition are shown in the following chart.



Audit items were within specification for the January/February period. Vegetation control is back within specification after being down over the November/December period.

**16.13 Rivers Report**

This report covers works completed in the January/February 2012 period.

16.14 Taylors Contracting Company Ltd has now been engaged in the annual and operations maintenance programme (AOMP) works programme for approximately seven months.

16.15 Progress has been disappointing with the first six months of this contract. There has been a marked improvement in performance for February 2012 but the programme is presently tracking significantly behind schedule. The contractor did not meet their own predicted fall of expenditure figure for February. This has since again been revised by Taylors Contracting Company Ltd and they have shown a flat line expenditure for the last four months of the financial year of \$250,000 per month.

- 16.16 Taylors are required to report fortnightly on progress on the AOMP work schedule.
- 16.17 Taylors still remain confident in completing the AOMP by 30 June 2012.
- 16.18 Total expenditure to date on the AOMP including revised related tasks is \$723,761 out of a total annual budget of \$1,671,355.
- 16.19 We are presently putting more time into monitoring progress on this contract and assisting where appropriate to get this contract back on track. The contractor has appointed a new Contracts Manager to manage this contract.
- 16.20 The main focus of work in the reporting period has been as follows.
- Rock Bank protection – Takaka and Waingaro Rivers.
  - Crack Willow Management – Takaka, Waingaro, Lower Motueka and Wai-iti Rivers.
  - Mechanical Clearing – Takaka River.
  - Willow Layering – Takaka, Motupiko and Waingaro Rivers.
  - Chemical Spraying – Dove River.
- 16.21 **2010 December Flood Repairs**  
Aorere River Flood Damage Repairs – Contract 830 – Sollys Contracting are still working on completing the original contract works on the Y rated areas on two private properties. Delays have mainly been due to the rock not meeting the specified size range and the diversion of Sollys plant to other activities.
- 16.22 It is expected that all the original Contract 830 will be completed except for the amended variation No 3. Work has now commenced on Variation No 3 on a private property at Bainham and is unlikely to be completed until the end of May 2012.
- 16.23 Work is also being carried out in the vicinity of two private properties in the lower Aorere River. This work has involved repairing failed wall from recent flood events and will include the construction of two large groynes to deflect the river away from eroding bank and past flood channel. This work has also been delayed due to the lack of rock and plant. It is hoped that it will be completed by the end of May 2012.
- 16.24 All flood damage work has been completed at the seven flood damaged sites on the Wangapeka River.
- 16.25 All the flood damaged works in the Murchison area including the Owen River works have been completed. This contract was undertaken by Ferguson Brothers Ltd who made excellent progress with all the original scheduled works, additional works and variation work undertaken in the Owen River area.

- 16.26 We have received five requests for technical assistance in River Z areas with two follow up applications being received. One approved River Z works on the Owen River has been completed for the period.
- 16.27 Offal and other rubbish continue to be an ongoing issue with the lower section of the Waimea River being exceptionally bad for this. We are currently investigating and will be placing cameras in the area to address this compliance issue.
- 16.28 At the March meeting, the Committee requested a report relating to gravel extraction. This report was to discuss the issues around gravel extraction with the various departments and provide information to the Engineering Services Committee. Due to the nature of the report and the lack of staff time available for preparing this report it will now be provided at the June meeting.

## **17. Natural Burial Areas**

Attached to the agenda is the Natural Burial Areas report for Rototai Cemetery by the Reserves Manager.

Carolyn McLellan  
Chairperson