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This has been a month where I have been somewhat preoccupied welcoming a new very small granddaughter (1.98kgs) to our family. I missed our workshop on the Takaka Flood Hazard as we have been helping out in Nelson with the other children. The new arrival Amy is now home and doing well.

Mik too is awaiting the birth of his first grandchild and has been on granddad duty in Wellington helping out prior to the birth.

1. Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Lynley and Stuart Chalmers and the Edmondson family in their loss of Lynley’s Mum, Kath Edmondson.

2. Chief Executive Officer - Lindsay McKenzie

The Golden Bay Community Board extends a very warm welcome to the new Tasman District Council CEO, Lindsay McKenzie.

The Board met with Lindsay on day twelve of his appointment to this new job. He was accompanied by Pamela White EA (Executive Assistant) to the CEO and Mayor, and Human Resources Manager, Joanna Cranness.

Lindsay and his wife had toured around the district prior to starting work; he said it is very interesting what you hear and what people tell you when they do not know who you are!!

It was a very relaxed and informal meeting where many issues were discussed. Lindsay has an open invitation to attend Board meetings whenever time permits and he has said he will assist the Board with issues which have previously caused

difficulties. The Board was very heartened with our first meeting and looks forward to building on this relationship.

3. Long Term Plan (LTP) Hearings

Board members spoke to their written submission at the LTP hearings in Takaka on 1st May. Other items brought up by submitters were noted and will be discussed by the Board.

4. Takaka Flood Hazard Workshop

Following up on the Takaka River Flood Hazard project, the Board met with project leader Lisa McGlinchey, Rivers scientist Eric Verstappen and Tasman District Council planning staff to discuss the feedback from the open day held last November and subsequent public submissions.

The Environment and Planning Committee decided in March that the feedback summary should be referred back to the board as the basis for further discussion and feedback from the Takaka community.

The Board also took the opportunity to show staff some of the areas where gravel has built up in the river, the bank on Duncan Mackenzie's property, and some of the other flood channels and banks around the town.

From Lisa McGlinchey:

Summary of discussion points from Golden Bay Community Board Workshop – 15 May 2012:

1. There appears to be no appetite in the local community for significant expenditure associated with a structural engineered response to the flood hazard risk from extreme flood events (>50yr ARI). Response to this risk should focus on planning methods including protection of flow paths, land use and building controls and zone review to minimise the risks.
2. There appears to be appetite in the local community for limited expenditure associated with small scale structural engineered responses to the flood hazard risk from small to moderate flood events (<20yrARI). Such responses would focus on providing a consistent level of protection from existing stopbanks and elevated land, including possible options for enhancement of these banks and discussions with the landowner regarding future Council legal access to and management of the bank. Other flood management

measures, such as improving key urban flow paths, could also to be considered to further reduce flood risk from small to moderate flood events.

3. Gravel extraction in specific locations, such as the Waingaro confluence and upstream of the Waitapu Bridge, is of interest to the community. The Community Board would like to see another Takaka River cross-section survey undertaken to provide information on the nature and extent of changes within the Takaka River bed since the last survey in 2006. This survey would help quantify any changes in bed morphology as a result of flood activity since 2006 and help determine if targeted gravel extraction would reduce the frequency of floodwater breakout in small to medium events (<20yrARI).
4. There is also interest in the local community to pursue options to improve stream health, including investigating possible reinstatement of flood flushing of the Te Kakau and Motupipi waterways, undertaking riparian planting to improve stream shading and investigating other land use management methods to improve water quality.

5. Patons Rock Storm water upgrade

Council has been working on a solution to the flooding in this area that occurs when there is heavy rain and due to the fact that the road is very low lying coupled with pipes that block up on the beach.

This will be a very welcome stormwater upgrade for the residents of Patons Rock.

See photos and details attached.

8. Totaranui Road Opening

The June 29 is the official date for the re-opening of this road. I know that all those who love to camp at Totaranui will be relieved to know that they will soon be able to return to this iconic spot.

9. Fishbowl Opening – Collingwood Area School

I attended the opening of the new block at Collingwood Area School named “The Fishbowl” because there are windows surrounding the tiered auditorium area. The official name is Hei Wananga O Te Motoiti (present to the future).

This block which has seen a total makeover for the library and new spaces for video conferencing, sound proof room for music classes, and computer spaces will meet the future needs of the students of CAS for years to come.

This half million dollar development has been funded by the School from their property budget, (saved up to allow them to do undertake this upgrade), and has been topped up with a contribution from the Ministry of Education.

The building work was done by local contractors AC Builders whose team were present at the opening and whom Principal John Garner congratulated for the way in which they worked on this project with the minimum of disruption to classes and teaching.

Recommendation:

That The Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Collingwood Area School Principal John Garner and the Board of Trustees congratulating them on their Fishbowl building project.

10. Disability Tour

This was an excellent insight into the obstacles and difficulties encountered by those who have disabilities while going about their every day shopping and chores.

Board member Karen Brookes' report is attached.

11. Fracking and Mining

The practice of fracking is contentious and may have an adverse environmental impact. Our community has concerns about any future applications that may utilize fracking to extract any substance. We would like to be assured that any such future application would need a fully notified consent process to ensure that the Community would have the opportunity to have their say on an issue such as this.

There is currently exploratory mining work being conducted in Golden Bay. The community would like reassurance that they will have adequate opportunities to comment on any such mining applications.

Recommendation:

That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council to enquire what process

would be followed for any application that may be made in the future for fracking consent.

Furthermore, the Golden Bay Community Board wishes to be informed of the process that will be followed for any mining application in Golden Bay and specifically what the current status of the exploration at Sam's Creek and the process for any application for this particular mining venture.

12. Abel Tasman 370 (2012)

I invited Penny Griffith to supply details of planned events for the Tasman 370 Commemoration as I know she has been working hard to get all the details for this event finalised. So this from Penny:

“This year is turning out to be even more lively than planned, with the unexpected arrival of Project Janszoon, the visit of Gerco and Maaiké (researching for their “View on Golden Bay” project) and fundraising to purchase a 1726 engraving for Nelson Provincial Museum. June will be especially busy, with a new display at Nelson Provincial Museum (from 15 June) and “Cultures in Concert” at the Nelson School of Music on Sunday 17 June at 2pm. The concert will include performances by the Koata Whanau (kapa haka and old-style songs) between a Douglas Lilburn piano sonata, and a string orchestra playing “Landfall in Unknown Seas”. The latter was written for the 1942 tercentenary of Tasman’s voyage of discovery, and includes narration of Allen Curnow’s iconic poem. On the same weekend, the Netherlands Ambassador is hosting a seminar for 10 invited scholars, including two from Holland, who will debate a surprising number of matters of “fact” before a small audience. Closer to home, on 28 June Tony Richardson will talk at Takaka Memorial Library on “Design & Build (1942): Ernst Plischke and the Abel Tasman Memorial”. This talk, hosted by the Golden Bay Museum Society, will invite community input through photos and reminiscences. And there’s still 6 months of events to go after that! The website www.abeltasman370.com is regularly updated with information.”

13. TDC Golden Bay Eco Fest

Held at Takaka Primary School on the 12th May – this was a very successful day with variety of stalls and speakers. The warm sunny day ensured a great atmosphere where it was easy to relax and have a chat while enjoying great food and I’m sure that everyone who attended went home with some treasure and fresh ideas. I found out about the Government “Warm up NZ” scheme for insulation and heaters from Absolute Energy who were at Eco Fest.

14. Insulation for your home

- Did you realise that this is the last year that the Government subsidy scheme, (33% off - up to \$1300) for insulation of homes built prior to 2000, will operate?

- If you are a homeowner with a community services card or a landlord with a tenant holding a Community Services card you may be able to get funding of 60% off the cost of insulating. However this 60% deal is limited so you need to check with the insulation providers.
- This scheme is not income tested.
- If you are renting, your landlord can also access this subsidy.
- You can receive a further \$500 towards an efficient heater once you have adequate insulation.
- You may already have insulation installed prior to 2000 however it may need a top up layer to be really efficient. This subsidy will apply to that.
- Once the Govt subsidy has been subtracted you can pay the remainder through your property rates with TDC.
- The Provider at Eco Fest was Absolute Energy from Nelson
- Visit Enquiries@AbsoluteEnergy.co.nz or
- Phone 0800 423 454 for more information.

15. Outstanding Community Awards

This is an opportunity for us to recognise those members of our community who have made a valuable contribution over the years.

The information is available at the Takaka Service Centre and it is not a difficult process. Just put together the reasons why you believe a member of the community should receive an award and get it in to Council before 30th June.

Let's make sure we do celebrate and honour those individuals who have made such a difference to this community.

16. Golden Bay Honours

This was raised at the May Community Board Meeting by Sally Everett who asked that people who had served the community well over a long period of time be formally acknowledged and presented with perhaps a lapel pin and a certificate.

The idea has been raised previously and it would be interesting to pursue this further. It would be quite separate to the Outstanding Awards which are presented by Council.

This would be a Golden Bay community initiative and as such could not be driven solely by the Community Board although we may have a representative on a committee to make a decision.

Recommendation:

That the Golden Bay Community Board discusses this idea and decides if we wish to pursue it and if so how?

17. Outstanding Natural Landscapes

The fourth meeting of the Golden Bay outstanding natural landscapes working group was held on 23rd of May. This group represents landowners, business people, environmental groups, Manawhenua, DOC and the Council. The aim of the group is to get a workable agreement on what are outstanding landscapes and features in Golden Bay, and what changes might be made to the TRMP rules in ONL areas.

ONLs are required to be identified in the TRMP and the Bay is the "test case" before the rest of Tasman district is assessed.

Whilst the large group has been a valuable forum, a smaller working group has been established to work on more of the detail and then report back.

18. Tasman District Council Annual Phone Survey

You may be selected to take part in this annual survey to rate the Council and is an opportunity for you to give your views on what the Council is doing well and any ways that Council may be able to improve its performance. The survey will be undertaken by the National Research Bureau between May 25th and June 6th.

Those residents who take part will have their identities kept anonymous and the results of the 2012 survey and previous results will be available online at <http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/reports/resident-survey/>

19. Solar Water Heating

This matter has again been brought to the Community Board with Nancy-Jean Bell requesting that Council subsidize solar water heating.

We know there is no spare money for Council to currently look at any scheme such as this however if Council was to look at a bulk buying scheme to give ratepayers these units at a better price that may be helpful.

20. Lighting and the Night Sky

If you have travelled the Ruby Bay Bypass at night you may have noticed the new lighting at the intersections. This LED lighting shines down and keeps the night sky light pollution free.

The Golden Bay Community Board has had several approaches over the years to have our night sky kept light pollution free.

The example has been given of Tekapo which has embraced this concept of an unpolluted starry night sky.

Tekapo is under consideration for World Starlight Reserve status, the results of which will be known early June.

Seven years ago the Mackenzie District Council initiated an extensive series of Public meetings to establish the Tekapo District's blueprint for the Town's future. There were extensive discussions and Town planners, Government advisors and other experts were called in from many fields.

The result of the public meetings and debate was a major policy document called the 'Tekapo Vision'. One of the very important cornerstones of this document was the statement – "That we protect the dark sky".

It was shortly after the release of the Tekapo Vision that the first thoughts arose locally about the concept for a type of "Park in the Sky" to help ensure Tekapo's precious asset was not lost through light pollution, not only for the sake of Mt John but for future generations. It was a simple concept but one that quickly caught on, particularly Internationally where a good many parts of the World have already lost their starry night Sky.

Recommendation:

That The Golden Bay Community Board looks to raise awareness of this in the Community and enquires from Council ways in which we can look at preserving our starry night sky and minimizing the light pollution.

21. Motocross Code of Practice

This is the Community Board's submission to the Draft Code of Practice.

"Submission regarding Motocross Code of Practice

The issue of Motocross noise in the Motupipi area has been a matter of concern for a number of years, having first being brought to the Board's notice in 2005. Over the

years a Code of Practice has been developed, which really has done no more than legitimize what residents see as intrusive noise that is not from a rural activity.

The track operators have largely obeyed the Code, although there have been times where they have operated outside designated times, and with more bikes on the track than allowed by the code. Noise levels taken by Council staff have also exceeded allowable levels.

The Golden Bay Community Board would like to submit that:-

1. The revised Code of Practice be re-named The Code of Compliance.
2. That the Code of Compliance be strictly monitored.
3. That there be a sunset clause in the agreement, so that the Motupipi Motocross track on Harwood's property be shut down in 18 months, i.e. on the 30th November, 2013. This will give plenty of time for participants to find an alternative venue.
4. The allowable hours of riding per day be limited to three.
5. Any track that is used regularly ie more than two days per week, or is used for competitive events or training requires a resource consent as a notified activity."

22. Collingwood Streetscaping

Council's Steve Elkington met with Paddy Gillooly and me to look at the draft plans for low cost streetscaping of Collingwood. These plans include a different parking configuration which will result in increased parking spaces on Tasman Street along with traffic calming measures, planting trees and a general tidy up of ropes, bollards, seats and rubbish bins along with water-blasting the concrete areas of the township.

Mr Elkington will laminate some plans that we will distribute around local shops for residents to peruse and comment back to us. We will arrange a meeting in a couple of months to discuss what everyone thinks of the plans.

I stress they are low cost as there is very little money being allocated for streetscaping in these times of fiscal restraint.

23. 1080

Nicola and Peter Blasdale spoke to Public Forum at the May meeting regarding their concerns that 1080 is to be dropped in the catchment supplying the Tukurua community water scheme.

Nicola stated the water scheme would be shut off for two days or until satisfactory water tests are obtained.

She contacted Vector Control to request that they do not make a drop in the vicinity of the water scheme however the water scheme for all the households in Tukurua is on private land and only the landowner can make this request. The landowner has declined to get involved.

She has also appealed to the Nelson-Marlborough Public Health Water Assessor however she was not optimistic that he will get involved in this issue.

Recommendation:

That the Community Board writes to Council recommending that where there are Community water schemes such as this one at Tukurua that Vector Control be required to do ground control and have an adequate exclusion zone to ensure that there is no 1080 finding its way into a community's water supply.

24. Coast Care

Following the May Board meeting Board members visited the area planted out by Coast Care in Collingwood, accompanied by Rob Lewis the Coast Care Coordinator.

Pingau and Spinnifex which have been planted on the accreted area have established well, giving the area a wild and unspoiled feel which is appreciated by locals and visitors who regularly walk the paths through the dunes.

The area around the car park has unfortunately been vandalised with plantings having been roughly cut down and left where they fell. Local volunteers have been very disappointed to see this damage. The Board discussed that:

- Locals need to get involved and discuss the plantings they want for the area
- Plantings should be height appropriate
- When any plantings on Council reserves or coast care areas need pruning or work carried out, contact Council and the necessary work will be carried out in the best way so that no damage occurs.

Thanks to Rob Lewis and his team for their ongoing work with Coast Care and the local volunteers in all the Coast Care projects who give their time so generously.

The Board has requested an article in Newline to inform the public of the process if they wish to have vegetation on Council reserves trimmed.

25. Golden Bay Community Board Submission to Nelson City Council - Nelson Bays Heritage Trust Nelson Provincial Museum

“The Golden Bay Community Board has been very concerned about the lack of suitable storage facilities for the valuable collections held on behalf of the community of the Nelson Region.

We have in the past toured the facilities at Isel and are aware of the shortcomings at that facility.

We are pleased to see that Nelson City has included \$3.75 million towards addressing the museum’s storage needs in year 4 (2014-15) of the LTP.

We are aware that Tasman District Council has supported a joint strategic review in the Long Term Plan to look at the overall needs of the Regional Museum facilities, including storage. We support this proposal for a joint council strategic review that will examine all aspects of preserving and displaying our valuable heritage collections. We believe it is urgent that this review is undertaken immediately to ensure that both councils can agree on a way forward.

The budgeted allocation from Nelson City Council can then hopefully be matched by Tasman District Council to implement any recommendations made by the strategic review to care for the Taonga of our Nelson region.

Carolyn McLellan (Chair)”

26. Rates Remission

Both our councillors have supported rates remission for those who have had severely damaged properties in the December 2011 floods.

Another report will be prepared and it is hoped that some relief will be available for those families who are still out of their homes and are unlikely to be able to rebuild in the same place.

Once this draft report is adopted there will be the opportunity for the public to comment and submit.

The Council’s position is well understood that in the event of a major disaster any relief given for now should not set a precedent. It should be on a case by case basis.

Any assistance now for these badly affected families will be welcome.

27. Collingwood Camping Ground

It is really pleasing to see a positive report (RCN12-05-18) [Full Council Meetings » Tasman District Council](#) from the camp managers and they are to be congratulated for their work; it is very important for the township of Collingwood to have the camp prospering.

28. Herbicide Sprays

Two documents regarding Glyphosate (Roundup) are available for the public to view at the Golden Bay Service Centre.

29. Technology Request – Good News

This item of correspondence (6.1) is in answer to our request at the April meeting of the Board and is very welcome indeed. Thanks to all concerned.

30. Hanging Baskets in Golden Bay

Once again these have delighted us all over the last six months; what a wonderful addition they are to our towns with their vibrant colour giving us all so much joy. Our grateful thanks to Stuart Borlase and all the team involved.

Recommendation:

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Stuart Borlase and the Garden Club thanking them for their ongoing involvement in this wonderful project.

Carolyn McLellan

