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Well July has been a month of comings and goings, Mik has arrived back after his visit to family in Europe, Karen has arrived back from her trip to Western Australia, Martine has been to the Local Government Conference in Queenstown and I have just arrived back from holiday in Noosa. Consequently it's taking me a while to get a grip on all that has been going on while I've been away. Councils are very busy organisations with meetings and decisions happening all the time and it's really hard to try and catch up on it all but I'll try.

The funny thing is while in Noosa we were confronted with people trying to ensure that everyone signed the de-amalgamation petition that was circulating. Noosa wants to de-amalgamate from the Sunshine Coast Council and do 'its own thing'.

They have been working on this for several years apparently (probably since amalgamation) and locals believe that their rates are too high (sound familiar?) and it will be better if they don't have the rest of the Coast involved –they are sure that their rates will be reduced. Then talking to folk further down the Sunshine Coast in Maroochydore about this they say they really want to get shot of Noosa because they have lots of very opinionated people who want to take over everything and they whinge and moan about everything. It sounds like it will happen but I wouldn't be holding my breath about the rates going down. Just very interesting to hear about local body politics elsewhere – similar arguments and similar issues.

Also pleasing to see the Sunshine Coast motorways all have lighting that does not pollute the night sky similar to that which Council has installed on the Ruby Bay Highway.

Thanks to Leigh, Martine and Paul for looking after everything while we were all away from the Bay.

With the Olympics now in full swing it is great to see Jack Bauer from Parapara doing so well. Golden Bay will follow his progress with pride.

## **1. Totaranui Road Opening**

This seems like ages ago now – it was on the 29th June and was well attended by most of the Board; was a great occasion on a fabulous Golden Bay day, and the road was superb. Leigh was our driver and as this is a road he has driven many times when he was doing commercial trips into Totaranui, he believed it was as good as he had ever seen it - congratulations to the contractors Fulton Hogan who did an exemplary job, and to have it so far under budget is amazing.

If you haven't made the trip to Totaranui for a while it is worth a day or a weekend away to just experience this glorious place we are so fortunate to have on our doorstep.

It was a great initiative of Golden Bay Promotions to have the TV crew there at the opening to give publicity to Totaranui and Golden Bay.

## **2. Heritage Golden Bay – AGM, and 'Post Offices of Golden Bay' Book Launch**

I attended this day, and the existing committee (chaired by Barry Cashman), has been returned to office. Tributes were paid to Sally Gaffney who edited this valuable work which gives further insight into the early history of our district. These books can be purchased from the Museum for \$20.00.

*Recommendation:*

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Heritage Golden Bay congratulating them on the Post Offices of Golden Bay project and also for their ongoing work to preserve the history and heritage of Golden Bay.*

## **3. Swiftsure Street**

Work on this upgrade is now hopefully due to start the week of 13<sup>th</sup> August depending on the availability of Iwi monitors. David Stephenson will advise once they have firm start dates. See information attached to this report.

## 4. Rates Remission

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# Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters

**Submissions Close: 24 August 2012**

Tasman District Council's Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters is now available for public consultation.

- [About the Proposal](#)
- [Make a Submission](#)

## About the Proposal

The proposed Policy is for residential land affected by natural disaster, in order to provide rating relief for ratepayers unable to inhabit their dwellings or buildings as a result of natural disaster.

The Council has approved a Summary of Information and a Statement of Proposal for public consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. Your views will help guide Council's decision-making on whether to proceed with developing and adopting a policy. The proposal is contained in two documents:

- [Summary of Information - Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters \(pdf, 209 KB\)](#) - which outlines the detail of the proposal, the reason for a proposal and the period for submissions.
- [Statement of Proposal - Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters \(pdf, 228 KB\)](#) - which provides detail on the proposal, options, financial and other considerations.

The above documents are available for viewing on Council's website at [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) and during normal office hours at the following Tasman District Council offices:

- Richmond Office, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
- Motueka Office, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka
- Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka
- Murchison Office, 92 Fairfax Street, Murchison

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to Council on the Rates remission proposal.”*

## 5. Local Government Reform Bill

Council has prepared a submission to this Bill which the Golden Bay Community Board has supported.

A copy of the submission is in the Public Information Pack.

[Council Submission on Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill 2012](#)

[Council Submission on Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill 2012 - Appendix 1](#)

## 6. Labyrinth Lane – Flooding Issues

Thanks to all concerned, this problem of water not getting away which has threatened homes and inundated properties has now been resolved. 4 hours with a digger has restored the normal drainage channels. It is of concern that residents have had to come to two Community Board meetings plus attend an onsite meeting of residents before this basic maintenance drainage work was done. Hopefully all the associated issues of responsibility and liability have now been resolved.

Notes taken, and written up by Martine Bouillir at the onsite meeting, are attached to this report.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Engineering Services that the drainage channels in the Labyrinth Lane area be kept clear as part of the maintenance schedule of works.”*

## 7. Rototai Residents Meetings

Two meetings, which have been attended by both Board members and councillors have been held at the request of residents to discuss and look at ongoing maintenance of the edible art walkway and cycle track in the Rototai area. One meeting was onsite and the other an AGM of the Residents and Friends of Rototai Road.

The upkeep of this unique project has been of concern and various residents have offered to look after the upkeep of a small area each.

## **8. Vodafone Tower**

Caitlin Metz from Vodafone has written to let us know that they have a confirmed Rural Broadband site to service Takaka. They are preparing their resource consent application and hope to have that submitted shortly. It is in an elevated position North West of the Takaka township.

This elevated position means there is a huge elevation change from the mast to the nearest dwelling which is also over 400 metres away.

Caitlin goes onto say “We trust you are happy that progress is finally being made and if the RMA process runs smoothly it may be possible to have the tower live within the next six months. Residents are welcome to provide comment to Council in support of the resource consent application; we expect to lodge it next week.” (This will have already been lodged).

A map of the location is attached to this report.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to Tasman District Council in support of this tower.”*

## **9. Old library Site**

The Golden Bay Community Board and Council are working through options to optimise the insurance payout.

## **10. Rototai Toilet**

It is with great pleasure we announce that the toilet at Rototai reserve is now onsite and open for visits. We had hoped that this would have been in situ before last Christmas but the floods and adverse weather put paid to this so it's lovely to know that at last this much-needed community amenity is here. We have passed on to Community Services our appreciation and the appreciative comments and letters that have so far been received.

## **11. Natural Burials**

The Community Board has had enquires on how soon this area will be available for burials. The most up-to-date information is that Council's Community Services have engaged contractors to scope and price the work to be done. Once Council has

received this information then it will be in a better position to provide a timeline. We will keep everyone informed of progress.

#### **12. Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition**

There will be more details about this soon, but the competition will be held around the end of November, beginning of December as usual; dates to be confirmed.

#### **13. Tasman Bays Heritage Trust / Nelson Provincial Museum**

The Board has now received from Penny Griffith an independent review of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust written by Ian Wheeler and dated 28 April 2006. This information is available at the Takaka Service Centre.

#### **14. Golden Bay Community Centre Driveway**

The two carparks that were removed from the northern side of the driveway have made a big difference to safety for traffic on the state highway when vehicles are exiting the driveway; the Community Workers would like to request that one park on the southern side also be removed, adjacent to the telephone boxes.

#### **15. Communication Appeal – Service Requests**

Concern has been expressed by residents who have put in service requests but have not had any feedback from Council staff as to whether their concerns have been actioned or not.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Chief Executive enquiring as to how feedback from service requests can be better managed to keep people informed.”*

#### **15. River gravels**

Crs Sangster and Bouillir have reported that Council has set up a committee and is looking at addressing this issue under the chairmanship of the CEO. River gravels continue to be a very contentious issue in Golden Bay and especially in the lower Aorere where farms have been inundated and pasture damaged once again with flood waters and deposited debris. Managing farms is unsustainable where the river constantly breaches its banks. These farmers have no doubt that the level of gravel in the river is the major contributing factor.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports all efforts to have gravel removed from the Aorere and other affected rivers.”*

## **16. Dog Control Bylaw**

The Board has been delegated the authority by the Environment and Policy Committee to hear submissions on a proposed amendment to the Dog Control Bylaw. The proposed amendment would make Commercial Street a leash control area for dogs. This proposed amendment needs to be publicly notified and submissions invited using the special consultation procedure for making by-laws under the Local Government Act. At the end of the submission period, the Board would then assess/hear any submissions on this amendment and recommend back to Council what the final amendment should be. The final decision on a Bylaw cannot be delegated.

My concern with the proposal is that there are other options that may find wide community acceptance such as providing crossing points on Commercial Street to allow people to lawfully walk dogs on a circuit around the township and/or providing for Commercial Street to be a lease control area outside business hours (say 8:00am to 6:00pm).

While there have been expressions of community preference about what should be done I feel that the Board should respond to the Environment and Planning Committee’s request by letting the request lie on the table while further consultation on the alternatives occurs. With the assistance of staff the Board should do that further consultation. An alternative could be for the Board to decline to exercise the delegation but that would not progress matters.

If the Board is to hear submissions on a new proposal we need to be careful not to predetermine the matter and need to show that we are open to considering the proposal that comes out of the further consultation.

*Recommendation:*

*That the Golden Bay Community Board –*

- 1. Requests that the Environment and Policy Committee agree to the Board undertaking consultation on the alternatives to amending the Dog Control Bylaw to make Commercial Street a lease control area;*

2. *Leaves the request to exercise the delegation to lie on the table awaiting the Committee's response and the outcome of any further consultation with the community.*

## **17. Grants from Rates**

Applications for this fund are due at the end of this month - the 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Golden Bay Community Board in the past has made application to fund the banners being erected in the main street of Takaka and Collingwood. We need to discuss what funding we should apply for his year.

Mike Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Advisor) suggested last year we should make application to replace some or all of our banner brackets with the flag makers ones that can be erected by a local volunteers instead of (as at present) where we have to employ an accredited electrical person do the installation each year.

My suggestion is we make application to the Community Development fund (now incorporated with Grants from Rates) for 12 new flag makers' brackets for Collingwood. We can trial them there, as Collingwood traditionally has more wind in the main street and we have greater damage to the banners in this location. This will obviate the expense of having to have the accredited person go out to Collingwood although there will be an initial expense to put these brackets up for the first time which will need to be included in the application.

In addition the Golden Bay Community Board has in the past made application to the Grants from Rates fund to purchase a locally produced work of art at some time during the 3-year electoral cycle.

*Recommendation:*

*"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board discusses making application to Grants from Rates for:*

1. *Funding to erect the holiday banners in Takaka; and*
2. *To the Community Development Fund for funding to erect the Flag makers brackets and banners in Collingwood; and*
3. *To commission a local work of art for either the Golden Bay meeting room, or a sculpture or similar for the old library site."*



## **18. Collingwood Streetscaping**

The concept plans for Collingwood's streetscaping have been on view over the last few weeks; our thanks to those who have put in their submissions.

Carolyn McLellan