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The Community Board has been involved in three wonderful celebrations of community this month.

1. Lindsay McKenzie - Powhiri

August 7 saw the community gather at Onetahua Marae to attend the Powhiri for Lindsay McKenzie, recently appointed CEO of TDC, his partner Liz and son Hamish. Lindsay had already been welcomed onto Te Awhina Marae in Motueka and this was a wonderful opportunity for him to also experience the hospitality from the Whanau of Mohua.

Coming from Gisborne, Lindsay is at ease with Maori protocol and Te Reo, and this occasion proved to be a valuable forum for open and transparent discussions. Grateful thanks to the Onetahua Marae for their hosting of this important occasion.

2. Sheryl Nalder – ‘Thank you’, Retirement and Community Honours

August 11th was the ‘thank you’ farewell for Sheryl Nalder as she steps down from her role as Manager of the Golden Bay Community Workers service. Sheryl has been involved with the Community Workers for 23 years from sole community worker to manager of all the staff of this substantial social work service, as it is today. Sheryl’s family, friends, colleagues, and representatives of many agencies with whom the Community Workers have had dealings were all present to pay tribute to, and show their appreciation of, all Sheryl has done, and show her just how much her work, and her dedication, has meant for Golden Bay. I was asked to speak on behalf of the Community Board; my speech is attached at the end of this report.

Sheryl was presented with the second Golden Bay Community Honours award, a beautiful marble heart shaped bowl created especially for Sheryl by Jocelyn Bacci.

This was a fabulous community celebration day at the Pohara Boat Club. Sheryl responded very graciously to all the tributes, saying she was overwhelmed and felt very loved.

3. George Duff – Outstanding Community Service Award

The third wonderful community event we had the privilege of being part of was the Outstanding Community Service Awards presentation to George Duff for his dedicated service of over 40 years with the Fire Brigade and Fire Service.

These ceremonies normally take place in Richmond, however as George is unwell the Mayor arranged to come to Golden Bay and have the presentation take place here. So now we have realised just what we are missing.

What a treat to hear all the accolades and tributes to George and be part of this celebration of wonderful community spirit. Many members of the Fire Service and the local brigade members were able to be part of this because it was local and there was no limit on the numbers able to participate. So now we would really love to see more award ceremonies held in Golden Bay.

Sadly, since writing this report, George passed away on 28 August. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and the community of Golden Bay that he served so well.

4. Barry Cashman - Outstanding Community Service Award

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Barry Cashman congratulating him on his recent Outstanding Community Service award from Tasman District Council.”

5. Civic Ceremonies

We have had several local people who are to receive New Zealand Citizenship enquire whether or not they could have their ceremony in Golden Bay as they have assumed that they could only have this done in Richmond.

Previous years we had several citizenship ceremonies each year however the last couple of years it has been only one and this year there have been no ceremonies.

It does involve the Mayor coming to Golden Bay to fulfil this duty however we have asked the Mayor if he could diary at least 3 civic days for Golden Bay and then it will

allow the people of Golden Bay to have their ceremony here in the community in which they live and work.

We would like to see this option extended to the outstanding Persons Awards too.

For both of these events it allows our local folk to be able to invite all those family and friends special to them. It avoids everyone having to have a whole day off work or school and saves the time and money that travel to Richmond entails. However the option should remain for those who for any reason would prefer to have their Citizenship or Award conferred in Richmond.

Having enjoyed George Duff's Award ceremony here in Golden Bay and the wonderful privilege of being part of the citizenship ceremonies in the past, we think it is very important that:

1. Golden Bay is retained as a venue for citizenship ceremonies as often as necessary up to 3 times a year; and
2. Golden Bay be offered as a venue to recipients of the Outstanding Persons Award for their ceremonies.

6. Rates Remission Submission

The Golden Bay Community Board has prepared a submission (attached) in favour of rates remission for those whose properties have been most severely affected by the weather events of December 2011.

7. NZTA Meeting

The Golden Bay Community Board has prepared a list of topics that will be raised with the representatives of NZTA and Council when we meet on the 7th September.

- Stock Effluent Dump at Upper Takaka to cope with the increasing stock numbers being transported in and out of Golden Bay.
- One way bridges south of Takaka to be upgraded to two lanes. (Stony Creek and Smalls Creek.)
- Uruwhenua corner - Vegetation on the corner prevents a good sight line when coming out on to the main road.
- 80kmph speed limit from Payne's Ford Bridge to Takaka Township year round taking into account the new Golden Bay Family Health Centre being built at the site of the, near Abbeyfield.
- Heavy traffic – through traffic bypass.

- 40kmph speed limit and or traffic calming measures such as raised crossings or markings on the road through the Takaka CBD in the meantime.
- Cycle/walk/mobility scooter way from Takaka town to new Health Centre
- Cats Eyes in Commercial Street Takaka, and Tasman Street Collingwood, are hazardous especially to elderly, is there any other alternative for pedestrian areas
- Possible signage at the junction where SHW 60 finishes at the Joan Whiting corner in Collingwood. Confusion around who needs to giveaway to whom.
- 50kmh speed restriction sign on the SH60, 700 metres prior to its junction with the Collingwood – Bainham Road, Collingwood.
- Passing Bays between Takaka and Collingwood.
- Seal the road verge for 1 metre beyond the side line to make the road safer for cyclists and other vulnerable road users. Especially on Puramahoi Straight and Bishops Saddle, Milnthorpe. Many more cyclists on this road now with the open season for cyclists on the Heaphy Track.
- The option of a community initiated cycleway in Onekaka, Hinterland to Washbourne Road
- Mitigate the dip in the road North of Milnthorpe Quay intersection. There is a very poor sight line to the north for traffic entering/exiting Milnthorpe Quay.
- Bring some 'Share the Road' signs into the mix of advisory signage to be rotated around the District.
- Address the uneven road surface west of the Onahau Bridge and west of the Birds Hill summit.
- Merging lanes needed for Onahau, Patons Rock Road, Parapara Beach Roads, Milnthorpe and Excellent Street.
- Also an update on Birds hill and the possible inclusion of a cycle walkway, or at least if there is going to be a compulsory purchase of land that the road corridor is wide enough to incorporate this in the future.
- Could we please have an update on the fish ladders for culverts

Mik has asked:

I would also like to discuss an approach I saw in Germany where nearly all road markings are removed in towns; apparently it makes everyone so wary that anything could happen that average speeds and accident rates drop. I am concerned that we have so many signs that they don't really register anymore.

- Golden Bay Community Centre access onto SH60.
- Paint out old white lines to the north of the Community Centre driveway. (2 carparks have been removed for safety)
- Take away one park from the southern side of the accessway.
- SH60 entrance to the Fresh Choice supermarket to be splayed.
- Commercial Street being used by logging vehicles, and transport trucks travelling at unsafe speeds for the conditions. (With the street being so narrow this is very dangerous.)

8. Collingwood Streetscaping

We received three submissions - all in opposition to the draft plans that were distributed around Collingwood for perusal.

The new (very smart brushed stainless steel rubbish bins) have been installed in the main street and Paddy Gillooly has the additional rope to tidy up the bollards where the rope has been damaged.

I cannot see any reason to spend money on a plan that no one from Collingwood has currently expressed any enthusiasm for, nor seems to want at this time.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board does not pursue the current streetscaping plans but recommends the money be left in the long term plan and looks at consulting the Collingwood community closer to when the budgeted money is available.”

9. Motocross Code of Practice

The Motocross COP was discussed and debated at the Environment & Planning meeting of 9 August 2012 and the final Code will be available for the Board's October meeting.

10. Heritage Information Panel for Salisbury Bridge

The original Heritage information panel that was erected at the old historic Salisbury Bridge has been located after having been removed for safe keeping. Penny Griffith has done extensive research for additional panels and it is planned to have these panels erected along with the original panel to give the full history of this bridge including the details of the flood of December 2010 that saw it finally washed away.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports efforts to obtain funding for additional panels to tell the final history of this popular bridge. Other funding sources to be investigated eg Grants from Rates.”

11. Wastewater Test Bores – Takaka Sewerage Ponds

In response to a question during the August Public Forum we have made enquires how the testing of these bores is tracking. From the initial testing of the trial RIB, no effluent plume was detected. Once the upgrade is completed, regular test results will be provided.

12. Gravel Meetings

The Golden Bay Community Board has requested that notes/minutes of the meetings held to discuss the river gravel issues be available to the public.

13. Entrance to the Supermarket

This issue of the narrow vehicle entrance onto Willow Street was brought to the August Public Forum of the Community Board last month.

The supermarket owners have been advised that the Board will discuss this issue with NZTA on the 7th September.

14. Accessibility For all-A4A Meeting - From Board Member Karen Brookes

"I attended the 'Accessibility for All' meeting on the 3rd August at Tasman District Council, Richmond.

There was concern expressed about the frequency of the taking of special car parks at some supermarkets. This is outside the jurisdiction of police, being off road. Shop owners are too busy to oversee it.

The excuse is "But I was only a minute!" Concern also about shops overlooking sandwich board and banner rules of consistency which is difficult for the sight impaired. It was suggested that new shop owners also be visited to inform them rather than just being handed a copy of rules

Marg Parfitt from Nelson Council was there and spoke of the attendance at their last meeting which was on 'Shared Paths'. Due to lack of transport at the time I couldn't get there. Dog owners and cyclists attended that one and I did want to go because of that. I haven't yet got a report back on it."

15. Weather details for Takaka

We had concern expressed in public forum that the Nelson Mail is no longer publishing the weather details for Takaka. However, thanks to another member of public forum this wonderful local web site for Takaka weather has been supplied to us. www.goldenbaynzweather.info/wdl

16. Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition

We are fortunate that Claire Webster (Environment Educator) is organising this once again. Claire really takes this on board getting sponsors and working out all the different categories for the competition. She ensures there are different classes each year to inspire and tempt new entrants and also has rules to ensure that it can't always be the same winners.

This year it is also intended to have a garden tour to see winning gardens from this year and some beautiful gardens from previous years. This will be a fund raiser for the new health facility and details of this will be released soon.

This year's categories will be available for the October meeting.

17. Cycle/Walkway

We have had a request from Robbie Robilliard on behalf of the Golden Bay Cycle and Walkway Society Inc to support their resource consent application to Council for the Motupipi Sand spit route for the walk/cycle way. The Walkway Society committee has given their unanimous support for this route.

Robbie states:

“It was explained that our efforts over the last 6 months to have an off-road route through paddocks of farmers beside Abel Tasman Drive, and then through paper roads to the dairy factory fell through, as there were objections from essential land owners.

If we are to have a cycle/walkway, our Motupipi Spit route is the most logical. Already Coast Care has made a track through the Spit to suit its own planting.”

Robbie and members of the group may attend our September meeting.

The Board has already had a presentation from Peter Orange and Robbie Robilliard at its September 2011 meeting and it was resolved:

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THAT the Golden Bay Community Board support this project in principle, subject to approval of neighbours and funding becoming available. Also, Board Member Symmons be the liaison person from the Board for the cycle group.
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18. Health 2030

Councillors Bouillir and Edgar, along with Mike Tasman- Jones, are on a small committee to look at Health issues going forward. Council has yet to define this committee's brief however you may like to read the attached link and provide your feedback to this committee.

<http://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/filesGallery/New%20Website/01Home/HEALTH%202030%20August%202012%20Board%20Draft.pdf>

19. Men's Shed

Council recently had a presentation from Mike Rodwell and Alan Kissell and they will be presenting at our October meeting in Takaka to give us an update on how 'Men's Shed' is working in Richmond and around the country and how we could get going here to establish our own Men's Shed. So if this is your thing mark the date for our October 8th Meeting.

20. Topics for Discussion from Councillor Sangster

- Is any money for Christmas decorations from council and if so how much.
- Would Council be willing to fund some small lights across the street at Collingwood, Pohara and Takaka.
- What would the rest of the board think of having say six or eight container shops by the library car park. They are cheaper to build and easily shifted if need be.

21. Council's Communitrak Survey

Council has again contracted Communitrak to survey residents of Tasman District to determine how well Council is performing in terms of services and facilities offered and representation given to its citizens. 400 residents were survey by phone across the whole of Tasman:

Lakes/Murchison 40

Golden Bay 40
Motueka 99
Moutere/Waimea 100
Richmond 121

Comparisons are made with similar councils and with previous years' results. The Communitrak survey result is available for perusal at the Service Centre or on line.

22. Ligar Bay / Tata Beach Meeting with Residents

Cr Bouillir and Board member Symmons met with a group of Ligar Bay and Tata Beach residents to hear their concerns about managing the granite sand that continues to come down the watercourses and its impact on the culverts and the lagoon. The water table has risen by 500mm, and several of the culverts are now half filled with sand. Where these have been dug out in the lagoon there is now significant accretion. It would be good to get some clear guidance from Council as to how this is going to be managed. Some landowners are assisting by having sumps to trap the sand before it reaches the lagoon, but would welcome some assistance from Council in maintaining these.

There is also an issue with the watercourse running into the wetland at the Tata Reserve which keeps jumping back to its original course and taking out the footpath.

23. Motupipi School Safety Sign

We have received correspondence and have had other residents concerned that these signs do not seem to be flashing when children are arriving for school and leaving after school. We have been informed by Motupipi School that this sign is only activated when vehicles exceed 70kmph – as this is the legal speed past the school. We believe that this is too fast and it should be set at a more appropriate speed – ie. 40kmph, or why not the same as passing a school bus – 20kmph?

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Tasman District Council to ask that the legal speed limit past the Motupipi School be reduced and the flashing sign reset to a safer speed.”

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