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At last we are seeing some signs of better weather; I am sure we are all very sick of the wet weather and just hanging out for a fine summer that encourages all the visitors back to Golden Bay. Our businesses really need the financial boost that tourists give our district.

We do have the usual seasonal influx of visitors here at present to catch the sometimes elusive whitebait. Apparently the whitebait are reasonably plentiful at this early stage of the season, so we hope it encourages the whitebaiters to stay for most of the next couple of months until the end of the season.

Unfortunately not all these visitors are adhering to the Freedom Camping by law.

## **1. Freedom Camping**

Once again we are fielding complaints about where people are staying, and for how long they can remain there.

At the moment this issue is in relation to whitebaiters who are occupying river bank and road reserve and illegally staying overnight in non self-contained vehicles in areas where there are no toilet facilities.

Also some of those who are parking in the designated area by the Waitapu Bridge have been staying there for longer than the maximum 2 nights.

The review of the Freedom Camping bylaw was on the Environment & Planning Agenda for 20 September but unfortunately Council ran out of time on that day, due to an overload of business. This topic will be rescheduled; however the existing bylaw remains in place.

Control Services are contracted by Council between 1 September and 30 April to deal with freedom camping concerns and any complaint within that timeframe is referred to Control Services.

## **2. Collingwood Water**

On Saturday 15th September Collingwood residents awoke to find they had no water. A water main was damaged which caused all the water to drain out of the reservoir that supplies Collingwood.

By 2.30pm the contractors had the water back on, but it was quite some time before most people had any pressure for showers etc and of course there was a huge drain on the water as everyone tried to get water at once.

The camping grounds had between 60 and 80 patrons as it is whitebaiting season, and they have a limited amount of drinking water in reserve tanks which they were able to conserve.

Joan Whiting Rest Home has no alternative supply but the local plumber connected the fire fighting supply up to the home so that toilets could be flushed etc.

Collingwood residents were very patient and understanding but for me it highlights the vulnerability for residents who have no back up tankwater supply.

Thanks to Council's Jeff Cuthbertson (Utilities Asset Manager) who ensured that everything that needed to be done was done, including having an information message put on Council's website.

## **3. Old Library Site**

Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) has completed some boards showing the various options for the development of the old library site and these are now in place on the site. We look forward to hearing everyone's opinions and what options are preferred. Your opinions/submissions must be in to Council by 23 October 2012. [info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:info@tasman.govt.nz)

## **4. Old Library Insurance Money**

Decisions are underway regarding the available options:

1. Rebuild commercial premises in Takaka on Council-owned land in a different location. (It can't be on the Old library site as that is designated 'Reserve' land.)\*

The feedback we had from the consultation reinforced that people valued that space left open so the playground can be visible and an open vista retained.

2. Buy an existing building that can be used for commercial purposes. (This is because the previous building had been rented commercially.)

3. Receive an indemnity payment only, which can be paid off the library loan.

\* The original library met the criteria as it is a community facility and meets the criteria for a building on reserve land.

The Golden Bay Community Board preference is to receive the full insurance pay out and either re-build premises to be let commercially, or buy an existing building for commercial rental.

With both of these preferred options the rental income will be able to be used to pay off the library loan and will continue to be a Council asset rather than accepting a lesser sum which will be a one off payment on the library loan and will not give any ongoing benefit to either Golden Bay or Council.

The Golden Bay Community Board can make a recommendation as to our preference however the final decision will be made by Council.

## **5. Dog Control Consultation**

The Golden Bay Community Board is intending to consult with the community regarding this issue.

We are awaiting some communications from Council in response to our recommendation from the August Board meeting.

## **6. Coastal Erosion**

At the September meeting Joy and Brian Warren spoke of their and other residents' concerns about the loss of their beachfront land from erosion.

Joy stated that a meeting is to be arranged by the Mayor and Dennis Bush-King, with residents of Pakawau Beach. The Community Board has asked to be advised when the meeting will occur as members would like to have the opportunity to attend.

There are concerns also from residents of Rangihaeata about erosion of their coast. It would be helpful for these people to also meet with Mayor Kempthorne and the Environmental and Planning Manager.

## **7. Natural Burial**

The first Golden Bay natural burial has taken place at Rototai in the designated Natural Burial area.

Credit must go to Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes, for her willingness to accommodate the wishes of the family who requested this type of burial. Although the natural burial area landscaping and paths etc were not complete, Ms Wilkes recognised the importance of allowing the area to be used earlier than anticipated.

This has been much appreciated by those in the community for whom a natural burial is their choice.

## **8. River meetings**

The purpose of these meetings is to follow up the meetings held in March 2012 and discuss the Annual Operating Maintenance Programme and other river activities proposed for the Tasman District Council's 2012/13 financial year.

## **9. Takaka, Waingaro, Anatoki Rivers – Date and Venue**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10.30am, Rugby Club Rooms, Takaka

## **10. Aorere and Kaituna Rivers - Date and Venue**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2.30 pm, at Collingwood Tavern.

## **11. Integrated Family Health Centre**

The mauri kohatu is to be laid on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of September with all parties assembling at 5.15am for a 5.30 start at the existing hospital.

The Golden Bay Community Board has been invited to this ceremony which will be held on Thursday 27 September 2012.

This is a traditional Maori blessing that involves the laying of the Mauri Kohatu (stone) link for the safety of the development and future use of the Golden Bay Community Health Facility.

This process involves a covenant with Papatuanuku – Mother Earth whose earth will be disturbed during the re-development process and the tangatawhenua of Golden Bay and all those involved in the wishes, desires and hopes for the future noble purposes which this re-development promises.

The Mauri Kohatu will be laid under the new entranceway for the building so that people, people, people will constantly treasure the purpose for which this re-development has been created.

Plans for the turning of the first sod are currently underway.

## **12. Pohara Hall**

Unfortunately the Pohara Hall is temporarily closed until an earthquake assessment is carried out. It is hoped to have the assessment completed by 31 December 2012.

## **13. Takaka Museum**

Much work is being done for the new summer exhibition; work is continuing on renewing the permanent exhibitions.

## **14. Men's Shed – Golden Bay**

Mike Rodwell and Alan Kissell are to make a presentation on "MenzShed" to the Board at its October meeting. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend.

## **15. Carparking in Takaka CBD**

Jenna Voigt of MWH has discussed with the Board differentiating each parking space to ensure we maximise the parking room in Takaka. There was a reduction previously of two parking spaces on the northern side of the Community Centre driveway and now one further reduction will be made on the southern side to increase safety for those exiting Golden Kids and the Community Centre.

## 16. 80kmph Speed Limit for Golden Bay?

Gary Clark (Council's Transportation Manager) advised that Council is considering a proposal for a blanket 80kmph speed limit for Golden Bay. He asked that this option be considered by the Golden Bay Community Board at its regular meeting. It was agreed that having 'fast, slow, fast' areas do not work.

## 17. Collingwood Broadband Capacity

Recently the Board was contacted by Collingwood residents wanting to change to telecom broadband to save having to deal with two telco companies and most importantly get a faster broadband speed. However they found there was a waiting list - some people had already been waiting 3 months and had been told there would be no expansion to enable others to get onto Telecom broadband before September 2013.

We contacted Telecom and have had this much more reassuring response from Kathy Wiltshire, Manager Community Relations, Chorus:

*"Chorus will be laying a new fibre between Takaka and Collingwood over the 2012-2013 summer. This will enable us to install equipment at the Collingwood exchange that will provide ADSL2+ broadband services - this will be available by September 2013.*

*In the meantime, we will be provided extra capacity at the exchange to ensure those waiting for a connection will be able to receive a service. This will be completed in four weeks time."*

So for those others of you on the waiting list, make sure you let Telecom know you are still waiting and anxious to take advantage of the extra capacity being provided prior to the completion of the September upgrade.

Since writing my report, the following information came to hand:

### ***"Golden Bay Area RBI work***

- *We have recently installed fibre between Motueka and Takaka – this is now operational.*
- *The new broadband equipment at the Takaka Exchange and the TAK/P cabinet (shown on map) should be commissioned and operational by the end*

of October for new connections, migration of existing customers may take another 4-6 weeks.

- Equipment is due to be installed in the Takaka exchange to give service to the schools in the Golden Bay area early in 2013.

#### **Work being undertaken in Y2 of RBI ( 1/7/12 to 31/6/13)**

- Fibre is being laid to the Golden Bay High school, Takaka Primary school, Motupipi School, Central Takaka School, Golden Bay Medical Centre, Takaka Hospital and the Fairview Community Hospital and Collinwood School.
- Six cabinets will be upgraded with ADSL2+ equipment – the attached a map that will help explain where the cabinets are.
- As I previously stated, over the summer period of 2012/2013 the fibre is being laid between Takaka and Collingwood. There is another cabinet we will be upgrading but it requires the Takaka-Collingwood cable before it can be upgraded. This upgrade may be in the later part of Y2, or may extend into Y3.

#### **Work being undertaken in Y3 of RBI (1/7/13 to 30/6/14)**

- Collingwood exchange, and a further four cabinets are being upgraded.

At the end of RBI Y3 all the RBI work planned for Golden Bay will be completed.”

### **18. Audio Visual Equipment – Takaka Service Centre**

We are very delighted to have all equipment in place that will ultimately allow us to have an audio visual link with Richmond to save either members traveling to meetings (on occasions) or so staff can make contact from Richmond and we can all be face to face without any travel. All we need is that broadband update.

In the meantime we can accommodate power point presentations without having to worry about borrowing and begging gear from elsewhere. This equipment is very much appreciated.

### **19. Golden Bay Community Board/Garden Centre Garden Competition**

Claire Webster, Council’s Environmental Educator for Golden Bay, has formulated the following programme for the garden competition:

#### Categories for 2012

- **Best Vegetable Garden** - any size, cared for by 1 or 2 people normally. Can be vegetables or a mix of vegetables and fruit/nut trees.

- **Best Novice Vegetable Gardener** (gardener has gardened for less than 3 years).
- **Overall Best Environmentally Friendly Property** – all areas of the property to be included (to win \$100 gift voucher/basket from GB Garden Shoppe).
- **Best Group Garden** (vegetable, orchard or flower) school, large family, community group, church, club, business, uses WOOFers, etc. Involving 3 or more people regularly.
- **The Most Beautiful Garden** – one (or more) area(s) of property that is a blend of flowers and plants/veggies/trees and/or garden art. Any size, style – just ‘wow’ us!
- **Best Compost system** – NEW! We want to see the best use of all resources from the property and the healthiest compost produced.
- **Best Native Garden/Tendered Natural Area** (any size) on private property.

\*\*The same (or similar) category can only be entered a **maximum of two years in a row**. You may however enter different categories.

\*\*Each property can enter a **maximum of 2 categories** each year.

\*\***Dob-in-a-garden** - We are encouraging people to enter gardens they admire in the hope the owner will let us all admire them too. So, if you know of a reluctant garden guru who is hiding a potential prize winning garden, we would like to hear about it. Please get their permission first the enter it (and let us know it’s a ‘dob in’) and we will take it from there and contact them.

2012 Judges – Jenny Garrett, Leigh Gamby, Martine Bouillir, Fay Brownlie. I will coordinate &/or judge. Maybe we could have 1 less judge as 5 in a car will be hard??  
 Dates – advertising in GB Weekly and posters

Dates	Events	Ads
Oct 5 - Fri		
Oct 12 - Fri	Letters out to past winners re tour	Comp ad
Oct 19 - Fri		Comp ad
Oct 26 - Fri		Comp ad
Nov 2 - Fri		Comp ad
Nov 9 - Fri	Entries close (CW away Nov 7 – 12!)	Tour ad
Nov 14 & 15 W & T	Judging of gardens	
Nov 16 - Fri		Tour ad
Nov 23 - Fri	Winners announced	Big ad – re winners & Tour ad
Nov 30 - Fri		Tour ad
Dec 2 - Sun	Garden Tour	

Team effort:





GBCB - provide \$500 (towards prizes, judging process – coffee, lunch, petrol & advertising) and judges;

GB Garden Shop – provide a judge, subsidize the prizes (by 10%), fund a prize package (value of \$100) for one section, sponsor \$10 gift voucher for every new entrant in competition, use their advertising space in the weekly for one weeks ads;

Tasman District Council – Parks & Reserves Department sponsor \$500 for prizes;  
Tasman District Council Environmental Education Department provides the donkey work – me! - to organize, help judge and logistics.

### **Prizes for 2012 GB Garden Competition**

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Best Property \$100 gift basket from GB Garden Centre  
Other 1<sup>st</sup> prizes - \$50 gift voucher – 6 of them = \$300

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$30 gift voucher – 7 of them = \$210

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$20 gift voucher – 7 of them = \$140

New entrants to competition –\$10 gift voucher (sponsored by GB Garden centre)

GB Garden Centre give us a 10% discount on the vouchers too.

### **The Garden Trail – Show off our gardens and raise money for the hospital.**

Sunday Dec 2 10am to 5 pm

10 – 12 properties spread across the Bay. Properties will be announced next month.

## **20. Takaka Hill (Motueka side) Historic Horse Trough**

We have been contacted by Barry Cashman on behalf of Heritage Golden Bay regarding the restoration of the Horse Trough and the installation of a Heritage Information Panel onsite.

This has always been a well-known landmark and in the years since the demise of horse-drawn transport many people have stopped there to enjoy a drink of the pure water.

The trough has fallen into disrepair and with road works etc being done in the vicinity the actual site is no longer well defined.

Heritage Golden Bay is seeking to upgrade this historic site and is asking for support from the Golden Bay Community Board in their application to NZTA for permission to have this site signposted and defined on a State Highway.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes a letter of support to Heritage Golden Bay for permission to do the restoration of the historic horse trough on the*

*Motueka side of the Takaka Hill, and to install an Heritage Information panel at that site. This letter is to accompany the Heritage Golden Bay application to NZTA for permission to do work adjacent to a state highway and to have this historic site recognised and signposted.”*

## **21. Dark Night Sky**

We enjoyed hearing from both Stella Malloy and Dr Vic Eastman at our September meeting on the advantages of a dark night sky. We were also fortunate to have Gary Clark (Engineering Asset Manger) in attendance at this meeting when we discussed the way in which we could seek the implementation of policies which support a dark night sky.

We initially were in favour of asking for changes to the TRMP and Engineering Standards for Golden Bay however Mr Clark believes we should be seeking to have these standards for lighting, (both public and private), apply to the whole of the Tasman District. Engineering standards are currently being reviewed and Mr Clark suggested that we submit to Engineering Services now to seek to have these standards accepted in the new documents being drafted.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board:*

- 1. Writes to Engineering Services submitting that all new lighting, both public and private be of the type which does not allow light spill and will support a Dark Night Sky policy, and*
- 2. Asks that as any public lighting is replaced it be replaced with lighting consistent with a dark night sky.*
- 3. Writes to the Environmental & Planning Department requesting that light pollution regulations be added to the TRMP and that the TRMP support all endeavours to work towards a dark night sky.*

## **22. Policy Review: Rural Land Use and Subdivision**

Following excerpt from Mary Honey – Policy Planner:

*“Following on from the Rural Futures consultation round conducted during 2003 – 2005,*

*Right now, the Policy Review team is in the process of collecting data to assess whether the TRMP policies objectives are being implemented and achieved and if not, what is happening. (Step A and B) of the attached project flow chart refers. We hope that the information gathered will help inform the issue and options discussions and debates to follow.*

*The data gathering and assessment process is scheduled to play out this year. Issue and option development and discussion is scheduled to commence early 2013.*

*Multiple housing and the use of rural land for lifestyle purposes are both issues that have been identified for investigation and assessment*

*Currently the policy work team (Maxine Day and I) is undertaking a series of themed field trips to acquaint ourselves with what is happening in rural area around the District.*

*We would be delighted if the Golden Bay Community Board would host a field trip for the purpose of viewing multiple housing examples in Golden Bay.”*

Subsequently the Board arranged to accompany Mary and Maxine on a visit to two long standing communities within Golden Bay.

We had a wonderful and extremely informative day where we were welcomed to both Rainbow and Tui. Residents at both communities were very helpful and hospitable answering a range of questions relating to this topic.

Historically, Golden Bay County Council allowed for Communities within the District Plan however somehow the provision for this type of living arrangement was left out of the TRMP during the transition from our old Golden Bay plan to our new Tasman District plan.

Mary and Maxine are now investigating the best way to ensure that different types of living and land ownership are accommodated in the pending Policy review.

*Recommendation:*

*“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to both Rainbow and Tui communities thanking them for their assistance and hospitality on our recent visit with Policy Planners Mary Honey and Maxine Day.”*

Carolyn McLellan