

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 2 December 2006
SUBJECT: December 2006 Report

MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Correspondence

I have to apologise to the Board for there being some delay in sending out correspondence which was due to my being on leave the week after the Board meeting. All correspondence has been sent but there may not be replies available for the current Board meeting.

SPCA

A meeting was held with Board Member Mik Symmons and SPCA representatives Miriam Skipworth and Beth Lomas on 30th November 2006 to look at alternative sites suitable for housing animals (mostly cats). The meeting was productive and the Society was to attend the meeting of the Recreation Park Committee to request consideration of a proposal to establish the facility on that site. Board Member Mik will update regarding any progress at the Board meeting.

Community Board Best Practice Awards

I have asked for an application form and for further information regarding the above awards which hopefully I will have available by the Board's meeting date.

Port Tarkohe Future

I have started the first steps in the process of searching out integrated development options for Port Tarkohe and its environs. I am simultaneously looking at the matters of governance/management and finances for the Port as part of this integrated approach and I will keep the Board advised of progress.

Kinsale 2021 – An Energy Descent Action Plan

I have sent emails and the attached letter to Ireland and have received initial feedback from Rob Hopkins (copies of correspondence attached) who was the author of the Kinsale Energy Descent Action Plan and I hope to have additional feedback for the Board meeting.

Road Safety Coordinator

Kirsty Barr has requested that the following matters be brought to the Board's attention.

1. Re Meihana St and intersection by GBHS.

I am getting a local artist (who did the postcard for cycling on footpaths) to draw up a picture of the intersection. I will put some text to it and we will advertise it in the GB Weekly as to what the correct practice should be and what the main issue is (which is left turning traffic from Collingwood into Meihana not giving way to right turning traffic from Takaka into Meihana).

That can just get reported back, but if the Community Board wants anymore input they can.

2. The other issue was about billboards.

I am putting up some billboards in the Tasman District and we were proposing some new images (including the one used at the moment 'watch out for bikes' at the Waitapu Bridge site) be used at this site. There is also a proposed new site in Pohara on Abel Tasman Drive.

All will go through a resource consent process (if this is required) and checked with TDC engineering.

But would the GB Community Board need to see these images before these go up in the two sites?

They are designed to target issues specific to the area, eg vulnerable road users (including bikes/horses), driving to the conditions (100km is not a target), wearing seat belt, keep left following distances etc. (See attached)

Tasman Collection

I have from Council a wee Christmas present which is a boxed set of the Council's Tasman Collection for each of the Board Members (courtesy of David Ward).

I was at the launching of the new publications on 30 November which include the booklet about Port Tarakohe.

I have been extremely impressed at the quality and content of these booklets and would totally endorse them. They make great Christmas presents (particularly for

overseas friends and relatives). After all why shouldn't we want to 'skite' about being blessed with living in one of the most beautiful and peaceful parts of the world!

Office Changes

This month we bade farewell to Becky Turrell who has been with us on contract since March 2005 when she was taken on to fill-in for a staff member who took maternity leave.

With her contracting now coming to an end (although we were happy and pleased she agreed to an extension from March this year), she has decided to move on to some exciting new challenges in life.

Becky's focus was being passionate about all things in Golden Bay and in particular matters relating to the arts.

Becky has been a really valued member of the Takaka team and all staff here will miss her. Nancy and I in particular will miss her presence in the office. I'm sure Board members will also miss her pleasant manner and wish her well for the future.

Lynley McConnon is to be the replacement for the vacated position, which has been remodelled to not only cover the front counter work but to include Building and Planning Administration and Customer Service work.

Last meeting again!

That sense of déjà vu is quite frightening as it only seems two minutes ago I was writing the December 2005 report. Seems to be that as we get older we err toward a 'special relativity' in regards to our perception of time. For me time is going fast but for an outside observer I seem to be getting slower...strange but true!!

Anyway I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the Board a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to a burst of renewed energy in 2007.

Recommendation:

"That the Service Centres Manager's report for December be received."

Bob Askew