

# REPORT

**TO:** GB Community Board  
**FROM:** Chairperson  
**REFERENCE:** E855  
**DATE:** 26th November 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Report for 9<sup>th</sup> December Board meeting

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Activities, events and meetings attended this month included:

**3 November: Agenda setting for 11 November Board meeting**

**10 November: Meeting with Kingsley Fletcher, interim manager of the Golden Bay Integrated Health proposal**

**10 November: AGM of Golden Bay Community Workers.** Comprehensive Reports on the wide range of work undertaken during the year were presented.

**11 November: Community Board Meeting, Collingwood**

**12 November: Met with Kathy Tohill-Curnow and Sicon Staff re Milnthorpe Reserve Esplanade regarding unauthorized tree felling.** Letter subsequently sent to all landowners adjacent to the reserve advising of the process to be followed if Reserve trees need trimming/felling.

**14 November: Collingwood Area School Prize Giving and Dinner.** A wonderful occasion and an inspiring address by keynote speaker Annette Milligan regarding courage in seeking to do the right thing and in standing against injustice.

**18 November: Takaka Fire fighting water supply proposal working group meeting.** Consultation process discussed and time line set.

**24 November: Tasman Bays Heritage Trust AGM, Nelson.** Chair Robin Whalley retired as a Trustee and did not seek re-election. He was replaced by Golden Bay resident Sara Chapman as Chairperson. Mr Whalley was thanked by several speakers for his great contribution to the Trust. There were several Nelson City Council representatives in attendance but none from Tasman District Council. I became stranded on the Nelson side of the Takaka Hill due to slips and flooding.

**25 November: Launch of the Golden Bay Community Response Plan for Civil emergencies, Takaka.** It was an ironic coincidence to launch this plan on the day

following severe flooding risk to Takaka. We were very lucky the rain stopped when it did, as hydrologists advised we were facing severe flooding.

**25 November: De-briefing following Civil Defence emergency on 24 November -** Issues identified and discussed. The event was handled very well with TDC hydrologists on hand to offer expert advice.

The contribution of the Civil Defence co-ordinators, TDC staff, Police, Fire Brigade, contractors and volunteers is acknowledged and appreciated.

It was very interesting to hear from an eye witness that the river started to flow into Takaka at a similar time as it started to overtop the stop bank near Bridgers Hollow. Former TDC Engineer Doug Nottage had previously warned that this bank would increase the flooding risk for the Town.

Bridgers Hollow – Motupipi is identified as a necessary flood way reducing the risk to the township.

**25 November: Whanau meeting Takaka** - Presentation by Gayle Helm and Emma Brazendale re current non-violence campaign. Other topics included Civil Defence Golden Bay Community Response Plan; Golden Bay Street Banners; Draft Nelson Tasman Regional Arts Strategy 2008, together with other notices.

**25 November: Meeting with Gayle Helm, Emma Brazendale and Mike Tasman-Jones** regarding ways to assist in getting the anti-violence message out there. The Community Board supports the initiatives being taken and will assist with banner displays if possible. Other suggestions were made including linking with the NVC Compassionate Communication Groups.

**27 November: Agenda setting for 9 December Board meeting**

## ISSUES

### Light Pollution

Board members have received a letter and request from Dr Vic Eastman concerned about the effects of light pollution. We are very fortunate to be able to view a wonderful night sky in Golden Bay and need to take steps to try to protect this asset. This includes thinking about lighting requirements of planning processes to ensure that they are appropriate for predominantly rural situations. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board passes on Dr Eastman’s concerns to the TDC Environment and Planning with a request that as the Golden Bay night sky is highly regarded and valued, lighting requirements need to be set in such a way that they do not unnecessarily compromise this”.*

## **Non Violence Campaign**

Following the presentation to the Board on 9 September 2008 by Emma Brazendale and at the 25 November 2008 Community Whanau by Gayle Helm and Emma, it is recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board formally supports the efforts made to raise awareness about family violence and the “it’s not OK” message and offers Board member attendance at events where possible, such as street stalls and the A & P Show”.*

## **Takaka Flooding**

The timing of the launch of the Golden Bay Civil Defence Community Response Manual coincided with the Takaka Hill slips and Valley flooding the previous day. It was of concern to hear from an authoritative eye witness that the river began flowing into Takaka Township at a similar time as it began flowing over the stop bank into Bridgers Hollow.

Recommendation:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to TDC Environment and Planning and Engineering Services advising of this reported observation and making a service request for it to be investigated by appropriate staff”.*

## **Waitapu Road Flooding**

Flooding of a property at 37 Waitapu Road has been reported with a recent roadway soak pit unable to cope with water volumes. It was reported that there used to be a Council pipe passing through this property taking storm water to Te Kakau Stream but this is no longer operational. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board formally advises TDC Engineering of the flooding problem from Waitapu Road drainage affecting private property and makes a Service request for this to be urgently investigated and addressed”.*

## **Flooding and the After Hours Service**

Concern has been expressed that there was a loss of access to information regarding the Takaka flooding once the Civil Emergency Staff were stood down and calls were diverted to the TDC after hours service who were unable to provide accurate information. While the office was staffed the information provided was excellent. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the TDC ‘after hours’ service be kept informed of up to date information so that callers can be provided with this or alternatively be provided with a local contact who will be able to assist”.*

## **Arts Strategy**

With the release of the Draft Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy document the Board needs to consider whether to make a submission. It is therefore recommended:

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board considers making a submission on the Draft Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy before the closing date of Friday 16 January 2009”.*

## **Environment Awards**

It is understood that these had an excellent response with many fine entries including several from Golden Bay in various categories.

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

Judging of the 37 gardens with 55 entries in the various categories from across the Bay is underway. This is a wonderful response and the Board needs to acknowledge the valuable contribution of Claire Webster in co-ordinating the competition and also thank Claire and the other two judges, Carolyn McLellan and Jenny Borlase.

## **Christmas Greetings**

As this is the last Board meeting for the year it is appropriate to thank the many people who have contributed to our positive efforts over the past year. We sincerely hope that 2009 will see us all embrace the Spirit of Good Will which will lead to a harmonious year.

In closing, best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Joe Bell