

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 29 March 2007
SUBJECT: April 2007 Report

Community Board Best Practice Awards

I have had preliminary discussions regarding this with Board member Symmons and Policy Planner Sonya Leusink. The closing date for entries is now 25th April 2007.

Takaka Aerodrome

Discussions with Council's engineers have taken place regarding repairs and refurbishments required to the Takaka runway, and it is hoped that we will be able to provide a successful outcome in the near future.

Complaints Procedure

Following the Board's request, Mr Kennedy has forwarded a copy of the Customer Service Charter which is included in the agenda.

The Community Board Chair and I have developed a draft for the Board's information; this has now been circulated to dept managers for comment.

Rototai Closed Landfill Site

Following Mr Percival's submission to the GB Community Board, I made an appointment to go with him to check the former landfill site.

The inspection was carried out at low tide on Tuesday 20th March at 4.00-5.00pm. This was a big tide. Stuart Percival was accompanied by a friend of his who obviously has similar interests in the condition of the tip.

The pictures I took are attached.

Stuart dug out some black goeey mud that I said I thought was naturally occurring as a result of seaweed breakdown and is quite common along mud flat estuaries. The mud has a slight sulphurous odour which I've noticed in places along beaches at

Marahau and the Kumeras in Motueka. In some cases this anaerobic mud can cause significant odour problems to the point that people may think that there is a sewage leak. In some areas the mud was evident without large seaweed mats being evident but a prolific number of whelks on the shoreline which all appeared to be in good health.

Along the eastern bank of the old tip site there are about four locations where water is running out of the bank. This water was clear and non-odourous. Stuart said the water flows much greater immediately after high tide which to me indicates a pocket within the bank that's filling and draining. Whether there is any leachate from such pockets is probably doubtful.

Overall my impression which I conveyed to Stuart was that I did not perceive any real matter for concern but that if any further inspection be carried out that it should be done after a long rain event so that any leachate would be evident.

Valuation Of Property Known As The Village Green Hall

I have instructed Registered Valuer Guthrie Beatson to undertake a property valuation for the above property.

Recommendation:

“That the Service Centres Manager’s report for December be received.”

Bob Askew

Mud from area with seaweed



Mud from area with whelks



Rock bunding

