

REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 6th August 2007
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for August Meeting

Activities, Meetings and Events attended during the past month included:

1 July - Second day of the NVC Compassionate Communication weekend workshop Takaka

2 July - Agenda setting for the 10th July Community Board meeting

4 July - NVC Compassionate Communication group meeting Patons Rock

5 July - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting Onekaka -
Discussed work programme for winter plantings, payment of accounts, forthcoming AGM etc.

7 July - HANDS Market, Pohara - This was an opportunity to support the local initiative and to have discussions with attendees on a range of community topics.

10 July - Community Board Meeting Takaka

10 July - Chaired a very well attended public meeting at Takaka Primary School addressed by Dr Dave Lowe on climate change. There is no doubt that anthropogenic Climate Change is happening and it is up to all of us to do what we can to try to mitigate its causes and effects.

11 July - Golden Bay Self Reliance Steering Group meeting Takaka. The work of the Steering Group preparation for the weekend forum 1-2 September is impressive.

11 July - Collingwood Hall Committee meeting to discuss details of the proposed refurbishment of the Hall toilets following completion of the adjacent public toilet upgrade.

14 July - Meeting with Councillor Richard Kempthorne who is standing for the position of Mayor for Tasman District in the upcoming elections.

14 July - Visited and viewed Para Para Coast Care having missed the working bee earlier due to a prior commitment. Very impressed with the growth of Spinifex and the way the profile of the dune in the revegetated areas is changing already.

18 July - DOC Community Forum Takaka

Update matters included:

- Possum control: Para Para pre-feeding has shown to be effective at killing rats, mice and possums. Farewell Spit follow up monitoring, no possums caught after 240 trap nights. No indication of any bird deaths.
- Totaranui: quarters for summer staff being built for the coming season. New roof on Totaranui office.
- Caanan camping ground; 20 camping places by 1/12/07 with signage, landscaping, picnic tables, water supply.
- Mt Stevens Track 4 place car park to be prepared by Christmas.
- Adelaide Tarn – toilet built. Sealed tank type.
- Weka: further release at Totaranui x Marlborough Sounds proposed.
- Blue duck: survey on Gouland Downs proposed.
- *Sebaea Ovata* (Gentian family) being raised for planting in wetlands within dune areas of Farewell Spit.

Agenda Items included:

- Kahurangi National Park Management Plan partial review. Concern expressed about timing with Conservation Management Strategy Review and World Heritage Status decision yet to be finalized.
- Shelter for trampers at Totaranui requested. One is planned but is 1-2yrs away.
- Rawhiti Cave access questioned. DOC is maintaining the track and in future a board walk may be built to minimize damage to Cave features.
- New track suggested in vicinity of Spey River. No new tracks are planned for Kahurangi at present.
- Weed busters group now established in Golden Bay. Meeting planned for 17 August. Group wants to work with DOC and TDC.
- Farewell Spit and Te Waikoropupu Reserve Management Plan progress update requested. Both plans on hold pending completion of Abel Tasman National Park and Abel Tasman Park Foreshore Management Plans.

23 July - Power point presentation on Peak Oil Takaka. Very well attended public meeting addressed by Alan Hart, an oil geologist with 35yrs experience. It will be up to rural communities like Golden Bay to develop self reliance strategies to cope with price increases and/or supply constraints.

24 July - Community Board workshop to discuss Board submissions on Tata Beach Management Plan and Police Act Reviews.

24 July - Community Whanau on Emergency Management. Very well attended address on community preparedness and response to emergencies, including pandemics, by Jim Burrows Emergency Management manager for Nelson-Tasman.

25 July - Presented Golden Bay Community Board submission regarding debt funded \$12.5m Port Nelson distribution to each of the share holding Councils to the TDC Hearing Richmond. Board requested funds be used for repayment of debt especially Port Tarakohe and Regional Museum so these can be managed on a substantial basis and provide for their Capital development where necessary and appropriate, for example, a replacement for the wooden wharf at Tarakohe.

25 July - NVC Compassionate Communication group meeting Tukuruu.

26 July - Aorere River Care meeting Collingwood. Discussed programme for 2007-08 year with TDC Rivers Asset Engineer and Contractors. Willow laying, rock work and gravel issues discussed.

26 July - Chaired Milnthorpe Park Society AGM. Existing Committee re-elected. Report from Park manager Dick Nicholls presented and discussed. Patron Kerry Marshall in attendance and a discussion on wider conservation matters ensued after Park business concluded.

30 July - Trustpower Nelson Tasman Community Awards Appleby. Attended as Board Representative, together with Board member Leigh Gamby. It was great to see Golden Bay Groups featuring strongly in the nominations and the Award presentation including Mangarakau Swamp Society and Takaka Fire Brigade.

31 July - Nelson – Brightwater Road Transport Strategy Forum Richmond. Attended as Board Representative prior to finalizing Community Board submission.

31 July - Launch of 'Hands Up' team of candidates standing in this years Local Body elections. There is scope to strengthen both Local community and Regional governance.

1 August - NVC Compassionate Communication Group meeting Patons Rock.

3 August - Community Board meeting with 16 South East Asian visitors from Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology to discuss 'Local Government in Golden Bay'. This was a special occasion and the time went too quickly. The visitors work in Government agencies in their home countries and are in New Zealand as part of an English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) aid project.

3 August - Viewed the 'Golden Bay in 2022' display in the Takaka Library. This provides an opportunity for feedback from residents about how we are doing as a community to address issues raised in the 2002 study.

3 August - Viewed the start of the new Takaka library with the excavations started, hard fill and profiles in place.

3 August - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful AGM Onekaka Hall. The previous committee was re-elected and the Annual Report Presented. A copy is in the Information Pack. As required, KGBB is becoming an Incorporated Society with its' own constitution.

ISSUES:

Annual Plan

Our Board needs to decide whether to undertake the round of 8 Annual Plan Community meetings prior to the election. If such meetings are left until afterwards it may be too late for community requests to be incorporated into Departmental budgeting.

Congratulations

It is recommended that the Board writes congratulatory letters to the Friends of Mangarakau Swamp and to the Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade on their achieving Community Awards.

Climate Change

There is more information coming out on this by the day it seems. We need to keep abreast of latest predictions and work locally to do what we can to help mitigate the causes and effects.

Telecom

With Telstra Clear having introduced toll-free calling within the Nelson-Motueka Murchison and Golden Bay Call Areas it is suggested that we take the matter up with Telecom on behalf of our community and ask that they do the same.

Holiday Decorations

The Board decided to support a proposal to revamp the summer holiday decorations at a weekend workshop which Liza Eastman had offered to organise. We need to follow this up because the year is racing by.

Joe Bell