

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: CB Member-elect Joe Bell
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 5th November 2007
SUBJECT: Report for 2007 Board Meeting

Activities, events and meetings attended during the month included:

1 October: Tasman Bays Heritage Trust meeting Takaka - Our Community Board received a briefing from Trust Chair Robin Whalley. I expressed our Board support for the Trust including making representations on retiring some Heritage Trust debt using the Port Nelson debt-funded distribution. We suggested the reintroduction of Museum displays at A&P Shows. We were advised of the Regional Museum hosting the Da Vinci exhibition November 07 – February 08.

2 October: Self Reliance Golden Bay Hub meeting Takaka - Verbal reports provided on website progress, Marine Management Plan proposal, residential care, Golden Bay film project, housing, HANDS, food production, hemp for fibre, Totally Local market, local areas 'stocktake', arts and entertainment, business ideas, food distribution and 'Sustainability' or 'Self Reliance' as principles.

10 October: NVC Compassionate Communication group meeting Tukuru

12 October: Chaired meeting of Stakeholders concerning Eureka Bend SH60 road issues - Meeting advised slip is being monitored, road to be re built on current route, if slip worsens Bailey bridge to be extended.

Contingency planning is being undertaken in the event of loss of road access at this or other Takaka Hill sites.

13 October: Election Day - It is felt that the outcome will be positive for our Ward, district and region.

The swearing-in of our new Board and allocations of portfolios and appointments is set down for 9am on 13 November to be followed by morning tea and then the monthly meeting, commencing with Public Forum at 11am.

Congratulations to all successful candidates and thanks are due to all who were prepared to stand as community representatives.

15 October: Annual Plan/LTCCP Community Meeting Upper Takaka

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20 October: Opening of the Patons Rock Steam Museum - Harry and Dianne Holmwood have established a new publicly accessible facility for Golden Bay.

The museum has a beautifully restored Fowler traction engine in its collection of working exhibits.

20 October: Participated in the official opening of the Aorere Centre Collingwood - The project is a wonderful culmination of great efforts by the Trust Committee and supporters. The displays are attractively laid out and will complement other historical information at other museums.

20 October: Opening of Bay Art 2007 - Another successful Golden Bay Event with an amazing range of art works across many forms. All exhibits are a credit to their creators.

20 October: Collingwood Fireworks Display - Another wonderful community event which attracted a huge crowd. The displays commemorated the 90th anniversary of Passchendael with set fireworks display pieces including the ANZAC name and Poppies.

22 October: Milnthorpe Self Reliance Community meeting - discussing issues of generator purchase, contact lists, mitigating fire risk. Follow-up meeting on the latter proposed for 28th October.

23 October: Annual Plan/LTCCP Community meeting Onekaka

24 October: Onekaka Hall Committee meeting - to discuss rebuild of Tennis Courts etc. Updated prices to be obtained from contractors.

25 October: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting Onekaka
Correspondence, work programme, payment of accounts discussed.

28 October: Milnthorpe Self Reliance Community meeting together with representatives from Collingwood Fire Brigade. Available fire pumps discussed, exercise proposed. Questions to be asked of Fire Authority via TDC and DOC.

29 October: Annual Plan/LTCCP Community meeting Pakawau

30 October: NVC Compassionate Communication group meeting Patons Rock

31 October: Motupipi River Catchment Community meeting. Briefing from Andrew and Hillary Fenemor contracted to develop a nutrient management plan in conjunction with landowners and assisted by Ravensdown. Briefing by Trevor James on water monitoring data and John Gilardi on planting.

31 October: Annual Plan/LTCCP Community meeting Bainham

ISSUES

Ratification

During the transition period between election and swearing-in, Board members have had to carry on attending to issues, correspondence and enquiries in a timely manner.

We need to formally ratify items of correspondence and matters such as Golden Bay items for the 2008-09 Annual Plan/LTCCP during our first formal Board meeting on 13 November.

Councillors as Board Members

Due to concerns about possible conflicts of interest it is understood that Ward councillors did not make themselves available for appointment to Community Boards following the election.

For Golden Bay the catalyst for this was the Tata Beach Management Plan Review Hearing where our Ward councillors were excluded because they had been part of the GBCB submission process.

This Hearing was held by councillors from Motueka, Lakes Murchison and Richmond.

When we presented our submission on the Management Plan for such an iconic Golden Bay area our Board felt this was incongruous.

It was felt by the Board that we could have been considering and deciding on matters instead of being submitters.

This is another reason why GB Reserve governance matters could be delegated to the Board.

It is felt that any perceived conflict of interest for councillors can be managed by their withdrawing from the Board meeting table while matters are discussed that they may have to subsequently deliberate on at Council.

Ward councillors appointed as Board members have played a positive role on the Board especially during the 2004-07 term.

Delegations

Golden Bay and Motueka boards need to commence discussions on delegations early in the new term.

There are working models from other councils which we can adapt for Tasman District Community Board use. The Local Government Commission determination did not accept the argument "that councils should be wary of delegating responsibilities to Community Boards" stating (clause 60) "*The above argument strongly suggests the need for a thorough review of community board delegations in the Tasman District. We were assured that this will occur following the 2007 local elections.*"

Joe Bell