

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 5th May 2008
SUBJECT: May 2008 Community Board Meeting

Activities, events and meetings attended during the past month have included:

1 April: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful/Motupipi Stream Care planting bee on riparian margins as part of the effort to improve the water quality of Motupipi Stream.

2 April: Together with Deputy Chair Carolyn McLellan, met with Mayor Kempthorne and CEO Wylie in Richmond

6 April: Bencarri Farm Park book launch for Renee Hollis photographic essay "People of Golden Bay"

8 April: Blessing of the new Library, Takaka

8 April: Community Board meeting Takaka

11 April: Team Golden Bay Western Golden Bay Planning meeting Takaka with Deborah Hewett and Neil Jackson. Initial scoping discussion to identify areas to be covered. Kahurangi – Farewell Spit; Puponga – Rangihaeata; Aorere Valley; then areas not covered by Takaka Eastern Golden Bay, i.e. Wainui Bay, Awaroa etc.

11 April: A Fire wells meeting at Takaka Fire Station considering options for affordable effective fire fighting water supplies for Takaka CBD.

13 April: Blessing and inspection of the MV "Anatoki" a coastal cargo vessel which will include voyages between Tarakohe and Wanganui shipping dolomite.

18 April Takaka Fire wells Meeting Motueka Service Centre selecting the most effective option. Recommendation went to Engineering Services Department to be considered for community consultation.

18 April: Combined Community Boards workshop Motueka

18 April: Opening of the “Endless Horizon” Art Exhibition Golden Bay High School with art works displayed by the ‘12 Artists in Residence’ who stayed on Farewell Spit for several days in September 2007. A wonderful display and a real credit to all of the artists involved.

22 April: ‘Delegations’ meeting Motueka Service Centre - TDC is not offering any specific delegations to Community Boards despite the suggestion to do so from the Local Government Commission in the Representation Review Determination.

22 April: Celebration for the purchase of a new fire appliance for the Upper Takaka fire party - Funding was raised by various means including through Pub Charity and a TDC grant together with proceeds from the replaced vehicle.

22 April: Annual Plan public meeting Takaka - Well attended meeting (33). Main issue of concern was targeted rate on communities with Community Boards. Other issues included: replacement for the wooden wharf at Tarakohe and inequity of stormwater rating being based on capital value.

22 April Annual Plan meeting Collingwood - Another well attended meeting. Again the main issue of concern was targeted rate on communities with Community Boards. Other issues included: concern about Council Debt, high rates on Coastal Farm properties.

23 April: Community Board met with Collingwood Tennis Club - on the Collingwood Courts. Discussed options re Courts. Club favours refurbishing Courts on their present site which the Club owns.

27 April: Chaired Mangarakau Swamp AGM - in place of their elected Chair John Gilardi who is overseas. Attended as TDC/Community Board representative on the committee. Previous committee re-elected. The small team has been doing a great job on planting and weed and pest control and renovating and upgrading buildings and facilities.

ISSUES

Spat Catching Application (Agenda item 4.1.2)

The Board has received a notification from Ministry of Fisheries regarding a 1,262.5ha mussel spat catching application in the area known as the Golden Bay Ring Road.

Recommendation: That The Golden Bay Community Board considers the issues concerning the Ring Road Consortium Spat Catching Permit application and resolves to make a submission on it before the closing date of 23 May 2008.

Vessels at anchor in Golden Bay (Agenda item 4.1.3)

It is very heartening that MAF Bio-security is advising us of vessels intending to enter Golden Bay for anchorage and of relevant bio-security detail i.e. agreements with

Masters over ballast water, hull cleanliness, refuse disposal and inspection history etc.

Recommendation: That the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to MAF Bio-security thanking them for the information now being provided regarding vessels intending to anchor in Golden Bay.

Targeted Rate on Communities with Community Boards (Agenda Item 4.1.4)

There is considerable community concern being expressed about this proposal. Considerable time has been spent on this issue at the expense of other positive initiatives.

Recommendation: That the Golden Bay Community Board formally submits in opposition to the 2008-09 Tasman District Council Draft Annual Plan proposed targeted rate on communities with community boards, together with any other issue in the Draft that the Board may wish to bring to the attention of Council.

Vehicles on Beaches (Agenda Item 4.1.5)

Further to previous complaints and efforts on this issue there have been two recent incidents reported which again highlight the need for rules and policies. The first was a truly horrible incident at about 9.30pm on 1 May when a 4WD vehicle was driven onto the Para Para Estuary foreshore running over and fatally injuring a young seal pup. This pup had provided a great deal of pleasure for locals and visitors of all ages over the past few months.

The second was someone using a quad bike to ride up and down the wooden steps at the Milnthorpe picnic area access to the foreshore ripping the step treads off them.

Recommendation: That the Golden Bay Community Board continues with efforts to establish rules and policies to control the unnecessary use of vehicles on beaches and foreshores.

Transport Subsidy (Agenda Item 4.1.6)

The information on Transport Subsidies has been circulated to Board members. The Board has been advised that TDC is one of a very few councils not involved in the subsidized transport initiative.

Recommendation: That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the 2008-09 Draft Annual Plan requesting that Tasman District Council again looks at the need to become involved in subsidized public transport taking into account recent and predicted further fuel price rises which are making it more difficult than ever for some members of our community to meet their transport needs.

Seasonal Speed Limits (Agenda Item 4.1.7)

Requests have come from our community for some seasonal speed limits i.e. Parapara, to be extended year round.

Recommendation: That the Golden Bay Community Board supports the request for seasonal speed limits to be extended year round where this is requested by the communities concerned.

Economic Study (Agenda Item 4.1.8)

With large rises in fuel, food and other basic living costs it is even more imperative that the previously requested economic study be carried out.

Recommendation: That: the Golden Bay Community Board requests Tasman District Council to approach Local Government New Zealand supporting the need for a comprehensive study on the economic effects on rural communities from rising fuel and food prices seeking suggestions as to how these may be mitigated.

Community Board Delegations

The Board needs to discuss the Tasman District Council response to suggested delegations.

Recommendation: That: the Golden Bay Community Board discusses the Tasman District Council response to the Community Board delegations paper during a proposed workshop.

Coastal Erosion (Agenda Item 4.1.9)

There is considerable erosion presently occurring around the Golden Bay coastal margin. The Board has previously requested that monitoring of the coastal margin be kept up to date.

Recommendation: That: the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Tasman District Council seeking an assurance that the coastal bench mark surveys or other coastal monitoring measures are being kept up to date in order to provide accurate, timely information to Council.

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