

## REPORT

**TO:** Golden Bay Community Board

**FROM:** The Chair

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### **Mary Baigent QSM**

I begin my report to the April meeting with a tribute to Mary Baigent who passed away on 26 March 2011. Mary has touched so many people's lives in Golden Bay. She has been a tireless worker on many organisations and her Queen's Service Medal was awarded for her services to St John, and she was also a Serving Sister of that organisation.

Scouts, the GB Work Centre Trust, Rural Women, Jersey Breeders, A&P Association, her Church work, and many more organisations, were all recipients of her time, energy, love and great caring. Mary has given so much to so many and she will be missed by her family and this community. We are so grateful for all she gave to, and achieved for, Golden Bay. We are all the richer for the life of Mary Baigent in Golden Bay.

Sheryl Nalder, Community Workers' Manager, who spoke at Mary's funeral said:

*"Mary was a pioneer of the Social Services in Golden Bay. She was the driving force of the steering group and building committee of the GB Community Centre and a foundation member of the Golden Bay Community Workers Inc. Mary was the first representative on the COGS committee for Golden Bay (and I'm pretty sure that would be the first committee for the region).*

*Mary came into some of our lives for a season and others of us for many seasons; she wrapped her cloak around many of us for as long as needed. Mary has now moved into seasons in another world but will be a voice on our shoulders."*

### **Freedom Camping Bylaw**

The Draft Bylaw has been approved by Council to go out for consultation and submission. The Community Board is in the process of formulating a submission. All of the Board members seem to be fielding complaints about the actions of freedom campers who pay scant, if any, heed of the international signage that says no camping or the words 'No Overnight Staying'. They often arrive quite late

around dusk, and settle in for the night and they are not spotted by local residents until the next morning. They have blatantly ignored the notices and for Tasman District Council compliance people to have the ability to issue an infringement notice, would surely have to be a deterrent.

The Zone 5 and 6 councils (all of the South Island) are having a conference in late April and Freedom Camping is on the Agenda. It is hoped they too can agree on a similar approach to Tasman so we have continuity throughout the country. It is also hoped that the Minister of Transport will introduce legislation that will allow a vehicle to be infringed, as many of the freedom camping culprits are driving non self-contained rentals vans.

We hope as many people as possible will submit to this bylaw as this issue is not going away, with each year the volume of freedom campers in non self-contained vehicles is increasing. The pollution and fouling caused by these selfish travellers is having a detrimental effect on our environment. We do have an obligation to look after this wonderful place so it is not spoilt for many by the disrespectful few.

I believe it may be timely for us to have a conversation about where it is okay for people to camp and where it is not okay, while ensuring we are mindful of the Bylaw.

### **Waste water meeting**

The waste water working group has had our second meeting at which we welcomed two members of the public who will be part of the deliberations. Both Hayley Gale and Barry Cashman have a vested interest in seeing the best possible solution is achieved for Takaka. Hayley overlooks the proposed new filtration beds and Barry has had to endure problems of odour emanating from the existing site.

MWH consultants took us through a variety of options of different methods of dealing with waste and their effectiveness and cost in relation to our site. We agreed to look at other sites either in person or filmed, e.g. Tapawera, Motueka.

### **Interim Management Group**

The IMG signed off on the concept plans for the new Integrated Health Centre. The Clinical Leaders group which involves the Medical Centre, Joan Whiting and the Hospital had all reached agreement on these plans and had signed them off so IMG were unanimous in asking that the hospital architects from Peddle Thorpe (who are appointed by Government) take the concept drawings to the next stage of detail. As soon as this is done they will be released to the public. This is a very exciting milestone for Golden Bay.

### **Mataitai Reserve**

The Golden Bay Community Board has an invitation from Te Mohua ki Te Tapu Mataitai Management Committee to attend the unveiling of the Mataitai Reserve sign at Paturau River at Midday on the 16<sup>th</sup> April. Several of our members will be attending and have accepted this invitation.

## **Annual Plan Submission**

This is one of our next tasks to ensure we make a submission to Council on the Draft Annual Plan. There is a great deal we support in the Plan; with the scale of adverse events Tasman has suffered it is vital we ensure the Disaster Fund is built up to a realistic level. The replacement of James Road Bridge is a welcome decision.

## **Drinking Water Subsidy for Takaka Survey**

Attached is this report as presented to Council Engineering Committee 17 March 2011.

## **State Highway 60 Liaison Meeting with NZTA**

The Community Board will meet New Zealand Transport Agency representatives and the Chair of Engineering, Trevor Norris, on 6 April 2011. This is a new initiative to have annual meetings between NZTA and each of the Community Boards to deal with local issues pertaining to the State Highway in either Motueka or Golden Bay. The agenda for the Golden Bay meeting is attached to this report.

## **Rototai Toilet**

We have had numerous requests for a toilet at the Rototai Reserve. This area is very popular for recreation and being designated a dog exercise area means it attracts many owners and their dogs.

Unfortunately because there is no other public toilet in the vicinity we get complaints about people using the bushes for toileting. This is not acceptable and as more and more people use this area the problem seems to be getting worse. I have spoken to Lloyd Kennedy who believes we need to consult the residents who live nearby.

### ***Recommendation:***

- a. That the Golden Bay Community Board consults the residents of Rototai who border the reserve, regarding erecting a toilet on the reserve site.*
- b. If the residents agree that a toilet is a necessary amenity, then the positioning of that toilet should also be discussed with residents.*

## **Community Whanau Meeting**

Sue Tilby, Manager Age Concern Nelson, explained the very difficult funding situation affecting that organisation that necessitated axing local dedicated Age Concern workers here in Golden Bay and other areas. She is committed to ensuring that any elder abuse will be dealt with immediately and is available by phone if there are any concerns. She is hoping to recruit volunteers to check in with elderly folk who may have few visitors. Shane Graham from Internal Affairs Lottery funding was also present and he reminded everyone that the local COGs

funding meeting will be held following the April Whanau meeting and everyone is welcome.

### **Tasman Bay Heritage Trust**

We have had a request from Peter Millward CEO regarding funding for the Provincial Museum and for our support when making our submission to the Annual Plan. The details of this request are included in the agenda.

The Full Council agenda of 7 April includes a very detailed report from Tasman District Council CEO Paul Wylie and supporting documentation from Chair of the Trust, Sara Chapman.

#### ***Suggested action:***

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a decision whether or not to support this request from the Nelson Bays Heritage Trust Provincial Museum for support, when making our submission to the Annual Plan.”*

### **Takaka Market**

The Community Board undertook to monitor the Market and report back to Council by the end of April. The Board will prepare a report in conjunction with the Market Organiser.

### **Golden Bay High School Pool**

Money has been set aside in the Golden Bay Reserves Fund 10year plan for both high schools for funding towards their pools. Golden Bay's is set down for the upcoming year and Collingwood Area for 2014-15. Originally when this allocation was made it was envisaged it may be able to be used towards the cost of covering the pools. Most schools are now finding it increasingly difficult to fund their pools due to increasing costs of chemicals, power and general upkeep and putting a roof on the pools is not on the radar.

Golden Bay High School has an innovative heating system which works off the school boiler and extends the swimming season at both ends of the swimming year. At present this heating has had to be turned off as the aging pipes are in need of replacing and the system is not working efficiently. The pool itself is in good repair and Principal, Roger File, says that they have no concerns about the integrity of the pool it is only the heating that is compromised.

They have an excellent mechanical covering system which keeps the pool at approximately 26 degrees during the summer. They have a cleaning system that is economical on chemicals so their running costs are affordable, however the cost of the heating repairs are in the vicinity of \$90,000 which is out of the school's financial reach.

The Swimming Club has an enthusiastic membership of up to 50, and between 70 and 80 families buy keys each year at a cost of \$120.00.

***Suggested action:***

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board, in conjunction with Community Services, considers the request from principal Roger File for assistance with the capital upgrade of the Golden Bay High School swimming pool heating system.”*

**Congratulations:**

Mayor Richard Kempthorne was elected Chair of Zone 5 Local Government NZ and Mik Symmons was elected Deputy Zone 5 Representative for Community Boards.

**Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade - 100 years old is celebrating their Centenary at Easter 2011**

100 years of voluntary service to the wider Collingwood community; a fantastic achievement for which the community of Collingwood are immeasurably grateful. Nowadays they are the first response not just for fire but any emergencies and we have a highly skilled group of individuals who give their own time without payment or reward to ensure that when 111 is called help is on the way. The Collingwood Fire Brigade, along with their counterparts in Takaka, are community heroes.

***Recommendation:***

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes a letter of congratulations to Collingwood Fire Brigade on their century of service to the community, and also a letter of congratulations and appreciation to SSO Paddy Gillooly on attaining his Gold Star.”*

**Anzac Day**

***Recommendation:***

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board appoint representatives to represent Tasman District Council to attend the services in Collingwood and Takaka and to take out the national flag.”*

**Old Library Site Meeting**

We need to set a date for this meeting.

**Laying Fire reticulation Pipes**

This work has been done with the minimum disruption to traffic and business. The contractors are to be congratulated for the manner in which this contract has been handled so far.

## **Naked Bike ride**

This iconic Golden Bay bike ride to raise awareness to the plight of vulnerable road users has once again been very successful. Congratulations to the organizers of this event that keeps Golden Bay on the local, national and international radar.

### ***Recommendation:***

*“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the organizers of this event thanking them for their work promoting the cause of vulnerable road users.”*

## **Rural women Conference**

I have attended the inter-provincial gathering for Rural Women. This encompasses the regions of Marlborough, Nelson, West Coast, Buller and Golden Bay. Issues affecting Rural Women and their families are always to the fore. Rural Women are still concerned about School Bus safety and would like to see 20kmph signs on the back of every school bus and a flashing light on the roof of all school buses. One delegate from Nelson spoke on how when motorists are going past a bus at 20kmph in a built up area such as Hope there is often a line of traffic behind and she said if the motorists in the line way behind could see the flashing light they would understand that it was school bus that was causing the holdup they may be less inclined to get impatient or even try to pass.

Another issue raised was that of the erosion of rural representation as areas become urbanized and in the event of amalgamation of authorities a different formula to ensure that rural representation is maintained. This was an issue that Sue Piper from the Local Government Commission stated we should be requesting that Government overhauls as part of electoral review and or representation review.

Local women Sue Brown and Michelle Riley presented an interactive workshop outlining and encouraging collaborative leadership based on their work in Playcentre and the Aorere Catchment Group.

## **Outstanding Landscapes**

Shelagh Noble is planning further consultation with groups before she presents her report to Council.

## **Lidar Survey – Collingwood**

It is expected that the LIDAR survey will be carried out on the whole coastline (including Collingwood) before the end of June.

## **Presentation to the Board**

Council’s Transportation Manager, Gary Clark, will attend this meeting to address the following topics:

- Rural Roads – Delineation Policy
- Anatoki Road
- School Buses – Safety / Signage
- Speed limits
- Paynes Ford area
- Rototai Road
- Bridges at Bainham
- Milnthorpe Wharf
- Heavy traffic through Takaka township
- Signage to direct traffic down Motupipi Street
- Collingwood Streetscaping
- Heaphy Track access road (fords)

### **Suter Exhibition**

Cedric Savage's Golden Bay landscapes are currently featured at the Suter. There are four Tasman District Council-owned paintings on display; three that are normally in the Takaka Library and the Tarakohe one that is normally in the Takaka Service Centre Meeting room. Apart from the Tasman District Council ones and the Suter-owned ones the rest are all on loan from private collections. It is a wonderful exhibition and well worth a visit.

There is also a magnificent work from Robin Slow to be auctioned with all proceeds going to the Canterbury earthquake appeal.

Carolyn McLellan