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REPORTS BACK FROM COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Community Board members with a reporting back facility regarding their portfolio responsibilities and other activities they have been involved with as a member of the Tawa Community Board. A copy of activities covered by the Chair of the Board is attached as appendix 1.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

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CHAIR'S REPORT COVERING NOVEMBER AND VERY EARLY DECEMBER 2012

TCB printed newsletter

I compiled the newsletter early/mid November and forwarded it on Monday 19 to P & D at the Council. It was printed and back in my hands within four days, and was subsequently delivered by a team from Tawa College between Saturday 24 - Wednesday 28 November.

A total of 5,000 were produced in full colour. The quote I obtained from an external printer was for \$820 + GST. The quote from P & D was 50% higher. They subsequently agreed to meet the other quote.

Community eNewsletters

Two editions were sent out in November and one in early December. Each generates a small amount of feedback and often requests for certain issues to be addressed.

Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards

I obtained from the various schools the names of the various winning students, nine in all. Each received a letter inviting them to the awards ceremony. Each principal (and/or staff member) was also invited. I also obtained from each school a profile of their winning student. These were read out by the school principal or a teacher at the ceremony itself.

Trophies, laminated certificates and book vouchers (kindly donated by Take Note Tawa) were organised for the winners, along with lettering on the existing shields which are retained at each school.

The ceremony itself went well. Around 65 people were present including family members (and a number of grandparents), school representatives and community board members. Andrew Bonallack from Porirua CityLife News took photographs and subsequently published one of each winner in his newspaper. Framed photos will be presented to each of the winners in the near future.

The winner of the Tawa Borough Scholarship at Tawa College gave a very short speech. The Mayor presented the awards and concluded with a short speech.

The first email I received from one of the student winners accepting the invitation to the awards ceremony was entitled "My parents and I are going!!" and it read: "Today I have received your mail. I am so proud of myself. My family and I would love to attend the ceremony. Thank you very much. I'm so excited!!"

Tawa Station

Graeme and I met with Angus Gabara and Nicola Duckett from the Greater Wellington Regional Council to discuss parking issues related to the (temporary) closure of Tawa Station. Currently 120-140 cars are parked in the vicinity of Tawa Station each weekday. There will not be parking space at nearby railway stations to accommodate those users during the four months or

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so that Tawa Station is out of commission.

GWRC is looking at the possibility of bussing people from Tawa Station to a nearby station which would allow a substantial numbers of cars to continue to be parked in the vicinity of Tawa Station. As there are all sorts of obstacles to overcome, they are currently working on possible solutions.

Progress is being made with the artwork for the 16 panels on the new station building, and draft concepts have been emailed to certain members of the community board and the historical society. A further get-together with GWRC will take place mid-December.

Redwood Station

There is concern about the number of cars being broken into at Redwood Station. In fact there were apparently eight or so on one day mid-November. There are suggestions afoot about daytime patrols, camera surveillance, etc, but at this stage no specific action is in the pipeline. It is something that needs to be looked at further.

Countdown Supermarket

We have been advised that the new Countdown supermarket “up at Takapu Island” is aiming to open its doors to the public on Tuesday 12 February 2013. I have met the new manager, Melanie Rae.

Community Concerns

We have been asked about the reinstatement of the mail box that was previously located outside the supermarket. Both Ngaire and the new supermarket management have been in contact with NZ Post about this. It appears that the mail box will be reinstated within the next few weeks.

Concerns were received from certain Oxford Street residents about the loudness of the bells at the new pedestrian railway crossing at the back of Tawa Pool. After referring this to KiwiRail, they agreed that the volume could be reduced and acted promptly in tending to this. However they will not silence the bells at night as doing so “does not meet their current safety standards”.

Concern has again been expressed about the height of the unkempt grass in Takapu Road at its intersection with Bing Lucas Drive. I have reported this to the call centre.

Other issues include:

- a request for information about the development of Tawa Junction
- a request for more parking at Redwood Station
- a request for an additional 'disabled' car park outside Drummonds Pharmacy
- concern about bottles being smashed on the new walkway immediately below the pedestrian overbridge at Tawa Station
- concern about the state of the bank on the western side of the Main Road between Redwood Ave (south) and the squash club

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- 05.11.12 Presented Tawa Borough Scholarship award (jointly) to Kirsty Dibley and Esther Holt at the Tawa College academic prizegiving. Ngaire, Justin, Robert and Margaret also there.
- 06.11.12 Attended “Ngatahi Hapori” meeting at Tawa College. Dale Williams, Mayor of Otorohanga, speaking on the topic “How Can we inspire our Youth?” Ngaire, Robert and Margaret also there. Total attendance 110-120.
- 08.11.12 Tawa Community Board monthly meeting.
- 12.11.12 Met with Anusha Guler, WCC Democratic Services manager, to discuss a number of topics.
- 12.11.12 At the monthly meeting of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers’ Association.
- 15.11.12 Meeting with the Greater Wellington Regional Council representatives to discuss parking issues related to the (temporary) closure of Tawa Station – as detailed earlier.
- 17.11.12 Re-opening of Tawa Pool. After Maori welcome involving local schoolchildren, Graeme introduced the Mayor. Ngaire, Justin, Robert, Margaret and Alastair also there.
- 24.11.12 Brief appearance at the meeting of Zone 4 community board members at the Linden Social Centre. Graeme and Robert represented Tawa Community Board. Issues discussed were primarily the next Community Boards’ conference scheduled for May 2013 in Wanaka, and the Palmer Report, i.e. the “amalgamation” issue.
Operated community board stand at the Tawa School Fair. Useful PR exercise. Met two older residents (at different times) who have both lived in Tawa more than 50 years. Met younger woman who has just moved into area. Margaret assisted for the first half, and Ngaire and Graeme later in piece.
Organised and took part in own street barbecue early evening with 40 residents attending.
Attended farewell to Bert Campbell, longstanding member of the Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade.
- 25.11.12 Attended the start of the Redwood School Duathlon early afternoon.
- 27.11.12 Meeting with *Kapi-Mana News* journalist.
Assisted with putting up hanging baskets outside Main Road shops early evening. Chris overseeing operation assisted by Justin. Robert also involved on the night, along with two or three members of community.

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- 28.11.12 Invited to World Premiere of “The Hobbit”.
- 30.11.12 Tawa Primary Schools’ Citizenship Awards ceremony at Tawa Community Centre.
- 01.12.12 Tawa Lions Community Christmas Parade. Ngaire, Robert and Margaret also there.
- 04.12.12 Tawa Rotary Carols in the Park at Grasslees Reserve.
- 05.12.12 Attended shared lunch and Christmas carols at Tawa Community Centre. Robert also there.

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