
REPORT 9
(1215/12/IM)

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.*

Tawa Community Board achievements in 2012:

- We initiated 50 street barbecues (or similar street gatherings) in conjunction with Neighbours' Day Aotearoa in March, more than the rest of Wellington put together. In total, between 1100-1200 Tawa people took part, many meeting others in their own street for the first time. The prelude to that was a "Tips for a barbecue in your street" meeting which around 55 people attended.
- We ran a public meeting in early May to discuss the future of the Tawa Railway Station and to provide feedback to GWRC (the Regional Council). Over the course of the year an informal committee met several times to discuss designs for the new station, including meetings with GW people at the railway station itself. A group is still meeting (early 2013) to finalise designs for the panels which will be incorporated in the new station building.
- Early in the year the TCB chair spoke about the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards to year 5 & 6 children at all six of Tawa's primary schools and to all the kids at the Intermediate school.
- Several board members shared an evening meal with Porirua City Councillors followed by an informal discussion on the workings of the Tawa Community Board.
- We organised and ran the Tawa Community Civic Awards with the Mayor presenting certificates to more than 60 local nominees (volunteers in the community).
- Several board members sat with WCC councillors at their table to hear members of the Regional Review panel.
- We hosted members of the Regional Review panel at our own session in Tawa.
- We forwarded five written submissions to the appropriate authorities during the course of the year:
 - Greater Wellington Regional Council 2012-2022 Draft Long Term Plan
 - Wellington City Council 2012-2022 Draft Long Term Plan
 - Local Government Reform in Wellington
 - Wellington City Council Representation Arrangements for the 2013 Local Authority Elections
 - Future Wellington, an Issues Paper on Local Government Reform in the Wellington Region
- We organised Spring into Tawa Market Day in September, a much-valued annual community event.
- We assisted with the Tawa walkway naming competition and played a part in the official opening of "Tawa Shared Pathway – Ara Tawa".
- We co-organised an Earthquake Resilience meeting in Tawa attended by 80 people in October.
- We met with Council officers to inspect progress with the refurbishment of Tawa Pool. Board members attended the official re-opening in November at which the deputy chair gave a speech.

APPENDIX 1

- The chair presented the Tawa Borough Scholarship prize to joint winners at the Tawa College academic prize giving in November.
- We ran the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony at which the Mayor presented certificates to a Year 6 (or Year 8) student from each of Tawa's primary schools, plus the Intermediate. The chair subsequently presented a framed photo to the winning student at each of those schools, at full assemblies in most cases.
- We organised the installation of 50 hanging baskets which were put into place outside Main Road shops in early December, provoking much positive feedback.
- Board members met with roading officers at various sites in Tawa to discuss parking or traffic issues.
- We jointly produced 22 community newsletters which were emailed to around 1200 locals.
- We distributed printed newsletters to all 4600 households in Tawa – in April and in November.
- The chair met with the Mayor of Wellington twice during the course of the year to discuss Tawa-related matters, and also met with the WCC Chief Executive on one occasion.
- The chair met with various others like the Area Commander for the Kapiti-Mana Police, local bank manager, local supermarket management, various journalists, Council officers, community centre staff, members of the community, etc.
- The chair gave a short speech at the opening of the New World supermarket in November; he was a guest at two Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade functions during the course of the year; a guest at the World Premiere of *The Hobbit* in Wellington, and at the annual end-of-year Police Pay Parade in Porirua.

Some of the Tawa Community Board's intentions in 2013:

- We will give our full support to Neighbours' Day/Weekend in Tawa in March. The aim is to see between 60 and 75 streets in Tawa getting together with their neighbours in some way or another – sharing a barbecue, afternoon tea or similar.
- We will produce two printed newsletters for distribution to every household in the Tawa community.
- We will make our views known on the “amalgamation issue” in terms of what we believe will best serve the interests of Tawa residents.
- We will fully support construction of yet-to-be-completed sections of the Tawa Shared Pathway – Ara Tawa.
- We will look at the feasibility of initiating a specific community event, possibly an organised walk or similar.
- We will continue with the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards.