

**REPORT 3**  
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**NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE  
2013, THURSDAY 9 – SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013,  
WANAKA – ATTENDANCE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To advise the Makara/Ohariu Community Board of the Strategy and Policy Committee decision to allow for two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 to be held in Wanaka.

**2. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee approved the attendance of two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 and agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Nominate two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013.*
- 4. Note that a written report back on the Conference will be presented by the attendees to the Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

**3. Discussion**

The theme of the 2013 Community Boards' conference is 'local communities, local leadership'.

There are numerous speakers lined up to address the conference. These include Canadian Nuffield scholar Leona Dargis to share her story and illustrate how with good decision making, all things are possible, even when faced with extreme adversity.

Sam Johnson who will give his view on leadership and how it can be applied both in life and in the future of Community Boards. Trevor Johnston, the recently retired Chief Executive Officer of Riverland Meats to share his vast experience and tried and true methods of inspiring and leading organisations.

There will be addresses from the Minister of Local Government, President and the Chief Executive Officer of Local Government New Zealand.

During the conference gala dinner, the presentation of Best Practice Awards will be made to Community Boards who have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in Local Government.

The full programme is attached as appendix one.

### **3.1 Considerations**

When deciding whether two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost of two members from the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend is expected to be estimated at \$3,504 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance per person is broken down as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Registration (full)	\$745 (early bird)
Return Flights (Wellington to Queenstown)	\$438*
Accommodation	\$429 (3 nights @ \$143 per night)**
Transfers from Queenstown to Wanaka	\$40***
Incidentals	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,752</b>

\* based on fully flexi fares

\*\* an extra nights accommodation has been factored in due to the Conference programme and the timing of flights out of Queenstown on the Saturday.

\*\*\* \$20 each way

The impact on the budget of two members from each of the Community Boards attending this conference is outlined below:

	2012/2013 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for fees, travel and accommodation	\$37,500	\$19,263	\$18,237
Impact of sending up to <b>four</b> board members to the conference	\$3,504	\$22,767	\$14,733

#### 4. Conclusion

A decision is required from the Committee to approve the attendance of up to two members of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013 to be held from Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 in Wanaka.

Contact Officer: *Fiona Dunlop – Committee Advisor*

## Supporting Information

### **1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome**

*1.1 Governance, Information and Engagement: We want to involve people and maintain their confidence, in our decision making.*

### **2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact**

*Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process*

### **3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

*There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications*

### **4) Decision-Making**

*The Strategy and Policy Committee has the delegation to approve the attendance of Elected Members at domestic conferences and seminars*

### **5) Consultation**

#### **a) General Consultation**

*Not required*

#### **b) Consultation with Maori**

*Not required*

### **6) Legal Implications**

*Nil*

### **7) Consistency with existing policy**

*This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy*



# PROGRAMME

## Thursday 9 May 2013

6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Welcome cocktails**

Venue: Edgewater

## Friday 10 May 2013

7.30am – 4.30pm

Registration and information desk open

Venue: Lake Wanaka Centre

8.30am – 8.55am

**Wanaka – For a change!**

Ed Taylor, *MC*

Lyal Cocks, *Wanaka Community Board Chair*

Vanessa van Uden, *Mayor, Queenstown Lakes District Council*

Michael Skerret, *Ngai Tahu*

Kathy Wiltshire, *Communications and Stakeholder Manager, Chorus*

8.55am – 09.45am

**Leaders who engage and empower**

Leona Dargis

*Kindly sponsored by Smart Environmental*

9.45am – 10.15am

**Engaging communities – creating conversation and ownership**

Monique Davidson, Gina Scandrett, *Horowhenua District Council*

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10.15am – 10.30am

**Future focus**

Lawrence Yule, *President, LGNZ*

# THURSDAY

# FRIDAY

10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea			
11.00am – 12.30pm	<b>Concurrent workshops</b>			
	<p><b>A license to lead</b> Empowering community boards to have a leadership role in their communities (with case-studies of long term planning and working with your council)</p> <p>Karyl Gunn, <i>Chair, Te Puke Community Board</i></p> <p>Sam Marshall, <i>Thames Coromandel District Council</i></p> <p>Alan Taylor, <i>Chair, Wanganui Rural Community Board</i></p>	<p><b>Safe Communities: working locally to improve safety</b> Community safety through collaboration – community boards building safe communities and reflecting community interests in local alcohol policies</p> <p>Dr Carolyn Coggan, <i>Executive Director, Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand</i></p> <p>Cathy Bruce, <i>Local Government Manager (Alcohol), Health Promotion Agency</i></p>	<p><b>Empowering youth</b> Helping community boards connect with young people in their community and how to harness their skills, knowledge and connections</p> <p><i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Youth Development</i></p> <p><i>Hutt City Council</i></p>	<p><b>Are you ready? Yeah right</b> How prepared is your community board to assist your community in a crisis?</p> <p>Jayne Beer, <i>Community Relations Officer, New Plymouth District Council</i></p> <p>Robyn H Wallace, <i>Chair, Kaiapoi Community Board</i></p>
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch			
1.15pm – 2.00pm	<b>Address from the Minister of local government</b>			

2.00pm – 2.30pm

**Local democracy powering community and national success**

Malcolm Alexander, *CEO, LGNZ*

Adam Feeley, *CEO, QLDC*

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.00pm – 4.30pm

**Concurrent workshops**

**Chorus – we’re local too!**

Chorus is everyone’s neighbour - how does a national company ensure it operates as a local business to bring a human touch to technology

Kathy Wiltshire, *Communications and Stakeholder Manager, Chorus*

**It’s business Jim, but not as we know it**

Local economic development – community boards supporting social enterprises in their communities

Sue Coutts, *General Manager, Wanaka Wastebusters*

**Community boards – our future**

The structure of local government is continually evolving – what are future structures and where do community boards fit

*Local Government New Zealand*

**Inspire and achieve**

Inspiring and supporting community-led outcomes in your place. How do we not only inspire communities but also achieve together?

*Denise Bijoux, Inspiring Communities*

7.00pm – 11.00pm

**Conference dinner and awards**

*Supreme award kindly sponsored by the Community Board Executive Committee and KnowHow*

Venue: Edgewater

# SATURDAY

**Saturday 11 May 2013**

8.30am – 3.30pm	Registration and information desk open				Venue: Wanaka Events Centre
9.00am – 9.15am	<b>Community Board Executive Committee's role in local government</b> Mick Lester, <i>Chair, Community Board Executive Committee</i>				
9.15am – 10.00am	<b>What do Facebook, shovels and royalty have in common?</b> Sam Johnson				
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning tea				
10.30am – 12.00pm	<b>Concurrent workshops</b>				
	<b>Giving roads our voice</b> Influencing the quality and safety of roads in our communities	<b>Rules and Tools for Broad and Inclusive Community Engagement</b> How to build community, how to make things happen  Jim Diers	<b>Communication is everything</b> Communication in the 21st Century. How do we break down the barriers of social media and efficiently use technology communication to drive social change and engage our community.  Sam Johnson Leona Dargis	<b>What if ... ? Your community in 2030</b> What are the factors shaping our future today – in 2030 will anything have changed for you and your community? What will a New Zealand community look like?  <i>Local Government New Zealand</i>	
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Lunch				
12.45pm – 1.30pm	<b>Empower your Board by Mobilizing Your Community</b> Jim Diers				
1.30pm – 2.15pm	<b>Community board zone meetings</b> <i>All delegates invited to join a zone meeting</i>				



# SATURDAY

2.15pm – 3.00pm

## **Spontaneous volunteers**

Trevor Johnston

3.00pm – 3.30pm

## **Long service celebration and official conference closing**

From 5.30pm

## **Post conference barbecue**

*hosted by your Community Board Executive Committee*

Venue: Edgewater



## MC

### **Ed Taylor**

Ed Taylor recently took up the job as General Manager of Warbirds Over Wanaka. This event has been held every two years since 1988 and is regarded as one of the top four Warbirds Airshows in the world. Ed is also manager of the Warbirds and Wheels visitor attraction at Wanaka Airport.

Earlier this year Ed and his wife Kim sold their business Radio Wanaka Limited after nine years. The company operated two radio stations and a community website in Wanaka.

Before 2003 Ed held a number of positions in different media companies including General Manager of IRN News for The Radio Network and General Manager of Primedia – the sales arm of the Prospect Group.

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