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## **REPORTS BACK FROM COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **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 - 30 November 2011**

It has been a very busy period since my last report on 3 November:

### **COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS**

Ngairé & I took part in a further meeting on Wednesday 9 November regarding neighbourhood support/ community preparedness in Tawa. Progress is being made towards our goal of making a big weekend of "Neighbours' Day Aotearoa" in late March 2012.

### **REPRESENTATION REVIEW MEETING**

Robert and I attended an all-day meeting on Monday 14 November in Wellington which involved participants from all around the country. Speakers included Ian McKinnon, Jenny Rowan, Fran Wilde, and various local government experts. The role of community boards was discussed and validated by various speakers.

### **TAWA PROGRESSIVE & RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING**

I attended the monthly meeting on the evening of Monday 14 November.

### **TCB PRINTED NEWSLETTER**

I compiled the newsletter between 15-21 November and had it printed by P & D at the Council. It is being distributed by a team from Tawa College between Saturday 26 - Wednesday 30 November.

A total of 5,000 have been produced. Any surplus will be made available at the Library.

### **PHOTOSHOOT AT TAWA SQUASH**

A community board representative was invited to be part of a photo shoot at the Tawa Squash Club on Thursday 17 November. The Tawa Community Grants committee had given \$1000 earlier in the year to "Mums and Bubs in Squash". As chair of the grants committee, Chris Reading starred in the photo shoot for Kapi-Mana News.

I was there to give him my full support.

### **TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

I attended St Francis Xavier's whole school assembly on Friday 18 November and announced the names of that school's joint winners of the citizenship awards. At that stage it was merely handing them the letters inviting them to the official occasion on Wednesday 30 November.

This report is being compiled one day before the actual awards ceremony. Everything is set to go. Family members, school representatives and community board members have all been invited. Approximately 60 people are likely to be present.

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Each school has submitted a profile of their winning student. This will be read out by the school principal or a teacher at the ceremony itself.

Each winning student will be presented with the following by the Mayor:

- a laminated certificate
- a book voucher for \$20 (sponsored by Tawa Take Note)
- a small trophy

A wooden shield with the student's name on it will be given to their principal or some other representative from their school. This will remain at the school and be updated each year.

The Mayor will conclude proceedings with a short speech. That will be followed by light refreshments.

## **COMMUNITY BOARD STAND AT SCHOOL GALAS IN NOVEMBER**

Greenacres School had its gala on Saturday 19 November 11am to 2pm. I manned a community board stand for the duration. Community board brochures were available and people were given the opportunity to indicate their interest in receiving the community eNewsletter. Ngaire assisted for the last hour. The stand was moderately successful on the whole, with a few useful conversations taking place.

Ngaire and I were asked to judge the Mad Hatters' Gala at the conclusion of the gala. A substantial number of kids took part, with a winner being declared for each year from Years 1 through to 6.

Tawa School had its fair on Saturday 26 November 11am to 2pm. With the stand better positioned, it was very successful, with more than three times the amount of interest than the week before. Margaret assisted for the first hour, Justin for the second, and Ngaire for the last. Well worth the effort.

## **STREET BARBECUE**

Strictly speaking I wasn't wearing my community board hat in organising a neighbourhood barbecue in my own street on Saturday 26 November, but I guess I had one eye on "Neighbours' Weekend Aotearoa 2012" in determining how much effort is required in doing so. As it turned out, not a lot (of effort) for a rather low-key but well-patronised event. 37 people enjoyed cooking and eating together and speaking to various neighbours they hadn't previously met. I will use this occasion as an example to encourage others to follow.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

As previously reported, concern has also been expressed about Arohata's "rather savage tree-cutting exercise" - the felling of a significant number of trees on prison land at the southern entrance of Tawa (back in July). We eventually heard back from the Corrections Department that they might look at some replacement planting in the next financial year, but on a restricted basis only. We received reports from people concerned about the abrupt disappearance of the mail box outside the old supermarket. Ngaire has followed this through with NZ Post who have promised to review the situation when construction work is completed in the vicinity around the middle of next year.

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Concern has been expressed about the height of the unkempt grass in Takapu Road at its intersection with Bing Lucas Drive. Motorists turning right from Bing Lucas into Takapu are apparently having trouble seeing the indicators on cars that may or may not be turning left. The Council promised to look into this and mow it as soon as they had the chance. Unfortunately the matter has dragged on longer than originally anticipated. Graffiti on the building at the back of Kowhai Park has recently been reported to the call centre.