
REPORT 10
(1215/12/IM)

REPORTS BACK FROM COMMITTEES/PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011

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 achievements by the Board in 2011 is attached as appendix 1.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*

APPENDIX 1

The Tawa Community Board's main achievements in 2011:

The TCB has made major efforts to liaise closely with the local community, including running a "Meet the community board" meeting earlier in the year and having a stand at various school galas and Spring into Tawa Market Day.

Board information is regularly included in the community eNewsletter which goes out twice monthly to around 1100 Tawa residents. Two printed TCB newsletters have been delivered during the course of the year to every household in Tawa.

The community board actively campaigned for a "Turf in Tawa" which, with more than 2200 individuals backing the board's petition, resulted in the Wellington City Council agreeing to an artificial turf in Tawa/Grenada North in the 2014/15 year.

The Tawa Community Grants subcommittee approved grants to 12 local community groups from a pool of \$15,000, the largest of \$2453 going to the Tawa Swimming Club. The community board financed a further defibrillator in Tawa, and was instrumental in the installation of a bench seat on the Main Road opposite St Francis Xavier School.

The board made a major submission to the Wellington City Council on its Draft Annual Plan, supporting certain aspects and opposing others like a proposed residential rates increase of 6.2%.

Advocated on behalf of residents on numerous roading and parking issues, and other matters such as the proposed closure of Kenepuru Station and the removal of the post box outside Woolworths.

As a result of the community board having a good working relationship with Foodstuffs, we were able to stress to them how important it was for some form of supermarket to continue in Tawa once Woolworths closed its doors. We have since seen the opening of the Tawa Temporary Supermarket to tide people over until the new New World Supermarket is opened in mid-2012.

The Tawa Community Board instigated the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards this year, recognising "true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc" in each of Tawa's six primary schools, plus the intermediate school. This culminated in an awards ceremony held at the Tawa Community Centre at the end of November, attended by around 60 people including family members, school representatives and community board members. The Mayor of Wellington presented awards to one senior student (or in some cases, two students) from each of the schools in a short but well-received ceremony. The awards will continue as an annual event.

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Some of the Tawa Community Board's intentions in 2012:

- the board will give its full support to “Neighbours’ Day Aotearoa” in late March 2012. The aim is to have at least 50 streets in Tawa getting together with their neighbours in some way or another, like sharing a barbecue, over the weekend in question.
- produce a minimum of two printed newsletters for distribution to every household in the Tawa community.
- work towards installing hanging baskets in the Main Road shopping centre.
- support the proposed restoration of Tawa railway station, and support ongoing progress with construction of the Tawa Shared Walkway.
- organise once again the Tawa Community Civic Awards which recognise the immense contribution volunteers make to our community.
- continue with the Tawa Primary Schools’ Citizenship Awards.