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**REPORT 7**  
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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.*

# APPENDIX 1

## **CHAIR'S REPORT – 4 July 2012**

The Tawa Community Civic Awards was the main item on my agenda in June. The ceremony itself took place on Friday 22 June 2012.

## **COMMUNITY ENEWSLETTER**

This continues to be sent to 1100 Tawa email addresses twice a month. Snippets from the community board are usually included.

## **SUBMISSION ON REGIONAL GOVERNANCE**

We commenced a short submission outlining the views of the majority of the community board on 'local government reform', primarily the business of 'amalgamation'.

We expressed support for Option 1 - shared services or collaborative model. No change to existing boundaries for councils, but agree to formally share or bring together the management of certain services.

We commented that: "The above makes a lot of sense. Councils which make up the Wellington region should retain their autonomy but work together more collaboratively.

We believe that localised community-oriented decision-making is vital in the interests of democracy, and any move towards "super city" status is a threat to that. Maintaining the status quo is likely to better serve the interests of local communities than amalgamation would.

We are also convinced that a lot more could and should be done in terms of "shared services" between the various councils, and standardisation of rules and fees between councils in terms of building consents, food licences, dog licences, etc, should be given serious consideration."

## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

I attended the following meetings/events in June (in addition to the TCB meeting on Thursday 14th June):

Friday 1st:

Brief meeting with Jenny Hughey, the Community Board Adviser for Christchurch's Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board. This took place at the Christchurch South service centre, an elaborate complex which includes the local library, community facilities which were being well used, and various meeting rooms as well as their community board room.

Tuesday 5th: BNZ CONNECT

A monthly get-together of local business people, hosted by BNZ Tawa. The guest speaker was Dave Treeby from Eventuate Wellington (in the business of conference planning). His topic was the importance of "building relationships". Building relationships was the main reason for my being there.

Wednesday 6th: OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF TAWA HISTORICAL WEEK

This event was hosted by the Tawa Historical Society at the Library. Ngaire and Robert were also present.

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**Monday 11th:**

I spoke to the senior students at Linden School about the Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards. The other six schools had been visited in May.

**Monday 11th: TAWA PROGRESSIVE & RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**  
monthly meeting.

**Tuesday 12th:**

Met with a local couple who have established and are operating "Kiwi Community Assistance" – Kiwis working together to reduce poverty in our communities. The purpose of their initiating the meeting was to create a better understanding of what their group is all about. They may avail themselves of a Community Speaker slot at an upcoming board meeting.

**Monday 18th: MORNING TEA FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Katrina Shanks, National list MP for Ohariu, hosted a morning tea in Volunteers Awareness Week to thank those involved in voluntary and similar work in the northern suburbs. I attended this with Robert.

**Friday 22nd: TAWA COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS**

The ceremony itself. See separate report.