
REPORT 12
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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.*

APPENDIX 1

CHAIR'S REPORT – 1 August 2012

The past few weeks haven't been quite as busy as previously, but there is still a reasonable amount on the go.

Two community eNewsletters were sent out in July. More and more articles are being sent to me from both schools and community groups ensuring there's plenty of news and details of upcoming events for inclusion in these newsletters.

MATTERS ON THE GO

Ice on the pedestrian walkway at Tawa Station is a matter that comes to our attention each winter. The Regional Council "... is proposing to carry out some essential bridge repairs to extend the current life cycle of the bridge" but that won't be until December/January time. In the meantime it has instructed its contractor to carry out gritting of the footbridge ramps and walkways.

A small number of suggestions has been received regarding the rebuild of Tawa Railway Station. We have been approached by a local resident who is a landscape architect with a local council and who is offering to work with the community board to come up with some ideas in terms of how the replacement structure at Tawa Station should look. His suggestion is to be proactive and take some concrete proposals to the Regional Council once he, the Tawa Community Board and the Tawa Historical Society have met to discuss the issue. We will be getting together sometime in August for this purpose.

I am following through with the Regional Council the request from an elderly resident for handrails on the pedestrian walkway at Linden Station. This was first put to KiwiRail late last year. It is now in the hands of the Regional Council.

Whilst "Spring into Tawa" Market Day may not be directly a community board project, it could well slot into our brief of building up community connectedness, an integral part of the board's operation. I am heavily involved in the organisation of this annual event (and, to a lesser degree, is Ngaire), and it is proposed that the board will once again have a prominent stall on the day, Saturday 8 September, to showcase itself to the community.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

One-on-one meetings with two or three locals in the past month to discuss issues of importance to them.

Robert and I attended a public meeting at the community centre at which local people were invited to "share your ideas about what you would like to see happening at the centre". The meeting was attended by the meeting facilitator, four WCC officers (including community centre staff), two community board representatives and one member of the public.

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The organising group for the Tawa Community Civic Awards (Ngaire, Robert, Margaret and Malcolm) had a debriefing session to discuss what went well this time around and what we can do better next time.

Took part in the BNZ Connect event earlier in the month.

Attended the WCC's Community Grants evening led by Mark Farrar at the community centre on Wednesday 25 July.

Ngaire and I called on many of the Main Road shopkeepers to hand out a community newsletter and to discuss "Spring into Tawa".