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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.*

CHAIR'S REPORT covering October 2012

MATTERS ON THE GO

Shared Pathway – opening the pedestrian access across the railway tracks at the back of Tawa Pool

This took place on Saturday 27th October with various members of the community board present. I was very disappointed to be out-of-town that weekend. Ngaire spoke on behalf of the community board at the opening ceremony, Brett Gillies (chair of the walkway committee) also spoke, before Mayor Celia Wade-Brown concluded proceedings. A certain amount of work had gone into preparing for the occasion, including running a competition which attracted exactly 100 entries to find a winning name for the pathway. In the end the name of Tawa Valley Pathway was chosen, backed up by Ara Tawa (Tawa Path).

Naming the cul-de-sac at Takapu Island

The community board has been invited to recommend a name for the new cul-de-sac leading up to Takapu Island. We included four different options in a recent community eNewsletter and asked for community feedback. Only nine people have commented, with no obvious frontrunner. However three further suggestions have been made. It is now up to the board to determine which three names (in order of preference) should be submitted to the Council for consideration.

Mural near the skatepark

In the past short while some of us have been discussing the mural which is proposed to go somewhere in the vicinity of the skatepark at the back of Tawa Pool. This will actually be painted on the day of the re-opening of the pool. It appears that some board members do not really like the design, others are more laidback about it. There will be further opportunity to discuss this at the board meeting.

Re-opening of Tawa Pool

This will take place – with the Mayor doing the honours – in conjunction with ongoing festivities during the course of the afternoon on Saturday 17th November.

Board newsletter

We have formally agreed to publish and distribute a minimum of two community board newsletters each year. One went out in March this year. The other one will be going out by the end of November. I'm starting to give this some serious thought.

Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards

In the past week or two I have been in touch with the six primary schools in Tawa and the Intermediate, reminding them that we'll need the name of their "winning student" by mid-November in order for us to get certificates made and the various other bits and pieces done.

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The winning student at each school will be notified by 20 November and invited along with their parents to a 30-45 minute awards ceremony on Friday 30 November at the Tawa Community Centre.

The Mayor will be presenting the awards and giving a short speech at the awards ceremony. As previously – the first time the awards were held – each school principal and/or a school staff member will be invited. Community board members will also be invited.

Community eNewsletters

Three editions were sent out in October – on Monday 1st, Tuesday 16th and Thursday 25th.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- 04.10.12 Our Earthquake Preparedness/Resilience meeting was attended by at least 80 people and 4 presenters. Whilst it gave useful details about the earthquake risks in the Wellington region and the work the Council is undertaking to strengthen existing buildings, it may have been helpful to have had more information specific to our own area.
- 08.10.12 Board members Graeme Hansen, Chris Reading, Alistair Sutton, Robert Tredger, Cr Ngaire Best and I attended the function at the new New World supermarket on the evening before it officially opened for business.
- 08.10.12 At the monthly meeting of the Tawa Progressive & Ratepayers' Association. Ngaire was also there.
- 09.10.12 I was asked to give a short speech on behalf of the community as part of the official opening of the new New World supermarket at 8.45am. And I did – 3½ minutes worth.
- 09.10.12 Ngaire, Robert and I met with Peter Lockery from the Tawa Community Patrol, Dean Silvester from the local Police, and Alastair Campbell from Tawa Lions to discuss “safety in Tawa” issues and how we might work together better.
- 09.10.12 Robert and I met with Garry Poole (WCC CEO) to discuss various matters. After providing a written report of Tawa Community Board accomplishments in 2012, the main issues discussed were the amalgamation question and how it affected the community board, and our concerns about the running of the Tawa Community Centre and how next-to-no input was invited from the community.
- 10.10.12 Went with three retired gentlemen from the Tawa Union Church Men's Group to look at the “Men's Shed” operation, firstly in Wellington city (of limited value), and secondly in Naenae which has a new purpose-built structure out of which they operate. That was well worthwhile. There is a potential for such an operation in Tawa, and a desire to set it up, but the biggest initial hurdle is to

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find a suitable building. It would need to be dedicated exclusively to the Men's Shed operation – primarily because significant amounts of equipment and tools would need to be set up and stored on-site.

- 11.10.12 Tawa Community Board monthly meeting.
- 17.10.12 Met with Jane Hill (Manager, City Communities) and Jenny Rains to discuss the Tawa Community Centre and how the local community might provide greater input.
- 17.10.12 Ngaire & I met with Bruce Murray (THS), Andrew Gray (local landscape architect employed by PCC), Richard Noakes (GWRC) and the designer employed to create the artwork for the panels on the new Tawa Railway Station building.
- 18.10.12 Went with Graeme and Robert to the monthly meeting of the Makara-Ohariu Community Board in the Ohariu community hall. Useful experience. The meeting went for just on an hour.
- 23.10.12 At meeting of WCC councillors in Committee Room 1 to hear presentation on Regional Governance.
- 23.10.12 Met briefly with Brett Gillies regarding opening ceremony for Tawa shared walkway.
- 25.10.12 Graeme and I met with Paul Barker (WCC Roading Safety Manager) to discuss a number of roading issues relevant to Tawa, including the new roundabout at the Main Road/Willowbank Road junction, work on which was started some time before the date we were told it would be started.
- 31.10.12 Robert and I met with Donna Wilson (Communities Facilities Advisor – Northern) and Angela Rampton, the new coordinator for the Tawa Community Centre.

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Chair, Tawa Community Board
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