
REPORT 9
(1215/12/IM)

**NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE
2013, THURSDAY 9 – SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013,
WANAKA – ATTENDANCE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS**

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Tawa Community Board of the Strategy and Policy Committee decision to allow for two members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 to be held in Wanaka.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee approved the attendance of two members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 and agree that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
- 3. Nominate two members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013, Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013.*
- 4. Note that a written report back on the Conference will be presented by the attendees to the Tawa Community Board meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

3. Discussion

The theme of the 2013 Community Boards' conference is 'local communities, local leadership'.

There are numerous speakers lined up to address the conference. These include Canadian Nuffield scholar Leona Dargis to share her story and illustrate how with good decision making, all things are possible, even when faced with extreme adversity.

Sam Johnson who will give his view on leadership and how it can be applied both in life and in the future of Community Boards. Trevor Johnston, the recently retired Chief Executive Officer of Riverland Meats to share his vast experience and tried and true methods of inspiring and leading organisations.

There will be addresses from the Minister of Local Government, President and the Chief Executive Officer of Local Government New Zealand.

During the conference gala dinner, the presentation of Best Practice Awards will be made to Community Boards who have made significant contributions to the process of achieving excellence in Local Government.

The full programme is attached as appendix one.

3.1 Considerations

When deciding whether two members of the Tawa Community Board should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The total cost of two members from the Tawa Community Board to attend is expected to be estimated at \$3,504 and will be met from the conference budget.

The cost of attendance per person is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration (full)	\$745 (early bird)
Return Flights (Wellington to Queenstown)	\$438*
Accommodation	\$429 (3 nights @ \$143 per night)**
Transfers from Queenstown to Wanaka	\$40***
Incidentals	\$100
Total	\$1,752

* based on fully flexi fares

** an extra nights accommodation has been factored in due to the Conference programme and the timing of flights out of Queenstown on the Saturday.

*** \$20 each way

The impact on the budget of two members from each of the Community Boards attending this conference is outlined below:

	2012/2013 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for fees, travel and accommodation	\$37,500	\$19,263	\$18,237
Impact of sending up to four board members to the conference	\$3,504	\$22,767	\$14,733

4. Conclusion

A decision is required from the Committee to approve the attendance of up to two members of the Tawa Community Board to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference 2013 to be held from Thursday 9 – Saturday 11 May 2013 in Wanaka.

Contact Officer: *Fiona Dunlop – Committee Advisor*

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

1.1 Governance, Information and Engagement: We want to involve people and maintain their confidence, in our decision making.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

The Strategy and Policy Committee has the delegation to approve the attendance of Elected Members at domestic conferences and seminars

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Not required

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy



PROGRAMME

Thursday 9 May 2013

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Welcome cocktails

Venue: Edgewater

Friday 10 May 2013

7.30am – 4.30pm

Registration and information desk open

Venue: Lake Wanaka Centre

8.30am – 8.55am

Wanaka – For a change!

Ed Taylor, *MC*

Lyal Cocks, *Wanaka Community Board Chair*

Vanessa van Uden, *Mayor, Queenstown Lakes District Council*

Michael Skerret, *Ngai Tahu*

Kathy Wiltshire, *Communications and Stakeholder Manager, Chorus*

8.55am – 09.45am

Leaders who engage and empower

Leona Dargis

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9.45am – 10.15am

Engaging communities – creating conversation and ownership

Monique Davidson, Gina Scandrett, *Horowhenua District Council*

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10.15am – 10.30am

Future focus

Lawrence Yule, *President, LGNZ*

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea			
11.00am – 12.30pm	Concurrent workshops			
	<p>A license to lead Empowering community boards to have a leadership role in their communities (with case-studies of long term planning and working with your council)</p> <p>Karyl Gunn, <i>Chair, Te Puke Community Board</i></p> <p>Sam Marshall, <i>Thames Coromandel District Council</i></p> <p>Alan Taylor, <i>Chair, Wanganui Rural Community Board</i></p>	<p>Safe Communities: working locally to improve safety Community safety through collaboration – community boards building safe communities and reflecting community interests in local alcohol policies</p> <p>Dr Carolyn Coggan, <i>Executive Director, Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand</i></p> <p>Cathy Bruce, <i>Local Government Manager (Alcohol), Health Promotion Agency</i></p>	<p>Empowering youth Helping community boards connect with young people in their community and how to harness their skills, knowledge and connections</p> <p><i>Kapiti Coast District Council</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Youth Development</i></p> <p><i>Hutt City Council</i></p>	<p>Are you ready? Yeah right How prepared is your community board to assist your community in a crisis?</p> <p>Jayne Beer, <i>Community Relations Officer, New Plymouth District Council</i></p> <p>Robyn H Wallace, <i>Chair, Kaiapoi Community Board</i></p>
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch			
1.15pm – 2.00pm	Address from the Minister of local government			

2.00pm – 2.30pm

Local democracy powering community and national success

Malcolm Alexander, *CEO, LGNZ*

Adam Feeley, *CEO, QLDC*

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Concurrent workshops

Chorus – we’re local too!

Chorus is everyone’s neighbour - how does a national company ensure it operates as a local business to bring a human touch to technology

Kathy Wiltshire, *Communications and Stakeholder Manager, Chorus*

It’s business Jim, but not as we know it

Local economic development – community boards supporting social enterprises in their communities

Sue Coutts, *General Manager, Wanaka Wastebusters*

Community boards – our future

The structure of local government is continually evolving – what are future structures and where do community boards fit

Local Government New Zealand

Inspire and achieve

Inspiring and supporting community-led outcomes in your place. How do we not only inspire communities but also achieve together?

Denise Bijoux, Inspiring Communities

7.00pm – 11.00pm

Conference dinner and awards

Supreme award kindly sponsored by the Community Board Executive Committee and KnowHow

Venue: Edgewater

SATURDAY

Saturday 11 May 2013

8.30am – 3.30pm	Registration and information desk open	Venue: Wanaka Events Centre			
9.00am – 9.15am	Community Board Executive Committee's role in local government Mick Lester, <i>Chair, Community Board Executive Committee</i>				
9.15am – 10.00am	What do Facebook, shovels and royalty have in common? Sam Johnson				
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning tea				
10.30am – 12.00pm	Concurrent workshops				
	Giving roads our voice Influencing the quality and safety of roads in our communities	Rules and Tools for Broad and Inclusive Community Engagement How to build community, how to make things happen Jim Diers	Communication is everything Communication in the 21st Century. How do we break down the barriers of social media and efficiently use technology communication to drive social change and engage our community. Sam Johnson Leona Dargis	What if ... ? Your community in 2030 What are the factors shaping our future today – in 2030 will anything have changed for you and your community? What will a New Zealand community look like? <i>Local Government New Zealand</i>	
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Lunch				
12.45pm – 1.30pm	Empower your Board by Mobilizing Your Community Jim Diers				
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Community board zone meetings <i>All delegates invited to join a zone meeting</i>				

SATURDAY

2.15pm – 3.00pm

Spontaneous volunteers

Trevor Johnston

3.00pm – 3.30pm

Long service celebration and official conference closing

From 5.30pm

Post conference barbecue

hosted by your Community Board Executive Committee

Venue: Edgewater



MC

Ed Taylor

Ed Taylor recently took up the job as General Manager of Warbirds Over Wanaka. This event has been held every two years since 1988 and is regarded as one of the top four Warbirds Airshows in the world. Ed is also manager of the Warbirds and Wheels visitor attraction at Wanaka Airport.

Earlier this year Ed and his wife Kim sold their business Radio Wanaka Limited after nine years. The company operated two radio stations and a community website in Wanaka.

Before 2003 Ed held a number of positions in different media companies including General Manager of IRN News for The Radio Network and General Manager of Primedia – the sales arm of the Prospect Group.

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