

Living Well in Golden Bay 8th July 2013

Many thanks to all of you who attended the public meetings held in Takaka, and Collingwood, and the meeting at the Work Centre, and who contributed to discussions when I came along to your own organisations' meetings. During May and June I attended meetings run by Lions, Probus, Pohara Women, Rural Women, Abbeyfield, and Senior Citizens, and in July I'm meeting with Manawhenua Ki Mohua komiti. Last week I made a presentation to the Tasman District Council Environment and Planning Committee. In addition I have met with a wide variety of people interested in the project.

These meetings were all very useful, and enabled many of you to make your opinions known and suggest what you would like to see happen here in the Bay. This was in addition to the feedback you gave in the survey at the beginning of the year when 126 people took the opportunity to list priorities and let me know what you think is most important.

I have attached a document outlining the findings from the consultation meetings and the survey.

The **next steps** we are proposing for the project are to:

- Explore the possibility of working in partnership with Golden Bay and Nelson Tasman Housing Trusts to find land to build a small cluster development in Takaka
- Work with TDC to make policies and regulations more flexible in their review of Rural Land Use, to allow a variety of different housing options for people
- Encourage community members to think seriously about their own personal strategies for accommodation as they age

As part of the evaluation of the consultation process for our interim report to the Lottery Grants Board, **I invite you to answer the following questions:**

1. Was the consultation process good / OK / not good? Comments.....
2. Did we hear what you were saying and record it somewhere in the Findings document? If not, what was missed out?
3. Given the project brief and the findings, are you happy with the next steps proposed above? Comments...

You can email answers back to me, or post them to Freepost GBWCT, PO Box 156, Takaka (no stamp required). **I would really appreciate lots of feedback!**

Today I met someone who is a registered nurse and who would like to set up a Community Trust to buy the Joan Whiting and to run it as a community rest home facility along the lines of the one in Fairlie, which she visited last week. You can find out more about the one in Fairlie on the website

(<http://gbwct.org.nz/livingwell.html#process> (look under retirement villages, and you can listen to an interview about it on a national radio podcast.) She will be calling a public meeting very soon. If you're interested, you can contact her adriennehenry1@gmail.com

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Another piece of research being done by the Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment, which may be of interest:

Research on Resilient Communities

By 2050 around 1 million older New Zealanders will be living in areas vulnerable to flooding, coastal inundation, snow, land subsidence and storms. This research programme explores ways to help older people help themselves and their communities to manage and recover from adverse natural events. They are looking for people aged 60 or older to interview about their experience of a big storm, snow, flooding, earthquake, landslide or other extreme natural event. This could have affected you, your house, local roads, services or other things in your community. For more information please ring CRESA freephone 0508 427 372 . Ask for Ruth Fraser, Bev James or Kay Saville-Smith. Or email Ruth Fraser ruth@cresa.co.nz