

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**COMMUNITY BOARD ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY BOARD
CONFERENCE 2017**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report invites the Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board to approve the attendance of one or two Board members at the New Zealand Community Board Conference being held in Methven, 12-13 May 2017.

DELEGATION

- 2 The Community Board has the authority to consider this matter under Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations document:

Setting priorities for and expending an annual training and development budget allocated by Council.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The conference is being hosted by the Ashburton District Council and the Methven Community Board. The theme is 'Making 1 + 1 = 3' or, how can we as boards achieve more for our communities with the resources we are given. Elected member feedback about attending previous conferences has been very positive.
- 4 The previous two Community Board conferences were held in Wanaka in 2013 and the Bay of Islands in 2015. Attached, for information, are reports (see Appendix 1) by two members of the Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board sharing their experiences from the 2015 Conference. These reports were previously published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.
- 5 At previous conferences there have been workshops where elected members could share success stories and innovative planning initiatives illustrating the way that boards are successfully accepting the challenges that leadership in our communities demand.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 At the time of writing there is still scant information available about the Community Boards' Conference (which is held every two years).

Financial Considerations

- 7 In 2012 Council made the decision to delegate to Community Boards an amount of \$3,000 per annum to enable Boards to manage their own training and

development programmes. For 2016/17 the total budget available is \$3,468. The costs of attendance per person are estimated to be the following:

Registration	\$ 800
Flights	\$ 108
Accommodation	\$ 260 (based on 2 nights @ \$130 per night)
Transfers	\$ 150
TOTAL	\$1,318 (excl GST)

- 8 Therefore the Board is invited to consider approving the attendance of one or two members at the Conference.

Legal Considerations

- 9 There are no legal considerations.

Publicity Considerations

- 10 The Board member/s attending the event will be expected to produce a written report in a timely fashion on their return and this will be published in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11 That the Paraparaumu-Raumati Board approves the attendance of and at the New Zealand Community Board Conference in Methven on 12-13 May 2017.
- 12 That the Board Chair is authorised to appoint another delegate in the event that the original nominee cannot attend.
- 13 That the delegate/s will provide in a timely fashion written reports on their experience for publication in the Elected Members' Bulletin.

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ATTACHMENT

- Appendix 1 Reports from members of the Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board - May 2015

Appendix 1

LGNZ Community Board Conference Report – Jonny Best

The members of the Otaki, Waikanae, Paekakariki and Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Boards appreciate having the opportunity to attend the recent community board conference in the Bay of Islands.

The theme of this conference was ‘influencing change’ with Tania McInnes the deputy mayor of the Far North District Council as the key note speaker. This was a thought provoking session on change – being a change agent or a change inhibitor. Tania has been an instigator of a community trust – Focus Paihia which has made positive changes in the community. The biggest and most controversial project to date the trust has done has been the removal of a well-used public carpark and converting this into public space. This project ended up winner of the TrustPower Supreme Community Award for New Zealand for their Park Makeover.

Learnings from this included that being a change inhibitor is not always bad especially if the change is not for the good. It reminded me of my favourite change quote “Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better.”

Other sessions attended:

Community Empowerment: TCDC Case Study – the Thames Coromandel District Council has undergone major changes giving Community Boards decision making and budgets for all local services. There was strong criticism that this was going to cause budget blow outs and unrestrained spending from community wish lists; however with Boards understanding their community needs and finding funding partnerships with new project will in fact reduce spending on capital works.

Another liquor licence application - Yeah nah! Presented by Laurie Gabites. Laurie has 35 years of experience as a sworn Police Officer with the New Zealand Police including 10 years managing projects associated with alcohol harm reduction and community safety at Police National Headquarters.

A useful session on how Community Boards can influence the policy on the location and management of the selling of alcohol. A good insight to the legal side of things with the sale of liquor act.

Community or local: what’s the difference? Presented by Mike Reid

A relevant session to understand the differences and similarities between local boards, community boards and Auckland’s local boards. Considering the proposed reorganization for the Wellington region this was a good session to attend.

Overall the conference was a good networking experience and there is always some nuggets of gold to take away. Unfortunately the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board did not take out the award we entered for – maybe next time. Many thanks to Annette and staff who made this event happen – it was a real challenge just getting to the airport considering the huge amount of rain and road closures at the time.

LGNZ Community Board Conference Report – Deborah Morris-Travers

It was relief to arrive in Waitangi after the difficult trip out of Kapiti - amidst 50 year floods! - and arriving at Wellington Airport when an electrical storm was preventing flights from leaving.

The Conference was well-organised with a variety of interesting speakers. The opening speakers talked about ways to effect change and the role of Local Government New Zealand. It was good to hear the CE of LGNZ describe some of the work they have underway and the ways that they're working to improve their impact. I attended a useful workshop on the way that Horowhenua Council is engaging youth and making change in their area, through responding to the input of youth. I also heard Deputy Children's Commissioner, Dr Justine Cornwall talking about the important role local government can play in the national effort to reduce child poverty and improve child wellbeing. Although that wasn't new content for me, it was good to hear the range of questions raised by Community Board members and the discussion about some of the work already being done in some communities.

Saturday brought a completely different style of presentation from a local Maori tourist operator, who shared great stories of his experience of getting started in tourism and the vital role that Maori have to play in the industry. He was a breath of fresh air.

Later in the morning, I presented a workshop on the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities framework, which was well attended and people seemed to enjoy.

In all, I think I got the most out of networking, including spending some social time with other Board members from the Kapiti region. We very rarely get to spend together outside of Board business so it was good to be able to spend a decent amount of time together and talk various issues through, including different ways to engage and consult with the public.