



EGMONT PLAINS COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING

Date: Wednesday 29 April 2009

Time: 9.30 am

**Venue: Sandfords Event Centre
Tasman Street
OPUNAKE**

EGMONT PLAINS COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs S Arlidge (Chair)
Mr R Brewer
Mrs A Gibson
Mr B Vincent
Councillor Smith

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SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

A meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board will be held in the Boardroom at the Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman Street, Opunake on Wednesday 29 April 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

A G E N D A

PART ONE – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISIONS

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **OPENING PRAYER**
3. **OPEN FORUM**
 - (a) **Communications Manager, Mr Gerard Langford**
 - (i) Proposed Ten Year Plan Presentation
4. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - (a) Minutes of the previous meeting held 25 March 2009 – attached. See page 1.
5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

This is to formally adopt the information contained within the agenda.

PART TWO – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Matters Referred**
 - (a) List printed on 16 April 2009 – attached. See page 7.
2. **Community Development Team Leader**
 - (a) Community Development Unit Activity Report – attached. See page 9.
 - (b) Facilities Usage Report – attached. See page 16.
3. **Community Funding Advisor**
 - (a) Council and Local Discretionary Funding Update Egmont Plains – attached. See page 23.
5. **District Librarian**
 - (a) District LibraryPlus Report for March 2009 - attached. See page 29.

Egmont Plains Community Board

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board held at the Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman Street, Opunake on Wednesday 25 March 2009, commencing at 9.30 am.

PRESENT: Mrs Arlidge (Chairperson), Councillor Smith, Messrs Brewer and Vincent and Mrs Gibson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Hickey and Armstrong, Group Manager Community Services and Development (Mrs Martin), Community Development Team Leader (Mrs Symes), Property and Legal Executive (Ms Barton), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy) and Support Services Officer (Miss Malin).

APOLOGIES: Mayor R Dunlop.

RESOLUTION

(Cr Smith/Mr Brewer)

09/09 EP THAT the apologies from Mayor R Dunlop be received.

CARRIED

1 **OPENING PRAYER**

(a) Reverend Geoff Williams

2 **OPEN FORUM**

(a) **Mrs Marie McKay**

(i) South Taranaki District Museum Trust building project

Mrs McKay spoke regarding the South Taranaki District Museum Trust building project. She advised the Board that the initial project had been to re-furbish the Museum, however the condition of the building meant a re-build was necessary. There was a shortfall in funds as project costs had escalated when faults were found with the original building, and it was discovered that the Museum needed better fire sprinkler and data systems. The project could not be completed until further funding avenues were found.

The design of the new facility included a seamless roof, an established entrance, staff offices, a temperature and moisture control system a sprinkler system and up-to-date data systems. The re-developed Museum would be a purpose built facility that could host national and international exhibitions and researchers and would benefit the South Taranaki district economically and culturally.

Councillor Armstrong questioned how large the project shortfall was. Mrs McKay replied that the Trust was waiting confirmation on a \$100,000 grant from the Patea Harbour Endowment Fund, and if this was secured, the shortfall would be just under \$200,000.

Mr Vincent queried whether other options for fire protection had been investigated. Mrs McKay advised that a sprinkler system was required as there was a risk that fire brigade response times would not be adequate to protect the museum collection.

Councillor Hickey noted that as the Museum was in Patea, it was not eligible for TSB Community Trust or Taranaki Electricity Trust funding. Mrs Arlidge questioned whether the Council could make an application the TSB Community Trust on behalf of the Museum. Mrs Martin replied that the Council was not in a position to make an application because grants had already been made to the Hub and the fund had legislative criteria.

Mrs McKay noted that the Museum Trust had recently unanimously decided to rename the Museum 'Aōtea Utanganui – The Great Gifts of the Waka Aōtea', which was the historical name given to the Museum.

Councillor Smith supported the Museum redevelopment and stated that it would be a loss to the district if the project was not completed.

(b) Mr Brian Vincent

(i) Sand dunes

Mr Vincent spoke regarding his concern for the sand dune levels at the southern side of the Opunake Surf Club.

Mr Vincent had logged CRMs with the Council and had been informed that the problem would be remedied, however this was dependant on time constraints of the contractor. He said that the problem was escalating to a dangerous level. Councillor Hickey noted that if the work had been negotiated into a contract that it should be completed as it was required.

Mr Brewer stated that the work that was being done at the northern end of Opunake Beach was progressing well and that the southern end of the beach should be completed to the same standard.

(c) Councillor Ian Smith

(i) Heavy traffic speed limits

Councillor Smith spoke to his concerns about the speed of heavy traffic through the main street of Opunake.

Councillor Smith had noted that while most of the vehicles were travelling at the legal speed limit, many would have trouble stopping in emergency situations. He suggested an application be made to The New Zealand Transport Agency to change the speed limit through the main street of Opunake to 30 kilometres per hour.

Ms Barton advised that she was not aware of any permanent 30 kilometres per hour speed limits within New Zealand and suggested a bypass option could be investigated.

Councillor Smith suggested Gisborne Terrace could be used as a bypass, as it had been used when the main street was closed for events. Councillor Hickey noted that there were schools situated on Gisborne Terrace and heavy traffic could be a danger to children.

Councillor Hickey noted that she was aware of several people who had difficulty finding Opunake when travelling from Stratford. She suggested signage be investigated at the Ihaia/Wiremu Road intersection.

(d) **Mr Ron Brewer**

(i) Opunake Beach footpath

Mr Brewer spoke regarding his concern about the beach access footpath at the Northern end of Opunake Beach. Mr Brewer stated that the path was steep and was in disrepair and questioned whether a handrail could be installed. He noted that the path was not suitable for elderly or disabled people.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 11 February 2009

RESOLUTION

(Mr Brewer/Mrs Gibson)

10/09 EP **THAT the minutes of the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting held on 11 February 2009 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.**

CARRIED

(b) Minutes of the Special Meeting held 2 March 2009

RESOLUTION

(Mr Brewer/Mr Vincent)

11/09 EP **THAT the minutes of the Special Egmont Plains Community Board meeting held on 2 March 2009 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.**

CARRIED

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION

(Cr Smith/Mr Vincent)

12/09 EP **THAT the agenda for the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting of 25 March 2009 be adopted as the business for the meeting.**

CARRIED

5 FUNDING REQUEST REPORTS

(a) **Community Funding Advisor, Miss Maryse Death**

(i) Cape Egmont Boat Club – ANZAC Day service

An application was received from the Cape Egmont Boat Club to the Egmont Plains Community Board for funding assistance to hold an ANZAC Day service at the Club on April 25.

The Board was concerned that approving the application would set a precedent for other small communities to apply for funding assistance towards ANZAC Day services.

RESOLUTION

(Cr Smith/Mrs Gibson)

13/09 EP

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board decline the application for Discretionary Funding from the Cape Egmont Boat Club towards holding an ANZAC Day service on 25 April 2009 at the Club.

CARRIED

- (ii) Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust – install two security cameras

An application was received from the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust to the Egmont Plains Community Board for funding assistance to install two security cameras outside the Sandfords Event Centre.

Mr Brewer stated that he would rather see security cameras actively operating in the Central Business District (CBD). He noted that the Sandfords Event Centre had the ability to generate funds and suggested the Trust investigate other funding opportunities.

Mrs Gibson supported the application and stated that installing security cameras at the Event Centre would deter youth congregation and promote safety.

Councillor Armstrong noted that the Opunake Business Association had two mobile cameras that could be used to survey the Event Centre. Mrs Gibson noted that the mobile cameras were predominantly used in the CBD and an agreement that satisfied both parties would be required.

Mrs Arlidge supported the application and noted that the safety of the general public was a concern as it was often littered with bottles and rocks and the building was continually defaced.

RESOLUTION

(Mr Brewer/Cr Smith/)

14/09 EP

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board decline the application for Discretionary Funding from the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust to install two security cameras outside the Sandfords Event Centre.

CARRIED

Mrs Arlidge and Mrs Gibson requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

- (iii) Opunake Surf Life Saving Club

An application was received from the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club to the Egmont Plains Community Board for funding assistance to cover the cost to repair the drowning alarm located at Opunake Beach.

Mrs Arlidge supported granting the full requested amount adding that the drowning alarm was a community safety feature and was needed when the beach was not patrolled.

Mrs Gibson supported the application, however she suggested the power companies who had assisted the Surf Life Saving Club in the past could be approached to renew their support.

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Arlidge/Cr Smith/)

15/09 EP

THAT the Egmont Plains Community Board approves the application from the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club for \$3,398.35 from their Discretionary Fund to cover the cost to repair the drowning alarm.

CARRIED

6 REPORT

(a) Property and Legal Executive, Ms Yvonne Barton

- (i) 16 Hector Place, Opunake – request to consider part adjoining Council land as surplus to requirements**

The current owners of 16 Hector Place, Opunake, recently applied to the Council for consent to subdivide their property. This presented a discrepancy issue between the surveyed boundaries and the location of the perimeter hedge bounding the property. It was recommended that the area of land occupied by the owners be declared as surplus as the discrepancy was an historical error. It was suggested the current owners be given the opportunity to purchase some, or all of the land if it was declared surplus.

Ms Barton advised that a sewer line was running through the present property and proposed surplus site. There was no easement in place as the owners had assumed it was Council land. It was noted that if the current owners did not purchase the adjoining land, an easement would be required, however, it would encroach on the historical boundaries of the property.

Mrs Arlidge noted that the Board had undertaken a site visit to confirm the validity of the application. She supported the Board recommending in favour of the current owners.

Ms Barton advised that the Council could legally request that the current owners move their structures, however, they had been in place, and maintained for a long period of time. Alternative options for the land had been considered, however it would have been necessary for the Council to put in a paper road to allow access to 16 Hector Place.

Councillor Hickey suggested that selling the land may cause dissension within the community.

Ms Barton noted that the land would be sold at current market value.

16/09 EP

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Arlidge/Mrs Gibson)

THAT subject to final survey approximately 700 square metres of Council land surrounding and adjoining 16 Hector Place, Opunake, be declared as surplus to the Council's requirements; and

THAT public notice be given of the Council's intention to declare the 700 square metres of the site adjoining 16 Hector Place, Opunake as surplus, subject to an easement in favour of the Council for the sewage line; and

THAT Lot 1, Lot 2 or both lots be sold to the current owners of 16 Hector Place, Opunake for the valuation prices provided by a registered valuer.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.

Dated this day of 2009.

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CHAIRPERSON

Egmont Plains Community Board

Record No	Source	Reference	Matters Referred	Date Initiated	Referred To (Primary)	Deadline	Status
O06017	Egmont Plains CB	EPCB Minutes	URBAN OPEN DRAINS - UPDATE The Roding Manager advised that the culvert pipe would be upgraded and work is in progress. The Board requested to be informed when work was completed.	18/06/2008	GMES	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O08028	Egmont Plains CB	EPCB Minutes (17/09/08) Open Forum	OPUNAKE TRANSFER STATION The Board stated the Greenwaste disposal system at the Opunake Transfer Station was not adequate and requested other options be investigated. If no other options were identified, the Board could make a submission to the Ten Year Plan.	17/09/2008	GMES/ EPCB	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09006	Egmont Plains CB	Egmont Plains 11/9/09 Open Forum	OPUNAKE BEACH SAFETY Investigations and costings have been undertaken for a gate to prevent public vehicles on the beach. Consultation with key stakeholders is planned. Mr Sargeant is to meet with police, board riders, surf club and police to confirm the site and have gates made locally. This was expected to be happen in mid April 2009.	11/02/2009	GMCS	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09007	Egmont Plains CB	Egmont Plains 11/2/2009 M/Arising	LIQUOR BAN SIGNAGE The Board requested that they be provided with details regarding the liquor ban boundaries in Opunake. This information would be sent out via Friday mail.	11/02/2009	GME&IS	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09008	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) Open Forum	DUNE STABILISATION The Board requested that the dunes at the southern end of the surf club be investigated as they had risen to a dangerous height. A report regarding dune stabilization is expected to be received from Greg Jenks in early April regarding how to manage the dunes. An update will be provided at the Board meeting.	25/03/2009	GMCS	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09009	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) Open Forum	ROAD SIGNAGE The Board requested that signage for the Wiremu/Ihaia Road intersection be investigated as several people coming from Stratford had difficulty finding Opunake.	25/03/2009	GMES	10/06/2009	Outstanding

O09010	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) Open Forum	HANDRAIL AT BEACH The concrete path at the northern end of Opunake Beach leading to the sand had been identified as hazardous for elderly and disabled people. The Board requested a handrail be installed. This was being	25/03/2009	GMCSO	10/06/2009	Outstanding
O09011	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) Open Forum	CIVIL DEFENCE SIREN The Board questioned if the Council was responsible for the local fire sirens as they doubled as Civil Defence emergency sirens. It was thought that the sirens could be used in the event of an emergency, however they were not an official Civil Defence mechanism. The Group Manager Environment and Information Services would clarify this with the regional Civil Defence co-ordinator.	25/03/2009	GMEIS	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09012	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) M/Arising	COASTAL YOUTH CORE INCORPORATED The Board asked that the Youth Facilitator update them on the amount of funds the Coastal Youth Core Incorporated would be uplifting from the Discretionary Fund. An estimate of the amount of funds Coastal Youth Core intend to uplift will be included with the April Funding Advisors Report.	25/03/2009	GMCSO	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09013	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09) M/Arising	BICYCLE SAFETY Councillor Smith had noticed a large percentage of cyclists in Opunake were not wearing helmets. He asked that the Road Safety Coordinator be made aware of this. The Road Safety Coordinator has been advised and will contact Councillor Smith.	25/03/2009	GMCSO	29/04/2009	Outstanding
O09014	Egmont Plains CB	ECPB Minutes (25/3/09)	WATER AT OPUNAKE LIBRARYPLUS Board members had noted that the water that was being supplied from the LibraryPlus was being misused by some members of the public. They asked that it be investigated whether the water was still required. Since April 2008, the water quality in Opunake has been of concern to District Health Board. Because of the associated health risks bottled water was introduced and needs to be continued.	25/03/2009	GMES	29/04/2009	Outstanding



Information Report

Central File Ref

380/01

To	All Community Boards
From	Community Development Team Leader, Claire Symes
Date	6 April 2009
Subject	Community Development Unit Activity Report

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

1. Executive Summary

This report updates the South Taranaki District Community Boards on progress with community development projects and activities across the district. Also included in this report are updates on projects funded under the Urban Improvement Programme and other items of interest.

2. District Activities

2.1 Youth Facilitators Update

The producers of *Phunk Nation*, an upcoming TV series, visited the district for a week in March 2009. The series will be broadcast on Māori Television during prime time (7.00 pm) in August 2009. *Phunk Nation* follows world champion hip hop dancers *Prestige* on a road trip to encourage young talent in rural New Zealand.

Mayor Ross Dunlop welcomed the group to South Taranaki, after which they abseiled from the Hawera's Water Tower, went *dam dropping* and had a surfing lesson with Opunake's Mr Cain Aldridge. They also talked with members of the South Taranaki Rangatahi United (SouthTRU) group about what it's like for young people living in South Taranaki.

On Saturday 21 March 2009 *Prestige* hosted a dance showcase at the Hawera Skate Park and a Community Party at the *The Hanger* youth centre in Hawera.

The Phunk Nation Production team *commented* "Honestly, hand on heart, as we travel around it gets really difficult to organise and motivate everyone but in Taranaki it was a pleasure to be there and nothing went wrong for us. Definitely one of our highlights."

The SouthTRU group has held three monthly meetings this year, including two planning and team building weekends where they are learning the skills to host, chair and minute meetings. The group is working in partnership with the South Taranaki Youth Day Committee to organise a *fun day* where young people and their families can access information about youth agencies and support services. The Youth Day will take place on Thursday 23 April 2009 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm at the Hawera Community Centre Hall. Through this event, the group is learning project management, promotion and team work skills.

The Youth Facilitator is currently updating the South Taranaki Youth Directory with the support of the Youth Transitions Service. The updated directory will be available at the Youth Day in April 2009.

Representatives from youth support groups and agencies throughout Taranaki attended an informal networking meeting at *Marracabo Cafe* on 17 March 2009.

National Youth Week 23 to 31 May 2009

The theme for this years Youth Week is *relationships*, focusing on the importance of adults spending time with young people to show their aroha (love). Hawera youth have initiated a South Taranaki Youth Week Committee to provide support for independent Youth Week initiatives and to work together on an event of their own. The group is planning a Whanau Timezone event for Saturday 30 May 2009, where mixed teams of adults and young people can compete in paintball competitions, enjoy entertainment, interact with family support services and engage in youth fundraisers. The Youth Facilitator is co-ordinating a programme of the weeks' events to let South Taranaki families know what is happening.

2.2 Roadsafes Taranaki Update

The combination of a hot summer, rising vehicle running costs and the national promotion of sustainable transport options has resulted in a noticeable increase in pedestrians and cyclists on the streets. It has also increased the number of cyclists riding on footpaths or riding without helmets. Roadsafes Taranaki is working in collaboration with schools and the police to encourage helmet use and to teach safe cycling skills. They are also working to co-ordinate training for the increasing number of mobility scooter users of all ages to encourage them to use their vehicles safely and share footpaths appropriately.

In South Taranaki, the loss of the Police Education Officer and Designated Traffic Officers is putting increasing pressure on the Road Safety Team as many of the initiatives undertaken by Roadsafes Taranaki rely on partnerships to be effective.

Following successful school shows in 2008, the *Billy TK Driving Toward a Future Show* returned to South Taranaki to Patea Area School on 13 March 2009. The students were not visibly engaged on the day, however, feedback from parents following the event indicated the messages had an impact. Students suggested a cycle fun day and organising a Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) group within their school. The Road Safety Team will follow up the suggestions.

A successful *Young Drivers Day* was held in New Plymouth on the weekend of 4 to 5 April 2009 and 100 young people from around the region participated. The drivers were educated by instructors from the Holden Advanced Driving School about safe braking and handling vehicles in difficult conditions. Roadsafes Taranaki co-ordinates these courses each year and rotates venues around the region to provide opportunities for drivers from all areas to participate.

2.3 Leadership workshops with Mr Trevor Johnston

Excellent feedback was received from the Leadership seminar presented by Eltham Riverland's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Trevor Johnston, on Wednesday 18 March 2009. Twenty seven people participated and over half were from local businesses, including seven managers from Hawera's New World Supermarket.

The workshop was initiated and funded by the Council Community Development Unit and promoted as providing skills to help *grow your organisation* through leadership training. Mr Johnston presented leadership as a human relationship skill through encouraging others to reach personal goals and standards. He said that *“it is people that differentiate the market place, people who make the difference, not just plant and equipment. Although most think that people are motivated by money, it is actually being valued, the feeling of being part of a team and having responsibilities that drive people to succeed.”*

In addition to the benefits to participants and their own clubs and businesses, several positive initiatives for the wider community were also suggested as a result of the workshop, including organisations linking with Toastmasters for public speaking training and hosting a club expo to promote activities on offer and attract new members. Mr Johnston is a strong advocate for businesses to encourage their staff to get involved in the community service and it was encouraging to see this message getting out to the business community.

2.4 Community Employment Grants Scheme (COGS)

Community Development Unit staff attended Community Employment Grants Scheme (COGS) meetings in Opunake, Patea and Hawera on 7 to 9 April 2009. These meetings were part of a series of meetings held throughout Taranaki to identify funding priorities for each community. The numbers of people attending these meetings varied considerably with four community representatives in Patea, 15 in Hawera and 17 in Opunake. The meetings resulted in some good discussion and valuable information was gathered on the key issues and priorities for each community.

2.5 National Seniors and Disability Advisors Forum

Community Development Advisor, Mr Richard Oliver, attended the *National Seniors and Disability Advisors Forum* in Christchurch in early April 2009. Mr Oliver has come back with a lot of useful information and ideas from other areas which could benefit communities within the South Taranaki district. Some of the more interesting ideas include the installation of *adult* playground equipment, allowing older people to exercise while they supervise their children or grandchildren, and communal *Blokes Sheds* where men can work together on their own or community projects in a social environment. Mr Oliver is available to share these ideas with older residents groups around the district.

3. Patea Ward

3.1 Patea Mole Meeting

Community Board Chairman, Mr David Honeyfield, organised a public meeting on Monday 6 April 2009, where Council and Whittaker Civil Engineering staff were invited to provide an update on the mole repairs. The meeting was held at the Patea Boat Club and 19 club members and interested people attended from the community.

3.2 Patea Youth Trust Funding Advice

Team Leader Community Development, Mrs Claire Symes, and Funding Advisor, Miss Maryse Death, attended a meeting at the Patea Youth Trust building, Whare Pukeko, to provide information on funding avenues and preparing funding applications.

3.3 Wai-inu Beach Resident Meeting

A subcommittee of Wai-inu Beach residents met with elected members and Council staff on 26 March 2009 to review measures put in place to improve safety and security over the New Year period. The residents said that overall the campground management was a lot better than the previous year, however there were still a few small issues to follow up..

3.4 Waverley Community Centre Official Opening

An official opening of the Waverley Community Centre at Dallison Park was held on Thursday 2 April 2009 at 5.30 pm. The new Community Centre is the result of a partnership agreement between the Council and the Border Rugby and Sports Club (the Club) and had been built as an addition to the existing clubrooms. The Club took the opportunity to upgrade its end of the building securing a grant from the Powerco Wanganui Trust to fund carpet to link the rooms.

The Waverley Urban Upgrade group, chaired by Ms Ailsa Aiken, spent many hours attending meetings, discussing options, plans, ideas and suggestions for the Community Centre. The group included the late Mr Warwick Fry and Mr Murray Davidson, who contributed much towards getting the project off the ground.

A plaque to commemorate the opening was unveiled by Mayor Ross Dunlop who declared the building officially open. Other speakers at the opening included former Waverley High School principal, Ms Joan Manson, who acknowledged the installation of the school's trophy cabinet, and former Board of Trustees member, Mr Wattie Davis, who led a karakia.

Lawyer, Mr James Coleman, was MC for the event and the ceremonies were concluded by Whanganui Member of Parliament, Mr Chester Borrows, who talked of his close associations with Waverley. Refreshments were provided by members of the Waverley Women's Golf Club.

3.5 Waverley Swimming Pool Complex Opening

The Waverley Swimming Pool building opening was held on the last day of the swimming season, 16 March 2009. The evening event was organised by the Waverley Amateur Swimming Club and the Waverley Community Group. The complex was declared open by Patea Community Board Chairman, Mr David Honeyfield. Mr Honeyfield acknowledged the contributions of the Powerco Wanganui Trust (\$25,000) and the McBroom Estate (\$15,000) to the project, and the efforts of the Waverley Urban Upgrade Committee and Council staff to finally bring the project to reality. Age group swimming relays were held for the children and six adult teams also entered into the competitive spirit of the evening.

4. Eltham Ward

4.1 Eltham 125th Jubilee

The Eltham Community Board is organising a public meeting to discuss plans for celebrating the town's 125th Jubilee celebrations in 2010. The meeting will be held on 21 April 2009 at 7.00 pm at the Village Gallery, Eltham. Community Development Advisor, Mrs Michele McDonald, had sent letters to clubs and groups in the Eltham and Kaponga area promoting the meeting and asking for ideas.