

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Chairperson C Satherley
REFERENCE: E859
DATE: 20 February 2006
SUBJECT: Monthly Report

REPRESENTATION

Rotary invited the Community Board to their meeting to discuss the representation process. I felt that it was a very informative meeting and the general comment from the members was the same.

I have found that with all the people that I have spoken to regarding the Motueka Community Board, none have said that it should go. It has been quite the opposite - in fact it should be retained and given the appropriate powers to get on with its job.

It is ironic that few people that say we should go, do not live within the ward community. They are the ones that do not understand about how Community Boards work and yet they squeal the loudest.

It is up to the Motueka community to have its voice heard if it wants a Community Board **not** the Tasman District Council.

If Motueka loses its Board it will not get it back.

KIYOSATO VISIT

Well done to the Kiyosato Committee for hosting a visit from our sister town. Sixteen students and four adults came out here for a week this month. Over the last 16 years at least 25% of the population of Kiyosato have been out here. Not only do they see some of the sights in the area they also spend time at the High School with the local students (it was the first week of school so a thank you to the teachers for this).

COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Further to the Community Board Delegation Subcommittee meeting on 15 February, Stage 1 is status quo. Stage 2 – Stuart Ritchie from Fletcher

Vautier Moore was in attendance to give legal advice on the correct wording for forming a formal partnership with Council.

MOTUEKA RIVER

Both I and the Service Centres Manager have received a number of comments regarding the rubbish dumped along the Motueka River by the bridge area. The rubbish includes old TV's, a cooker, freezer, mattress and a car as well as the usual bags and varying piles of household type waste. I am attaching a few of the 30 odd pictures taken by the Service Centres Manager on 17 February to indicate the problem.

I would like to suggest that this Board initiates a Community Clean-up Campaign to get our beautiful river cleaned up. A suggestion has been made to wait until the end of the fruit season when there will be orchardists with trucks etc to help the clean up. This would leave the clean up until about June which is a way off. The Board may want an earlier (interim) clean-up in which case an 'APB' to community groups and those with resources such as trucks and lifting gear, bags, gloves etc could come forward to have a one day clean up, say on 26 March.

The Motueka River is a veritable taonga (treasure) and the area by the bridge could be an absolutely amazing recreational jewel for the people of the Motueka District and visitors alike.

The Board could facilitate coordination of this matter and could start by making a list of those in the community who'd be up for this challenge whether by volunteering their labour or assisting with resources.

Note that this is a matter that the proposed Motueka Rivercare Group could also get very much involved with.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Verbal update.

C Satherley
Chairperson

Motueka River Rubbish (a few of the thirty odd pictures taken)

