

## REPORT

**TO:** Motueka Community Board Members

**FROM:** David Ogilvie, Chair

**DATE:** 29 October 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Report to meeting of 9 November 2010 – RMCB10-11-06**

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1 Welcome to the “first” meeting of the Motueka Community Board for the 2010 – 2013 term. I expect it will be a very busy three-year period with a large number of both major and minor issues relating to our Motueka Ward to be discussed. Already, some of these concerns have been considered. The Board’s position on the Water Allocation mediation process needs to be made today, while its submission to the Local Government Commission re the amalgamation petition has been sent (8 November 2010).

2 Standing Orders; Code of Conduct; Departmental Papers etc

Standing Orders and Code of Conduct requirements have been adopted at the inaugural meeting, and we were given the various departmental papers then. These are important information sources and constitute a detailed introduction into Council procedures, policies and current practices.

Please read through them and retain them as a reference for your own purposes and also to explain to residents/ratepayers the basis for Council and Board processes, actions and decisions.

There will be many other papers that come through to the Board, for one reason or another, but don’t hesitate to ask for clarification and explanation if developments are not clear. In particular, each month we are provided with a Motueka Community Board financial statement and it is essential that we are aware of cost implications of our activities and decisions. Murray Staite usually provides the Board with the explanations for these financial items.

3 The role of the Community Board is defined in Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002, along with other Community Board provisions (S.49 – S.54) and also in Schedule 7 Part 2 Sections 37 – 39.

It is useful to keep these aspects continually in mind, and they are highlighted in the framed notice in the Motueka Service Centre meeting room.

I mentioned the “team” factor at the inaugural meeting, particularly our responsibility and relationship to the “community team” of the Motueka Ward. There will be occasions when we will need to lead “from the front” and other times when we will lead “from the rear”. There is a heavy work load ahead of us with both major and minor issues to be considered, many of which will have long term impacts. It is our role to be aware of community attitudes and to underline the viability and sustainability of the Motueka district.

Technology and other aspects are trending increasingly to centralisation, in itself not a negative; but it is critical for the Board to acknowledge the benefits of local resources and activities, especially in Motueka terms.

4 Appeal/Mediation of the Water Allocation Decision (Variation 66/Change 13)

The Community Board (together with Hort NZ and Iwi interests) is in a mediation process over the water Allocation changes (Variation 66). The election processes have interrupted the mediation and further decisions by the Board have been deferred until the Board has been fully briefed. (A position adopted at 9 November 2010 is probable.)

5 Contamination of the Motueka Domestic Water Reticulated Supply

Formal notice of a “low level” contamination was received on 17 September 2010. This system supplies water to approximately 800 – 1000 households. The “boil water” requirement has now been lifted (12 October 2010), but the situation is being monitored continuously. There were no reports of any illness as a result of the contamination.

6 Tapu Bay Reserve: Coastcare Project

Stephen Richards (Reserves Officer) is managing the project. Committee members are Crs Stuart Bryant, Trevor Norriss and Jack Inglis, resident members are Paul Gray, Michelle White and Graeme Knapp. (I have a “watching brief” on behalf of the Board.)

The project’s objective is to arrest the erosion, to plant appropriate varieties, to define access lanes to the beach and to maintain the reserve for beach/picnic/recreational activities.

A survey of the beach, investigating whether the granite material (from Turners Bluff) can be used on the beach for reclamation and discussion on other aspects are underway. (Refer letters on 15 September 2010 and 1 October 2010.)

7 Motueka Aerodrome

Reports from Cr Higgins (Chair of the Enterprises Subcommittee) 15 September 2010 and from Gary Clark (Transportation Manager) 19 October 2010 are of interest, and possible concern.

The “strategic plan” that Gary Clark refers to, will be important to many Motueka residents. The current Activity Management Plan was developed in 2004 and will need updating.

The Aerodrome’s finances are incorporated in the Council’s Confidential Business items, but it is believed that it is “financially self-supporting” (since 2007).

Aerodrome activities are significant for tourism locally, the Nelson Aviation College, and recreationally.

The Motueka Community Board, as well as Motueka residents, will expect to be consulted on any planning and policies involving the aerodrome, financial asset management, maintenance and any improvements being promoted.  
(Refer Council and Council Committee Reports appended to this report.)

## 8 Membership of Community Organisations

A critical role of the Community Board is to “communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community”. We do this primarily by being members of various organisations, either through our own personal interest or as a directed representative of the Board.

In addition, community groups can address their matters directly to Board members or to the Board and attend at our monthly public forum.

I have appended a list of the organisations that our members are currently involved with. Please add to the list if you wish, and indicate (at the November 2010 meeting) which ones you want to continue. (I have asterisked those that I attend, as Community Board representative.)

## 9 Footpaths; Pram (Mobile Scooter) Ramps; Cycle lanes

Many (probably most) of the complaints that I receive relate to footpaths, crossings and cycle lanes; poor condition of old footpathing, lack of footpaths in some areas, lack of suitable ramps for increasing numbers of mobile scooter users and no cycle lanes within Motueka itself.

It gave some satisfaction to read (Engineering Services) that footpath maintenance fell below the expected level of service.

The Community Board has consistently requested improvements, and I believe will continue to do so, but also will acknowledge the projects which have been completed since 2007.

Can a cycle-lane be marked on the east footpath (adjacent to the carriageway) along High Street from Woodlands Avenue to Monahan Street? (Approximately 800 metres).

There is a dramatic contrast between the provision for cyclists in Richmond, compared with Motueka, yet reports indicate Motueka has more cyclists!

## 10 Developments

- a) Stormwater: Poole Street to Parker Street. Initial work has begun on this upgrade.
- b) Kaiteriteri to Marahau Road: considerable improvement with widening and drainage on this winding road.
- c) Subdivision developments at Te Maatu, Brown Acre (both off Parker Street) and Newhaven (Marahau) reflect high standards of amenities.
- d) Turners Bluff project deferred until “all avenues are explored to access the NZTA subsidy”.

11 Museum Frontage Policy (draft)

Following the discussion and re-writing of the policy as a draft, and referral to the Motueka District Museum Management Committee (which made some amendments), the Policy has been sent to the Community Services Manager. That Department and the Community Services Committee may make other amendments prior to formally adopting the policy. In the meantime, the previous procedures are being followed.

12 The NZ Community Board Conference is scheduled for May 2011 in Rotorua. I attended the 2008 conference in Christchurch and could attend in Rotorua. The Community Board Executive is also seeking nominations, if any member is interested. (18 October 2010 correspondence.)

13 I have had the opportunity recently to attend meetings where, among other topics, the Nelson-Tasman Cycle Trail has been highlighted. Cycle tourism offers a further option to the important tourism segment of our economy. Without a doubt, there is considerable enthusiasm for the Tasman Loop, with energetic promoters advancing and anticipating the project.

Locally, the Tasman Loop may be 2 – 5 years distant, depending on both central and local government funding, as well as the essential feasibility study and project management.

Nevertheless, the Kaiteriteri mountain bike track and the various existing on-road cycle loops through the Motueka district provide an immediate opportunity. Walkways and cycleways along the Moutere estuary inlet and along the coast to the Kumeras are similar attractions.

David Ogilvie  
Chair

## **Motueka Community Organisations**

Motueka Arts Council (Jane Wells)

\*Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee (Jim Butler)

\*Motueka District Museum Trust Board (Jen Calder)

\*Tasman Bays Promotions Association (Lois Walker)

\*Our Town Motueka Committee (Jacqui Taylor)

SPCA Motueka

\*Marahau and Sandy Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association (R MacDonald)

Torrent Bay – Split Apple Rock (Ronnie Wilkins)

Kaiteriteri Reserve Board (Milnes Beatson Ltd)

\*Lower Motueka River Rivercare Group (TDC/Philip Drummond)

\*Motueka Swimming Pool Committee (Fred Hickling)

Motueka Family Service Centre (Muriel Moran)

\*Clock Tower Trust (Clare Hynd)

Municipal Band

Council

Community Services Committee

Corporate Services Committee

Environment and Planning Committee

Engineering Services Committee

Communications Subcommittee

Council Enterprises Subcommittee

## Meetings and Activities : September and October 2010

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee (Special meeting to finalise NZ Clean Week activities.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Attended Council meeting and CEO Paul Wylie presented a Review of the Community Boards and Community Associations, Residents and Ratepayer Groups.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Election candidates meeting at Community House, arranged by Transition Towns Motueka.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Motueka Veterans Golf tournament – present prizes.
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Godwits Celebration at Memorial Hall (M.C.) Huge thanks to the Arts Council for a memorable weekend event.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Water Allocation mediation process continues with TDC, Hort NZ & IWI interests.  
Attend Marahau & Sandy Bay Residents & Ratepayers Assn.  
Museum Trust Board AGM  
Our Town Motueka AGM
- 14<sup>th</sup> Attended Golden Bay Community Board meeting (Joe Bell's farewell) at Collingwood.  
Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.  
Motueka Arts Council AGM.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Attended Corporate Services / TDC meeting.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meet Council staff at Link Park / York Park.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Plantings at Raumanukas / Kumeras locality.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Tasman Bay Promotions Association meeting.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Notification of E-coli contamination at low levels in the Motueka reticulated water supply. "Boil water" requirement.  
Visit Torrent Bay (Resource Consent issue).
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Environment & Planning Committee / TDC meeting in Motueka. (The Motueka central & West strategy not yet available).  
Election Candidates meeting, arranged by Greypower Motueka.  
Memorial Park Pavilion committee.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Torrent Bay Resource Consent Hearing.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Motueka District Museum Trust Board.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tasman Bays Promotions Assn AGM (Lori Keller, the Guest Speaker).
- 30<sup>th</sup> Engineering Services Committee / TDC meeting.

## October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Attend Tasman Bays Heritage Trust AGM at the Nelson City Council Chambers.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Torrent Bay Resource Consent Hearing (continued).
- 8<sup>th</sup> Meet Damien O'Connor (M.P.) re Motueka Bypass options and Marahau Valley / Harvey Road Bridge.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Election Day!
- 11<sup>th</sup> Motueka District Museum Trust Board meeting.  
Visit Richmond, continue discussion on the Marahau Valley / Harvey Road Bridge.  
Our Town Motueka meeting.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Briefing on Motueka issues with Community Board members.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Abbeyfield Motueka management meeting.  
Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee meeting.
- 19<sup>th</sup> NZCU South : meet the C.E.O. and Board of Directors at the Nelson Office.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Land & Water Forum Reports (presentation at Siefrieds in Appleby).
- 21<sup>st</sup> Attended Inaugural Meeting of the TDC.  
Canterbury Community Trust Donation Function at Saxton Pavilion, to meet Trustees.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ruby Bay Bypass opened (Te Mamaku Drive) Superb carriageway, and should reduce the time between Richmond and Motueka by 3 – 4 minutes.  
Meet with Chris Auchinvole (M.P.) re a public meeting proposal to discuss Motueka Transport / Bypass issues.  
Inaugural meeting of the Motueka Community Board.  
Elected Chairman, with Paul Hawkes as Deputy.  
Likely that Ward Councillors will be added to the Board as “appointed” members.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Tasman Bay Promotions Assn.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Attend Grey Power Motueka executive meeting to discuss  
(a) Transport Study  
(b) Amalgamation Petition  
TDC / CEO Paul Wyllie “briefs” Board members on the Amalgamation petition.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Attend Nelson Tasman Tourism presentation at the Fearon’s Bush Conference Room.