

## REPORT

**TO:** Motueka Community Board Members  
**FROM:** David Ogilvie, Chair  
**DATE:** 1 March 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Report to meeting of 8 March 2011 – RMCB11-03-02

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### 1 Motueka River : Public Access and Public Use

A letter from Ross Maley of 11 February 2011 focussed on this matter.

There are public access points to the Motueka, which are known and used by residents, but probably little used by visitors.

The access points for fishing are signposted by Fish and Game. Ross is suggesting similar signs and whether some areas be made more “park-like”.

The obvious spots include:

- Below the Motueka River (SH 60) bridge – both sides
- Whakarewa Street west
- Alexander Bluff bridge – both sides
- Peninsular Bridge – both sides
- Anderson Road – Brooklyn Stream area
- Blue Gum corner
- Rocky River confluence

I can anticipate the Council’s concern relating to river protection works, camping, safety implication with a rapid rise in the river, as well as cost factors in maintaining parks.

### Recommendation

That the Motueka Community Board refer Ross Maley’s letter to Lloyd Kennedy, Community Services Manager and Philip Drummond, Rivers Asset Engineer, for their comment, noting that the Community Board supports in principle the points that Ross is making.

### 2 High Street

Cr Eileen Wilkins reported to the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee on the possibility of reviving the Litter Cart collection on a modified basis, mainly from 1 October to 30 April. She is organising funding from various sources and is likely to apply to the Board’s Discretionary Fund as well. (The Board contributed \$500 annually previously.)

The question on the Motueka streetscaping has also arisen. Why has the streetscaping along High Street never been completed, in particular the footpath “stamping” which depicted the “flowing river” theme?

## **Recommendation:**

That the Motueka Community Board ask the Transportation Manager about the status of the Motueka streetscaping, especially relating to the “flowing river” theme along the central High Street footpaths.

### **3 Cycle Lanes (Road Markings)**

Why are there no cycle lanes marked along the streets in Motueka?

The Community Board has requested previously that the extra wide footpath along the eastern side of High Street be divided with a cycle lane and be marked adjacent to the carriageway, between Woodlands Avenue and Monahan Street. There hasn't been any response to this request. The approximate cost is \$1,500.

Recently it has been suggested that this eastern side of High Street be road marked with “no parking” lines. The two suggestions – cycle lane and no parking – are not mutually exclusive.

Whakarewa Street, Grey Street, Pah Street, Old Wharf Road, Thorp Street, Fearon Street, King Edward Street, High Street south (from Clock tower corner to the round-a-bout) – all of these appear suitable with road markings for cycle lanes.

There are extensive road markings for cyclists in Richmond, but not one in Motueka. The Council's Cycling Strategy, moreover, reported that cyclist numbers in Motueka were the highest in the District.

It is difficult to reconcile the Council's practice for funding cycle lane marking when comparing the two towns.

The Community Board could prepare a cycle lane priority list, subject to an assurance that the road marking would proceed over a two or three year period.

On a broader scale, at this draft annual plan time, it is useful to request the Council to prioritise the needs of pedestrians, mobile scooter users and cyclists relative to vehicular traffic.

Improved footpathing, mobile scooter ramps/crossings, cycle lanes and cycle ways are important components of the Transportation budget on a District-wide basis.

### **4 Christchurch Earthquake**

The 22 February 2011 was a powerful reminder (if it was even needed) of the force of nature. The TV news items show the dramatic devastation and the impact on infrastructure – roads, wastewater, domestic water, power, phone. These reinforce the message we are frequently given by Civil Defence (but frequently ignored) of providing for this type of emergency, whether it is earthquake, flood or fire.

Te Awhina Marae is preparing to welcome any Christchurch residents (in association with Church groups) being arranged by Donna McLeod and the Rev Peter Norman. The family upheaval has consequences long term, much greater than the buildings/infrastructure

worries. The Te Awhina situation is a wonderful social response, but it will require support from the community.

## **5 Camping Regulation – Proposed draft Bylaw**

The Environment and Planning Manager (Dennis Bush-King) reported that Local Government New Zealand had altered its role in drafting a model bylaw, but would assist with enforcement tools. The Committee requested that staff develop a draft bylaw for the 10 March 2011 meeting (see Council and Council Committee notes).

## **6 Teqnet**

A photo of the Aquatic Centre Teqnet is included. This is a very popular climbing apparatus – it would be really worthwhile at the Deck's Reserve playground.

The price would be between \$50,000 and \$70,000. (A brochure will be available at the meeting). The Richmond one was funded from the District Facilities Rate, which would also be available for any at Motueka.

If Board members have an opportunity, inspect this equipment at the Aquatic Centre or similar ones at Saxton Field and at Victory Square, Nelson.

## **7 Aotearoa Peoples Network (APNK)**

Paul Hawkes to report verbally.

## **8 Draft Annual Plan**

Councillors are in the throes of finalising the draft annual plan for printing and then for publication leading to submissions from ratepayers and residents (21 March 2011). The Motueka public meeting is scheduled for 29 March 2011.

Council is walking a funding tight rope given the effects of emergency events for roading and rivers, the recessionary economic situation, previous commitments and requests by residents, ratepayers and community groups. The public is requiring Council to be practical, efficient and cost-effective in its undertakings, activities and projects.

The Community Board's role in monitoring and advising takes on a sharper focus at this time, not only for expenditure in Motueka, but in applying a consistency principle to Council actions.

## **9 Coastal Structures; Port Motueka; Marina**

At our 14 December 2010 meeting, I reported on Gary Clark, Transportation Manager, bringing the TDC coastal assets database up-to-date and his comment that some were in poor condition.

A meeting with Gary Clark, relevant clubs, Talley's and interest groups was suggested as a "first step" in a new strategy for Port Motueka and its environs. A resolution MCB10-12-11 was passed to that effect.

Relevant to that resolution as an agenda item (Council Enterprises Subcommittee) that representatives of the Motueka Marine Group were to address the Subcommittee. They, however, did not attend the 16 February 2011 meeting but will address the Subcommittee at a later date.

I have e-mailed Gary Clark asking about developments, a possible new management plan and long-term proposals which could be discussed with all parties, including the Community Board (21 February 2011).

## 10 Motueka River Flows

I peruse the river flow data that the Council presents and find it very interesting, particularly as registered at Woodstock and Woodman's.

The following information could be of wider interest:

1. Woodstock River flow over a 40 year period (catchment area of 1750 square km)

Flood Levels	Drought Levels
5 years: 1220 cumecs	6.97 cumecs
10 years: 1450 cumecs	6.11 cumecs
20 years: 1670 cumecs	5.47 cumecs
50 years: 1970 cumecs	4.80 cumecs

The extreme levels have been at 2150 cumecs in July 1983 and in March 1973 at 4.9 cumecs.

Over the last three months (Dec – Jan – Feb) the highest flow was 1010 cumecs (28 December 2010). It had been a low 31.2 on the previous day, reflecting the downpour then. The lowest level has been 7.91 cumecs on 21 February 2011.

2. Woodman's – records exist since February 2001 for this 2050 square km catchment

Flood Levels	Drought Levels
5 years: 1080 cumecs	8.95 cumecs
10 years: 1220 cumecs	8.49 cumecs
20 years: 1350 cumecs	8.17 cumecs

The extreme levels have been in October 2007 at 1349 cumecs and the lowest in March 2010 at 7.8 cumecs.

Over the last three months the highest level was 1000 cumecs on 28 December 2010 (rising from 38.1 the previous day). The lowest level has been 10.6 cumecs on 21 February 2011.

Questions which arise from these statistics:

- Is there a likely "climate change" impact and can it be measured?
- Is the river flow influenced by developments in the catchment, eg forestry, agricultural-horticultural practices, housing?
- What are the consequences of gravel extraction and the natural degradation of the river bed (especially in the Lower Motueka)?

11 **NZTA, Opus, MWH, TDC**

**Proposed Agenda our Meeting with  
NZ Transport Agency, Opus Consultants,  
Tasman District Council, MWH Consultants**

**Thursday 31 March 2011  
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm**

- 1 Welcome, Introductions, Apologies**
- 2 SH 60 in the Motueka Ward: from Harley Road in the south, through High Street, Riwaka, Takaka Hill summit**
  - a. Harley Road to Clock tower corner**
    - i. Landscape design to maximise the entry; estuary, river, “Rest Awhile” reserve, sign, round-a-bout plantings, wide street and grass berms
    - ii. Round-a-bout at Clock tower corner
  - b. Clock tower corner along High Street to Woodlands Avenue/Whakarewa Street intersection**
    - i. Proposed “No Parking” on eastern side
    - ii. Shared footpath and cycle lane on eastern side
    - iii. Round-a-bout at the Woodlands Avenue/Whakarewa Street intersection
    - iv. Network Tasman plan to underground the powerlines during the next two years. (note: this is the narrowest section of High Street)
  - c. Central (Commercial) High Street from Woodlands Avenue to Fearon Street**
    - i. Pedestrian crossing (or similar) between The Warehouse and New World.
    - ii. Tudor Street and Wallace Street intersections operating satisfactorily
    - iii. Traffic signals at the Pah Street, Greenwood Street, High Street intersection. (This was the No 1 request in a recent survey, and is now a strong public demand.)
    - iv. Mark individual parking bays
  - d. Fearon Street to Motueka River Bridge**
    - i. Special road marking to indicate 50km (eg Queen Street south)
    - ii. Drainage problem near Birdhurst, Wilkins and Staples properties consequence of roadworks, kerbing in recent reseal project.
  - e. Motueka River to the intersection to Golden Bay – Kaiteriteri (Cook’s Corner)**
    - i. There are six right-angled turns over this 5km distance. Can these bends be eased, straightened, avoided?
    - ii. Provide a shared walkway - cycleway between the Riwaka School and
      1. Riwaka Hall
      2. Recreation Grounds

- iii. Review the speed limits:
  1. 50kph in Riwaka residential
  2. 80 kph from the Riwaka tennis courts to Cook's Corner
- iv. Swamp Road and Dehra Doon Road intersections with SH 60 for signage and turning bays

**f. Cook's Corner to Summit, Takaka Hill**

- i. Ongoing maintenance is positive, with passing bays, improved sight lines and some carriageway widening and straightening, particularly nearing Riwaka

**g. General**

- i. Carriageway surface, especially between Clock tower corner and Tudor Street is poor
- ii. Power poles (from High Street south to Staples Street) require repainting with discs attached.
- iii. Keep channels clear of weeds and rubbish
- iv. Road marking to be improved, particularly the actual pedestrian crossings. (Can we experiment with the orange-style markings?)
- v. Signs. Consistent height and size expected. (Our tourists appreciate clear directions.)
- vi. Encourage TDC to link Manoy and Talbot Streets to reduce High Street congestion.
- vii. Encourage TDC to construct/road mark cycle lanes (eg Thorp Street, Pah Street, Grey Street, Whakarewa Street)

**3 Motueka Transportation Study (MWH)**

- a. Received by TDC in May 2010
- b. Motueka Community Board survey of ten recommendations, identified the four priorities as:
  - i. Traffic lights at Pah Street, Greenwood Street intersection
  - ii. Round-a-bout at Clock tower corner
  - iii. Round-a-bout at Woodlands Avenue intersection
  - iv. Pedestrian crossing between New World and The Warehouse

The traffic lights situation is urgent to provide safe and secure traffic movement across High Street for school pupils, shoppers, sports people, young and elderly. Parklands School, Motueka High School, Memorial Park (cricket, soccer, bowls, tennis), toy library, Senior Citizens, Senior Net, Library, Memorial Hall, Supermarket, Hotel – all on the west side of High Street – and over 50% of the Motueka township population reside on the east side of High Street.

(Should this meeting do nothing else other than agree to have lights at that corner by November 2011 for the Christmas and holiday traffic it would have been by popular acclaim, a most successful meeting).

- c) Projects identified for action by NZTA and/or TDC.

**4 Bypass for Motueka**

- a. Public meeting in Memorial Hall in November 2010 recommended that:
  - i. Bypass route be Chamberlain Street – Anderson Road/Swamp Road (subject to engineering a bridge across the Motueka River).

- ii. Any “heavy traffic” or “temporary” bypass route (eg Queen Victoria Street, or Thorp Street) be strongly opposed.
- b. Subsequently, these resolutions have been referred to NZTA, Opus, MWH and TDC with the additional request that those agencies finalise the Chamberlain Street option as the preferred route (for planning and LIM purposes) and that the formal opening of the Motueka bypass take place by November 2025, certainly no later than November 2030.

**5 General Business:**

- a. Maintenance contract
- b. Signs
- c. Cycle lanes
- d. Loose chip
- e. Drainage
- f. Road marking

**6 Date for Next Meeting – Action Items**

**12 Residents’ Survey for Ledger Goodman Park, linking Goodman Drive, Kingstan Place and Ledger Avenue - A Neighbourhood Park (5043m<sup>2</sup>)**

Cr Eileen Wilkins and I conducted a survey of local residents (approximately 100 dwellings) in February 2011 which resulted in 36 responses.

The three proposals suggested in the survey received overwhelming support, particularly numbers 2 and 3:

- 1 A 1.5 metre wide footpath at the northern end of the reserve which would link Kingstan Place with Goodman Drive. 31 support (86%), (between Nos 21 and 23 Goodman Drive)
- 2 Replacing the existing (privately-owned) play equipment with a timber constructed climbing apparatus, slide and swings. 33 support (91%).
- 3 An additional park bench and litter bin near the play area. 36 support (100%)

Additional comments included:

- a) Do not remove any more trees. They give character to the park. Keep the trees pruned and properly maintained. Consider planting some fruit trees, eg macadamia, plum.
- b) A footpath would allow us to walk the park in winter.
- c) New play equipment needs to blend with the park; no plastic play equipment please.
- d) A picnic table (or barbecue-style table) was a preference to another park bench, expressed by some.
- e) Any woodchips under the play equipment needs to be small and soft to land on. (Other areas have a large chip and it hurts on landing)
- f) More consultation on the location of a new playground would be appreciated. It is good where it is now. Please, no see-saw.

## **Recommendation**

- 1 That the report be received and referred to the Community Services Manager for action.
- 2 That the location of the proposed playground equipment be referred to the adjacent neighbours for their responses.
- 3 That a barbecue-style picnic table (with seating) be positioned near the playground (instead of a park bench).
- 4 That funding be provided from the Reserves financial Contributions Account, either for the current 2010 – 2011 year (\$47,931 budget) or the following 2011 – 2012 year (\$54,854 proposed budget).

David Ogilvie  
Eileen Wilkins



## Meetings and Activities : February 2011

January	
26	Festival of Lights committee meeting. Confirm 3 days (17, 18, 19 June 2011) of activities; two weeks of lights and community groups events (17 June – 1 July)
February	
1	Meet with Mayor and Council Managers (Paul Wylie, Murray Staite, Lloyd Kennedy) to discuss the Board's budget and Council-Community Board relationships.
3	Attended Engineering Services Committee meeting. Motueka items included flood control, domestic water, car park resealing.
5	Motueka Airport: Drag racing, sky diving, hang gliding.
6	Waitangi Day at Te Awhina with displays, stalls and entertainment. Thoughtful address by Tohu Wines CEO.
7	Motueka District Museum Trust Board meeting. Concerns re state of the exterior of the building; visitor numbers fewer than 2010.
8	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting
9	Appointment with Concrete and Metals CEO (Carolyn Krammer re "preferred" status for TDC contracts.
10	Attended morning session of Community Services meeting. Motueka items included Library, Deck's Reserve, Cycle Trail.
11	Kiyosata – Motueka Friendship Committee's welcome function for the Kiyosata visitors (week's stay). Discussion with Matthew Taylor (Opus Consultants) re High Street north flooding, traffic lights at Pah/Greenwood Street intersection, preferred bypass route.
14	Motueka District Museum Trust Board meeting.
15	Attended Community Issues class (Mr Bruce Reid) at Motueka High School re options for a new (or extended) library for Motueka. Tasman Bay Promotions Association meeting. (Lynda Keene, CEO of Nelson Tasman Tourism in attendance).
16	"Go by Bike" breakfast at the Museum frontage, with Jody Maru, Ria Ahearn and Jacqui Taylor. Well attended with approximately 100 arriving (80 barbecued breakfasts)
21	Attended Kaiteriteri Domain Board farewell function for Peter King, retiring after 18 years as Chairman. Keep Motueka Beautiful committee meeting.
23	Attended District Council meeting: principal discussion on the Draft Annual Plan.
25	Visit (with Councillors and Community Board members) the Te Awhina Marae in Motueka.