

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E859
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SUBJECT: May 2007 Report

Motueka River Bank

Following the item raised with the Board I, with other agencies are looking into whether community workers could be used to regularly tidy up the area by the Motueka Bridge.

Bollard Ropes

These are currently being installed. As they look so good and the feedback received has been so positive I have pushed for the whole replacement to be carried out rather than delay by having a 'trial' section.

Motueka Recreation Centre 20th Anniversary

Attached is a press release announcing the upcoming 20th Jubilee of the opening of the Motueka Recreation Centre. The Centre staff are keen to hear from all those who were involved in the project and/or have any photographs, clippings or video footage as they are keen to compile a written and visual history of the complex.

Street Cleaning

With autumn comes the leaf fall and this poses some nuisance to local shopkeepers and also blocks gutters. Regarding street sweeping I have asked Engineering whether Council's contractors could look at the additional burden created by leaves. The issue of leaves getting onto private property is more problematic

Graffiti

Last month's public forum raised the issue of graffiti around town. Previously graffiti was painted out by a painter on community service. Together with other agencies we are looking into whether we can get some paint sponsorship and have a similar tidy up using community service workers.

Decks Reserve

I have had a number of enquiries as to what stage Decks Reserve walkway is up to. Glenn Thorn will be at this meeting to present an update. Also it was considered that perhaps with the walkway improvements the playground equipment could be relocated over to the southern side to have them nearer the public conveniences. I have asked Glenn to brief the Board on this and any other relevant projects current or proposed within the Ward.

Submissions proposed regarding DILs relevant to Motueka

I am attaching a letter from the Motueka Sports Pavilion Committee who is seeking financial assistance for upgrading and repair/repainting of the pavilion.

My advice to the Committee was to make a submission to the annual plan for DILs funding.

To my recollection the pavilion was built about 20 years ago and there has been little money spent on the building since then.

I have carried out an inspection of the premises with committee representatives, David Ogilvie and Nel de Vries and would confirm that the pavilion and changing rooms are indeed in need of a good spruce up. Whilst some of the work is maintenance which cannot be paid out of DILs those items of capital expenditure could be funded.

I have discussed the matter with Lloyd Kennedy and his advice is that the Board should consider the submissions made by Community Services as well as the one by the Sports Pavilion Committee and advise Council of the Boards opinion on these submissions prior to Council deliberating on these submissions which is 6 – 7 June 2007.

Extract from Community Services Manager's report to Community Services Committee of 16 May 2007. (Note these recommendations by Lloyd will have to be considered in light of the Committee's decisions on Wednesday).

2 Motueka Reserve DILs – when the 2007/2008 Annual Plan was prepared the estimated closing balance as at 30 June 2008 was \$154,000. However, there has been a large increase in revenue and this figure has now been revised to \$300,000.

- *Riwaka Memorial corner – for the continued upgrade of the frontage shrubberies at this reserve* \$10,000
- *Sportspark – irrigation* \$7,000
- *Memorial Park – shifting of the cricket wicket* \$22,000
- *Skatepark – major upgrade (being priced)* to be advised
- *to be advised*

- *Motueka Recreation Centre (being priced) – at today's meeting a Business Plan for the Motueka Recreation Centre will be considered and this shows a required investment of \$800,000 over the next few years. Such funding would be difficult to find from Reserve DILs and it may be necessary to consider the Facilities Rate for this first major upgrade to the facility since it was opened in the late 1980s.*

Note: Lloyd advises that the skatepark upgrade is likely to be \$60,000. Lloyd may be available at the Board meeting to explain these items if required.

The additional item will also be discussed when we have the Manager of the Recreation Centre presenting their business plan to the Board.

Halls and Reserves Subsidy Account

\$40,000 has been allocated as a subsidy to the Motueka Recreation Centre and the request from the Tasman Regional Sports Trust is to increase this to \$70,000 pa for the period 2007/10. The Motueka Recreation Centre Business Plan on today's agenda explains this.

This would require a \$30,000 additional allocation from General Rate.

Prospecting Permit by Overland Resources Limited

Following the recent media coverage that an Australian company has been given the go-ahead to explore more than 740km² of the Tasman District for gold and other minerals, Motueka Community Board member Stuart Bean has requested that I provide further information for the Board. The matter was also discussed at the last Golden Bay Community Board meeting. The Golden Bay Board was very much involved with the process regarding the recent Bonaparte Diamond Mines seabed prospecting proposal and the Board raised the issue that the Crown Minerals Office is only required to consult with iwi before processing the prospecting permit.

The Golden Bay Board resolved to write to the Crown Minerals office requesting to be kept informed of any subsequent exploration and/or mining proposals following the prospecting by Overland Resources Ltd.

In addition this Board may wish to write to local iwi expressing a desire to support them for any future prospecting applications that may be referred to them.

Changes to Carpark opposite Service Centre

Engineering have helped in getting the sharp corner turn into the carpark which provides access to the New World carpark, splayed out. With the alterations to the New World the access through the supermarket loading area is now no longer available and this resulted in the Council carpark being the main point of access. The sharp left turn exit meant vehicle had to cross the centre of the road which was a hazard to oncoming traffic. The improved access is much easier and safer for everyone.

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