

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 29 August 2008
SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 9 September 2008**

1 General

The two-three weeks since our August meeting have been very busy with community meetings and activities. The list and summary of meetings (end of this report) reflects a lot of constructive effort of mainly volunteer groups in making demonstrable progress in their goals. Our Town Motueka, Tasman Bay Promotions, Keep Motueka Beautiful, the Museum Trust all reported positive successes.

There was also considerable activity outside meetings with the Motueka High School Talent Quest (600 attendees), "Intermediate" Bridge Club competition, Good Vibes 2008 (sky diving), Seddon Shield rugby (versus Marlborough), Judo, as well as the usual recreational events, subject to the weekend weather disruptions.

The contact with Council officers and Councillors has been minimal although I met Wakatu Incorporation representatives (with Council representatives) at a briefing on the Motueka Central and West planning strategy – not many differences in our planning vision; Tara and I attended the Opus presentation on the Cycling & Walking Strategy review; I represented the Board at the Council's Community Award presentations. (I have included the "briefing notes" for Faith Wells, Mary Lafrentz and Bill Curtain).

2 Public Consultation

This matter was highlighted in my August report – it remains a frustration and a public relations concern expressed frequently at meetings, events and gatherings that I attend.

It was illustrated when Opus/TDC representatives would not attend the Cycling/Walking public meeting on July 28th and their decision not to have any public consultation before preparing a draft review.

It is further demonstrated by a lack of public comment invited on significant issues affecting the Motueka Ward – notably river works, water reticulation – in fact the whole range of Council matters. The Council is currently involved in LTCCP workshops and direction by the Motueka public is seriously absent.

On numerous occasions I have offered assistance by the Community Board without a positive response.

The distance between Richmond and Motueka is becoming wider and wider, particularly when the message is that it is not appropriate to consult. It is becoming increasingly important for Council officers to attend local meetings, to explain, inform and debate various issues.

The Lower Motueka Rivercare Group meeting (with Philip Drummond, John Ellis, Rick Lowe) exemplifies the need I'm referring to – information, questions, explanations, debate = worthwhile consultation.

3 Correspondence Items

The Board needs to note particularly:

13. Computer allowances
 20. Street parking for disabled drivers
- Also responses by Council:
4. Affordable housing
 5. Tactile "pram" crossings
 6. Smoke pollution

4 Councillor attendance at meetings

It could be worthwhile asking elected Motueka Ward Councillors to attend our next meeting, rather than having senior council management attend. It would be good to get an update from local Councillors and would reduce the costs being charged to Motueka Ward ratepayers under the targeted rate for community boards.

5 Motueka TDC Carpark

Page 36 of the TDC 2008/2009 Annual Plan notes that \$79,258 is budgeted for unsubsidised resealing of the Motueka TDC Service Centre car park. This car park is in very good condition. Would it not make more sense to reallocate the money towards a sustainable and government subsidised transport project identified as a priority during the MCB's recent consultation over the Cycling and Walking Strategy?

6 Bus Trial

We obviously have very little money and there is support for various options. The main three are summarised below:

- Commuter Bus – Monday to Friday (Motueka-Richmond-Nelson return) leaves Motueka 8am, leaves Nelson 6pm.
- Family Bus – Wednesday and Saturday (Motueka-Richmond-Nelson) leaves Motueka at 11am, leaves Nelson at 6pm
- Local "bus" – Actually a large van serving as a link between places including the Saltwater Baths, the Recreation Centre, Clock Tower, airport, CBD, Riwaka service station (Kaiteriteri in summer), Lower Moutere Store, Brooklyn School.

I suggest initially we commit to a one week trial of the commuter bus, selling a limited number of presale concession tickets. This looks the most obviously financially viable. If this trial is moderately successful it will leave us with enough funds to look at the other trial services.

7 Affordable Housing

Mayor Kempthorne recently claimed that Queenstown Mayor Clive Geddes had shown him how affordable housing issues could be tackled. It would be informative to have a representative of the Nelson-Tasman Housing Trust and Mayor Kempthorne attend our September or October meeting for half an hour to speak to us regarding local affordable housing solutions.

8 Reorganisation

So far the discussions with TDC regarding delegating responsibility for some local matters to Community Boards have been frustrating. We all realise the importance of increasing resident and ratepayers satisfaction by getting more influence over how locally generated income from rates are allocated.

Many residents in the Motueka Ward would support a petition calling for the Local Government Commission to consider Motueka and Golden Bay ceding from the Richmond-based Council. Is it time for the Community Board to move to enable the official process to get rolling?

9 Summary of Meetings – August 2008

Date	Meeting
1 st	Wakatu Incorporate representatives (Keith Palmer, Ray O'Callaghan) with Mayor Kempthorne, Cr Wilkins, Steve Markham, Rose Biss, Jeff Cuthbertson and Dugald Ley to discuss Central and West Motueka Resource Management Plan issues.
5 th	Our Town Motueka: Entrance to Motueka sign; Town survey preliminary results are slow.
6 th	Local Government Commission announces its review of the 2002 Local Government Act. Relevant to Community Boards – clarifies funding mechanism for the Boards to be paid from the general rate of Council.
8 th	Opus/TDC reports to Councillors, Council staff re the Cycling & Walking Strategy (Tara Forde and I attend – Tara the morning and afternoon sessions 9.30am to 2.30pm.
11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motueka and Districts Museum Trust Marahau Residents & Ratepayers Association meeting: "No camping" sign required.
12 th	Motueka Community Board meeting
14 th	Ecofest lecture by Bruce Geddes "Renewable Power Systems" at Community House
15 th	TDC Community Award presentations to Faith Wells, Bill Curtain and Mary Lafrentz of Motueka
18 th	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting
19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainland TV interview with Gary Watson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasman Bay Promotions: proposed merger structure Our Town Motueka (High Street traffic and streetscape issues) with Matthew Taylor, Jack Hansby and Jackie Bell.
22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harbour Board Endowment Fund discussion with Doug Loader Good Vibes 2008, Motueka Airport – Sky diving 9-day event
26 th	Beryl Wilkes and Kathy Tohill-Curnow re Thorps Bush plantings, Deck's Reserve plaques (Reserves report for 9 September)
28 th	Motueka Arts Council AGM

10 Loans for work contained in the Annual Plan (2008-2009)

The Corporate Services Committee resolved that \$23.6 m of loans be sanctioned for work as authorised in the 2008-2009 Annual Plan.

While the Council report did not break the loans down into words, I have estimated the following allocations for the Motueka Ward.

Roading	District-wide share (say 30%)	\$727,000
Resource Information	District-wide share (30%)	\$63,000
Stormwater	Lummis Drain	\$86,000
Wastewater	Tarrant Place pumpstation	\$39,000
	Thorp Street pumpstation	\$48,000
	Pipeline renewals	\$317,000
Coastal structures	Port Motueka investigation	\$53,000
Property	Motueka Service Centre	\$30,000
Community Facilities	Recreation Centre	
Refuse		
Domestic Water		
Camping grounds		
Other	30% of Vessel/Dog Pound	\$105,000
	Total	\$3,268,000

This amount is less than 10% of the total when the Motueka share should be between 25-30%

11 Motueka Water – Financial Statement (2007-2008 – Draft)

Inevitably queries and comments arise on considering these accounts:

The end-of-year balance of \$484,774 (\$188,320 previous year) begs the question whether the rate increase from \$55 to \$71 was justified.

Loans (30 June 2008) totalled \$294,483 (272,938 previous year).

The capital works in Woodlands Avenue for the new domestic watermain is progressing and may not require extra loan capital.

The financial statements are interesting and are provided as a result of Motueka Grey Power's request. They also demonstrate the Community Board's role in monitoring the Council's activities and services.

12 Community Awards: Motueka Recipients, August 2008-08-29

- **Faith Wells**

Faith was a member of the Lioness Club for 20 years. She was on the organising committees for the Bride of the Year competition and the Mid Winter Swim. She was also club secretary and president during that time. Faith has been a tireless worker for the Red Cross for about 15 years. She has been involved with the Motueka Women's Institute for 20 years as president, secretary entertainment convener and committee member. I'm told her talent as a pianist has been a wonderful asset to the group and it's one she's been happy to share with residents at local rest homes and patients at the community hospital.

Faith has been a member of the Probus club, where she has also held the offices of secretary, newsletter editor and president.

She is the person behind Operation Cover Up, which is a scheme that provides thousands of knitted items of clothing and blankets for needy children in Romania and the Maldives.

Faith has also been involved in fundraising for numerous other causes, including the Clock Tower Trust, the Motueka Hospital Trust, Daffodil Day and Poppy Day.

- **Bill Curtain**

Bill has been involved in Riwaka, Motueka cricket and rugby for more than 55 years. He has been a coach in both sports for more than 40 years and is currently assisting coaching at Riwaka.

He coaches both indoor and outdoor school boy cricket teams and I'm told he still enjoys getting out on the paddock and playing touch rugby himself.

Bill has given his time freely to the community and has gained the respect of those he has coached and also their families.

Bill has also contributed to the district's pest management. He's a keen pig hunter and has encouraged many young men to get out into the hills and get involved in hunting.

- **Mary Lafrentz**

Mary has been involved in the Fifeshire Foundation virtually since its inception. She has been a volunteer adviser with the Budget Advice Service and also treasurer of the Waimea College PTA.

Mary was elected to represent the people of Motueka on the Motueka Community Board.

In 1990 she took up the job of liaison person between the town of Kiyosato and Motueka. She later gathered local people together to form the Kiyosato-Motueka Friendship Committee.

That year a group from Kiyosato visited Motueka and Mary arranged for them to be billeted. Groups have been continuing to visit ever since.

Mary was involved in formulating a Sister Town Agreement in 1996 and the following year a large group from Motueka travelled to Japan to sign the agreement. Further groups have travelled to Kiyosato, all fundraising and organising under Mary's guidance. Mary has also represented Tasman District Council at sister city conferences.

In 1992 Mary was elected to Tasman District Council. During her time on council she was a driving force in revitalising the Motueka Recreation Centre and the Motueka Cooperative Packhorse.

13 Recommendation

That this report be received.

David Ogilvie
Chair