

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 5 December 2008
SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 15 December 2008**

1 Projects

The King Edward Street kerb, channel and footpathing project is now complete.

Swamp Road (Riwaka) realignment is progressing and promises to improve the safety of tight bends there.

Resealing work on various streets/roads continues (Glenaven Street, Wharf Road, York Street, Lodder Lane).

Mariri Transfer Station weighbridge and water supply completed.

Watermain along Woodlands Avenue, Whakarewa Street and part of High Street completed.

The installation of the tactile pavers is scheduled for mid February 2009; the alternations to the customer service area of the service centre is programmed for mid December 2008.

Importantly, the NZTA (ex Transit) has engaged Opus to investigate transportation issues along SH 60 and especially in High Street. This is due to start in January 2009 and be completed by 30 June 2009.

2 Plans, Strategies from Tasman District Council

There are a number of plans/strategies which Tasman District Council is progressing which will require our comment:

a) Cycling and Walking Strategy

We have not yet been informed of the details of this strategy and the consultation process. The Board has endeavoured to play an active role in any way it can, and is keen to co-operate and co-ordinate with Opus/Tasman District Council with this strategy.

We see footpaths, walkways, cycleways as being very important for all residents/visitors, both short term and long term. Consequently, local input is crucial for any detailed, budgeted infrastructure programme.

b) Water Allocation Review

The Council held its discussion on this item in Confidential business on 20 November 2008.

c) Motueka Central and West Plan

This item was also discussed as Confidential business on 20 November 2008.

(At this time, there haven't been any public reports made available.)

d) Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy

This is open for feedback until Friday 16 January 2009. Duncan Eddy chairs the Motueka Arts Council and we have discussed a possible combined meeting, without specifying a date.

The strategy is wide-ranging with a broad Nelson Tasman vision; it would be useful to respond to the document either from a meeting of our two groups and/or with wider public consultation.

e) Annual Plan 2009 – 2010 and Long Term Council Community Plan 2009 – 2019

Our submissions to each of these have been sent to the Council. (The submission to the annual plan is included in the information pack.)

There were 34 responses to the newspaper advertisement which sought submissions from residents/ratepayers – a very pleasing response demonstrating interest and concern within the Motueka Ward.

We have tried to present a balanced submission but have highlighted the Board's concerns on a number of issues.

f) Motueka River Stopbanks

The Engineering Services Committee held a workshop at the conclusion of its meeting in Motueka on 27 November 2008. Tara and I attended along with seven Councillors as Philip Drummond and Peter Thomson presented the proposed project.

There is no timetable for public involvement in this major project, other than it will be incorporated into the LTCCP.

I believe this is inadequate and the Board should request a separate process of consultation (like the Water Allocation Review) once the Engineering Services Department, Committee and Council have formulated their proposals.

3 Tasman District Council Environmental Awards 2008

Motueka entries were successful at the Awards Ceremony held at the Community Centre in Upper Moutere.

Parkes Automotive won the Supreme Award and the Greenwood Kindergarten won the Schools Award. Entries from Tasman Bay Vets, Marahau Residents and Ratepayers Association, Rudolf Steiner School, Motueka District Museum and Deirdre Mackay ("Aporo" author) received Commendation Awards.

It was a very satisfying afternoon and reflects an increasing awareness of the importance of environmental issues within the Motueka community.

Congratulations to all. Thank you to Rob Francis and the organising team which presented the Awards and conducted an absorbing afternoon.

4 Wastewater Maintenance

The Engineer reported that treatment plants and pump stations were routinely checked and cleaned during October and the contractor's work of a high standard.

Blockages occurred in High Street and Woodlands Avenue which were cleared, without any overflows.

I was called to a pump station malfunction in Thorp Street (4 November 2008) which was repaired by Works/EDI Downer. The adjacent residents naturally expressed concern re health and hygiene but the contractor and Tasman District Council dealt with the overflow situation thoroughly.

5 Watermain Renewal and Maintenance

- a) Adcock and Donaldson have successfully completed the final portion of this project and completed all of the work without significant issues. Practical completion has been granted and the project is now in the maintenance period.
- b) Old Wharf Road; Thorp Street – repairs were necessary on each of these streets – Thorp Street caused a minor upheaval when it occurred!

6 Other Engineering Services Items

a) Mariri Resource Recovery Centre

Weighbridge installation at this site is now fully complete. A new water supply line has recently been installed to the site from Robinson Road. Connection to the Lower Moutere water supply scheme was expected at the time of writing.

Work continues to assess the water quality of runoff from this site and potential treatment options.

b) **Parking Restrictions** (refer Information Pack)

These have now been positioned and it is pleasing to note the extra parking spaces for disabled persons in High Street. (A frequent request by residents.)

c) **Pedestrian Safety/"50" kph markings** (refer Information Pack)

I have included the proposed markings for the entry to Upper Moutere for two reasons: firstly, to suggest similar markings at Riwaka, and secondly, to demonstrate how the red pavement highlights – this same pavement marking would highlight pedestrian crossings, requiring drivers to exercise more care. The current black and white crossings are not as visual as red and white ones would be. Should we recommend this variation to NZTA, Tasman District Council and appropriate authorities?

d) **Riwaka – Kaiteriteri Road Upgrade** (refer Information Pack)

Steve Elkington's report is included and was favourably received by the Committee.

7 Marahau Residents and Ratepayers Association

I attended the AGM on Saturday 29 November 2008 (approximately 25 attended), but following the standard AGM agenda items, the current chair, John Friis called for the nomination of officers for the new year. There were only two nominations and the meeting decided to adjourn the AGM until 13 December 2008. I expect a new committee will be elected then – the Constitution recommends a minimum of six – and the Association to continue addressing the various concerns of its residents and ratepayers.

I will report on the matter at our Board meeting on Monday 15 December 2008.

8 Reports from: (included in Information Pack)

- a) Corporate Services Committee (13 November 2008)
- b) Community Services Committee (23 October 2008)
- c) Environment and Planning (20 November 2008)
- d) Community Services Committee (4 December 2008)

Note:

- District revaluation dates
- Mileage reimbursement recommendation
- Reserve Manager's report
- Liquor Ban extension in Kaiteriteri and Environs
- Onsite wastewater report

The Library Manager reported a 10.6% rise in transactions (issues) compared with July to September 2007, probably as a result of the refurbishment. Also noted were housebound visits in October 2008 of 27 visits to 15 customers; also 100 places available locally for the Summer Reading Programme "Super Heroes Read".

(Notwithstanding the favourable report, the Board has noted criticisms of the intra-library fee and a shortage of newly released books to the Motueka Library; being balanced by the improved, enlarged library favourable responses).

9 Activities, Projects 2008 – 2009

Many of the activities/projects completed recently were scheduled for the 2007/2008 year (ending 30 June 2008).

The list of projects for the current year (2008 – 2009) which have not been started is concerning, given that five months have passed and the Christmas/New Year extended holiday period is close. This applies principally to Engineering projects involving transportation, wastewater, stormwater etc. For example:

- clearing of the various open drains is urgent
- footpaths, cycleways, kerb and channel capital works have not been finalised
- coastal and erosion studies at Port Motueka

In addition, preparation of the Central and West Motueka Strategy for public consultation has been deferred further. The Deck's Reserve plaques delay continues.

In acknowledging the time the Council managers, staff, Mayor and Councillors are spending on preparation for the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP in particular (and related strategies), the current year of 2008 – 2009 appears to be in limbo. The situation is a source of increasing frustration.

10 Heritage Wharf – Motueka Quay

Included in correspondence is a report by Jim Butler to the Motueka Historical Society. Murray Staitte is to report on the likely cost and some funding options for any restoration work – based on the Ian Bowman recommendations.

The next stage will depend on these comments and any decision by the Board to liaise with the Historical Society, Keep Motueka Beautiful and other interested people to restore the old wharf.

11 Final Meeting 2008

This will be the Board's final meeting for 2008. I would like to wish Valerie, Lynda, Murray and fellow Board members a relaxed and happy Christmas and look forward to a continuing busy year in 2009.

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Summary of Meetings – November 2008

Date	Meeting
2	Motueka and District Toy Library – Garden Trail
3	Our Town Motueka – entry sign; Christmas Parade Motueka – Kiyosato Friendship AGM Gloria Pegg/Mary Lefrantz as Chair/Secretary respectively
4	Festival of Lights – Murray Hellewell as Chair
10	Motueka District Museum Trust Board (Duncan attends) Abbeyfield Management Committee Marahau Residents and Ratepayers Association
11	Our Town Motueka – meet Kathy Tohill with Jacqui Taylor and Pie Soanes re the High Street trees Motueka Community Board monthly meeting
16	Community Board meeting re Annual Plan submission
17	Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee
18	Mayor Kempthorne, Dennis Bush-King and Rob Lieffering meet in Richmond re the noise issues (and resource consent) of the Evolution 09 festival at Sportspark
21	TDC Environmental Awards at the Upper Moutere Centre, Parkes Automotive and Greenwood Kindergarten win awards
23	Potato Growing exercise (competition?) launched by Tara Forde. (Scott Sinclair and others assist)
25	Tasman Bay Promotions Association Motueka Music Group
27	Engineering Services Committee meet in Motueka Workshop on the Motueka River Stopbanks following
27	Festival of Lights Committee; 20 – 29 2009. Programme is developing. Annual Plan submission – public forum
29	Motueka District Museum – Summer exhibition opening “Time Gentlemen – Please” – John Hurley presented with Life Membership
29	Marahau Residents and Ratepayers Association AGM. Meeting was adjourned (after Chair/Treasurer’s Reports) when there were a few only offering to stand for election. Adjourned meeting to be Saturday 13 December 2008 at 7.30 pm.