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- aims to create sustainable transport options for Tasman communities.
- runs the Wakefield Community Bus service
- helped to set up & now supports the Māpua Willing Wheels voluntary drivers' service



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Currently **Rachel Mason** is contracted to work with us to investigate & set up the Coastal Corridor Bus Service - a minibus link between Motueka & Richmond via Tasman and Māpua.

Please phone Rachel 022 6822 373 with suggestions and offers of help or email coastalcorridorts@gmail.com

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Motueka Community Board Meeting 16.02.2021
From: Ian Williamson

To: Mr Chairman + Members of the Community Board

1. To help carry the support of our Motueka and Tasman Communities could I suggest we publish in our local news on a suitable regular basis the progress being made on our Major Regional Projects. This would include:-

Tasman Hill
New Motueka library.
Waimea Dam.

2. Also I am frequently being asked what is going to be included in the "High Street" refurbishment?

3. Is it possible for our Motueka Community Board Chairman to write in support of the "Nelson-Tasman Future Development Strategy" providing more residential land specifically for Motueka area to help with provision of family sized homes above areas prone to flooding and future sea level rises and tsunamis. (eg along foot hills bordering the causeway heading toward Mariri.) See Article on Mapua 12.11.2020

Thank you for your interest.

State Cinema has been at Rec Centre adjacent to the Goodman Park Sport Field for some 19 years, of which I have been either the Manager or Owner of the said business

During that time, the Annual Soccer period and other activities have been intense for several months over the winter period, with the young 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and more senior levels of students, arriving to train or for competitions in the rain or sunshine, twice a week in the evenings for some winter training for Juniors AND adults, and then Saturday's are the matches, often with visiting teams from around the region, including, Golden Bay, Nelson and Blenheim.

For us at the cinema which is serviced off the Rec Centre Foyer, , there has been some candy and ticket business from these activities, however soccer being a soil and grass sport, there is often mud and grass brought into the complex, and particularly on damp and wet days, when students are in and out of the building, (running in and out), more often with mud and grass attached to their boots, this mud and grass then appears throughout our building, not always from those with the muddy boots, but can be from folk visiting the centre and picking up the grass and mud as they come through the door, it's off the spiked boots which have been in and out from the field, or people on the side lines coming in with family for the toilets.

Kids are kids, whether that be 5 year old or 12 year olds, when a boy needs to go to the toilet especially playing sport they will hold on during a game, and then want to go in a hurry at half time or at the end of the game, which means a quick run to where the toilet are.

There are some 5 fields for soccer, many of them are used several days a week, not only by the local sport codes, but the visiting RSE workers. These groups of men arrive often on Fridays and Sunday after noon's, Winter, Autumn, Summer or Spring, and at times need the toilets. The only close by toilet block, is in the Rec Centre without going across a busy Old Wharf Road, using the toilets 100 mtrs away from the 2nd field, this road is not one where folk especially kids will stop and look for traffic, if they want to use a toilet in a hurry if the Rec Centre is closed. And often it is at weekends and public holidays and long weekends. There is also a shortage of car parks in the Rec Center, and the road edge is lined with cars often down to High Street and down to Thorp street on busy Saturdays, and visiting sport days, hence it's hard to see cars and trucks coming along Old Wharf Road

The cinema business is a 7 day operation, as the Rec Centre is only 5 and a half days, (of cinema hours that is), A cinema operates from 9am to 11pm 7 days a week normally

Therefore with the Rec Centre doors shut from mid Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning to Monday, the only way the Rec Centre toilets are open, is through the Cinema operation, and the good will of our business, there is no other toilets without crossing the road

The Current operating hours of the cinema through Covid 19 has been reduced and when there is no people in to see a film, often the cinema operator will close up and go home, therefore there is no toilet blocks open at the Rec Centre..

Toilets are a normal part of everyday life, and well may some of us plan our trips to the toilet in normal circumstances, often people get caught out and often with activities such as sport, people have the urge and need to go, and they have no toilet handy, this can be an embarrassing moment for some not able to hold on..

While a new proposed toilet block is predominately for the coded sports people, the fact there are often 150 to 200 people on the park either watching on the side lines, or when the 5 fields are in actual play, the need often to get to the Rec Centre by smaller folk can play havoc for some.

On damp days when the urge is there, we have witness several accidents of small children and others rushing in for that need, or they have fallen on the slippery tiles in the Rec Center when rushing in.

Some crashing into older folk and some knocking into the swing doors from the glare of the sun outside on the glass door from the sudden change from sunlight to the darkened Rec Centre entrance way, either which way, old folk have been struck

For my business, the older folk which we attract in the early afternoons on a Saturday, are often put off coming with the boystruce activity on sports day, due to kids running in and out for the 10sec pee

Then there is the behaviour when soccer people are upbeat about their win, and assemble by the Rec Centre doors in their soccer attire or in commiserations waiting for their mates to do the toilet rounds, before they leave for the day.

To me, it makes sense by installing new toilets on the Park for the many people who use the park for weekend and daily sports and the 1.000

+primary school students (around the 12 Primary Schools in the Motueka Cluster) for the various inter school sport events and then there is the High School visiting regional days, and now events such as Kaifeast, since the Decks Reserve has been reduced by a 1/3, for a library which has been subject to debate around reducing a green space for such activities as Kaifeast and some sports and concerts in the centre of town. The Decks Reserve space options are now reduced, therefore putting more pressure of Goodman Park, with no toilets of their own I have security video of RSE workers and Students using the rear of the Cinema store room door, and the area by the flag poles at the Rec Centre with people using that garden area to urinate in, as the Cinema is shut, as is the Rec Centre. On two occasions parents have let small children poo in the garden as the toilets were shut on Saturdays after sport, as we had shut up shop

If there is one death of a person, be it child or adult, that is one too many, if they were killed while crossing the Old Wharf Road with the need to go to the toilet, as I often see the need of smaller kids needing a pee at the Rec Centre, then this alone is the right choice to put toilets in for the call of nature

Over the last 19 years, in my view, the use of Goodman Park has increased at least 15 fold, and with the installation of night lights for winter training, this has also brought a whole new lot of people to the Rec Centre for other sports, not associated to the Rec Centre past 9pm May I say though, the design of the new toilet, needs to include security lighting on all four sides, and Security cameras outside. And such a design needs to be where it can be hosed out after games, have electric

hand driers, and have a rough concrete pad 2.5 metres out from the building entrance for cleaning and general servicing, along with rubbish bins attached at both entrances.

It's taken a long time to get planning permission to where it is for a toilet block to actually take place and be built on the field, and its high time such a facility was built, and I congratulate council on finally getting a plan before us.

I think the last 12 months has taught that Hygiene is as important as ever and with the loading of people to both the Rec Centre and on The field at various times, then toilets, and hand basins are as important as ever. If council have planned for the funding, they should be digging up the ground the day after Kaifest, ready for Winter Sports with out delay.

On a personal note, I remember very clearly as an 8 year old in CHCH, going from the country to the city, and my dad having to take me to the toilet and paying thrupence as they were paying toilets, I could not hold on, while he found a thrupence and I had an accident, that was the most embarrassing moment of my life and I remember it well today.

In those days there was this mis construed motion that toilets were dirty places, and people had to plan their day, do their business all at home, Today society thankfully has come a long way, and our expectations on basic facilities for the masses are possible.

In my view, any person who would not support such a positive thing for the sports field and for the people using and enjoying such a field, has their **head in the sand**, and has a **selfish motion** to deny this in a modern world, the **basic human rights**, to have toilets even more so in an environment of an **ever changing world** around Health and Hygiene.

