

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Motueka Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday 17 April 2018  
**Time:** 4.00 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Motueka Office  
**Venue:** 7 Hickmott Place  
Motueka

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## Motueka Community Board

### AGENDA

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## AGENDA

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Recommendation**

**That apologies be accepted.**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**That the minutes of the Motueka Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 20 March 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

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## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 TAPU BAY TOILET BLOCK INSTALLATION

Decision Required

<b>Report To:</b>	Motueka Community Board
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	17 April 2018
<b>Report Author:</b>	Stephen Richards, Reserves Officer - Community Development
<b>Report Number:</b>	RMCB18-04-01

#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 Residents in Anarewa Crescent have raised concerns that a toilet block will be required in Tapu Bay if the proposed walkway link to Anarewa Crescent proceeds through the Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve. Neighbours are reporting Reserve users toileting in the bushes and they are concerned the proposed walkway track will increase numbers doing this.
- 1.2 Residents also expressed an interest to work in partnership with the Council to develop and maintain a walkway track and plantings within the reserve areas. Neighbours adjacent to the reserves have shown a high degree of interest in the proposed work plan.
- 1.3 Estimated installation costs to install a fully accessible Norski toilet at Tapu Bay Reserve and connect to nearby sewerage and water is \$25,000 (attachment 2).
- 1.4 The Council received an objection to a toilet block installation at Tapu Bay by six neighbours of the Reserve in October 2017 (attachment 1). Due to these mixed feelings within the Community we recommend further consultation by way of a letter seeking additional feedback.
- 1.6 A request by neighbours to work in collaboration with the Council is welcomed and a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed to recognise the partnership, jointly developing and maintaining the walkway and plantings (attachment 3).

#### 2 Draft Resolution

##### That the Motueka Community Board

1. receives the Tapu Bay Toilet Block installation RMCB18-04-01 report; and
2. approves consultation with the Tapu Bay and Stephens Bay residents regarding installation of a single toilet block
3. approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding to work collaboratively with the Anarewa Crescent Residents working group

### 3 Purpose of the Report

- 3.1 To consider the installation of a public toilet at Tapu Bay Reserve in response to concerns raised during consultation on the proposed Anarewa Crescent Reserve/Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve works plan.
- 3.2 To approve the draft 'Memorandum of Understanding' between Tasman District Council and Anarewa Crescent Residents Working Group to enable implementation of the proposed works plan.

### 4 Background and Discussion

- 4.1 In April 2017 the Motueka Community Board received the Proposed Anarewa Crescent Reserve/Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserves works plan report. The Community Board 'moved' for works to be put on hold until more information can be provided on the costs of including a public toilet, and how the Council might work collaboratively with community groups towards the plan.
- 4.2 Neighbours to the Reserve areas have been reporting members of the public toileting in the bushes and they are concerned the proposed walkway track will increase numbers doing this.
- 4.3 Neighbours adjacent to the Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve have a strong interest in any development works. Over the years, many neighbours have maintained the reserve land as an extension of their own properties. The Council acknowledges this historical custodianship and welcomes a collaborative approach to any new development.
- 4.4 Installing a single pan toilet behind the Tapu Bay Sewerage pump station that will be partially obscured by coastal trees appears to be the best location. Behind the pump station amongst trees are two old long drop toilet blocks which we assume were used by the old seaside baches in the area.
- 4.5 At the April 2017 Motueka Community Board meeting some members of the Anarewa Crescent community expressed an interest to work in partnership with the Council to develop and maintain the proposed Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve walkway track.  
  
The Council is committed to working with each neighbor individually on walkway path alignment and plantings in front of their properties.
- 4.6 If community members wish to assist with physical construction works such as forming the walkway path, spreading gravel and establishing plantings, a document, which recognises the partnership and sets out each party's responsibilities, is required.
- 4.7 From our experience with volunteer groups, the following positives and negatives can be encountered:  
  
Positives
  - Construction works and maintenance works costs can be reduced
  - Passive surveillance by neighbours can reduce vandalism and mis-use
  - Maintenance issues can be reported and rectified more quickly

**Negatives:**

- Council staff time can be increased to organise and manage volunteers
- Volunteers can be reluctant to comply with health and safety requirements
- Project construction can be delayed when there is disagreement between parties
- Neighbours can become territorial treating the public space as their personal property

- 4.8 The Council has developed a Volunteer Worker agreement, which identifies and manages Health and Safety requirements. This is also addressed in the MOU agreement.

**5 Options**

- 5.1 Remain with the status quo. If no changes are made, public access to Anarewa Crescent Reserve and Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve will remain unclear and blocked off in places. No toilet at Tapu Bay may see an increase of users toileting in the bushes.
- 5.2 The option of full implementation of the works plan will improve public access, and link Tapu Bay to Anarewa Crescent and Anarewa Point. A toilet block installed at Tapu Bay Reserve will cater for current and increasing future use.
- 5.3 Partial implementation of the works plan could be to improve signage and clear some vegetation to allow access to the Reserve areas without the installation of a walkway path. This could be an option to consider if after consultation a toilet is not installed at Tapu Bay.

**6 Strategy and Risks**

- 6.1 With regards to the proposed works plan, the option to do nothing could result in criticism, as the Council is obligated to provide public access to Recreation Reserves and Esplanade Reserves as guided by various Acts and management plans.

**7 Policy / Legal Requirements / Plan**

- 7.1 Reserve Act 1977 section 17 2(a) *the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve*
- 7.2 Reserve General Policies 3.4 Encroachments
- 7.3 Motueka Ward Reserves Management Plan 5.7 public access and use

**8 Consideration of Financial or Budgetary Implications**

- 8.1 Motueka Reserves Financial Contribution budgets have \$50,000 allocated for toilet block installation and Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve walkway development.

## 9 Significance and Engagement

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Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	medium	The project is of high importance for immediate neighbours but medium interest for the wider community
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	no	
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	no	
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	Additional toilet maintenance cost
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	no	
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	no	
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	no	
Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	no	

## 10 Conclusion

10.1 The Council has been receiving requests for improved access to Anarewa Crescent Reserve and Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve for many years. These two reserves were created through subdivision in 1958 and since that time have largely been maintained by adjoining neighbours. While the Council acknowledges this custodianship, the general public have a right to access and enjoy these reserves. The Council encourages the opportunity to work collaboratively with neighbours to improve public access and amenity plantings.



- 10.2 Neighbours have raised concerns that members of the public are toileting in the bushes around Tapu Bay. Many are requesting installation of a toilet in Tapu Bay to cater for increased demand the proposed walkway may bring.

There is an opportunity to install a toilet connection at the Tapu Bay pump station while changes are made with the Kaiteriteri Sewer Main Replacement project. Estimated costs to supply a fully accessible toilet and install are \$25,000

## 11 Next Steps / Timeline

- 11.1 Seek final approval from the Community Development Committee to implement the Anarewa Crescent/Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve Works Plan once an MOU has been approved by the Motueka Community Board.
- 11.2 Prepare consultation documents and seek feedback from the Tapu Bay/Stephens Bay community regarding toilet block installation.

## 12 Attachments

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TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MOTUEKA

Re: Idea or proposed Toilet block in Tapu Bay.

1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017.

ATT. Franci Wafer and Senior Customer Support.


To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a signed list of residents on the waterfront of the COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA OF TAPU BAY, adjoining possible site for toilets.

Please be advised that we all OBJECT to this idea or even the possibility of a toilet being erected in this area, and we are all mostly affected by this proposed idea. (our permanent dwellings are only 50 to 300 metres away and directly next to this, as we all border the TAPU BAY RESERVE)

Should you require a reason for objections please do not hesitate to contact either one of the people on this letter, and retain this for your records please.

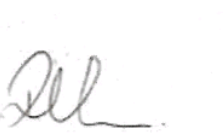
Paul Mony.  
7 Tapu Place, Tapu Bay.  
RD2 Motueka 7197. Signed 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 

Don and Sue Sashe  
11 Tapu Place, Tapu Bay.  
RD2 Motueka. 7197. Signed 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 

Ann and Paul Townsend  
17 Tapu Place, Tapu Bay.  
RD2 Motueka. 7197. Signed 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017. 

Phil Mauger  
5 Tapu Place, Tapu Bay.  
RD2 Motueka. 7197. 

JULIE SIMPSON  
17 TAPU PLACE, 3rd OCT 17  
TAPU BAY 7197 

Rebecca Calder  
14A & 14B Anarewa Cres. 





Proposed Toilet Location



Norski toilet - fully accessible



Old longdrop toilets behind pump station



Estimated installation costs

1. fully accessible norski \$18,000
2. installation costs \$7000 including water and sewerage connection to pump station.

Toilet position

1. Replace 2 old longdrop toilets with one fully accessible norski toilet. Toilet position is immediately behind the TDC pump station and obscured by coastal shrubs.

Site plan



Date 16/2/2018  
 Scale 1:500@A3  
 Drawn: Stephen Richards  
 Tapu toilet .vwx



Tapu Bay Reserve Proposed Toilet Installation



How Council can work collaboratively with the Anarewa Crescent/Tapu Bay Community?

## **Draft: Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Between Tasman District Council, Community Development Department and the Anarewa Crescent Residents Working Group**

#### **1. The Purpose**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recognises the partnership between the Tasman District Council, Community Development Department and the Anarewa Crescent Residents Working Group. For the purpose of jointly developing and maintaining approximately 350 meters of walkway path and native plantings along the Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve and Anarewa Crescent Reserve between Tapy Bay and Anarewa Point.

This is not a legal contract, but intends to enhance the partnership by clarifying the commitments, roles and responsibilities of each party.

#### **2. Site Description - Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve**

Location – Stephens Bay to Tapu bay, 7B Tapu Place.

Legal Description – Esplanade Reserve LOTS 44 & 45, DP5620 LOT 13 DP5771 LOT 17 DP8455

LOT2 DP 128 BLK XII KAITERITERI SD

Map – Location map attached as Appendix 1.

Anarewa Crescent Reserve

Location –

#### **3. Shared Objectives**

To develop Public walkway access and native plantings through the Stephens Bay Esplanade Reserve and Anarewa Crescent Recreation Reserve to connect Tapu Bay with Anarewa Crescent and Anarewa Point.

#### **4. Tasman District Council agrees to...**

4.1 Designate a specific Council Reserves Officer to be the primary contact to liaise closely with the group. In relation to policy and management matters, the contact will be the Reserves and Facilities manager.



- 4.2 Work with each neighbor individually concerning the walkway path alignment and plantings adjacent to their properties
- 4.3 Organise volunteer working bees during construction and later for maintenance purposes
- 4.4 Engage, direct and supervise any paid contractors
- 4.5 Manage site Health and Safety responsibilities

**5. Anarewa Crescent Resident Working Group agrees to...**

- 5.1 Work closely with the designated Council officer to carry out tasks required
- 5.2 Comply with all TDC volunteer Health and Safety requirements
- 5.3 Report any damage, vandalism, defects to the pathways, signs or plantings
- 5.4 Adhere to agreed times for working bees
- 5.5 Not carry out any unauthorised works

**6. Health and Safety**

- 6.1 The overall responsibility to ensure that site hazards are identified and managed rests with Tasman District Council. TDC must take all practicable steps to ensure volunteers and other Reserve user's safety.
- 6.2 There must be a nominee of the TDC on site during working bees whose role is to oversee site Health and Safety. This person must have completed the TDC Health and Safety induction process or hold 'Approved Contractor' status.
- 6.3 The TDC or nominee will be responsible for carrying out the Health and Safety briefing to volunteers at the start of each working bee.
- 6.4 Volunteers will ensure that they are aware of all site hazards and any other hazards created by the tasks being undertaken.
- 6.5 All volunteers are required to be continually aware of each others work practices and if any operation is considered hazardous, all work should stop immediately.

**7. Accidents and Emergencies**

- 7.1 All accidents or near misses of a serious nature must be reported to the TDC nominee as soon as practicable.
- 7.2 Any accidents involving serious harm will need to be investigated by TDC with the help of volunteers.
- 7.3 TDC nominee will hold a current First Aid certificate and provide a First aid kit for the duration of the working bee.



**8. The use of Contractors by Volunteer Group**

8.1 All paid contractors must be TDC Health and Safety approved, they must be engaged, instructed and supervised by TDC Reserves staff.

**9. AGREEMENT to MOU**

Signed for TDC

Signed for Anarewa Crescent Resident Working Group

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_



## 7.2 CHAIR'S REPORT

Information Only - No Decision Required

**Report To:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Report Author:** Brent Maru, Chairman, Motueka Community Board  
**Report Number:** RMCB18-04-02

### 1 Summary

1.1 This is the Chairman's regular monthly report.

### 2 Draft Resolution

**That the Motueka Community Board receives the Chair's Report RMCB18-04-02 report.**

### 3 Summary

- 3.1 This is the Motueka Community Board Chair's regular meeting report. Apologies for the shorter than normal report but I write this on the road whilst enjoying touring the South Island in our caravan. (Please note - staying in holiday parks as we go!).

### 4 Ex-Cyclone Gita

- 4.1 Are there any updates or concerns from Board Members?

**Recommended Action:**

Board to Note.

### 5 Freedom Camping

- 5.1 A discussion and updates regarding Freedom Camping issues and follow up from the public meeting.

**Recommended Action:**

Board to discuss.

### 6 Motueka Community Board Special Projects

- 6.1 As the year progresses, members should start listing potential projects for consideration for the 2018/19 financial year - with a view of starting to form a shortlist in May.

**Recommended Action:**

Board to discuss.

### 7 Motueka Community Board's Long Term Plan Submission

- 7.1 This has now been submitted and a copy is attached.

**Recommended Action:**

Board to discuss.

### 8 Items from the Public Forum

- 8.1 Are there any items raised in the Public Forum requiring further discussion.

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## Freedom Camping Public Meeting

The Motueka Community Board facilitated a public meeting to discuss Freedom Camping in Motueka. Although initially motivated following concerns voiced over social media about the negative aspects of Freedom Camping it was hoped that a balanced community discussion would evolve. I believe such a balanced conversation did occur.

Amongst the 120 plus attendees there were support for freedom camping, acknowledgement of residents present of their past enjoyment of freedom camping and the importance to be welcoming and friendly to visitors. However when asked did those present support freedom camping there was some hesitation in response, however when asked did those present support “freedom camping for self-contained vehicles” there was an overwhelming majority who supported this activity. One of the challenges is that although recent amendments to self-containment standard; NZS5465:2001 that now requires a toilet to be useable when the bed is in place, this regulation is not retrospect meaning that any prior vehicle who has a legitimate self-containment certificate is considered self-contained until reassessment.

Concerns outlined were primarily aimed at the behaviour of some in *non-self-contained vehicles* and the sheer volume currently being experienced. For some attendees infrastructure was the suggestion solution and that if Council provided sufficient infrastructure that the impacts currently being experienced with rubbish and washing of dishes and persons in public toilets would be negated. A commercial operator spoke of the challenges and frustrations they have with visitors sneaking into use their facilities without paying, “*Its theft*”. A statement made was that “*freedom camping isn’t free, someone always pays and currently that is us ratepayers. We are paying for the cleaning up and we are paying as we can no longer access our reserves*”. In contrast there was also a reminder that the town needs to welcome visitors, provide some additional infrastructure and welcome them.

Quotes included:

“I live at Motueka Quay and guess where the campers vacate to from Decks Reserve in the morning and the first thing they do is have a pee”. Paul, Motueka Quay

“We can’t sleep with the constant coming and going of campers at Beach Reserve”. Amy, Everett St

**Item 7.2**

“I was a freedom camper and I am disgusted about the mess. Can we say No to Freedom Camping?” Sheena

“Campers clothes all over the playground. I tried to talk to the campers and educate them and they didn’t listen”. Frank

“I am a freedom camper and I am happy to pay \$6 - \$8 a night DoC sites. There is no way I would want to camp in a carpark with 100 others”.

“We are part of a community boot camp and have had to move because of the issues at Decks Reserve”. Jackie, Poole St.

“There is a safety issue with gas cooking and how close they park at Decks Reserve do we have to wait until there is a serious accident”. Murray, Clay Street.

**Attachment 1**

“We realise that Decks Reserve has been a key focus recently but we have been experiencing this for years at Motueka Beach Reserve and still nothing has been done”. Alene, North Street

“Compliance is “. Tony, Queen Victoria Street

“I live adjoining Decks Reserve, I can’t have a drink outside of my property due to the liquor ban but the campers are doing this each night. And when the wind blows it blows all the rubbish from the campers into our carpark”. Justine, Decks Reserve

As an introduction to the meeting an outline of the key aspects of freedom camping was provided including a brief overview of how the act was introduced in 2011 to support the mass influx of tourists for the Rugby World Cup 2011. “The Freedom Camping Act 2011 sets limitations and conditions on Council and I believe it is in need of a review.

However the next opportunity for Motueka residents to influence change is through submission to the Tasman District Council’s long term plan which closes on the 5<sup>th</sup> April and then later in the year the Motueka Reserve Management Plans will be consulted on. Both these consultations can provide potential band aid remedies to specific areas but it is unlikely to solve the wider issue other than the likelihood of relocating the problem to another location. The partnership with private enterprise in utilising and promoting existing commercial facilities, development of a space out of town with basic infrastructure and looking at innovative solutions such as the “Kiwi Camp” in Marlborough are some longer term solutions.



I see and have heard that there is a real pressure in this, the impact on some residents is not fair and the need for Council to ensure clear signage, increased education and rigorous compliance must be an immediate action. The impact on residents being able to access and enjoy the local reserves, the rights of adjoining residents to be able to have peace and tranquillity within their own home does need acknowledging and addressing. Caution also must be exercised in that any rules and legislation introduced do compromise the rights of us all, be it compliant freedom campers, non-compliant or locals we will all be restricted by any new laws or bylaws introduced and therein lies the challenge.

As follow up from the meeting I will forward a summary of points to both the Hon Damien O'Connor who extended his apology for the meeting and Mayor Kempthorne as well as raising concerns I heard from the meeting in regards to current enforcement of the existing bylaw. Thank you to all who attended and to the manner in which everyone although passionate were respectful and courteous to each other's view. Finally I encourage anyone with concerns to contact either myself or any member of the Motueka Community Board, our role is to advocate for this community.

Brent Maru

Motueka Community Board Chair



Over the last few weeks Edee Harris and her squad of bootcampers (a fitness group in Motueka) have suffered that many derogatory comments and verbal abuse tirades from freedom campers while exercising at Decks Reserve, that they feel they can no longer use the park and have no choice to but move, after three years at Decks.

1. What issues have you encountered? What have you seen? What has been said and done? - see quotes below
  2. How has this made the clients feel? - see quotes below
  3. Who has been effected? How many? - Both classes of bootcamp. we have 82 active members for bootcamp. many of which are busy mums and like the fact they can bring their children to play in the park or on the play ground. many are busy working adults who needed a central location that they could literally finish work at 5:30 and get to class by 5:35pm. we are now having to push class to a later time due to shift in location. Our three key values at bootcamp are low cost, short effective timed workout and most importantly a welcoming non judgmental, intimidation environment as many clients would step foot in the gym. the park use to provide this and it is open to share the park but still a very private welcoming atmosphere. I myself have also been affected having to deal with comments and members being put off to come. As I started this group to help more people in our community move more in the their day and foir visitors to be so rude really saddens me because we should be able to share such an amazingly beautiful place with visitors but when they come and take advantage and disrespect the locals upsets me.
1. How has it effected your ability to coach? as a coach this is distracting when your class get interrupted or when you feel instead of focusing on clients progress and success you have to be watching for any rude behavior going on behind our backs. I absolutely love what I do and being able to help our community is one of my favorite things in my working week. But to have watched the whole shift is atmosphere over the last term has made even me feel uncomfortable mainly because I think no ones has the right to be judgmental toward someone who has made an effort towards their health and fitness journey. In my eyes everyone who is out their doing it is just as incredible.
  2. Where are you moving to and will you move back in winter? I am very thankful to several members for letting us use their churches yard. We will be moving to St Thomas Anglican church for the remaindered of the term and if the issue does not change we will have to re think our 2018 summer location for the end of the year which is sad because ACTIVE@thePark started here in decks reserve 3 summers ago, in 2016 we made stage two for the NZ exercise industry awards & in 2017 made the finalist for community excellence which shows why this is so close to home . As low cost is top of our list of values we rely on free or low cost location options otherwise we just couldn't operate.

Here are quotes collected that may answer your questions.

actually even though the Freedom campers annoy me intensely in that they should be able to pay for a camp site, I have never experienced anything negative from any of them. To me, leaving that location and giving up more car parks for them just means more of them will use the location! I actually like the location.

It's really sad after 3 years of doing bootcamp at Deck's that we have to move because of the freedom campers. It is such a great area for community things like this and also used to be a great park to take my girls too but now which all the freedom camps there, I wouldn't take my girls there. The amount of rubbish is disgusting especially when you are finding toilet paper

and tampon wraps when there is a bin less than a metre away! Also the beer bottles, washing hanging on the playground, asking nasty comments about people trying to enjoy bootcamp and washing their dishes & clothing in the toilet basin is just wrong on so many levels. We should be able to enjoy our park without this, isn't this what we pay rates for???

moving location

Don't like the lack of car parks available when we arrive.

Feel uncomfortable with large groups of ppl watching us and sometimes laughing and pointing at us.

There have been small groups who have just smiled and one guy grooved away to our music so not all bad but lately there's been a lot more negative than positive.

And that weird lady who just arrived and started taking pictures that's not ok.

Guess I try to ignore that they are there. But certainly off putting and guess you are creating entertainment for them. The number of vehicles seem to be increasing. Drove by last Wednesday around 7pm and there wasn't a spare car park. The lovely park is no more. I think all the locals are astounded by the number of people who are parking over and how many actually go to the toilet if they want to just pee. Shudder to think about that. They have certainly invaded the boot camp space and wonder if it is putting off newbies. And keep up the motivational stuff you are posting

When I first heard there was a bootcamp starting up at decks reserve park I was excited, what an awesome place for such thing. It's a beautiful, clean park and is very popular with young kids as it has a great park and plenty of room to run around in but now with all the freedom campers staying in the car park it's not a nice park to be in anymore. A lot of us bootcampers feel very intimidated and uncomfortable exercising while the freedom campers are watching, laughing and mimicking and I think it's very unfair that it's us that feels we as locals have to move location. I also would not want my kids playing in the park while they are all there. There's just so many of them. I really hope one day we can have our beautiful park back.

The two incidents that raised concern were the van reversing into the fellow active members vehicle and the fire could have been lethal. Also one night Sam and me lingered talking a while then decided to grab tea across the road, the smell of dope coming back was awful. Do the police not do an occasional walk through?

Of course the numbers of people being about while training were getting out of hand and parking.

I dislike of course the double standards, no locals could do what they are doing there.

What I would really love to see is a purpose built area in town (somewhere??) with all essentials for them but at a "freedom" rate.

I love to see all sorts of people enjoying our beautiful wee town (as long as they leave it that way) be nice if it could somehow be turned into a positive

Just read another post on this subject and the anger and name calling is quite disturbing really but what is upsetting is of course locals not wanting to take their children to the park. Having grown up kids I hadn't even considered that but I know I wouldn't either with young kids and that's very sad 😞

I am very disappointed that we have had to move our boot camp sessions from decks reserve park, due to the disrespectful freedom campers that have taken the liberty to occupy the whole of decks reserve. It's not very nice to be smirked, laughed and being yelled at by these idiots

that are drinking in a public place.... The other night after work my colleague and I came to find her car had been backed into and apparently when it happened the young males in the van just laughed about it. Also it's nearly impossible to get into your car at 530pm after finishing a long day at work, there are tables and chairs all around your car. Another incident that only happened last Wednesday night there gas canister bbq caught fire then also caused a tree to be set alight while they again just stood around laughing. People are trying to use the public amenities but you can't get into them as these campers are washing there dishes. Come on Tasman District Council you need to sort this out. It's not fair for our community

The freedom campers frustrate me because in the morning when i arrive at work sometimes i struggle to find a park at 9am, after work i have literally had to squeeze into my car as they park to close!

One evening after work i walked to my car to hear from one of the boot camp girls that one of the freedom campers had hit my car trying to reverse their car into the park! Had the girls not seen him she said they weren't going to worry about telling me, at the time they were just laughing about it!! I am starting to find boot camp a bit intimidating knowing that they are sitting on the field watching and have actually heard them laughing at us. I feel this is unfair and they are upsetting most of the community, they have no respect.

but at 6.30ish on a Friday evening we were meeting friends in town for take outs to have at the park... then when we got there and felt uncomfortable with all the people drinking smoking ect... and one van had back door up and a couple were in bed on top off each other under a blanket but as our friends had their 9yr old sister so we felt we will go home with our take out.

Hi there, I have got close to giving up Edee. I decided not to but I haven't been looking forward to coming now not knowing how many will be looking at me, knowing I am the biggest unfittest person there. I have felt really intimidated by the freedom campers.

My response to decks reserve.

I enjoy (ed) coming to a class that is outside and somewhere to bring my kids as they can play.

Now it is hard to get a park.

Hard to exercise and keep an eye on the kids while strange people are lurking about.

Hard to explain to the kids why they are there.

Hard to be a rate payer and see our community taken for a ride by freedom campers who are in large groups drinking and smoking dope in a very public place.

Disappointed that if our rates are a day late we are penalised in an instance but when there is an issue so obvious and the town is up in arms about it it takes so long to be actioned.

I think it's really unfair that us as locals have been made to feel like our park !!our towns space!! has been turned into a unsafe environment for us boot campers and most importantly our children we can't even feel comfortable in one of our towns main family spaces as we are being laughed at while exercising our children have to play around groups of adults drinking alcohol and smoking drugs (my kids will not be playing at this park anymore ) which is sad because it's a few doors down from our home it's too unsafe . Most importantly we should be able to use our towns beautiful space for boot camp confidentiality and comfortably after all it's our Town and we wouldn't get away with that behaviour so why should they

I can't comment on how boot camp used to be, but decks reserve served as a great central safe location that was perfect for me as I need to bring my 3 kids to bootcamp as hubby works away during the week. There's not much available at which you can take kids and get exercise like you offer. ☺ You can be assured that as you leave after a session your park is instantly taken by a van waiting for it and you pass multiple other vans entering on the short drive to exiting the carpark.

here's another that came in last night,

1. I love exercising at the park, it was a place to go to exercise meet fellow bootcampers and get fit, great comradery. 2. Freedom campers, well I feel annoyed that they spread out onto the grass and watch. I try not let them bother me and just go hard out. I am annoyed that they take up so much room that parking is 2 to 3 rows back and there is an increased risk of your car getting damaged. The campers don't really care as they are in old crappy vehicles and this seems to be 'their' spot. 3. Phillipa and some of the larger and less fit ladies have endured taunts and comments. Some of the bootcampers really have a bad attitude to freedom campers and that ruins a positive experience for them. 4. Unfortunately we only have 3 more weeks and then we will be looking at going back indoors. I am confident that the issues will be sorted by next season.

Regards Edee Bolton

Edee Harris

*Edee Harris Fitness  
BPhEd, University of Otago;  
REPs registered PT Contractor;  
Motueka Netball Manager  
0278488323*

## Naked freedom campers

Dear sir

Last week my husband and a colleague were working across the road from the i-Site at 08:30 when a woman walked out of the public toilets half-naked. It looked as though she'd been using the toilets for her ablutions. She was completely naked from the waist down, wearing only a teeshirt, and sauntered past a mother with her young children, to the campervan parked further down Wallace Street.

This is completely unacceptable.

These freedom campers are disrespectful, are fouling up all our carparks, they're not bringing revenue to the area which is affecting local business. There are cheap options for accommodation all over the Nelson/Tasman area, but freedom campers want everything for nothing, and we – the ratepayers – have to foot the bill.

It's not good for business and not good for the country.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

TERESA WAKEMAN  
Motueka  
(03) 528 1178

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a north islander and have recently arrived to settle in this area of the south. I spent several days in the centre of Motueka and was shocked by the freedom camping situation.

It seemed very unnatural to have an entire village springing up night after night behind the i-Site, dominating the oval and using the public toilet for all their daily needs; including general water supply. This is substandard living. It doesn't do any favours for local atmosphere or for people spending their days and nights like this.

The overcrowding of the library was even more of a concern to me. On any given day, the library was packed with freedom campers purely wanting to access the free wifi or escape the rain. Overcrowding was definitely a problem and these people were also generally not considerate with noise. It felt more like a jam packed cafe than a center for reading and learning. I have no doubt that locals suffer as a result, as I suffered during my attempts to use it.

I am only focussing on one freedom camping spot here. Environmental concerns are also generally a major issue. In the case of freedom camping in the centre of Motueka township, the main issue seems to be quality of life - for residents, other Kiwis, and tourists.

Katie-Jayne Boardman



**From:** Brent Maru  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 11:10 p.m.  
**To:** Irene Bisley <[dibisley.ib@gmail.com](mailto:dibisley.ib@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom camping

Hi Irene,

Thank you for your email and attending tonight.

Yes I got a very clear message in terms of non-self contained vehicles and I suspect also vehicles that previously complied under the old regulation are also within that group of vehicles.

I do believe that there are some steps Council can take to address the immediate and specific sites but without Central Government assistance the problem is likely to move to another area or spread throughout the township.

Yes have been working via Cecelia prior to meeting in terms of support from Damien and he did extend his apology. I am hoping to capture the key points tomorrow and send a quick overview to both Damien and Mayor Kempthorne.

Really appreciated the balanced views.

Regards

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**From:** Irene Bisley <[dibisley.ib@gmail.com](mailto:dibisley.ib@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** 28/03/18 10:29 PM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** Freedom camping

Hi Brent

Well done re your handling of the meeting tonight. We were impressed with the way in which you controlled a very emotive issue.

Our issue is with the expectation of the non-self-contained group of people, that they should be able to holiday in this country without paying for the facilities they use. The speaker who said there is no such thing as free camping is so right, someone has to pay. As it stands at the moment ratepayers are footing the bill regarding either extra cleaning of public facilities or needing to use them in their unsavoury condition.

The issue of them fouling beaches and park is a serious concern to health, and also our supposedly 'clean, green,' image.

I am sure I read recently of a site in Blenheim where people could park without cost, with coin operated facilities available for their use.

It would seem that the problem needs to be managed in such a way, that there is a place for people to camp at a reasonable cost, and every effort made to ensure people camping in non authorised places are compliant with the self-contained requirement.

We certainly hope a satisfactory solution can be found for this problem, so that those who live here are able to enjoy our environment without having to encounter undesirable messes left by those who then move on to do the same somewhere else. It would seem that action from central government is likely to be needed before much longer.

Have you considered forwarding the messages that you receive as a result of tonight's meeting on to Damien O'Connor?

Yours sincerely  
Irene and Dennis Bisley

**From:** Brent Maru  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 11:14 p.m.  
**To:** Marg <[marjo515@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marjo515@xtra.co.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Parking distances

Thank you Marg for the info and I believe from others present that TDC owns signage is where the talk of the 2m gap is stated so will go and check tomorrow.

I really appreciated the honesty and respectful way everyone voiced their concerns and I see it as absolutely the Motueka Community Board's responsibility to advocate for its community and to encourage residents to actively engage and voice their concerns.

Regards

**Brent Maru**

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**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** Parking distances

Hello Brent,

As per the discussion at the meeting tonight, the NZMCA recommends a distance of three metres between vehicles.

Regards, Marg Johnson

## NZMCA Membership Code of Conduct

Members are committed to the following Code of Conduct:

- Treat others with respect and courtesy wherever you are.
- Be a considerate and safe driver. Obey NZ road safety rules, and pull over to let others pass.
- Keep and leave your campsite clean and tidy – perhaps even cleaner than you found it.
- Dispose of black and grey wastewater and rubbish in a sanitary and approved manner.
- Avoid causing visual or noise pollution, e.g. only use generators, stereos etc at appropriate times during the day, and don't hang washing out in places that may offend others.
- Park your vehicle with safety in mind, in case of fire or flooding. Three metres from other vehicles or inhabited buildings is recommended.
- Observe fire restrictions. Use built fireplaces and portable BBQs if you wish to cook outside.
- Comply with local animal control bylaws. Keep your pets under control and pick

-----Original Message-----

From: Brent Maru [mailto:[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)]  
Sent: Thursday, 29 March 2018 4:04 p.m.  
To: Dolf <[dolf948@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dolf948@xtra.co.nz)>  
Cc: Shirley Nov 2017 <[shypresto9@outlook.com](mailto:shypresto9@outlook.com)>  
Subject: RE: Freedom camping

Thank you Dolf for both attending and your feedback of which I have circulated to other Motueka Community Board members and the Motueka Ward Councillors.

What you suggest is something that Cr Hawkes has previously floated as a concept of a specific piece of land on the outskirts of town.

I have also recommenced a discussion about honorary enforcement officers.

Thanks again.

Regards

Brent Maru  
Motueka Community Board Chair

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From: Dolf <[dolf948@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dolf948@xtra.co.nz)>  
Sent: Thursday, 29 March 2018 3:27 p.m.  
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Cc: Shirley Nov 2017 <[shypresto9@outlook.com](mailto:shypresto9@outlook.com)>  
Subject: Freedom camping

Dear Brent

Thanks for your excellent job chairing last night's meeting.

My solution is:

We find a section of land to lease on the outskirts of Motueka.

We put in a required number of portaloos, and charge a nominal fee that fruit pickers and freedom campers can afford.

We call it eco camping & promote it on social media. They can behave as they wish.

For those that prefer a different experience, a concession card to commercial campgrounds could be an option.

We organise it as a group of concerned citizens, rather than expect council to do it.

The Tongariro crossing problems, as one example, show that administrative bodies struggle to get things done, for a number of reasons.

What's required:

Volunteers like me. We approach organisations for a grant, or sponsorship if we can promote their services.

We help monitor and clean the site.

An alternative venue will help wardens with their job around town.

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By acting now, we address current problems. As a new pattern is established, we handle any other issues, as a group.

Regards

Dolf van Eldyk

**Attachment 5**

**From:** Brent Maru  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018 11:04 p.m.  
**To:** ann kidd <[ann.chaskidd@hotmail.com](mailto:ann.chaskidd@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Thank you Ann and I will pull together some actions tomorrow including ensuring a summary of discussions are sent to key staff and the Mayor.

Absolutely heard compliance and the current behavior is impacting on a number of our community.

Not sure about my mate Tony, more likely to tow the vehicle than issue a ticket!

Thank you for your feedback and that the content would certainly be a valuable submission through the Long Term Plan submissions that close on 5th April.

Regards

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**From:** ann kidd <[ann.chaskidd@hotmail.com](mailto:ann.chaskidd@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** 28/03/18 10:50 PM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Greetings Brent,

Accolades to you for taking the initiative in arranging tonight's meeting, with others.

Freedom campers when camping in a public place for the most part are going to use the public toilet if there is one handy - it's often more comfortable and makes for less emptying of waste, chemical use etc. So naturally there is going to be heavier use of public facilities.

Why haven't council factored this in and provided portable toilets given it was council who heavens forbid suggested a public car park in the middle of a town?! What were they thinking? I still cannot understand why the Council Carpark wasn't offered, it being less of a public place, more able to be monitored and maintained, and not interfering with local facilities which were once heavily used by rate paying citizens. C'mon, facilities at Tasman District Carpark so you can monitor it more readily, removing rubbish as and when needed and provide appropriate facilities. It has to be a better alternative than what you have now. The revenue from fines goes back into subsidising facilities. An overnight fee could be charged.

I regularly see bare bums and have to look very carefully when walking on Motueka Quay. The council did

at our request put up a sign No Camping but as it is not enforced . . . what's the point of, if not monitored and enforced.

Locals at the Beach Reserve have pleaded their case for some time to no avail but now it has extended to Decks Reserve it has become OUR problem.

Tasman Council hammer the Rate Payer, for it is us who foot the bill in more ways than one. We can no longer use parks and reserves as we once did whilst my last stay at McKee Reserve was cut short because of flooding after rain - and this was before the deluges of late. Lack of maintenance was evident. Sections of the domain were roped off leaving less room and numbers turned away.

I am a freedom camper, and don't want to see it stopped. But I want respect and responsibility, and restrictions on numbers in public places.

And let's get rid of 'possibly' being stricter on enforcement, nothing can be changed until it is faced. Compliance is needed now, not tomorrow or next year. Peter Canton might come to regret those words. Definitely Tony White for part time enforcement officer - he would be heard - and proceeds from confiscated alcohol and drugs would help to off set costs!

Brent, last but not least, thanks for being a voice, for transparency and making yourself available.

Best of,  
Ann Kidd



# MOTUEKA ISSUES FREEDOM CAMPING MARCH 2018

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**Item 7.2**

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## Background

This document is provided to assist the Tasman District Council SMT to understand the current community concern, issues and opinions in regards to Freedom Camping within the Motueka Ward. Whilst it follows a recent public meeting with over 120 residents present it also represents a very frustrating six months of feedback and complaints from a range of residents.

The recent public meeting was useful in terms of gauging a wide perspective in regards to freedom camping, the views were balanced, the support was clear for freedom camping for appropriately certified and equipped vehicles but the current plan was not working.

I understand the complexities in terms of consultation and staff resources for amending the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017 but believe that there are some interim measure that would assist to reduce the current issues.

It is important to highlight that in my opinion this issue is reaching crisis point where a few locals are actively promoting taking matters into their own hands and a recent exceptionally volatile member of our community was arrested and trespassed from Decks Reserve.

In addition to advocating for the residents of Motueka I am also concerned that Tasman District Council has exposed itself to liability under the HSW Act whereas creating designated areas for freedom camping with stipulations, no doubt to litigate risk but in many cases have not implemented the required works for the controls. I.e. Marking of designated spots, enforcing a TDC stated 2 metre egress between vehicles and limiting numbers of vehicles within the designated areas relative to the facilities provided.

I am happy to discuss this document in person if this assist.

## The Issues

Identified Issue	Context	Possible solutions	Resources Required	Bylaw amend
Access to reserves by locals restricted	At both MBR and Decks Reserve it is common to see washing lines and camping equipment spread throughout the reserve including on playground.	Restriction of numbers utilising each reserve through the marking of designated spaces providing at least a 2m egress between vehicles.	Line marking	Not required as already in Bylaw.
Damage to and maintenance of reserves	MBR in particular has had broken wooden rails since Dec 2017. Since reporting this to Council further damage has occurred.	Council to meet its requirements under its Reserve management plans and AMP to ensure that areas with high volume use due to freedom camping are allocated a higher maintenance provision	Additional budget for maintenance.	No amendment required.
Assault on campers due to frustration from locals.	This potentially has already occurred thankfully at an intimidation level only involving weapons at Decks Reserve.  A number of residents have expressed their view of support for this kind of local enforcement.	Control of numbers.  Reduction to self-contained only.  Clear signage and information on expectations from campers.  Consistent enforcement.	Consultation for Bylaw amendment.  Interim measure line marking would suffice.	Amendment required for removal of non-self-contained vehicles from Decks Reserve. An interim measure without amending Bylaw would be restrict space to allow for a min number suggest no greater than six.
Injury to multiple campers / vehicles due to an exploding gas canister.	An exploding gas canister has reportedly occurred and luckily resulting in no injuries.	Sufficient egress between vehicles. Although TDC's own signage states a 2M egress this is not enforced.  Information on how to call for emergency assistance.  Possible fire extinguisher at each site.		No amendment required.

Identified Issue	Context	Possible solutions	Resources Required	Bylaw amend
Decks Reserve does not have washing up facilities for non-self-contained camping.	Although permitted in the Bylaw, Decks Reserve does not have any washing up facilities and as such campers are doing dishes, washing themselves in the public toilets preventing access to visitors to the reserve.	Rescind non-self-contained camping at Decks Reserve and TDC offer self-contained areas only meaning that any non-self-contained would need to access alternative paid sites.		Required amendment of Bylaw or amendment to Decks Reserve Management plan.
Nothing is free and why should I pay for additional costs to tourist so they can camp for free	An increasing statement, however at the recent public meeting not in the context if freedom camping meant self-contained vehicles under Amendment 2 of NZS5465:2001.	TDC seek legal advice to see if the definition for the TDC Bylaw could relate to NZS5465:2001 Amendment 2 in that any self-containment must comply with the new amendment.  Removal of non-self-contained would assist towards reputation of freedom camping.		Required amendment.
Effective education and enforcement	The resources allocated by Council to their contractor is not sufficient to control this activity.	Either Council increases substantially enforcement budget or looks at other innovative means to achieve increased enforcement.  Two options would be the appointment of honorary enforcement officers or incentivised payments for existing contractor or a mix of both.	Increased budget to increase paid enforcement.  Training of honorary enforcement officers.	No amendment required
When Decks Reserve is vacated the vehicles are relocating to other areas.	Motueka Quay resident raised his concern that at 7am Motueka Quay sees an influx of campers and a number urinating in this area early morning.	An area on the fringe of town where no adverse effects on neighbouring residents be identified and designated as the freedom camping area for the town.	Considerable cost but eligible for TIF funding.	Amendment required.

Identified Issue	Context	Possible solutions	Resources Required	Bylaw amend
The long historical disruption to North and Everett St residents from vehicles arriving and departing late at night to and from MBR and the adverse effects on close neighbouring properties.	Vehicle movements, noise and idling vehicles outside of residents has long been endured and simply is not fair.	If MBR is to remain as a designated area, suggest closing off existing access to the reserve via Everett Street and creating a new entrance to the reserve from Massey Street.  Erect no EXIT and limited turning signs at Everett Street at the corner of Everett and Massey Street.	Cost involved but could be reprioritised spend from RFC's	No Amendment required.
Heightened tensions from residents in regards to the current freedom camping issues.	The issues seem real, the tension high and what the public meeting highlighted that the dissatisfaction wasn't limited to any single area within Motueka.	Follow up meeting with some key initiatives communicated.	Time	No amendment required.
Freedom Camping Act 2011.	The restrictions within the existing act to should be reviewed to allow Council more control over designated areas and enforcement.	Mayor Kempthorne to continue to lobby Government in regards to amendment to this act.		Probably amendment to Bylaw in regards to update of any changes to Act.

## Recommendation

That the Senior Management Team discuss the contents of this document.

Regards

Brent Maru  
Motueka Community Board Chair





The TDC

Motueka.

26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

To Whom it may concern.

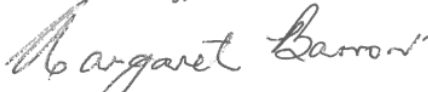
I have been reading about the problems with Freedom Campers in Deck's Reserve and I think something needs to be done about it. We, the locals, are finding it difficult with the way we are being treated and I am going to tell you about a recent experience I had on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March which left me quite traumatised even though I was an innocent victim. I had been to the doctor for an emergency and had my prescription to take in to Bay Pharmacy. As the 2 parking spaces at the back just off the road to Deck's Reserve were both taken I decided I would have to park in Decks. There were no spaces left as I drove all around but lots of campervans. Just as I was going to have to leave I saw a parking space had been vacated right beside where you drive in so I decided to park there. It was just before midday and there was a small campervan type vehicle next to it parked over the line with a young guy, about 20 leaning right out against the back door so I proceeded very carefully, inching my way in. He was watching my car but I knew I wasn't too close as otherwise I would hit him although I hadn't driven in that far even then but then I decided to back out slowly, as I wasn't happy and didn't want to stay. Something didn't feel right and I wanted to get away as I didn't trust that guy standing against the door. I couldn't see inside and thought he must be on his own. I then saw a car moving out of the Bay Pharmacy 2 space parks so parked there. As I stepped out of the car I looked back and saw a couple there there with the other guy and they were all 3 watching me, probably mid 20's when I talked with them later. I took my prescription in and the female walked in, saw me at the counter, and announced loudly, "You have damaged our car". I am 100% sure I did not touch it but I didn't want to make a fuss there so I said I would see her when I came out and there all 3 of them were waiting to make sure I didn't drive away! We went to look at their vehicle which had 2 light small scratches on the hub cap about 3 cms each long and a faint something the same size on the mudguard. They wanted to go to the police and I said no but I would go and talk to a garage owner we use, Tony Parsons so I walked there and Tony said to bring their vehicle along if it did need work done which he doubted he could help there too so I went back to tell them. Tony also said the police would have laughed at them if we had gone there so I told them that too. "How are you going to pay?" they asked me and "do you have money" to which I replied, no, I don't usually carry cash which is true. They then insisted on my name and phone number which I gave them but realised I shouldn't have. I went back to Tony to ask how I could pay and he said IF anything needed doing he would pay and I could pay him back so I walked back yet again to tell them that. They then asked me for a blank cheque and I said no, I haven't my cheque book with me of course and I rarely do. I told them I know I hadn't touched them but 3 against one elderly female left me feeling very vulnerable. They said yes, the vehicle was rocking and the other couple were inside and felt it. Bullshit! I was barely moving and kept stopping to be sure I wasn't getting even close. I went back to Tony to tell him they would come to see him and when I returned back to them the 2 guys were talking to the people who own or work in the garage as you drive into Deck's Reserve. Obviously they thought if I was taking them to see someone I knew they weren't going along with that. Anyway, the girl arrived driving their vehicle very slowly and when she got out after parking it a man came out of the garage to check it. The first thing they said was "Is it safe to drive?" The mechanic knelt down and told them as he showed it to them, there were 2 very very superficial scratches on the hub cap and the mark on the mudguard he could wipe away with the dust as it was nothing. They were French as I recognised the language I had once learnt and they talked to each other in their own language. It was very traumatising and left me quite shaken. After that was over I had to take a very dear lady, not as old as I am but she has never enjoyed good health, to a dental specialist at Nelson Hospital to have a wisdom tooth out. She is one of our Meals on Wheels people and has no one to ask so I told her I would be happy to drive her and I have a few times.

These people who stay in our carpark free seem to have plenty of money to buy their alcohol. I think the people who live here should not have to put up with these freedom campers who stay

longer than they should using more than one space for their drinking and meals . There was a letter to our freebie paper recently saying he couldn't get a park anywhere at 8.30 am and another last week about an exercise group who were treated very badly and rudely. Some of our 50+ hiking group were also discussing this last week. Surely locals who live here and pay rates should have space to park if they need it for work or shopping etc. Is there a time these freedom campers shouldn't be there or do none of the officials care?

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Margaret Barron.

This was supposed to be printed on the back of Page 1  
I did request that.

This is long I know but I wanted to write  
in detail my personal experience with the  
situation at Deck's Reserve.

**From:** Submission Confirmation <[website@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 31 March 2018 10:37 a.m.  
**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** Tasman Consultation: Long Term Plan 2018-2028 and Concurrent Consultations  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Brent Maru

Thank you for your submission on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 and Concurrent Consultations

Your SubmissionId is 18213. You have uploaded 0 documents.

This email is intended for you to keep as confirmation of your submission.

You have submitted the following information:

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- **Motueka, 7120**
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**Subject(s) submitted on:**

Subject	Answer	Summary
01 Rates Affordability: retain an upper cap of 3% p.a. for rates income increases (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	The MCB agrees with Councils upper cap of 3% per annum on rates unless there is a need to increase rate rises in a particular year to replenish the Disaster Fund or any unbudgeted capital work in terms of disaster mitigation work.
02 Council's Debt: retain a debt cap of \$200 million for external net debt (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	The MCB supports Council's debt capping at \$200mil but does recognise that this does limit future significant projects that may arise and strain existing op-ex budgets.
03 Growth: provide enough land, infrastructure and facilities to support a	Yes - support	In addition noting that Motueka as a tourist destination sees considerable visitor numbers with shoulder seasons now

medium/high level of growth (TDC - Community Development)

proposed option

extended from October to April putting additional strain on existing infrastructure with such stats not necessarily being considered for what is now an extended six month of the year influx. Parking issues and the medium term solution of providing a parking solutions through a Manoy-Talbot Street link.

04 Infrastructure: invest \$157 million over ten years to selectively upgrade and improve some of our assets (TDC - Community Development)

The MCB notes the \$157mil investment in infrastructure but asks Council to consider some of the current timetabling of projects in the draft LTP including; 1. Motueka Library projected reallocating Funding of \$300,000 to Yr1 and the balance of \$3,405,000 to Yr2 allowing the construction of the long awaited Library in Motueka to be commenced in 2019/20. 2. Motueka Town Centre upgrade be linked to coincide with any planned upgrade of SH(60) – High Street and that flexibility is noted to move this upgrade to coincide with any major upgrade works programmed for High Street. 3. The Manoy-Talbot Street link road currently in Y9 of the plan being moved forward to Y4 and recognising any required land purchase to achieve this. 4. The Board notes that in the Community Services AMP mention of negotiations for further land acquisition for Sports Park Motueka and the board strongly advocates for work to continue on this project. 5. The Board notes that the Motueka West Discharge System for Storm water remains in the LTP at Y6 and Y7. 6. The Board notes the Motueka Flood Mitigation study in Yrs 1& 2 and assumes that any proposed works will be funded from the existing budgeted Capital Works budgets commencing in Yr2 / 3. 7. The recent Cyclone along with other recent weather events has caused significant damage in Riwaka and question the timing of the Riwaka Flood Mitigation Works which is currently scheduled across Yrs 3-5. We consider that this work would be best undertaken at the same time as the Motueka Flood Mitigation work and the findings of both studies would then determine priority works from the existing Capital Works budget. 8. Ongoing significant concerns exist in Clay / Moffat Street in regards to

		storm water and the MCB do not see this specific project allocated any funds within the LTP.
05 Development and Financial Contributions Policy: a new three catchment system and lower charges for smaller homes (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	
06 Drinking Water Supply: invest \$31.6 million over 10 years for major water security and capacity projects (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	We note the level of investment and also have heard feedback from residents that in Year 3 of the proposed charging regime so feel that the “affordability of water” becomes questionable.
07 Drinking Water Quality: invest \$27 million over 10 years for major water treatment upgrades (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	The Board recognises that Local Government has little choice in meeting the new Drinking Water Standards but does ask that Council inform themselves of the various options and consequences of meeting this standard and where appropriate challenge and seek financial support from Government. Again the long term question of water affordability must be considered.
08 Funding Motueka's Water Supply: introduce a fixed service charge which will increase over three years, with the remainder funded by volumetric charging (TDC - Community Development)	Yes - support proposed option	We note the level of investment and also have heard feedback from residents that in Year 3 of the proposed charging regime so feel that the “affordability of water” becomes questionable.
09 Other Proposed Projects: please give us your feedback on the projects listed on page 19 of the Consultation Document (TDC - Community Development)		Concern exists that any development of the WCD is within all statements and conditions that Council promoted as part of the consultation process including the prior raising of capital by WiL, the final cost of the project being within the stated budget. This major capital project has a major impact on the increasing of Council’s debt and ongoing liability so Council must satisfy themselves and the community that this decision is the correct one. Increasing opposition to Freedom Camping exists and the management and allocation of suitable sites for this activity remains a challenge. When asked did the Board support Freedom Camping the unanimous response was NO in its’ current state. There is no such thing as free and as such for visitors to expect to stay somewhere without charge this is at the cost

18 Stormwater Projects (TDC - Community Development)

of the ratepayer. In addition the activity of Freedom Camping is now impacting on several resident's ability to enjoy their local reserves. Following our submission a public meeting was convened in Motueka with over 120 residents and we will speak further to this in our presentation to Council. Through the LTP the Board wishes to acknowledge the work of all Council staff who have worked on the Cyclone Recovery for both Fehi and Gita. As stated earlier the Board does support a slight rate increase above the 3% cap for any necessary work to assist with the recovery process.

1. The Board notes that the Motueka West Discharge System for Storm water remains in the LTP at Y6 and Y7. 2. Ongoing significant concerns exist in Clay / Moffat Street in regards to storm water and the MCB do not see this specific project allocated any funds within the LTP. 3. That the Poole Street, High Street / Wratt Street storm water works will be completed in the current financial year resolving significant historical flooding issues in these areas.

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**Subject:** Notes from last nights meeting

Hi Richard / Lindsay / Adrian

Firstly the meeting went well in that whilst some passion and frustration everyone, with contrasting views were absolutely respectful.

I do believe that there is more wider spread frustration than "Council" as an entity has an awareness off. Simply the geographical spread of the 120 plus people from varying social and economic backgrounds expressed frustration over what they have seen and experienced at Decks Reserve and Motueka Beach Reserve. Compliance across the board was criticised and also highlighted as a very effective tool to get some change in the current situations.

Whilst a handful of people through and post the meeting stated that if this was on the doorstep they would take matters in their own hands, one individual already has and subsequently has been arrested and trespassed from Decks Reserve. Whilst this individual is known to me and we have crossed paths prior so know of him and his issues, but simply his threshold of frustration with the taking over of the playground as a washing line and the rubbish is what pushed him.

Council passed the bylaw, there are specific conditions imposed there needs to be more enforcement. To assist I am offering again to become an honorary enforcement officer and I think perhaps between KMB and a couple of other people I have worked with in the past we may be able to provide a pool of 4-6. If H&S is an issue I would be happy to talk with a couple of organisations to see if we could umbrella this group within an existing organisation and then I am happy to work with Council to write a set of SOP's.

Doing nothing is not an option and we all, MCB, Councillors and Council do need to take responsibility for the Bylaw that has been imposed and the subsequent consequences. I for one am happy to stand up and say that where the MCB supported Decks Reserve as a Designated area we made a mistake and got it wrong. How can we have supported a place for non-self contained vehicles without any washing facilities. I think it is ok to say we got it wrong but lets now work together to fix this.

I did talk with Ross today and absolutely disappointed to see the Motueka Beach Reserve issues around broken wooden railings have not only not been repaired but several others also damaged. We must lift our game if we are going to provide specific areas.

For other insights Cr's Canton and Hawkes were also present who may have the same or differing views.  
 Regards

**Brent Maru**  
 Motueka Community Board Chair





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From: "Mattthesparky ." <[matt.the.sparky@gmail.com](mailto:matt.the.sparky@gmail.com)>

Date: 31/03/18 8:11 PM (GMT+12:00)

To: Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>

Subject: Re: follow up to yesterday's community meeting on freedom camping.

Hi Brent.

My wife overheard a conversation today between the gentleman from the TDC who spoke first at the public meeting (the man in the HSV shirt) and another person.

The TDC man stated that it was the council's intention to move the freedom camping area from Decks Reserve to the old tip site.

We think this is an excellent idea and we fully support it.

We would like to make an additional suggestion which we think would greatly benefit the local community and economy.

Allow freedom camping in certified self contained vehicles over 6.3 meters in overall length in Decks Reserve and at the saltwater baths.

We have observed that the smallest camper vans available for hire in New Zealand which incorporate an enclosed cassette toilet (one which is emptied via a hatch on the outside of the vehicle) and a built in shower come in at 6.3 meters and top out at 7.45 meters.

From our observations of freedom camping activities, the operators of larger vehicles like these do not cause overloading of public facilities because they do not use them often. The high standard of the self containment facilities in their vehicles is preferential to them compared to public facilities. They are also generally older, wealthier and more responsible, thus more likely to read signage and comply with the obligations which are conveyed to them and less likely to cause public nuisance, dump rubbish or make a mess.

We think if the bylaw allowed larger vehicles only to camp inside the CBD enforcement officers would not be required in the area, as the level of compliance would be generally very high.

It would be greatly appreciated if this idea could be conveyed to the TDC

I have also spoken briefly with some young people from Germany and France today regarding the issue of fraudulent self containment stickers on non self contained vehicles. None of them knew of the stickers being available fraudulently.

The feedback I received was that in order to get genuinely certified under the new standard the vehicle is set up with only a single bed and an emergency toilet which can be used when the single bed is set up. Once certified the single bed is made into a double and the toilet stowed under the bed as in the previous standard, thereby easily circumventing the new standard. That's straight from the horse's mouth, the new standard is a joke.

The people I spoke to also told me they have never used the toilets in their vehicles, not even once. Can't say I blame them either.

Hopefully, the next revision of the standard calls for cassette toilets.

Regards

Matt Watson

On Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 3:23 PM, Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)> wrote:

Thanks Matt and good insight and point taken in regards to “type of freedom camper”.

Yes no doubt this is already in a “too hard” basket so let’s get it in the “let’s solve” basket. Some progress today and I suspect the “voice of the community has had some quick reaction” in that I have been told 15 tickets this morning alone were issued at Decks Reserve. And yes tend to agree if we do have to provide then a more suitable location and one of the attendees gave me the contact to the “Kiwi Camp” operator in Marlborough.

Regards

**Brent Maru**

**Motueka Community Board Chair**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 29 March 2018 3:10 p.m.

**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>

**Subject:** Re: follow up to yesterday's community meeting on freedom camping.

Hi Brent, thanks for your reply.

Based on the number of hands which went up when asked if they supported freedom camping compared with the number of hands which went up when asked the same question after being told to include "\$100,000 luxury camper vans" I would contend that the room did not support *all* self contained freedom campers. The question appeared to be loaded. As an example, someone who is strongly in favor of a fleet of wealthy baby boomers coming through town in giant RVs every day spending wads of \$100 bills in local shops may not also be in favor of a fleet of rusty old Toyotas packed with four or five stinky, penniless hippies despite the two different fleets of vans bearing the same blue sticker. The question was posed as if we cannot have one without the other.

Nevertheless, I think you definitely have the right attitude towards the situation overall and I am really pleased that you are involved in this process. I sincerely hope that the board and the council will maintain the momentum which was apparent at the meeting and will not end up tossing it all into the too hard basket.

Based on my limited understanding of the Freedom Camping Act and the Human Rights Act I can't see any reason the whole show cannot be moved to the very edge of town or even further. If the status quo is to be maintained next summer with a more organized approach to enforcement I would consider volunteering as an enforcement officer, as would several other people living in the vicinity of Decks Reserve I would imagine. I can think of at least two off the top of my head.

I look forward to participating in the process over the coming months.

Regards

Matt Watson

On Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 1:13 PM, Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Thank you for your email and attending last night's meeting.

I had a slightly different take on the reaction to whether the room supported Freedom Camping or not and the message I took away and feel free to correct me was it was supported for compliant self contained vehicles and the parallel may not have helped, but in terms of the "self containment" those that met the new amended NZS5465:2001 amendment 2. (ie. Useable toilet without moving bed).

Your other points I would agree with you and another option I am exploring is honorary enforcement officers of which I am happy to be one to bolster the enforcement, as I share concerns over current practice which no doubt is linked to budget.

Nevertheless your final statement is fair, Council have passed a bylaw and it is Council's responsibility to enforce it.

I will add your email to a group and feedback follow up information to you. Also your email would make a great attachment to a Long Term Plan submission.

Thanks again.

Regards

**Brent Maru**

**Motueka Community Board Chair**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 29 March 2018 12:46 p.m.

**To:** Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>

**Subject:** follow up to yesterday's community meeting on freedom camping.

Hi Brent.

Thank you for taking the time to facilitate last night's meeting. It has certainly provided some food for thought on the matter for those who attended.

The input from the general public in attendance was as I suspected it would be, A rough 50/50 split between well thought out statements/suggestions and simple expressions of frustration.

My personal opinion on the matter is that there are three different kinds of freedom camper.

- There is the New Zealander on holiday
- There is the foreign tourist who hires a properly self contained van for several hundred dollars - up to \$1000 plus per week. This person engages tour operators in the national park and spends money in town at cafes, restaurants and shops. They don't use public toilets to relieve themselves, wash and do laundry because their van has a built in cassette toilet and a shower. Some even have a washing machine.
- There is the foreign tourist who buys or hires the cheapest vehicle they can find which passes the bar for self contained, or sometimes does not pass the bar and carries a fraudulent self containment sticker. These people make it their personal mission to spend as little money as possible, I work in an industry which has regular contact with these people and spending next to nothing is their primary objective at all times. With the exception of petrol stations and supermarkets the local economy gains nothing from them, yet still has to supply parking for them, dispose of their rubbish and treat their sewage. they don't use their self containment capability because it's little more than a glorified icecream container. It's unpleasant to use and a chore to constantly empty at dump stations. I had to use one for six months after the Christchurch earthquake. Most of the ones on the road are certified under the old standard where the toilet is just stashed under the bed. It's worth noting also that some of the hire companies put a sticker type seal on the toilet and charge the hirer extra if they use it.

I felt that your statement to the public at the meeting that all freedom campers are considered the same was either misleading or naive. You drew a distinct parallel between the \$100,000 camper vans and the \$1000 Hi-Aces and Delicas and coaxed the attendees into raising their hands in support of all freedom camping in general.

Perhaps you were merely trying to illustrate that the Freedom Camping Act lumps them all into one category, which it does.

I noted that there were only two people who advocated the status quo and suggested that we should just leave freedom campers to do whatever they want.

It's worth noting that one of the two was a Kiwi freedom camper and the other was the town drunk (although to his credit I was standing behind him and he did not appear drunk at the time.)

I can personally corroborate the statements made by the gentleman in the pink shirt with the shaved head in regards to the failure of the council appointed contractor to discharge it's enforcement obligations at Decks Reserve. I have also observed those contractors doing a token five minute walk around where they verbally requested for tables and chairs to be removed from vehicle access ways and did not issue any infringement notices for any of the other blatant offenses occurring.

I would suggest that first and foremost, enforcement is going to be a 7 days a week job and is going to be a permanent responsibility of the council, the council should employ a full time enforcement officer. The current contractor should be sacked immediately.

I would also suggest a zero tolerance approach. The council set the rules in the bylaw and made the signs, at the very least you need to enforce the designated areas for self contained and non self contained, enforce the 2 meter minimum separation distance (which equates to an empty parking space between EVERY vehicle. I would suggest painting a red crosshatch on every second space to facilitate this.) and enforce the time limit.

Enforcing the time limit is not rocket science, the contactor's excuse that it is too difficult to tell who has been there over night and who has just arrived is either pathetic or incompetent, or both. Vehicles have licence plates. Provided the enforcement officer is literate (with numbers also, not just letters) and can use a pen and paper that problem should be relatively easy to solve.

While I will concede that it is true that these people can get away with leaving the country without paying their fines, I would contend that most of them would most likely comply with all the rules if it was common knowledge among them that fines would be issued. If by the end of next summer it is evident that they are communicating to one another that they can just leave without paying and they develop a tendency to ignore the rules then another strategy will have to be developed.

I am not sufficiently familiar with the relevant legislation to contend that wheel clamping would be an acceptable solution, so I would not suggest it (but if it's legal, you should start tomorrow. There's nothing like getting stranded somewhere to make a person take their obligations seriously).

Also, the enforcement officer should be checking every vehicle has the paperwork to support the self containment sticker. From my conversations with other local people it would appear that there are a very large number of vehicles which do not appear to have self containment capability displaying self containment stickers which are different shades of blue and slightly different sizes. To me this would indicate that the statement made by the member of the public at last night's meeting that vehicle owners are buying fraudulent stickers online is possibly a credible one.

In summary, It appears to me that the council is greatly out of it's depth on the matter and has up until this point chosen to bury it's head in the sand and leave the people of Motueka to bear the consequences and pay the cost through rates.

The situation is totally unacceptable and as you could probably tell from the dialogue last night we have had enough of it.

The council must either control activity in town or re-write it's bylaw and move freedom camping out of town. The Freedom Camping Act S.11 and S.12 only prevent the council from placing a region wide ban on freedom camping or placing restrictions which would indirectly effect a total ban across the entire region. The best option would be to find one or two flat, open spots out in the middle of nowhere where they can trash the whole area next summer and install a single toilet and a skip (you may never even have to empty the skip, I'd wager they will just light it on fire every time it gets full). At least that way we only have to pay for one big cleanup once a year and we get to have Decks Reserve back.

Regards

Matt Watson

Submission to Tasman District Council

Freedom camping used to be a quiet spot surrounded by bush, or in bush off the roadside where you could enjoy peace and quiet normally away from other people.

I am totally guilty of doing this in out of the way places and see no harm in this for 1 or two people as long as respect is shown to the environment! Unfortunately visitors are no longer one or two people but instead van loads.

At some stage freedom camping in New Zealand developed into a city carpark where you can camp, cook, and stay for free, and avoid paying your way in the community.

Not wishing to offend with a more descriptive phrase I will refer to these people as ‘free’ campers.

Supporters say free campers bring money into the district and no doubt they do to some extent. However over summer we are overcrowded with visitors, many high end and paying a substantial amount to stay and enjoy our area. Free campers tend to tarnish our image and are often not a good look with the way they take over our public areas with their cooking, washing, and ablutions.

Working in tourism I support visitors that are good for the economy and the local community. I do not see free campers being either of these.

I recall seeing a people mover parked overnight on the verge in School Rd Riwaka. In the morning a woman got out and in plain sight squatted beside the vehicle and emptied her bowels. They then drove away leaving a pile of poo and toilet paper next to the footpath 200 metres from Riwaka School. This behaviour is not the exception as attitudes overseas differ to ours!

I ask that the Council stop trying to accommodate these free campers. It is only by making it difficult for them that we will get some control back from the increasing tide.

I do not in any way support Decks Reserve being made a free camping spot overnight. They will leave their vehicles there in the day time while away, do their washing in our public toilets, and basically debase the centre of our town. If Council wants to make an area for them, make it way out of town, don't make it easy. Only then perhaps they will decide to use one of our campgrounds.

Can the Council please show some leadership with the benefit of their ratepayers in mind other than pander for cheapskate visitors who do not get away with what they do here, in their own country. May I suggest a good start would be rather than designating our town centre for camping, erecting a sign there giving the distance to our two main campgrounds.

Ken & Maree Cook





14 Harvey Road,  
Marahau 7197  
Tasman  
5/4/2018

Brent Maru  
Chairman of Motueka Community Board

Dear Sir,

I write to you as a resident of Marahau and also operator of The Barn Backpackers and Campground in regard to freedom camping directly affecting my proximity, and overall thoughts on Freedom Camping in the wider area and the negative implications it has for businesses, residents and council.

Issues from Marahau.

Request to extend blanket ban on freedom camping to include DOC Abel Tasman Car Park and Harvey Road as indicated in the attached map:

- Health and safety:
  - Parking close to the road and on the park café Corner
  - Overloading of DOC Car Park
  - Use of The Barn Backpackers and Campground facilities illegally in both day and night.
    - Theft
    - Nuisance on site for other guest; and
    - Blocking access of facilities and areas for guests and staff.
    - Health and safety of having undocumented people on site.
  - General Noise and nuisance
  - General Anti-Social Behavior limiting the appeal of exploring our local beach
  - Waste and rubbish
  - Visually ridiculous locations.
    - We get all of Harvey Road reserve full of campers for at least 3 weeks of the year. Making it unsightly and annoying having people camping 10m away from the entrance to a campground.
- Protecting access
  - Use of The Barn Backpackers and Campground facilities illegally in both day and night.
    - Blocking access of facilities and areas for guests and staff.
    - I have had someone blocking my personal vehicle in, in my driveway from someone parking there overnight. I have had people doing laundry in my driveway etc.
  - Congestion
    - Generally high levels of congestion in an area around the start of a National Park

There are a range of issues and I am happy to expand on this if needed.

Item 7.2

Attachment 15



## Rational to push for change in the Freedom Camping Act 2011

There currently is a need to have overflow camping during the period when “New Zealand is on holiday” and on high days on special events. This need has now morphed into councils around the country being legislated to compete with small New Zealand businesses on an unfair playing field.

While there are laws and procedures to preventing “Dumping” of free or even just uneconomically cheap products from overseas manufacturing companies hurting local NZ business, the same ethical protection does not seem to be afforded to local NZ business from their own governments. Instead it is mandated by law.

For 48 weeks of the year there is no issues of a shortage of supply of campgrounds.

I would propose the following strategy to unwind the situation.

- Take a 5 year view that includes closing down the shoulder seasons more and more aggressively each year.
  - o This would send a message to existing operations that they may need to expand.
  - o It would also send a message to potential new campgrounds to open; increasing the overall quality and quantity of camp grounds and their capacity.
  - o Hostels and campgrounds are coming under pressure around the country due to expanding freedom camping spots.
  - o This would most likely increase the guest’s experience (what should be our overriding goal)
  - o It would also turn freedom camping from a loss-making venture from council into a potential revenue source from private operators. Council can then invest that capital into other projects.

There is a fallacy going around that freedom camping brings income into an area. I provide the follow points for consideration

- To provide freedom camping, council must operate the system at a loss.
- If these people have money to spend, then they are still spending it in the community. They are just doing it at nicer locations.
- For the extremely budget travelers, they may spend some cash on noddles at one of the large Australian run supermarkets.
- A privately-run campground in a small rural location may have a relatively large impact on its local community, providing work and a sense of purpose for the people working there. They also have the potential to draw more guests into that area, if well run, providing a flow on effect to the community and the local skills and talents of those people. They don’t need a free place to stay.

In summary, the freedom camping act is stifling the number of total campgrounds in the country by raising the barriers to entry for new camp grounds to establish. They are also limiting the quality of existing operations by denying them more business in the desperately needed shoulder season. It is also ethically flawed in forcing some New Zealanders to compete for business against state fund free camp grounds.

I am happy to expand on this further if required.

Kind Regards

Will Rolleston



Item 7.2

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Subject: freedom campers

Hi Brent

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the public meeting held 28/3, in regards to the freedom camping issue in Motueka, it was an interesting meeting with view points from all angles.

It is important that we welcome all tourists to our area as we rely on summer revenue to get through winter.

Compliant freedom campers aren't causing the same problems as the non compliant freedom campers, I feel the same as the majority of the attendees, that something needs to be done to control and limit the numbers taking advantage of this situation.

Until recently my husband and I owned Hat Trick Lodge Backpackers on Wallace street, every night we would see freedom campers use the toilet block to do dishes and washing, surely, if nothing else this is a health hazard for everyone.

I'm not sure if my one voice helps or what can be done, obviously it's not going to be a quick fix but if it isn't stopped we could be putting our once beautiful area in jeopardy as a tourist destination.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Boniface

**From:** Brent Maru [<mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 31 March 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** Chris or Sheila Budgen  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom Camping

Thanks Mrs B and an excellent overview that would be great to attach to a LTP submission.

Very common feedback to date in terms of sufficiently self-contained vehicles are not the issue.

One issue of enforcing Decks Reserve may push the problem into the township streets but I think you raise a really important point that our messaging internationally needs some focus on the type of freedom camping we welcome. We welcome everyone but visitors in cars need to find a commercial camping option.

Thank you for taking time to provide some more feedback. Already we are having some successes where enforcement seems to be more vigilant, markings promised at Decks on Tuesday and the CEO has called a meeting to address concerns I sent through next week.

But my plea is we keep the pressure on so for our community... keep leaning on us as the community board, our ward councillors and Damien's office.

Regards

**Brent Maru**  
General Manager Facilities, Sport Tasman

Attachment 15

From: Chris or Sheila Budgen <[budgen@iconz.co.nz](mailto:budgen@iconz.co.nz)>

Date: 31/03/18 7:58 PM (GMT+12:00)

To: Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>

Subject: Freedom Camping

Hi – I would like to add my voice to the concerns about freedom camping

I have no issue with people in motorhomes, members of the motorhome association and those travelling in equipped vans who park responsibly in the area.

I recognise that the recent cyclone event has closed off some camping spots locally

- What I do object to is the proliferation of freedom campers who are using station wagons/people carriers to sleep in which are NOT equipped with any real facilities.
- When we lived at Motueka Quay we frequently had vehicles parked across the road from our house and it was not uncommon to see people in the morning coming up the bank from the estuary pulling up their trousers. I confronted one vehicle driver (German) one evening and told him he could not park there all night as his vehicle had no toilet. He told me it wasn't a problem because he was happy to go down and use the bank. I said that was not acceptable and I was not happy with that and he eventually drove off with much muttering.
- We walk our dog along the Kumera area from the Staples Street end and, despite the 'no camping' sign there are often vehicles there overnight. I don't understand why people can't take their rubbish with them – frequently there are bags of rubbish left in the bushes.
- There are far too many people thinking it is acceptable to use any bush area as a toilet with the resultant mess in many areas – Motueka is not the only area that has a problem with this as has been reported in the news media.
- After the meeting the other night we drove home and went via Decks Reserve car park to see what others had complained about. We couldn't believe the number of vehicles there – both proper campervans and cars with 'curtains' round the windows – the whole carpark was full with many people preparing meals and/or sitting round tables. There needs to be proper policing of the area to ensure that only those that comply, and a limited number, are parked there.
- The message has got overseas that New Zealand is a good place to come for a 'no cost for accommodation' holiday. I do not expect to go anywhere overseas and not budget for accommodation and see no reason why anyone should expect a free holiday at my rate-payer expense here.
- I am not pleased to hear that commercial campsites are looking at a decline in business and may face closure. As camp site users where am I and others to go if they close?
- I have spoken to two people recently who both said they no longer use the library as it is full of people just using the free WIFI provided. Why should we feel we have to welcome visitors to the area when we don't feel welcome at our own council funded facilities?
- I see no reason why I, as a rate payer, have to fund someone else's free holiday.
- I understand that it is possible to download the 'self-contained' sticker from a website – is there some other way of policing this?
- The problem is a growing one and I feel the council (and the Government) needs to act now to prevent even more problems in the future.
- I do not support the idea of providing a special area for these people. As a rate payer I object to my rates being spent to provide extra toilets, rubbish collections and people to police these vehicles

Thanks for the opportunity to give my thoughts to the Community Board and thank you for a very well run meeting at the Rec Centre

Sheila Budgen



**7.3 FINANCIAL REPORT****Information Only - No Decision Required**

<b>Report To:</b>	Motueka Community Board
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	17 April 2018
<b>Report Author:</b>	Bryce Grammer, Financial Accountant
<b>Report Number:</b>	RMCB18-04-03

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 The financial report for the period ending 31 March 2018 is attached (**Attachment 1**).
- 1.2 The net financial position for the year is a deficit of \$3,385.00, against a budgeted deficit of \$5,001.00.
- 1.3 Closed account interest has been earned on the positive Motueka Community Board opening balance. This rate was adjusted to 2% for the quarter beginning 1 January 2018 as per the Council's Treasury Risk Management Policy. So far this year \$1,536 has been credited to the Closed Account.
- 1.4 Overall expenditure is 74% of budget, which is slightly below the year to date average budgeted spend of 75%.
- 1.5 The income from the Motueka Sunday Market is currently right on budget. We usually expect the majority of the income from the market to be received over the summer months so there may be a small shortfall in this income stream at year end.
- 1.6 The net position of the Motueka Community Board's overall funds as at 31 March 2018 is a surplus balance of \$100,691.00.

**2 Draft Resolution**

**That the Motueka Community Board receives the Financial Report RMCB18-04-03.**

<b>3 Attachments</b>
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1. Financial Summary March 2018

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**TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Motueka Community Board**  
 March 2018

	Month Actual	Month Budget	Month Budget %	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Budget %
<b>Charges</b>						
<i>Remuneration</i>						
Chairperson Monthly Salary	\$1,175	\$1,176	100%	\$10,559	\$14,108	75%
Members(3)	\$1,764	\$1,802	98%	\$15,845	\$21,627	73%
Member Reimbursements	\$0	\$357	0%	\$3,413	\$4,288	80%
<i>Miscellaneous</i>						
	<i>pages</i>	<i>rate</i>				
Photocopying	0	0.1		\$0	\$1,532	0%
Community Board discretionary fund	\$951	\$465	205%	\$4,951	\$5,577	89%
Youth Development Fund	\$0	\$88	0%	\$0	\$1,060	0%
Litter Cart	\$0	\$417	0%	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
Community Board Expenses	\$0	\$43	0%	\$362	\$511	71%
Cost of Elections	\$107	\$107	100%	\$961	\$1,279	75%
Special Projects	\$0	\$4,254	0%	\$37,865	\$51,050	74%
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$3,997</b>	<b>\$8,837</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>\$78,956</b>	<b>\$106,032</b>	<b>74%</b>
<i>Less</i>						
CCB Rate	-\$7,207	-\$7,254	99%	-\$64,868	-\$87,044	75%
Sunday Market Income	-\$1,358	-\$1,020	133%	-\$9,167	-\$12,240	75%
Closed Account Interest	-\$171	-\$146	117%	-\$1,536	-\$1,747	88%
<b>Net Charges</b>	<b>-\$ 4,739</b>	<b>\$ 417</b>		<b>\$ 3,385</b>	<b>\$ 5,001</b>	

**Equity**

Opening Credit Balance 1 July 2017	\$ 104,076
Net Surplus March 2018	-\$ 3,385
Closing Credit Balance 31 March 2018	<u>\$ 100,691</u>

Notes to the accounts

A) Discretionary Fund

Balance brought forward from 2016/17	\$ 2,685
Plus Budget Allocation	\$ 5,577
Available Funds	\$ 8,262
Less Expenditure	\$ 4,951
Less Commitments	\$ -
Remaining Balance	\$ 3,311

Discretionary Fund Expenditure

Motueka Pool Fundraising Group	\$ 500
MenzShed Motueka	\$ 500
Mot District Community Christmas Dinner Group	\$ 500
Vision Motueka	\$ 500
Imagine Theatre	\$ 500
Keep Motueka Beautiful	\$ 500
Motueka District Brass Incorporated	\$ 500
Safe Families Motueka	\$ 500
Womens Support	\$ 500
Neighbourhood Support	\$ 500
Senior Citizens	\$ 280
Vision Motueka (Returned unspent funds)	-\$ 329

<b>Total Expenditure to March 2018</b>	<b>\$ 4,951</b>
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B) Youth Development Fund

Balance brought forward from 2016/17	\$ 845
Plus Budget Allocation	\$ 1,060
Available Funds	\$ 1,905
Less Expenditure	\$ -
Less Commitments	\$ -
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,905

Youth Development Fund Expenditure

<b>Total Expenditure to March 2018</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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C) Special Projects

Balance brought forward from 2016/17	\$ 75,669
Plus Budget Allocation	\$ 51,050
Available Funds	\$ 126,719
Less Expenditure	\$ 37,865
Less Commitments	\$ -
Remaining Balance	\$ 88,854

Special Projects Expenditure

Wallace Street Footpath	\$ 7,585
Flood Gates Saltwater Baths	\$ 5,000
Defibrillator including cabinet	\$ 3,219
New path - Courtney Street	\$ 12,456
Sign for Motueka Gateway	\$ 1,205
Gateway sign	\$ 8,400
	\$ 37,865

## 7.4 ACTION LIST

Information Only - No Decision Required

**Report To:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Report Author:** Heather Spiers, Motueka Community Board Secretary  
**Report Number:** RMCB18-04-04

### 1 Summary

1.1 Attached is the Action List for the Motueka Community Board to review.

### 2 Draft Resolution

**That the Motueka Community Board receives the Action List RMCB18-04-04 report.**

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1. Action List

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Note – updated from the Board meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Item	Minute/Action	Accountable Officer	Status
December 2016	Investigate criteria for friendly town status on the Motorhome Caravan Association website and report back to the Board	Board Members Hutt/Dowler	<p>We do not currently meet all their criteria. Board Member Hutt keen to progress further and will obtain more information. Claire Hutt to report back at April meeting. Cr Ogilvie stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> dump station is needed. Barry Dowler to investigate.</p> <p>17/05/17 – Board Member Hutt to report back June meeting.</p> <p>20/06/17: Board Members Hutt &amp; Dowler to investigate potential dump station sites.</p> <p>18/07/17 – Jeff Cuthbertson will come to Motueka to look at potential sites.</p> <p>15/08/17 – To be monitored</p> <p>17/10/17: Favoured site is near Marchwood Park on the corner by the Helicopter pad. This is subject to funding from Tourist &amp; Investment fund. The application has been submitted.</p> <p>8/12/17 – Still waiting on outcome of Tourism Investment Fund.</p> <p>20/02/18 – Board member Dowler working with staff.</p> <p>20-03/18 – Work in progress</p>
August 2017	Litter cart sponsorship.	Board Member Hutt	<p>Board Member Hutt to provide update at the February meeting</p> <p>Board Member Hutt to provide update at the March meeting</p> <p>20/03/18: In progress</p>
November 2017	Water extraction for bottling plant consent, will there be a public notification?	Chair Maru	To write to Neil Tyson, Water Consent Planner, Tasman District Council.

Item	Minute/Action	Accountable Officer	Status
December 2017	Provide list of footpath programmed works and their timing in Motueka	Richard Kirby	Steve Elkington to attend March meeting in order to answer any questions. Steve Elkington to attend April's meeting. Richard Kirby to update in April's meeting.
February 2018	Complaints about overgrown roadsides being unsightly, fire hazards and safety issues.	Richard Kirby	Mr Kirby to talk to staff in Engineering Services. 21/03/18: Heather put in Service Request. 05/04/18 not actioned yet. Mr Hellyer from Edwards Road has called the Council twice since. He acknowledged the Council for mowing Edwards Road but informed TDC it was "the wrong bit".
	Overgrown trees and bushes from Pah Street to Whakarewa Street eastern side.	Heather Spiers	Heather to put in a Service request. S/R done 22/02/18 04/04/2018: S/R shows that on 05/03 letter was put in letter box asking for vegetation to be cut back. Letter box was full of old mail and house looked empty. Letters sent to number 13 and 15 Whakarewa Street.
	Notice to homeowners with regards to overgrown hedges and bushes.	Chair Maru	Chair will contact Mr Chris Choat, Community Relations Manager
	Freedom camping markings and signage to be clearer.	Chair Maru	Chair Maru to follow-up. Cr Canton & Adrian Humphries to work on this.

## 7.5 SPECIAL PROJECTS ACTION LIST

Information Only - No Decision Required

**Report To:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Report Author:** Heather Spiers, Motueka Community Board Secretary  
**Report Number:** RMCB18-04-05

### 1 Summary

1.1 Attached is the Special Projects Action List for the Motueka Community Board to review.

### 2 Draft Resolution

**That the Motueka Community Board receives the Special Projects Action List RMCB18-04-05 report.**

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1. Special Projects Action List

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Note – updated from the Board meeting of 20 March 2018

Approved Projects 2016/17	Funds Awarded	Status
Motueka Historic Wharf landscaping	\$3000	<p>Emailed confirmation to Beryl that MCB Special Projects Fund covering costs up to \$3000.</p> <p>Update 05/05/17: This is on Reserves &amp; Facilities work programme to be carried out.</p> <p>18/07/17: In progress</p> <p>17/10/17: Board Member Dowler mentioned he and Cr Sangster had a meeting with Peter Talley about the Motueka wharf and Golden Bay wharves. Cr Sangster would like them to all come under the one project. It was mentioned that Talley's would fund the Motueka Wharf.</p> <p>12/12/2017 – Still waiting on Cr Paul Sangster to form Trust</p> <p>20/02/17 – Cr Hawkes spoke to Cr Sangster who is now waiting on trustees</p>
Motueka District Museum	\$10,000	Email correspondence ongoing.
Play equipment for the Newhaven Reserve	\$5000	<p>Beryl Wilkes waiting on Marahau Residents Association to contact her.</p> <p>Beryl still waiting to hear from Marahau/Sandy Bay R.A</p> <p>18/07/17 – The Marahau community have sent TDC the designs and Beryl has Glenn Thorn looking at them.</p> <p>17/10/17: Cr Ogilvie will speak to Glenn Thorn.</p> <p>05/02/2018 – Glen Thorne emailed to say that he and the Committee members, now looking after the playground development, had a meeting and discussed the survey detail. The issue is <i>where</i> in Marahau. They are having another meeting in March.</p>

Approved Projects 2017/18	Funds Awarded	Status
Thorp's Bush picnic area	\$10,000	Chair Maru has approached Beryl Wilkes but will also email Susan Edwards for advice going forward and concerns raised. Cr Ogilvie feels the process through Reserves & Facilities should be respected, as this is a serious issue. 20/02/18 Still waiting to hear from Reserves & Facilities Manager.
Playground upgrades	\$10,000	Board Members to discuss. 20/02/18 - Deferred to March meeting
Enhancement of George Quay	\$10,000	Chair Maru to advise of the funding available now. 12/12/2017 – Keep Motueka Beautiful and Steve Elkington aware of funding available
Outdoor exercise equipment	\$10,000	Chair Maru emailed Beryl Wilkes with the go ahead. Board Member Hutt to follow up with available funding from RFCs and obtain advice on location of the equipment. Board Member Hutt to report back to the Board in December. 8/12/17 – Board Member Hutt to report to February meeting. 20/02/18 – Deferred to March meeting.
Enhancements for Marahau	\$10,000	Chair Maru has sent an email to the Marahau Residents Association. Waiting to hear back from them. 12/12/2017 – Still waiting for response.
Motueka Arts Council sculpture	\$5,000	The Arts Council is in the process of fundraising. 12/12/2017 – Still waiting for response.

Approved Projects 2017/18	Funds Awarded	Status
DEFERRED PROJECT 2017/18		
North Park BBQ	\$5,000 - 7,000	

**2016/17 MCB Special Projects**

	\$	
Motueka Historical Wharf	3,000.00	
	\$	
Salt Water Baths	5,000.00	
	\$	
Motueka District Museum	10,000.00	
Northern End Marahau	*	
	\$	
Newhaven Reserve	5,000.00	
	\$	
Wallace Street Footpath	10,000.00	
	\$	
Motueka Welcome Sign	10,000.00	
	\$	
Old Wharf Rd – Kerb and Channel	10,000.00	
		\$
<b>2016/17 Projects to be completed</b>		<b>53,000.00</b>

\* \$5k to be re-allocated in 2017/18 projects

**2017/18 MCB Special Projects**

	\$
Courtney Street Footpath	12,155.50
	\$
Thorp Bush Project	10,000.00

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Playground Upgrade	\$ 10,000.00
Motueka Arts Council	\$ 5,000.00
Community Accessible Defibulator	\$ 3,000.00
Outdoor Exercise Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Enhancement of George Quay	\$ 10,000.00
North Park	\$ -
Enhancement or Marahau	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total proposed 2017/18 Projects</b>	<b>\$ 70,155.50</b>
Total Projects if all to be approved	\$ 23,155.50
Total Available Funds in Special Projects Fund	\$ 26,719.00
<b>Remaining Funds if all projects completed</b>	<b>\$ 3,563.50</b>

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Information Only - No Decision Required

**Report To:** Motueka Community Board  
**Meeting Date:** 17 April 2018  
**Report Author:** Heather Spiers, Motueka Community Board Secretary  
**Report Number:** RMCB18-04-06

#### 1 Summary

1.1 This report includes incoming and outgoing correspondence during March and April 2018

#### 2 Draft Resolution

**That the Motueka Community Board receives the Correspondence RMCB18-04-06 report.**

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Motueka Community Board Accountability Form

Name of Organisation: Vision Motueka

We, being Officers/Accountant of the above organisation hereby certify that we received a grant from the Motueka Community Board Discretionary Fund.

The grant was spent as follows and we attach evidence of expenditure (receipts, invoices or statement signed by the organisation):

<u>Uniscreen (Universal Screen</u>	\$ <u>81.90</u>
<u>for screen printer Supplies)</u>	\$ _____
<u>New world (refreshments</u>	\$ <u>60.00</u>
<u>for working bee</u>	\$ _____
Amount allocated: \$ <u>471.00</u>	<u>141.90</u>

Amount unspent: \$ ~~471.00~~ \$ 329.10

With this grant we were able to deliver the following benefits to the community:

Made a large number of Boomerang Bags  
for use in Motueka shops to encourage  
people to use less single-use  
plastic shopping bags. The project then grew  
from this workshop working bee to continue  
through the year self-funded.  
(The balance of the start-up funds were paid  
by Motec, hence the refund.)

Name and signature:

Signature: J. Armstrong  
 Position: Chairman  
 Telephone: 528-4046  
 Date: 14/3/18

Please return this form when your project is finished or within 9 months of receiving the grant to:  
 Motueka Community Board Secretary  
 Tasman District Council  
 PO Box 123  
 Motueka 7143  
 (Please use a separate form for each grant received)

**UNISCREEN**

*BBags*

UNIVERSAL SCREEN SUPPLIES LIMITED  
Trading as Uniscreen and Digital Vision

5 Basalt Place, East Tamaki 2013  
P.O. Box 58673, Auckland 2163, NZ  
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fax 64 9 274 3833  
www.uniscreen.co.nz  
email: orders@uniscreen.co.nz

**TAX INVOICE**

GST No. 53 248 926

Parklands School

Phone:                      Fax:

Parklands School

Invoice Number: UI105983

Date	Delivery	Customer	Order Number	Sales Person	Page
1/03/2017	1/03/2017	CASH	JO CALT	0008	1

Code	Description	QTY	Unit	Price	Discount	Amount
MESH600X500N43	Wood Frame 600x500 Meshed 43-80	1	ea	\$35.00		\$35.00
MISCSTEN	DE STENCIL - film supplied 600 x 500mm	1	ea	\$25.98		\$25.98
NZCBLUE	Freight - NZCouriers Blue ticket	1	ea	\$10.23		\$10.23

*BBags Refreshments*

**NEW WORLD**  
New World Motueka

Phone: 03-528-6245  
TAX INVOICE      GST NO: 62-071-389

Rec# 0041064822 Date 9/03/2017 10:17:57  
Operator LANE 4 Lane 4  
New World Clubcard: 601435....2586

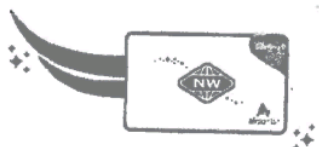
NEW WORLD GIFT CARD      1 @ \$60.00 EA = \$60.00  
GST Exempt

GST Inclusive Items subtotal	\$0.00
GST Exempt Items subtotal	\$60.00
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Total including GST	\$60.00
Includes GST of	\$0.00
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EFTPOS	\$60.00
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All prices include GST  
except where indicated  
Thank You for shopping New World

Our Shopping Hours are

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30
9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00



all pass  
washup  
re used  
quantity

Total Net	\$71.21
GST	\$10.69
<b>Invoice Total including GST</b>	<b>\$81.90</b>

Terms: Net 20th month following invoice date.  
Payment may be made direct to BNZ 020214 0053474 00

Thanks for scanning your Clubcard.



Hi Heather,

Regarding the queries from TDC Accounts Dept on our accountability form, as discussed with you on the phone this week, here are the explanations which I hope bring clarity.

1. The bill for screen printing.

The invoice shows that the supplier believed that Parklands school was ordering the materials, but the bill was paid by Vision Motueka out of our own accounts, as can be seen on our bank statement. The reason for this is as follows. The Boomerang Bags project was a joint effort involving two Vision Trustees and a handful of people who worked at Parklands. It was at Parklands that the working bees were carried out to make the bags. It was the Parklands people who placed the order for the screenprinting (they knew him and had worked with him before), so the supplier must have naturally assumed that they were going to pay for it, as he has dealt with them many times in the past. It appears obvious that no one told him (or if they did, he forgot) that it was being ordered on behalf of Vision Motueka. So to summarise, although their name appears on the invoice, that invoice was passed straight onto Vision and we paid for it. Our bank statement can prove this.

2. The New World gift card.

Linda Glew, a Vision trustee, was involved in setting up the first four working bees making Boomerang Bags, and as part of that she supplied the refreshments for those working at the bees. I asked her to explain how this is managed through New World, and here is her response from an email she sent me:

" The \$60 NW gift voucher was bought in order to purchase refreshments for 4 scheduled BB Saturday working bees. It was simpler to pay for the items from the one gift card as opposed to collecting receipts each time, as it was different BB members going to shop for the refreshments on each working bee - and it saved having a number of receipts and having to reimburse different people."

I hope these explanations  
are  
satisfactory

to the accounts staff

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but please do get back to me if further detail is required

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David Armstrong  
03 528 4046  
0210 243 7008  
[davidmotueka@gmail.com](mailto:davidmotueka@gmail.com)





## Motueka Community Board

tasman district council

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Mary Nicholls  
The Chair  
Motueka Arts Council

Dear Mary

### **Letter of Support for the Motueka Arts Council**

Please accept this letter of support for the Motueka Arts Council for attachment to your pending Lion Foundation application.

The Motueka Arts Council has a successful long history of promoting, facilitating and activating varying art initiatives throughout the Motueka region. A current major project for the Council is undertaking a legacy project with their "*Arrivals and Departures*" sculpture project that will become a significant installation at Motueka's George Quay. I have absolutely no hesitation in acting as a referee to the committee's ability to undertake this significant community project and remain certain that it will be a great success as have many prior projects undertaken by MAC.

Furthermore, as the Board's liaison representative to this committee I can see that the Arts Council have an excellent history of managing and accounting for funding received and operate with sound financial systems in place.

In terms of the Board's wider support for this project I can confirm that we have granted \$5000 from our Special Projects Fund to support the *Arrivals and Departures* project.

Thank you in advance for considering their application for funding and if you have any questions relating to this letter of support please feel free to contact me by phoning 027 285 7075 or by email; [brent.m@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:brent.m@sporttasman.org.nz).

Yours sincerely

Brent Maru  
Motueka Community Board Chair

Tasman District Council  
P.O. Box 123  
Motueka 7143  
Email: [motuekacommunityboard@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:motuekacommunityboard@tasman.govt.nz)



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From: No Reply <[donotreply@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:donotreply@tasman.govt.nz)>

Date: 27/03/18 3:50 PM (GMT+12:00)

To: Brent Maru <[Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:Brent.M@sporttasman.org.nz)>

Subject: Waimea Community Dam Funding & Governance Proposals - Decision October 2017

File:16052

Phone 543 8400

26 March 2018

Motueka Community Board C/- Brent Maru  
C/- - Tasman District Council - Motueka Service Cent  
Motueka 7120

Dear Sir/Madam

### **WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS – DECISION OCTOBER 2017**

Thank you for your submission on the Waimea Community Dam Statement of Proposal (SOP).

We received a total of 1513 submissions on the Dam proposal, including 129 late submissions, which were all accepted by Council, and 12 invalid submissions.

Hearings were held in December 2017, with Council deliberations in early February 2018. The first day of deliberations dealt with a number of matters that were considered to be outside the scope of the SOP decisions including local government requirements, land and access, dam design and capacity, seismic considerations, dam alternatives, river and aquifer hydrology, and regulatory/consenting matters. The second day focused on the topics and questions raised in the SOP including funding options, credit support for the Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd loan, and the dam governance and ownership structure.

At the Council meeting on 22 February 2018, Council resolved to include the proposed Dam SOP options into the draft Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 (LTP). A few minor changes were made to the proposal including removing some properties for the Zone of Benefit, and including others. The Redwood Valley Water Scheme properties, whose water is sourced from the Waimea aquifers, were also added as contributors to towards the extractive user charges.

Council also resolved on the 22 February 2018 to form a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to own and operate the Dam. The CCO will only be formed once a final decision has been made to proceed with the Dam project. That final decision is conditional on several pieces of work including irrigators completing their capital raising process, land and access being obtained, and an acceptable final dam construction price.

Council's rationale for continuing with the Dam project and including the Dam proposals into the LTP Consultation Document are outlined below.

The LTP: Putting the project into the LTP and providing for its funding, cost allocation and governance does not commit the Council to it. It does enable the concurrent work streams to continue so that a decision on whether or not to proceed (expected mid 2018) can be made with all the facts. Deciding not to put the project into the LTP effectively brings it to an end.

Water Supply: There is a proven need for a water augmentation scheme in the Waimea Catchment. With changing climatic conditions, it is projected that we will experience more extreme

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weather events – both flooding and droughts. Based on population growth and current water use, we can expect greater water shortages and restrictions. If the Dam does not proceed and without an alternative water supply, those who live and work in the Waimea Catchment (currently estimated at over 20,000 people) will experience Stage 3 water rationing nine out of every ten years.

Best Option: The proposed Dam is the most cost effective option (capital and operating costs) for meeting the water supply needs of households and businesses in the Waimea Catchment. We have investigated a range of alternative options, and in comparison to the Dam they are not cost efficient and do not deliver the range of benefits (i.e. environmental, urban water supply, and irrigation) that the Dam does. The alternatives would provide only an urban water supply solution with capital costs estimated from \$25 million to meet present water needs, to over \$100 million for our 100 year future required urban capacity.

Economic Benefits: Water will be the key to the District's future prosperity. The investment in water infrastructure is a priority for our District, especially where it is needed to sustain current use, and where the infrastructure enables growth and provides a return on investment to Council and others. There is also potential to gain greater economic gains through a potential hydro scheme at the Dam, and a business case for this is currently being prepared.

Environmental Benefits: The proposed Dam provides not only individual community benefits in terms of urban and irrigation water supply but also environmental benefits. With the proposed Dam, Council plans to increase minimum river flows at a measuring point above Appleby Bridge from 800 litres per second to at least 1,100 litres per second. This minimum river flow will provide improved benefits to the instream flora and fauna, recreational users and surrounding environment. Although still to be determined for the Waimea River, it may also be sufficient to meet the requirements set out under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater.

Partnership Benefits: The proposed funding model allows Council to leverage an extensive Central Government (\$7m grant and \$10m interest free loan) and private sector (\$15m plus \$25m CIIL loan) capital investment in the project. This investment is unlikely to be forthcoming for any alternative augmented water supply solution. Council operational costs are estimated at \$750,000 per year are 25% of the nearest alternative water supply solution which would be circa \$3m per year.

Seismic Risks: The potential for a dam break is low with the Dam designed to withstand a one in ten thousand (1:10,000) year event. This is compared to the risk of stage three water restrictions for the Waimea Catchment, which are 9000 times more likely to occur each year than an earthquake of that magnitude.

Attachment 4

In addition to submissions received on the SOP, some submitters raised topics outside the scope of the proposal. These included the consultation process, land purchase and access, dam design and size, hydro power, sedimentation, seismic and earthquake risks; river and aquifer hydrology, alternatives to the Dam, and economic drivers. As these topics are all important, the following link contains further information: <http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/recently-closed-consultations/waimea-community-dam-governance-and-funding/waimea-community-dam-faqs/> .

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