

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E859
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SUBJECT: February 2006 Report

FROM LAST MEETING

BOTTLE REUSE

I have met with Duncan Eddy regarding the matter of bottle deposits and have attached in the Board's information pack articles from his organisation (Community Action for People and Planet). It is interesting to see that some countries have really got into bottle returns (Ontario is now refilling 100% of glass bottles). So it is sad that New Zealand doesn't even get on the chart!

Duncan says that the quality of bottles imported here now is such that they are of little value for recycling with the value dropping from \$92.00 to \$10.00 a tonne!

Obviously the matter of bottle deposits is a matter for central government and perhaps the Board may wish to refer this to Council's Engineering Services Committee and/or Environment and Planning Committee for an appropriate letter to be sent to the Minister for the Environment.

I have copies of the petition collected by CAFPP and the hundreds of signatures indicates that public support for bottle deposits is widespread.

SPORTSPARK MOTUEKA

The roof is now on and the final completion is not far away. The Board has been invited for a sneak preview of the stadium before the Board meeting. Please meet there at 6.00 pm.

BIKEWISE

Please remember its Bikewise week and Board members are urged to cycle to the meeting on the 28 February. Don't worry if you have no lights on your

bike as you can leave your bike at the office for later collection and I'll drive you back home!

TOPICAL ISSUES

DRAG RACING

The third drag meet of the year was held on 11 February and again the event itself was run well with no significant incidents. The poor early weather was probably a contributor to the low attendance (610 people) but those that did come along enjoyed the day. A big thanks goes to the Nelson Drag Racing Association and volunteer helpers who make such swift work of clearing up so we were able to reopen the aerodrome over an hour before the official time of 6.30 pm.

MOTUEKA CLOCK TOWER

Following discussion by the Board on this matter at the DIL's workshop and the presentation to the Heritage Subcommittee, I have been getting background information on the clock and the story seems to be quite interesting. As soon as I have the full picture I will report back to the Board on this matter with a view to opportunities for funding and optimistic strategies for paying off the capital debt still outstanding.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Board will be aware that the Council will shortly be making its proposal on this matter following the deliberations of the Review Subcommittee. Once the proposal is notified it is important for the community to make its submissions either for or against any of the matters recommended in the proposal.

JOINT BOARD FORUM

I have finally been able to get confirmation that Georgina Beyer will be available to make the keynote presentation at this forum which will be held in Motueka on 22 April (venue to be arranged). Ms Beyer was highly recommended as a guest speaker following a paper she gave in Sydney last year on 'Engaging Communities'. Her paper on 'The Role of Local Government in Linking the Community to other Spheres of Government' apparently received a standing ovation. Other guests speakers have also been invited and the theme of the forum will be 'Community Boards...Representation and Advocacy Champions for their Communities'.

FINALLY

With the post holiday season its good to see many of Motueka's businesses and industries keeping their properties looking smart. In particular hats go off to Robin Parkes for the work he's done at the former Pioneer Motors premises. See picture below.



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