

## REPORT

**TO:** Motueka Community Board Members  
**FROM:** David Ogilvie, Chair  
**DATE:** 29 April 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Report to meeting of 14 June 2011 – RMCB11-05602

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### **1 NZ Community Boards' Conference, Rotorua 5 – 7 May 2011 "Communities on Board: - The Changing Face of Community Governance"**

The Conference was very worthwhile, with quality keynote speakers, excellent seminars and a lot of discussion and networking. The conference theme was "Communities on Board and this was developed by various guest speakers, particularly by the Dean of Christchurch, Very Rev Peter Beck.

He highlighted that it was "neighbour reaching out to neighbour" which involved community knowledge, community leadership and community engagement. He stressed the community boards have enormous opportunities to empower the community. "Have you passion for your people?" he asked, and commented that "the wisdom of a community is frequently greater than the knowledge of experts".

This thrust was underlined by Mike Cohen (NZCBEC Chair, and Auckland Local Board member): to be pro-active, to be able to respond quickly, to be relevant and to be part of the solution. Rodney Hide (Minister of Local Government) encouraged the conference attendees to develop their own priorities, (write your own Long Term Plan) and demanded an enhanced performance from all community boards. "Promote your role; protect your functions and funding".

Anne Pattillo, a Wellington Leadership Consultant, targeted the Boards' engagement processes. Interestingly, she described a community board as "Life on the Edge" – the edge of the District Council and the edge of the local community. She invited us to ask – what have you achieved in the six months since the election? What do you expect in the next 12 months, 2 years, etc? A relevant comment was "don't consult for too long, engage, consult, argue, survey, make submissions, but for a maximum of six months".

Other speakers and the seminar leaders were equally informative and encouraging:

- The Mayor of Otorohanga (Dale Williams) "Community Engagement – Working with Youth";
- A Chorus Executive (Melanie Marshall) "Network, infrastructure and lines of Communication"
- Mayor of South Wairarapa (Adrienne Staples) "Empowering Communities, during a CD Emergency"
- Auditor-General of the OAG (Lyn Provost) "The role of the OAG in its relationship with Local Governance"
- Graeme Fleming (Waikato Regional Council) and Prof David Hamilton (University of Waikato) – "Water Resource: quality, standards, contaminants – cultural and economic factors".

Marcus Akuhata-Brown on “Motivating Youth” gave an inspirational address. Lawrence Yule (CEO of Local Government New Zealand) concluded the two days with “The Changing Face of Community Governance”. He noted the trend towards decentralisation and the increasing expectations on local communities and their Boards. (eg Auckland’s “Local Boards”).

The Conference has encouraged me and given added confidence, in accepting and developing the importance of our Motueka community. In summary, four main points:

- a) Be actively and positively involved in all aspects of your community.
- b) Engage with the Council at every level, politicians and bureaucracy.
- c) Raise your expectations. Don’t be conditioned into accepting less, or lower stands. “Do it now”.
- d) Decentralisation, a development New Zealand theme – cost effective and efficient. The organisation, scheduling and available assistance was very good. The LGNZ support was welcoming and helpful (Chrissy MacDonald and Marishka Wouters) and the Energy Events Centre at Rotorua, a brilliant venue.

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and I’m sure Carolyn McLellan and Richard Kempthorne enjoyed and benefitted similarly.

Adrienne Staples astutely remarked “As a local politician, there are no days off in this job!”

## **2 Meeting with Lloyd Kennedy, Community Services Manager – 17 May 2011**

This was a “follow-up” meeting to our April 2011 one. There are a considerable number of projects involving Lloyd, Beryl Wilkes, Glenn Thorn, Kathy Tohill-Curnow and Stephen Richards for Motueka in 2010 – 2011 and flowing through to 2011 – 2012.

The following list is comprehensive, but not complete:

- Tapu Bay/Stephen’s Bay Development
- Motueka Quay landscape/car parking/bollards
- Walkway/cycleway from Recreation Centre to Thorp’s Bush
- Bruce Mitchell sculpture installation
- Motueka Library investigations
- Reserves play equipment
- Memorial Hall and Image Theatre upgrades
- Link Park to York Park walkway/board walk
- Wharf Road walkway
- Inlet reserve and estuary perimeter plantings.  
(The last three are Keep Motueka Beautiful projects in liaison with Community Services staff.)

At the financial year’s end (30 June 2011) we will confer again to examine the 2011 – 2012 budget and put forward an amended plan for the Reserves Development levies for the Board’s consideration and recommendation. (Possible 12 July 2011, but probably 9 August 2011 meeting.)

I have offered Lloyd and his Department any help that the Community Board can give in processing and progressing this work load.

### 3 Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee

The Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee (meets 20 June 2011) will discuss:

- a) **Foreshore Project** – to remove concrete blocks from the tidal area (from the historic wharf to the Moutere River mouth).

I walked with Eric Verstappen (TDC Resource Scientist for Rivers and the Coast) and Bob Cooke (KMB Project Manager) along the foreshore (18 May 2011) inspecting rubble, pieces of concrete, dead trees and rubbish there.

Bob's proposal (with KMB support) is to remove this congregation of rubble – cost approximately \$300 plus GST – which would tidy up the area considerably.

Eric Verstappen gave his verbal approval and we now wait for his written approval in reply to Bob's letter.

- b) **Trewavas Street Foreshore Reserve and North Street Reserve** – another aspect for the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee is to upgrade the walkway/cycleway along these reserves from North Street to Old Wharf Road, as part of reviewing the Management Plans for each Reserve. (Copy available at the meeting.)

This project implies removal of some vegetation (pines etc) and planting with appropriate indigenous vegetation, as well as the widening and re-aligning of the existing walkway/cycleway.

The project is necessarily longer term because plan preparation will require the details, prior to a draft being prepared for public consultation. A final plan will follow the submissions and likely amendments.

#### **Recommendations:**

- i) That the Motueka Community Plan supports the Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee in requesting a review of the Trewavas Street Foreshore Reserve and North Street Reserve Management Plans.
- ii) That funding be provided for the review from the "Future Planning" item in the 2011 – 2012 Reserves Development Levies account.
- iii) That funding for the construction of a three metre walkway/cycleway from North Street to Old Wharf Road along the Reserves be budgeted for the 2012 – 2013 year.
- iv) That funding for other works (eg vegetation removal and replanting) arising from the Plans Review be provided in the 2012 – 2013 budgets.
- v) That the Community Services Manager be advised of this recommendation and be requested to initiate the process for review of the two Management Plans.

### 4 Deck's Reserve Historical Plaques

The expected installation date is the end of November 2011. Checking and any correcting of the historical data on the 60 plaques is almost completed. They will then be constructed of a marble composite and displayed in Motueka shops for a short time. Council hopes that local residents might decide to sponsor some of the plaques and hence reduce costs.

It will be pleasing to have the plaques, with accurate data, properly in place in time for summer.

## **5 Community Facilities Operating Rate**

Some issues of accessibility and affordability relative to the Council's Community Facilities were raised by Cr Edgar in her report (5 May 2011). In particular, this affects the Richmond Aquatic Centre, Moutere Hills Centre and Murchison Centre, but it has district-wide implications.

The Community Services Department is formalising the criteria as to what is and what isn't included in the Community Facilities Operating Rate, in an effort to address various concerns. (Probably not for 2011 – 2012, but for 2012 – 2013 rate).

## **6 Statistics**

Parking infringements in Motueka:

January 2011	= 30 (40 last year)
February 2011	= 24 (64 last year)
March 2011	= 38 (62 last year)

Building Consents for New Dwellings: January – March 2011 = 10 (16)

## **7 Motueka Sunday Market**

Recently I was approached as to the Community Board's attitude to the operation of the Sunday market. I assured the enquirer that the Board had no "attitude" and hadn't been approached regarding any proposals re the market.

Coincidentally, I learned that the Golden Bay Community Board had prepared a report on its market for its meeting on 10 May 2011. Further was another inquiry, as to when the current lease expired and what was the process for its review, tender conditions etc. This latter comment was quite critical of the market, Board and Council etc.

In summary, the market lease is due for review and renewal on 30 June 2011. It is administered by the Property Services Manager of Council (Jim Frater) and all monies are handled by the lessee and by Council.

Based on the criticism I endured, the following is recommended:

"That the Motueka Community Board request a report from the Property Manager regarding the Motueka Sunday Market:

- Whether Deck's Reserve is the preferred location for the market to accommodate stall holders and the public and whether other sites have been considered; whether an extension (onto grassed areas) is possible at Deck's Reserve.
- The Board receive a copy of:
  - a) The regulations/guidelines for stall-holders; and
  - b) The current lease and schedules
- The Board be informed of:
  - a) The process for reviewing the lease terms;
  - b) The process for renewing the lease (ie tender arrangements)

- The financial statement and allocation of monies received by the Council.
- Any other aspects the Manager feels necessary for the Community Board relevant to the management of the Sunday Market.
- Any changes and/or future direction that the Manager (and Council) envisage for the Sunday Market, ie based on other similar markets.

I acknowledge that this is a detailed report required from the Property Manger relating to the Sunday Market in Motueka, but it is a direct response to the disparaging criticism I received.

My own weekly experience of the Sunday market, I hasten to add, has been excellent – friendly, welcoming and popular with stall-holders and customers.

## **8 Community Board Surveys**

The three surveys were delivered to Lower Moutere and High Street properties during the week following the 10 May 2011 Board meeting.

Responses have been steady and I will endeavour to provide a full report at our 14 June 2011 meeting with appropriate recommendations to pass to the Council.

(The only doubt raised was whether cycling is currently legal on footpaths. The Road Code is explicit, allowing only mail and newspaper deliveries and small-wheeled bikes and trikes (pre-school) to ride on the footpath. “Shared paths” are different, but the lanes should be clearly separate and marked.)

## **9 Central and West Motueka Strategy Plan**

The second meeting (initiated by Debbie Ahearn) was well attended and invoked constructive discussion particularly for the King Edward Street residents. Steve Markham (Policy Manager) and Rose Biss (Policy Planner) were given a strong and polite message to consider alternatives to the current proposal.

Our own submission (enclosed) meshes in with the expressed concerns of King Edward Street residents and also addresses other aspects of the Strategy Plan for heavy industry, Wilkinson Street rezoning and roading patterns.

As a personal comment, I agreed with Shirley and Terry Frater’s comment (and concern) that the Industrial zoning should be diverted west of the airport nearer to a likely bypass avenue. This would allow greater growth opportunities for long term residential north of King Edward Street and west of Grey Street.

This is a planning opportunity which the community and the Community Board needs to grasp for the second half of this century. Are we up for it?

Submissions for the “initial” stage close on 10 June 2011.

## **10 Motueka Community Board Rate**

It is expected that the Council will have made its decision on the 2011 – 2012 rate by the date of our June meeting. The low number of submissions was surprising (8) although Grey Power membership exceeds 1400.

## **11 Union of Nelson City and Tasman District**

The announcement by the Local Government Commission is due on 16 June 2011. Should the Local Government Commission propose a Reorganisation Scheme, a new submission (and possible hearing) process begins, leading to a poll, probably in early 2012.

At the Rotorua Conference, the Auckland City's "Local Boards" were mentioned as "the future of local government in New Zealand" on a number of occasions. (There are 21 Local Boards, each with considerable functions and funding; the "Super-City" Council has "regional" responsibilities"). I may have "over-simplified" the roles, and the specific legislation for Auckland does not affect the remainder of New Zealand.

Nevertheless, the Local Government Commission (acting within the amended Local Government Act) has wide powers and the Local Boards of Auckland may be a lead for Golden Bay, Motueka and other communities.

## **12 Projects**

Work is proceeding with Glenaven Reserves Detention Pond (by Independent Kerb and Concrete) drainage project.

The mobile-scooter pram crossing ramps for Greenwood/Thorp, Clay/Moffatt and elsewhere are in place – but without the orange safety strips for visually impaired (Concrete and Metals).

The stormwater, wastewater and domestic water project in Poole Street, High Street, Eginton Street, by Chings Contracting began in May 2011.

EDI Downer-Works have all but completed their widening project along the Coastal Highway.

Some shoulder work progresses along the Moutere Highway.

## **13 Busy Month! And the Litter Problem!**

As you can gauge from the list of meetings and activities, and the items of correspondence – it has been a busy month.

There are a number of projects, across all the Council's departments, which are beginning or about to begin in our Motueka Ward. The next 14 months will be busy and I have mentioned to the Mayor, Councillors, Council Managers and staff that the Community Board members will help wherever and whenever possible.

Understandably, this will not be without some criticism in both directions! The Board will also sustain critical comments from local residents, the current complaint is the litter in our streets. Since Keep Motueka Beautiful's litter cart operator ceased, the amount of litter, particularly small stuff, has increased. Do we need more bins? Do we need to fund a litter collection, both for town and outside? Keeping our community tidy and clean is a necessary objective for the Community Board.

## **14 Motueka Airport**

Following the discussion at the May 2011 Board meeting about airport control and management which concluded with the "April deferred resolution" being lost, a new recommendation is suggested:

"That the Motueka Community Board requests the District Council to begin a process to transfer financial governance and operational issues for the Motueka Airport from the Council's Enterprises Subcommittee to a new Subcommittee comprising representatives of the Motueka Community Board, Tasman District Council and airport users."

Notes:

- a) The new Subcommittee could be of five members, with airport users in the majority. Secretarial and management services could be retained within the Council administration.
- b) Transfer to the new structure could occur at any time during 2011 – 2012 "Council year" but to take effect no later than 1 July 2012.

## **15 Board Members Participation**

Arising from the NZ Community Boards' conference which I attended recently, the following practice for Board members was suggested, which I consider would be worthwhile for us:

- 1 Each Board member to prepare a 1 – 2 page (maximum 500 words) Statement of Intent – a policy of objectives, ideas, projects, goals – that the Board member envisages during this 2010 – 2013 term of the Community Board. This could be general or specific items, tabulated or in essay form.

Note: This Statement of Intent to be prepared for the 12 July 2011 meeting and needs to be with me by Thursday 30 June 2011 for delivery to Valerie Gribble on Friday 1 July 2011.

- 2 Each Board member to select a topical item and prepare a short (100 words) report on that item for each monthly meeting – "Items of the Month".

Note: The item could arise from a community group, or a conversation with a resident, or your own idea. It should be part of a new agenda item "Board Members' Reports" following the Chair's report, eg the feral cats issue which SPCA member Lorraine Lister raised at the 10 May 2011 meeting could have been Cliff's item with a recommendation for the Community Board to act.

This short topical item would also need to be prepared and delivered to me on Thursday 30 June 2011 for our meeting on 12 July 2011.

There is a folder at the Motueka Office for my correspondence/reports which could be used for both items mentioned.

David Ogilvie - Chair

## Meetings and Activities : May 2011

May	
5 – 7	Attended NZ Community Boards' Conference at the Energy Events Conference in Rotorua. Well organise, excellent speakers and well worthwhile.
9	<p>Our Town Motueka monthly meeting</p> <p>Attended Keith Fry's funeral at Riwaka. (A 3-term Motueka Borough Councillors 1973 – 1982 and involved in Historical Association work and a strong community and long term thinker.)</p> <p>Inspected drainage problems in Thorp Street, North and Staples Street East (between Lummis Drain and Moon Creek).</p>
10	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting.
11	Attended Motueka High School for Bruce Reid's "Community Issues" class re the Motueka Library survey and proposed questionnaire.
13	<p>Hearing of the Community Board's submission of the Annual Plan, at St John's Hall.</p> <p>Met West Coast/Tasman MP, Chris Auchinvole, re progress on any preferred route for a Motueka Bypass and also the urgency for traffic signals in High Street.</p>
16	<p>Motueka Museum Trust Board monthly meeting.</p> <p>Keep Motueka Beautiful Committee monthly meeting.</p>
17	<p>Tasman Bay Promotions Association monthly meeting.</p> <p>Met Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager) re Motueka projects, especially Parks and Reserves</p>
18	Facilitate and Chair a resource consent monitoring at Marahau
19	Attended Kobus Mentz' address on "Urban Planning – Strategic Thinking" at Nelson
20	Met Peter Darlington and Peter Frew re aerial photos for the Motueka meeting room.
24	Attended Motueka Grey Power AGM. Current executive re-elected with Val Reid as Chairperson. (Criticism of litter in Motueka streets, support for work of the Board and Council).
26	<p>Met Kathy Tohill-Curnow at Memorial Park. Discussed storage needs of Motueka Football; drainage issues; walkway gates; and general reserve items. (Jo Blincoe of Sicon also attended).</p> <p>Public meeting organised by Debbie Ahearn, re the Central and West Motueka planning strategy, particularly as it affected residences along Kind Edward Street. Mention of Wilkinson Street rezoning. Attended by Rose Biss and Steve Markham, Crs Barry Dowler and Eileen Wilkins. Approximately 30 attendees.</p>
27	Attended a saltmarsh and estuary vegetation presentation by Trevor James (TDC) and Roger Gaskell (DOC) at Tasman. The group went on to an estuary island and then to the Kumeras – Raumanukas area.
31	Workshop re the Community Board's budget and targeted rate for 2011 – 2012.