

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Chairperson C Satherley
REFERENCE: E859
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report

RUGBY PARK

I would like to thank George Sturgeon, Barry Dowler and the rest of the team for all the hard work they have done with the upgrade development of Rugby Park. As soon as the season is over they will be well under way with the construction of the new grandstand with the associated attachments. It has taken them a number of years to get this far and it will be good to finally see something for all their efforts.

APPLE INDUSTRY

I would like to express my concerns to all the orchardists within the region. Not only is it a worry for them but it is a worry for the entire region. By taking out \$50 million from the industry it will have a huge impact upon the region. From farmers to employees, to service industry's, to the shops in town.

I would recommend that locals should support their local businesses where ever possible.

TOWN AND AROUND

People have been commenting on the beautification of the walkways around the Motueka cemetery as well as the foreshore in front of Trewavas Street. Well done to all the people involved with these projects.

DECKS RESERVE FOOTPATH DEVELOPMENT

Cr Wilkins will be the Motueka Community Board representative for this project and she will keep the Board updated of progress. Thanks Cr Wilkins.

COMMUNITY FORUM

It is envisaged that public meetings will be held about mid October for the public to come and express any views they have on our region. These will be separate to the normal public consultation meetings for the Annual Plan process.

TASMAN DISTRICT COASTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

A report has been released asking for public comment and feedback. There is a public meeting to be held on 6 September 2005 at 7.00pm at the Motueka Memorial Hall. The information has been circulated to Board Members in the Information Pack. The Service Centres Manager will give a further update at the meeting.

ZONE 5 COMMUNITY BOARDS' FORUM

This forum was held on the 13th August at Seifreids Vineyard.

Zone 5 incorporates all those Local Authorities in the upper half of the South Island basically from the Waitaki north, 19 Councils in all.

The majority of Board Members from the two Tasman Community Boards attended, together with Councillors Noel Riley, Eileen Wilkins and Gordon Currie.

In all, over twenty Board members, plus other parties attended the forum.

The forum was opened by His Worship the Mayor John Hurley and the Chairperson was Yvonne Palmer QSM, who is both the Chairperson for the Zone 5 Boards, and also the Chairperson of the Community Boards' Executive Committee.

Keynote speaker was Eugene Bowen, CEO, of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). His address was comprehensive and illuminating and provided participants with the mission, goals and activities of LGNZ.

The question time enabled Board members to note some of their frustrations in dealing with their Community/Council interactions.

It was noted that LGNZ has an comprehensive web site at www.lgnz.co.nz

The afternoon address was by Susan Chamberlain, who detailed the processes involved in Transit New Zealand's Forward Capital Programme.

The address included the changes brought about by the Land Transport Management Act 2003 and their involvement in preparation of land transport programmes, and development of the ten year planning forecast for State Highways.

The final session was presented by Bev Wood of UNICEF NZ, and was about the 'Every Child Counts' initiative.

Whilst New Zealand appears to have so much wealth for its population (both income as well as environment), it was truly shocking to discover that one in three children in New Zealand live in poverty and child abuse/neglect continues to rise. Also it was noted that New Zealand's care for children is in the five worst countries in the OECD.

Truly shocking facts and the Board may wish to consider resolving that they support the 'Every Child Counts' initiative and supporting the Council and other community groups to do likewise.

The Forum was acknowledged by all attendees to be extremely successful. Apart from the formal sessions, networking with other Board members was invaluable.

Some information from the Forum has been circulated to Board Members in the Information Pack.

MOTUEKA COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS UPDATES

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