

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Motueka Community Board  
**FROM:** Service Centres Manager  
**REFERENCE:** E859  
**DATE:** 14 November 2005  
**SUBJECT:** November 2005 Report

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## FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

### Our Town Motueka

Following on from the letter received last month I have been in discussion with Jacqui Taylor the Our Town Co-ordinator and she advises that at this time that she values the Board's continuing support for Our Town Motueka and the Christmas Parade in particular.

On a related matter Peter Bourke, has given me an update that he hopes to have the Town's Christmas Lights up by 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005 with big switch-on, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005 (Christmas Parade Night). MP Damien O'Connor will be throwing the switch.

In addition work should soon be underway to illuminate the front of the Museum Building in High Street. I will be asking Cr O'Shea to provide some input into the positioning of the uplights so we get the building illuminated to provide the best effects. Jacqui Taylor has been generous in allowing use of the coloured floodlights to highlight the trees either side of the Museum Building.

So looks like this year Motueka is going to really sparkle.

### DIL's Account

I have received an update from the Community Services Manager on the DIL's account and have provided this in the Board's info pack.

Based on the healthy state of the DIL's accounts The Chairperson and I have approved the grant and loan for the Motueka Bowling Club as provided in last month's Boards resolution MK05/10/05.

## **Guest Speaker for Joint Board's Workshop**

Due to the delays in getting Parliament together, this has resulted in delays getting the guest speaker for the Board's workshop confirmed. I hope to have confirmation before the Board meets, so perhaps a date for a joint workshop can be determined then. Due to the delays, it is likely that mid December will be the earliest time for a workshop, however, this could also provide an opportunity for some seasonal celebration at the conclusion of the workshop.

## **RELEVANT MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **Decks Reserve Walkway**

Although I have been unable to attend the group meetings, Glenn Thorn and I were able to meet with Iwi Representatives to discuss issues relating to their history in relation to the Motueka Area. The discussion with Pat Parkes was extremely useful and enlightening and will provide a wealth of interesting knowledge to add to this important project.

The amount of research and careful planning for this project means that it will not probably be started until the New Year. The project has really evolved from an interesting walkway into a significant heritage treasure for Motueka and the results will be well worth the extra wait.

### **Rivercare Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

The Rivercare meeting well attended and all present contributed to the meeting.

Some discussion on the Rivercare Meeting took place at the Engineering Services Committee Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November and I have copied an extract from those minutes into the Board's Information pack.

One of the key objectives was to establish a working Committee comprising residents and Board Members and the meeting concluded by seven of the attendees volunteering to be on the Committee.

Following a meeting with the Rivers Asset Engineer, Phil Drummond, it has been recommended that the Board nominate one person only to be on this group as the Board's representative. This will reduce the overall membership of the Committee and leave the Community Board to deal with other matters its job in getting a Rivercare Group up and running being completed.

A list of attendees and Committee Members from the Meeting is attached to the Board's Info Pack.

## TOPICAL ISSUES

The following resolutions are noted as being matters likely to be of interest to the Board:

- 1 From The Engineering Services Committee Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005

### Road Stopping

Mr Ashworth tabled and spoke to a report on Road Stopping involving Cemetery Road, Motueka and Trafalgar Road where the intention to stop the roads had been advertised and submissions received in opposition.

Moved Crs Norriss/Kempthorne  
WK05/11/05

THAT the Engineering Services Committee appoint a subcommittee of Crs Norriss, King and Currie to hear road stopping objections in February and March 2006.

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- 2 Report from Harbour Master

I am attaching a brief update from Council's Harbourmaster Graham Carradus regarding navigation issues at Port Motueka. The Resource Scientist Rivers and Coast, Eric Verstappen, has provided a progress report since the last Port Motueka Users meeting which is in the information pack.

Further feedback from the Motueka Port Users meeting has not been received to date and I would guess that the matters discussed at that meeting will be causing increasing concern to Port Users so a response is eagerly awaited.

- 3 Report from Asset Engineer

I am attaching a brief report from one of Council's Asset Engineers, Steve Elkington with an update on Roding Matters.

The good news is the improvements to the Motueka Street lighting, not so good is the deferment of the Saltwater Baths car parking reseal.

- 4 Nelson Drag Racing

The Board will be aware that the Drags recommence on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005 following a prolonged period of absence as a result of safety issues. The Association has completed safety requirements for the race and it is hoped that no further incidents will occur during the three year period that the Council has granted the Drag Racing Association Licence to operate (which is concurrent with expiry of their Resource Consent).

## 5 Circus

The Circus will be in town from 24th – 27th November 2005. This is a real coup for Motueka to have this international circus here and it is hoped that they will receive the same enthusiastic patronage as occurred during their previous visit. It would be great if Motueka could become a regular venue for the Circus. I'm attaching some information for the Board.

## 6. Meeting Room Refurbishment

I have put in a proposal for next years budget to upgrade the meeting room. My recommendation is to provide tea servery within existing cleaners room to open into meeting room and replace the meeting table and upgrade meeting room furnishings. Whilst the current table is really impressive it doesn't work too well as its overly large and often staff/Board Members have to sit with their backs to the public. A more practical conference table would work better and improve space available for the public.

Comments and suggestions from Board members is welcome.

## **SERVICE CENTRES MANAGER'S REPORTS**

Although I am getting into my new role, I would appreciate some feedback from the Board on my reports. I feel that my reports should be more concise yet be adequately responsive to the Board's need.

If you have a few moments to consider this I would be glad to receive the Board's comments at the meeting. I will also have some suggestions of my own.

I have asked the Golden Bay Community Board for the same feedback.

For myself I have started to feel more confident in my new role and whilst the job offers numerous challenges, they are stimulating and rewarding and I really enjoy the interaction with the Communities and Boards. Also I have to acknowledge the support of the Service Centre Staff and in particular the Office Seniors (Nancy in Golden Bay, Janne in Murchison and of course, Max in Motueka). I have no doubt that I could not be effective in my job without the good will and support of these key staff members whom continually endeavour to keep me on the straight and narrow!

Finally this is the last official meeting of the Board this year. Since taking on the administrative adviser role for the Boards, I have been incredibly impressed by the amount of work that Board Members do for their Communities, particularly when LTCCP consultation processes are on the go. It is hard for me to keep up sometimes.

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