

# REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Motueka Community Board

**FROM:** David Ogilvie

**DATE:** 5 November 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Report for 14 November 2007 Meeting**

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It's been a busy month since the 13 October 2007 elections. Our new Community Board has had three informal (part social, part serious) meetings and some important issues were highlighted at those.

At an election meeting we were reminded that Motueka Ward is not only the township – the diverse nature of the area includes the primary sector (rural and fishing especially) as well as the tourist activities centred around Kaiteriteri and Marahau. It's interesting to note that the population of Kaiteriteri and Riwaka combined at 2,451 compares with Mapua 1,980, Wakefield 1,869 and Brightwater 1,800 (census 2006).

At another election meeting a Motueka ratepayer asked why \$71 was her water rate. (She is not connected to the town supply). She considered \$71 was a large sum to maintain those firewells not serviced by the reticulated system. I assured her the Community Board would investigate. Who can explain and help?

I attended the Declaration Ceremony for the new Mayor and Councillors. Tara Forde and I were at the skatepark opening. Tara attended the Family Service Centre AGM and Duncan Eddy and I attended the Motueka Kiyosato Friendship Committee AGM. I was able to meet John McDuff, Roger Ashworth, Shane Hall, Cecilia O'Connor and parents/teachers at the Greenwood Kindergarten over a pedestrian crossing; also to meet Glenn Thorn and Kiyosato Motueka executive at Deck's Reserve to discuss the proposed Tea House.

We have met (if briefly) with Roger Ashworth; also with Dennis Bush-King and Steve Markham over planning issues. I was able to obtain a copy of Network Tasman's policy and programme for undergrounding overhead lines. Lynda Quartly (Senior Customer Services Officer Motueka) assisted with removing graffiti from signs and straightening signs etc. Kathy Tohill-Curnow (Horticultural Advisor) has been active in working through suggestions for her Parks and Reserves role.

One of our statutory requirements is to prepare a submission to the Annual Plan. We meet with Keep Motueka Beautiful on 5 November 2007, Marahau Residents Association on 7 November 2007 and have two public meetings scheduled in

Motueka. We have arranged for a website and newspaper advertisement as part of that process. The submission needs to be completed by 30 November 2007.

The new road surface in central High Street is a considerable improvement – the Works Infrastructure team handled the weather and the traffic build-ups with relative ease. Fearon Street new surface is another big improvement.

The voters have high expectations of our Community Board and we believe we have a clear mandate to work for the Motueka community over a wide-ranging number of issues. We believe we are a “good mix”, a strong team, a focussed team and a committed team. We want to make a positive contribution to the Council and to the people of Motueka.

It’s appropriate to clarify our role (Local Government Act 2002 Clause 52):-

The role of a community board is to:

- a) represent and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b) consider a report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

**Recommendation:**

**That the report from Board Member Ogilvie dated 5 November 2007 be received.**

David Ogilvie