

**Duncan Eddy's Report for
Motueka Community Board February 2008 Meeting**

Suggested Recommendations

- 1. That this report be taken as read**
- 2. That the Motueka Community Board requests details and minutes of the regular Transit and Tasman District Council meetings to be received on a regular basis.**
- 3. That the Motueka Community Board consider taking a position on the Our Town Motueka/ Tasman Bays Promotions Association merger.**

Report:

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1 TDC Water Take

Dennis Bush-King emailed me the following message on Wednesday 23 January 2008 in response to our invitation for him to speak at the February Motueka Community Board meeting about his comments in the Nelson Mail that Tasman District Council would seek to take a larger volume of water from Motueka than previously indicated. It's disappointing that he will talk to the media about this, but not to us;

"Dear Mr Eddy

I am not in a position to speak on this matter as the Environment and Planning Committee has still to receive further reports on the issues involved. Once this has happened we will be happy to brief the Board and there will be a process of public engagement. You will have noted the work stream on the Resource Policy programme that was previously advised to the Board.

Dennis Bush-King"

2 Parliamentary Affordable Housing Bill

In response to the Motueka Community Board's request for information on whether Tasman District Council will be putting in a submission in on this bill, Rose Biss, via Lloyd Kennedy advised that:

TDC has not put in a submission to the bill as yet, but Dennis Bush King has included it as an item in his Manager's report for the Policy Committee of 1 February 2008. He has Jean Hodson noted as "staff involved".

Submissions close on 29 February 2008 so Ms Biss expects there will be a staff meeting about the TDC response shortly.

3 Motueka Historical Pathway

In response to the Motueka Community Board request for an update on this project Glenn Thorn advised:

"There is no problem with the plaques, it was more collecting the information and arranging meetings. We have most of the information on hand now and will look to start up the project again soon. We have a list of events confirmed with a number unconfirmed that need work on. Also, we don't have much after about 1980 and it would be great to have events up to today in time. These can be added at a later date.

Beryl Wilkes Reserves Manager here at TDC is going to continue with this project due to the number of projects I have on the go at present. Beryl is currently talking with the plaque makers to try and obtain a time frame in which it will take to complete a number of these plaques. Also Beryl will start up the meetings again with all members involved. This is a great project and now with the path in the plaques will make this a great attraction along with the continued amenity development over the autumn period. I will ask Beryl to make contact with you. The Community Board could perhaps help with advertising etc, I will discuss with Beryl and come back to you"

4 Response to Motueka Service Requests:

a. Library Signage

My requests of late last year to have a large "Library" sign repainted on the side of the building (which I was informed was painted over more than two years ago!) and an updated 'open for business' list on the front door at the Motueka Library have been satisfactorily completed.

b. McGlashen Street Drains

A local resident contacted me complaining that the stormwater drains on McGlashen Street were blocked. When a maintenance worker did arrive to inspect them, he discovered that these drains were what he called 'bubble-up' drains, which do not drain away anywhere, but are basically holes in the ground that hold excess water. These 'bubble-up' drains were not up

to the task of dealing with the downpour we received when the tail end of the cyclone passed through Motueka in January 2008.

5 Transit - Tasman District Council Meetings

It has come to my attention that Transit and TDC have meetings every two months. It would be good if the Motueka Community Board could have access to information about these meetings.

6 Communications – Motueka Guardian’s Newsline

The Motueka Community Board has previously discussed the virtues of having a regular column in the Newsline in the Guardian. I suggest we look at writing one column each per month, starting as soon as possible and would like to discuss this with the Board.

7 Our Town Motueka/ Tasman Bays Promotion Association Merger

A meeting will be held on 21 February 2008 to decide whether this proposed merger will go ahead. As the Motueka Community Board has representatives on both organisations, we should decide whether we are going to take a stance one way or the other on this issue.

Duncan Eddy