

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 2 March 2009
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 10 March 2009

1 Correspondence Items

A number of the correspondence items need to be highlighted:

- Dr Hume's letter re the Terms of Reference for the Strategic Transport Study of Motueka. We understood that it needed to be completed by 30 June 2009, but this may not be the situation.
- Ms Blair's letter re the Whakarewa Street access for The Warehouse customers. Would the Board support a request to The Warehouse Ltd and to Tasman District Council to consider a review of the Naumai Street condition in their resource consent, in particular a) a one-lane, exit-only access onto Naumai Street, at the south-western corner of their property; and b) mark "no parking" lines along both sides of Naumai Street to Te Iiti Place (to underline and retain the quiet residential amenity there)?

While this won't be as convenient as the previous arrangement, it will mitigate the problem partly (for egress, not access) and reduce some High Street congestion.

The alternative solution is for The Warehouse Ltd (or the Council) to purchase the land.

- Keep Motueka Beautiful's Mayoral opening of the extension to the Walkway Inlet is scheduled for 11.30 am, Saturday 21 March 2009. The next stage (along the northern edge of Wharf Road will require Tasman District Council's and Department of Conservation's formal consent through resource management process).
- The proposed LTCCP Lower Motueka River stop bank reconstruction raises issues over the income and expenditure of the existing targeted rate. The transfer of Motueka River rates income to other (non-Ward) rivers has been contentious for many years.
- The Community Board and the Historical Association to meet to discuss the Old Wharf project.

- River Maintenance Programme 2009-2010. I consider the Board should meet Philip Drummond at the river to discuss issues of river maintenance and to invite any interested residents to attend.
- Tourism Levy. Lois Walker (I-site Manager) sent me this email (from Tourism Nelson Tasman). The Council's proposal is to have a two-tiered levy per Tracy Penney's letter with Tier 1 \$270.55 and Tier 2 \$356.92. (These proposals will be debated at the Council meeting on 5 March 2009).

2 Timeline for Consultation

10 March 2009	Motueka West and Central Strategic Plan: Clinics 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm (Motueka Service Centre) Public meeting 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm (St John's Hall)
17 March 2009	Motueka West and Central Strategic Plan. Clinics 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm (Motueka Service Centre)
23 March 2009	Draft Ten Year Plan (LTCCP) released.
27 March 2009	Summary of LTCCP delivered to every household
14 April 2009	Lower Motueka River stop bank proposal (LTCCP) 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Open discussion (Memorial Hall) 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm Public meeting (Memorial Hall)
15 April 2009	Motueka Water Reticulation proposal (LTCCP) 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Open discussion (Memorial Hall) 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm Public meeting (Memorial Hall)
27 April 2009	Submissions to LTCCP close
30 April 2009	Comments/submissions on the Motueka West and Central Strategic Plan close.

Please attend – listen – question – have your say.

3 Water Review Allocation : Variation 66/Change 13 Tasman Resource Management Plan

The public meeting in the Memorial Hall was well attended (30 residents, plus Councillors, Council staff and Community Board members).

As expected, Joseph Thomas and Mary-Anne Baker presented their information and resource management processes clearly and cogently. The questions which arose were good, focusing on the projected draw-down effects and the end-use of the increased allocation, with comments on the proposed domestic water reticulation for Motueka.

Submissions to the Variation 66/Change 13 closed on 23 February 2009. The Community Board, in its submission, has endeavoured to signal the community concerns arising from that meeting and the previous discussions. (Copy of the submission is at the end of this report).

The next stage in the Resource Management process requires a public summary of submissions, requests for support or opposition to those submissions, with a hearing to follow. At this point, there is no time set for this process.

4 Walking and Cycling Strategy

The Engineering Services Committee resolved to have a public meeting this month for interested Motueka residents.

5 Central and West Motueka Resource Management Strategy

The press release occurred on 27 February 2009 and public consultation begins on 10 March 2009. (See timeline).

6 Other Consultation – LTCCP and Annual Plan 2009 – 2010

The LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) for 2009 – 2019 will be published later in March 2009. Public meetings are scheduled for April 2009 in Motueka and the consultation/submission phase will continue until 30 June 2009 when the Council is required to adopt the plan, as amended. (This LTCCP is reviewed by Council every three years).

As demonstrated from the various Council committee meetings, there will be a number of proposals of significant interest to Motueka Ward ratepayers. These include:

- Lower Motueka River stop bank reconstruction
- Motueka domestic water reticulation
- Tourism rate
- Torrent Bay beach replenishment rate

These new charges, as well as the standard rates, will stimulate robust debate.

The Community Board will play an active role in the consultation/submission process during this three to four month period to the end of June 2009, but especially in the period 23 March 2009 to 27 April 2009 when submissions close.

The 2009 – 2010 annual plan is also part of this procedure, as year 1 of the ten year plan.

7 Projects

It is pleasing to note the “**tactile pavers**” being positioned at the pedestrian crossings and intersections in central High Street, Motueka. As a safety matter for “visually impaired” people (in particular) the tactile paving is accepted in many New Zealand towns and seems to have been successful in Nelson City and Richmond.

(As an aside, the bright orange colour would be great on all pedestrian crossings and make crossing High Street, Motueka much safer).

The new **kerb/channel stormwater drain** at the end of Pah Street, intersecting with Queen Victoria Street, should resolve a long-term problem them.

Tenders have closed for the improvement in the **kerb crossings** for Bennett Street and Simpson Street at their Pah Street intersection.

The **roading maintenance contract** and the 525 metre **sewer main renewal contract** close later this month.

The formal opening of the **Japanese Tea House** in Deck's Reserve by Mayor Kempthorne and the Mayor of Kiyosato and the re-signing of our friendly towns agreement was held on 23 February 2009. Thanks are deserved for Gloria Pegg and Mary Lafrentz and the Friendship Committee who organised the event and to Tasman District Council's Glenn Thorn for his role in the design and construction of the Tea House. As the Mayor pointed out, it was a significant cultural event with Japanese, Maori and European actively participating.

8 Motueka Family Fun Bike Ride

This was cancelled on Sunday 28 February 2009 because of the heavy rain. The "Go By Bike" day on 18 February 2009 with breakfast for cyclists at the Museum was well patronised. There seemed to be more cyclists on High Street than for the similar event last year.

March 2009 is "Walk to Work" month and a breakfast is available to "walkers" from 7.00 am to 9.00 am outside the Museum on 18 March 2009. The "Feet First" walk to school campaign also starts this month.

Earth Hour is scheduled to start at 8.30 pm on Saturday 28 March 2009. Last year over 35 countries (50 million people) participated in turning their lights off for one hour. There is a nation-wide draw for participants to win a Toyota Prius via the website www.earthhour.org/newzealand and a district-wide draw for a dinner at the restaurant Bouterey's @ 251.

9 Wifi at the Library

I attended the Community Services meeting on 26 February 2009 where the Libraries Manager, Lisa Oldham, presented a report on this issue. (Her report is included in the Information Pack). Lisa will attend our March 2009 meeting to answer any queries.

However, most of the matters of concern are being managed by library staff with time restrictions, and a reservation policy. Also, wifi is available only during library-opening hours.

Council's policy is to manage APN with a minimum of restrictions and without involving library staff in unnecessary policing.

10 Recession : Reflections and Ramifications

One of the outcomes of the Government's "Employment Summit" appears to be encouraging short-term infrastructure works. There are a number of projects locally which could be actioned without lengthy planning and design lead-in:

- footpaths, kerb and channel improvements
- stormwater open drains cleaned, cleared, widened, deepened

- improved mobile scooter accesses across intersections
- cycleways and cycle lanes
- regular roadside litter clean ups
- Memorial Hall interior upgrade
- additional community cottages
- Manoy/Talbot Street link; Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road
- Insulation, solar heating, double glazing

These are some projects which would meet the criteria and would resolve a number of simmering issues.

I'm sure a "think-tank" would provide similar ideas based on the premise of immediacy with the required funding being obtained by deferring "long term projects".

Given the opportunity, the Motueka Community Board could provide a practical list of works. However, it requires a different focus than the annual plan and LTCCP which are more strategic, having devolved from the 2002 philosophy.

The current economic situation and the impact on ratepayers may demand such a dramatic shift in emphasis and energy for Council.

Could the Council acknowledge the challenge? The Community Board can and will, if allowed.

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Summary of Meetings – February 2009

Date	Meeting
3 February	<p>Met with Bob Cooke, Jim Butler (Keep Motueka Beautiful), Martin Rodd (DOC), Cr Barry Dowler at Wharf Road to discuss the proposed walkway along Wharf Road (northern side at the Estuary edge). Steve Elkington met with Bob later. There needs to be formal approval from the Department of Conservation and probably a resource consent application to the Council for the walkway to proceed along Wharf Road.</p> <p>Motueka Music Group monthly meeting</p>
4 February	<p>Resident enquiry re establishing specific dog control/exercise areas. Suggestion was perimeter of various reserves, eg Goodman Park; or the purchase of 2000 m² specific for the purpose.</p>
6 February	<p>Waitangi Day</p>
9 February	<p>Motueka District Museum Trust Board</p> <p>Our Town Motueka</p> <p>Festival of Lights Committee</p>
10 February	<p>Grey Power executive meeting to detail the Council's proposed major works for Motueka:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lower Motueka River stopbank reconstruction 2 Motueka domestic water reticulation. Targeted rating and the LTCCP/Annual Plan processes <p>Motueka Community Board monthly meeting. (12 in public forum).</p>
14 February	<p>Formal opening of the Japanese Tea House on Deck's Reserve. Kiyosata-Motueka Friendship Committee, Mayor Kempthorne and Kiyosata Mayor officiate after a stirring Maori welcome.</p>
16 February	<p>Abbeyfield Motueka Management Committee</p> <p>Community Board members meet re water allocation review.</p>
18 February	<p>Go By Bike Day – breakfast at the Motueka District Museum. Good numbers there and more cycling than in 2008.</p>
19 February	<p>Public meeting – Water Allocation Review. Joseph Thomas and Mary-Anne Baker presented the Council's proposed Variation 66/Change 13 and answered questions. 30 attended plus Councillors and Board members – 40 total. Worthwhile meeting with pertinent questions asked, particularly on draw-down effects and "end-use" issues.</p>
21 February	<p>Community Board members finalise the water Allocation submission.</p>
22 February	<p>Fiona Pears and band performance (Motueka Music Group). Over 190 in attendance in the Memorial Hall. A wonderful show, but the hall's interior needs a spruce up.</p>

26 February	Met Mike Tasman-Jones and members of the Motueka District Museum to discuss the public use of the courtyard/frontage.
27 February	Press release re the Motueka Central and West Resource Management Strategy.
28 February	Family fun bike ride at skatepark.