

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members
FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair
DATE: 2 July 2009
SUBJECT: Report to meeting of 14 July 2009

1 Festival of Lights (19 June – 27 June 2009)

The third Motueka mid-winter festival was a very successful community occasion. This year (for the first time) the weather behaved itself, with a sequence of cloudless days. The organising committee engaged various clubs and groups to organise events to mark the Festival, which was a different approach from previously.

Our Town Motueka, Tennis Club, Golf Club, Baptist Church, Old Time Dancing, School groups, Motueka Music Group, Riverside, Lionesses, Senior net and others contributed to the Festival being a full community event. Major contributors also were the Lion Foundation and Talleys.

The street lights were spectacular, with excellent support from the town's retailers. It's hoped they benefited from the mid-winter activities.

The Committee (chaired by Murray Hellewell who worked assiduously all year) provided the fundraising, arranged the programme, checked and erected the lights and overall did a wonderful job.

The Festival concluded with the fireworks (Saturday night) and the Lionesses mid-winter swim (Sunday) – both popular events which highlighted the involvement of many organisations in this year's Festival.

The event gets bigger and better each year, and we look forward to an even greater Festival in 2010.

2 Activities during June 2009

This has been a busy month, particularly with the various organisation meetings, the LTCCP being finalised and feature occasions.

The opening of the new Motueka Hospital was especially significant and our congratulations to Jack Inglis and the Trust for the considerable effort over many years to achieve this milestone. The opening was appropriately well-attended, with Jack deservedly centre-stage, speaking very well and being honoured with the name of the Hospital.

Earlier that day, Puketawai opening was held and this area is developing with the walkways and plantings.

The Inlet walkway (by Keep Motueka Beautiful) is linking with Wharf Road and then towards the estuary edge.

The Motueka Toy Library celebrated its 25th anniversary – it has developed strongly since its hesitant beginnings in a small concrete building off Greenwood Street.

3 Works Progress

A number of projects are nearing completion:

- footpaths in Thorp Street and Selwyn Street;
- Mobile scooter ramps along Pah Street where it intersects with Bennett, Simpson and Talbot Streets;
- Shared walkway/cycleway from Lower Moutere to the Riverside Community;
- Improvements at Queen Victoria/Pah Street intersection and at Atkins/Poole Street intersection;
- Re-alignments along the Riwaka – Kaiteriteri Road;
- Rising-main wastewater pipe renewals at High Street (Courtney Street corner and northwards).

We look forward to progressing similar projects during 2009 – 2010.

4 Port Motueka Users Meetings

This was chaired by Cr Trevor Norriss, with Jim Frater reporting. It was well attended with representatives from the Yacht Club, Peninsula Society and Talleys, as well as Council and the Board. Unfortunately there was no-one representing the Power Boat club in attendance.

There was a full and frank discussion on the developments at the Port since the 1997 Development Plan was instituted – an impressive degree of progress (which always surprises visitors and local residents alike!)

The meeting outlined the main priorities as:

- reconstructing the seawall (underway now) and dredging the channel;
- developing a “haul-out” area which could be used by the three organisations;
- erecting a toilet block. (The Power Boat proposal will be costed and reported back to Council and the port users.)

Discussion also centred around funding, providing more parking facilities, a single club-house serving the three groups, extensions to the marina and reclamation options.

(Notes from Jim Frater on the meeting are attached.)

5 LTCCP/Ten Year Plan

This has now been finalised – I have included the various rates which will impact our own ratepayers. I have included in the Council reports the staff reporting and recommendations for some Motueka issues.

Some of the decisions will involve the Board in considerable work over the next 15 months relating to transportation, water reticulation and Lower Motueka stopbank. Simultaneously, our efforts regarding the Central and West Motueka Plan, the NZTA/High Street/SH 60 Study will need to continue.

While there are disappointments (and frustrations) with some outcomes, our dual role of working with Council and advocating for our community, although leading at times and necessarily into argument, must continue.

The next months will be absorbing and challenging, with the expectation of a better relationship with Council, relying on communication and information being fully shared and debated.

6 Meeting Time

I have had comments that our 4.30 pm time is inconvenient for many people.

Our operations are to: either, begin
At 7.00 pm, closure at 9.30 pm; or begin
At 2.30 pm, closure at 5.00 pm.

If we are to change, I would prefer the 2.30 pm start.

7 Water Allocation review (Variation 66/Change 13)

Adding to the “further submissions” received from Horticulture NZ is one from Graham Thomas acting for eight Maori groups.

There is no indication as to when this application is to be heard, or where. Because it is a Council application, the hearing could depend on when appropriate commissioners are available.

8 Rural Fires

Over June I received a number of concerns regarding smoke over the town and along the Motueka Valley. There were similar complaints last year. The fires are likely within Council permits, but nevertheless their dense smoke is a cause of increasing offence.

Is the Board able to suggest alternatives, other than reference to the Environment and Planning Committee?

9 Freedom Camping

Nelson City Council has made a decision on how to tackle the freedom camping issue. West Coast councils are pursuing a standardised approach along the Coast. For practical reasons, Tasman District Council may want to look at adopting a similar approach to Nelson City Council and work with them to implement it.

10 Climate Change

The Ministry for the Environment is holding meetings with stakeholders and sector groups around the country regarding climate change, and emissions targets. Duncan will be attending a meeting in Nelson later this week as Motueka Community Board representative.

11 Discretionary Fund

It is suggested that the remainder of the 2008/2009 discretionary fund be allocated towards cycle racks to be placed in areas identified as high priority during Motueka Community Board work on the Cycling and Walking Strategy in 2007.

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Meetings/Activities during June 2009

Date	Meeting
5 June	Deck's Reserve plantings; met Glenn Thorn (TDC), Richard Butler (NMDHB), Adrienne Henry and Tara Forde to discuss planting proposals (fruit and nut varieties)
8 June	Our Town Motueka – final arrangements presented by Jacqui Taylor Festival of Lights – final arrangements detailed
9 June	Motueka Toy Library – 25 th Anniversary celebrated Motueka Community Board meeting
10 June	Regional Committee Lottery Board Grants meet in Motueka
14 June	Port Motueka Users meeting – Jim Frater reporting and Cr Trevor Norriss chairing. A worthwhile discussion on the needs, priorities and funding options at the Port.
15 June	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting – Development of the Inlet walkway proceeding, harbour day plantings, “adopt-a-plot” scheme.
16 June	Tasman Bays Promotion Association meeting. Discussion on state highway signage; request for Tourism Nelson Tasman to attend the next meeting.
19 June	Festival of Lights opening (19 – 27 June). Cloudless, mild evening; lights are bright; music engaging and the town is busy after the “Motueka on High” market day.
20 June	Puketawai opening (visited on 23 rd and walks, plantings continuing under guidance by Tia Kino te Taiao. Motueka Hospital opening. Impressive occasion (and deservedly) for Jack Inglis and the Trust. Considerable community support and also from various funds, especially Lion Foundation and the Canterbury Community Trust.
23 June	Motueka Music Group meeting Motueka Swimming Pool Committee meet. The process outlined, consequent on TDC's decision (LTCCP) and High School support.
24 June	Chanel Art Centre performance by Stellar a Capella and by the Riverside Community.
26 June	Golf Tournament (Festival of Lights); presentation of prizes.
27 June	Motueka Memorial RSA. Annual General Meeting – Mike Hines re-elected as President.
30 June	End of the Council financial year. The Council decides on the various rates for 2009 – 2010, particularly the contentious targeted rates affecting Motueka ward.

Rates 2009 – 2010

1	General rate (eg capital value \$300,000 @ 0.2134)	640.20
2	Uniform Annual General Charge (per rating unit)	240.00
3	Stormwater (capital value \$300,000 @ 0.0365)	109.50
4	Water Supply (volume of water supplied by TDC in cents/m ³ , eg 219 m ³ @ \$1.17 per m ³)	256.23
5	Motueka Urban Water Supply (per rating unit)	72.42
6	Kaiteriteri – Stephens Bay Water Supply (per rating unit)	123.00
7	Wastewater (per water closet : 1 per household)	606.38
8	Regional River Works (eg land value \$150,000) Class X @ 0.0978 Class Y @ 0.0978 Class Z @ 0.0208	146.70 146.70 31.20
9	Motueka Business Rate (eg capital value \$300,000) Area A @ 0.0442 Area B @ 0.0306	132.60 91.80
10	District Facilities Rate (per rating unit)	42.51
11	Motueka Stopbank Rate (eg land value \$150,000) Area A @ 0.0024 Area B @ 0.005	3.00 0.60
12	Regional Facilities Rate (per rating unit)	45.25
13	District Facilities Operations Rate (per rating unit)	24.24
14	Museums Facilities Rate (per rating unit)	52.49
15	Refuse/recycling rate (per rating unit)	112.50
16	Kaiteriteri Refuse Rate (per Kaiteriteri rating unit)	17.61
17	Mapua Rehabilitation Rate (per rating unit)	12.00
18	Torrent Bay Replenishment (per Torrent Bay rating unit) Area A Area B	1,500.00 450.00
19	Tourism Rate (per “tourist” rating unit)	137.21
20	Motueka Community Board Rate (per rating unit)	10.63

Notes:

- Every rate does not apply to all properties (eg Kaiteriteri, Torrent Bay, Business, Tourism, Motueka Urban etc etc)
- Comparison with previous years can be applied only on an individual basis because of:
 - o New rateable valuations in September 2008 impact; and
 - o New rates established by Council
- Where rates are based on land or capital values, the above calculations have been determined on \$150,000 for land value and \$300,000 for capital value.
- Wastewater charges are discounted where there are extra water closets (25% to 10; 50% above 10).