

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members

FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair

DATE: 29 January 2010

SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 9 February 2010 – RMK10-02-01**

1 Welcome

Welcome to 2010! A belated formal “Happy New Year” to everyone.

The two months since our December meeting seems a long time ago: I always sense that this period is a time when considerable productive achievements could be made with our agreeable weather and long evenings. It is an opportunity, not wasted, but partly misapplied. Moreover there is greater urgency on the other ten months of the year as a consequence!

A mid-January meeting would avoid some of the pressures which arise now. 2010 is going to be very busy involving many issues of strategic (and political) importance to the Motueka Ward.

2 Pleasing Developments

- Wilkes Construction begins the \$2 million upgrade of the Motueka Recreation Centre.
- Engineering Services supports a recommendation to undertake urgent maintenance on the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road (over \$600,000) for 2009 – 2010.
- Successful Christmas functions and A & P Show (although rain-affected); also Riwaka and Kaiteriteri holiday attractions. Large number of visitors and holiday-makers relaxing in our district.
- Jack Inglis’ appropriate recognition with 3 awards, especially as Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Our congratulations on these well-deserved awards, Jack.
- Meeting with Rose Biss (Planning Officer) to indicate our intention and support to progress the Central and West Motueka Structure Plan with our revised schedule.
- Meeting with Selwyn Steedman, newly appointed Transportation Network Engineer with TDC, to discuss his particular role in roading, regarding sealing, carriageway maintenance, and signage.
- Tama Easton’s appointment to improve the Council’s website.
- Lighting upgrade completed along Old Wharf Road particularly for BMX – Skate Park activities.
- The Lower Moutere cycleway / footpath to the Lower Moutere School were used as a “cycle train” at the end of the 2009 school year.
- Central High Street footpaths received a welcome cleaning prior to Christmas: the result was clearly obvious and effective.
- Relocating the Marahau Fire Station now completed.
- TRMP Part IV (Rivers and Lakes) – due to be adopted for notification as a variation and a change early in 2010.

- Colourful flower beds in High Street and attractive Pethybridge Garden – well maintained and more popular.

3 Water Allocation Review: Variation 66 and Change 13

The Correspondence includes the Council letter from Steve Markham (Manager, Policy) with the Decision Details on the Board's submission to the Water Allocation Review – Motueka area.

There have been only very minor changes to the Council's proposals arising from our submission, principally allowing existing private bores to be re-drilled in the same position.

Council has not provided any opportunity for residents within 500 metres of the Central Plains Subzone to be compensated for the adverse drawdown effect on their water supply. This could have significant impacts on residences west of High Street and north of the High School.

Also significant and surprising is the Council's acknowledgement that in reaching its decisions there was no account taken of climate change predictions and / or river bed degradation. (Ironically, the Council's Building Permit requirements are now subject to a raised floor level because of the predicted sea level rise by 2100).

The likelihood of increased droughts (and therefore much lower river flows), the sea rise tidal effect on the Motueka River and also the sensitive Hau Zone are obvious factors for the Council to consider in reviewing the Water Allocation in the Motueka area.

The progressive lowering of the river bed and its consequent lowering of the aquifer has not been considered in the Council's decision. Council reports demonstrate that the river bed has degraded by at least 0.6 metres over a 50 year period.

There seems to be a single-minded determination by the Council to transport considerable quantities of water from the Motueka aquifer to the Coastal Tasman areas, the water-short areas of the Waimea Plains and Richmond. The long-term (50 years) impact on Motueka and environs has the potential to be significant and serious.

The Date for Appeals to be lodged is 30 working days from receipt of the Decision – 23rd December 2009. The appropriate last day is **therefore Tuesday 16th February 2010**, should the Board decide to lodge an appeal.

4 Motueka Domestic Water Account

Board members may recall the report by Rodney Haines (December Public Forum) regarding his Development Contribution levy for water reticulation for the dwelling being erected in College Street.

Rodney kept me informed with various e-mails to the Council Officers (Dugald Ley and Jean Hodson) and these are also in the correspondence.

I have written a brief report on how I believe the Motueka Domestic Water Account receives its income and how it is spent. (Note that my report may be quite incorrect, although I'm assured that the Motueka Water Account is separate from the District's).

Because of the withdrawal of the Government subsidy, the Council will be bringing the Motueka Water Reticulation issue into the 2010 – 2011 Annual Plan – should the Council decide to proceed.

5 Freedom Camping

Bob Cooke has prepared a report (enclosed) on the Beach Camp's availability for Freedom Campers, which links with the Board's policy to provide a welcome and appropriate facility.

Despite the Council's split decision opposing a trial portable toilet on the Riwaka side of the Motueka River Bridge, we need to work with Council / Community Services to provide facilities and services for all Freedom Campers.

Recommendation: To support, in principle, the Bob Cooke report; To refer it to the Community Services Department; To request discussions with the Council managers to provide appropriate services and facilities.

6 Comments From Residents: Board's Survey/Public Forum

The following notes summarise various comments made at the end of last year on issues and activities:-

- Improve kerb crossings for mobile scooters
- Provide more seats for the public in and near High Street
- Could York Park be utilised as a Dog Control / Exercise area.
- Provide name tags / signage for native shrubs and trees in Thorp's Bush
- Designate the Motueka Airport and remove the Rural zoning
- Linkage between Manoy and Talbot Streets to ease congestion
- A water feature in central High Street would be attractive
- Library noise irks (counter, trolleys, wooden flooring)
- Request Motueka Police to enforce "no cycling on footpaths" especially in central High Street
- Encourage residents to cut back overhanging vegetation from footpaths
- Maintain fire hydrants
- Erect a barrier along Harbour Road between the carriageway and the footpath
- Concern re: significant overhead aircraft noise
- Opposed to the coastal Tasman pipeline
- Support for the work and projects of Keep Motueka Beautiful
- Provide better road facilities for cyclists
- Concerned re: the amount of litter and glass on road sides
- Extend the footpath along Thorp Street and along Staples Street (as a "shared" path)
- Opposed to amalgamation with Nelson City
- Could re-cycling occur every second week with a "2-bin" system (glass and others)
- Could Probationers be organised to help with gardens for elderly

- Seal the road and the parking area at the Kumeras
- Extend the seal along Brooklyn Valley Road
- Improve all intersections with High Street
- Widen High Street from Whakarewa Street to Monahan Street
- Plan for a State Highway bypass to the west of Motueka
- A turning bay at the end of Mickell Road, Brooklyn
- Complete and upgrade the High Street street-scaping
- Definitely no swimming pool
- Seal the footpath in Pah Street (Atkins Street to Queen Victoria Street)
- Paint a centre line along Whakarewa Street (from Queen Victoria Street to Douglas Road)
- Construct a cycle lane – footpath from the Airport corner along Queen Victoria Street to the Marae
- Stormwater pipes in High Street south of Woodland Avenue are lacking capacity
- Can public toilets be provided with hot water, soap etc?
- Is there potential asbestos contamination in the old buildings in King Edward Street.

7 Questions, but Answers Missing

Recent months have seen questions raised, but answers lacking:-

- When will the Motueka Transportation Study be presented for public comment?
- What footpathing, cycleways and mobile scooter ramps are scheduled for Motueka during 2009 – 2010?
- What is the status of the Motueka Domestic Water Account (Financial Statement) as audited for the 2008 – 2009 year? And also at 30 September 2009?
- What are the various factors which comprise the Motueka Domestic Water Account, particularly in relation to the Council's LTCCP decision to advance the town's reticulation?
- When will Greenwood Street, Lodder Lane and Everett Street be re-sealed – part of the defective rehabilitation work carried over from 2008 – 2009?
- When will Opus / Council conduct their long promised Cycleways Strategy meeting in Motueka?
- When will Council consider a By-Law authorising, enforcing and in support of its camping restriction signs?

David Ogilvie
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MEETINGS / ACTIVITIES: DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

Date	Meeting
1 December 2009	Motueka Music Group : Committee meeting
3 December 2009	Keep New Zealand Beautiful : meeting with President in Richmond
4 December 2009	Our Town Motueka – Christmas Starlight parade
5 December 2009	Christmas in the Park – Motueka Recreation Centre and Goodman Park
6 December 2009	Motueka A & P Show
6 December 2009	Motueka Music Group – Brass Ensemble
7 December 2009	Motueka District Museum Trust Board
8 December 2009	Motueka Community Board – monthly meeting
12 December 2009	Abbeyfield Motueka – Christmas function
13 December 2009	Marahau Residents and Ratepayers Assn
14 December 2009	Motueka District Museum Trust Board
15 December 2009	Tasman Bays Promotion Assn
21 December 2009	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting
10 January 2010	Clock Tower Trust at Lower Moutere Motocross
16 January 2010	Golden Bay A & P Show at Takaka
18 January 2010	Meeting with Selwyn Steedman, Transport Network Engineer
18 January 2010	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting
20 January 2010	RDA Motueka Group Committee meeting
22 January 2010	Meeting with Rose Biss TDC Policy Planner re: the Central and West Motueka Structure Plan
25 January 2010	Abbeyfield Management Committee meeting
26 January 2010	Festival of Lights Committee meeting
28 January 2010	Clock Tower meeting.