

Subject: Letter of Support to Lotteries Facility fund
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2020 15:51:19 +1200
From: Community House <motuekach@xtra.co.nz>
To: brentmaru@gmail.com
CC: Jan Bensemenn <janet.dawn.bensemenn@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon Brent and team

On behalf of the Motueka Community House Committee I am requesting a letter of support for us to have the exterior of the Community House painted, and depending on TDC's budget we may also be including the cost of reroofing the House in our application to the Lotteries Facility Fund.

The building which is 100 years old, has recently had over \$40,000 worth of improvements paid for by TDC including finally getting hot water installed in our toilets for the first time in 30 years. The foyer and reception areas, exterior windows and doors were painted and we feel that is probably all TDC can spare us at present. We have been advised an estimate of \$15,000 to paint just the exterior of the house by a council approved contractor, and he recommended a new roof as we have already had problems with ongoing leaks.

Community House has 14 community organisations operating out of it including the following:

Grey Power

Nelson Bays Community Law

BUWT – Beneficiaries and Unwaged Workers Trust

Nelson Cancer Society

Addiction Services/Problem Gambling

JP – Katrina Anderson

Literacy Aotearoa

Women's Support Link

Supporting Families in Mental Illness

St Vincent de Paul Food Help

Red Cross Op Shop

Fresh FM

Art Therapy

Community House reception – Health Promotion contracts

And Workbridge is just arranging a room a month to assist their clients.

One of the main reasons we are working on the house, is that we recently discovered rot in the lower boards and rear steps of the house and we are having a working bee to remove overgrown shrubs and plants to protect the aging building. We want this old building to be around for another 100 years and for the agencies who operate out of here to continue the valuable work they do in our building.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Chairperson Jan Bensemenn on Ph. 027 9299 155.

Many thanks Rae

He Waka Eke Noa – We are all in this together

Rae Dozell – Coordinator

Community House

Decks Reserve

Wallace Street

Motueka

Ph: 528 0404 or 021 123 2026

(Please note I don't work Wednesdays at Community House)

Re PROPOSED DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW CHANGES:

I have been informed that TDC has decided to review the dog bylaws from Marahu to Tapu Bay early, because of a submission lodged intended to ban dogs from some beaches.

I am not privy to this submission, but I believe it pertains to the shorebirds and mainly to the Penguins.

As a TDC ratepayer and a permanent resident of Kaiteriteri, I would like you to know how it affects me personally.

Kaiteriteri & surrounding areas have a thriving community of locals and a great deal of us own dogs - walking my dog twice daily is mandatory, it is her exercise and mine too.

A dog also needs opportunity to run off lead - not just walk, to maintain fitness and fulfilment in life - we are their guardians and it is up to us to make sure that happens.

They are after all, our family members.

Personally, I have yet to encounter a dog out of control here and suggest to council that it would be the exception not the rule. There will always be irresponsible dog owners and there will always be people that have a dislike of the dogs on the beaches.

Most recreational dog owners are out every day no matter what the weather – we all take an interest in our local area – almost to the point of guardianship over “our patch”. We are all animal lovers and care for the penguins & the shore birds too!

PENGUINS:

The little Blue Penguins in the area have always had to share “their patch” with us, and in recent times there have been some great endeavours to provide them with manmade “houses”.

Is this a good idea? At the bottom of people’s backyards?

The dogs make up just a small part of the population who use these beaches daily. Over the years the Kaiteriteri region has transcended into a tourist hot spot with multiple hazards to the Penguins trying to get out to sea & back again at night – Cruise boats, Runabouts, Jet skis, Water skiing, Paddle boarding, Canoes and people using the beaches.

The little blues must run the gauntlet each way to get where they need to be.

It would be more prudent to set these “ penguin houses” outside of the busy spots that have the multiple hazards, and encourage them to nest in a more tranquil environment that is more sympathetic to their natural habitat – perhaps with D.O.C consultation to find the right spots.

It is local knowledge that Penguins are sometimes run over by vehicles going too fast, including on Martin Farm Road which has just had 30k speed signs erected.

Unfortunately, very few drive at the 30k, but we can't ban the vehicles....

I propose that this is an even bigger hazard for them in the area. Ducks too, trying to cross the road and just this year I have seen 4 juvenile ducks from the one family run over in two separate instances – both in the 30k area.

The Penguins are not just unique to Kaiteriteri, Stephens Bay & Tapu.

We need to practice integration not separation, with good law control around this to maintain a healthy balance - the beaches are for the whole community.

Restricting dog access to the beaches will not stop an imprudent dog owner, but they are the exception not the rule - they will flout the rules wherever they go.

There are already two beaches locally – Kaiteriteri & Breakers Bay that prohibit dogs, along with seasonal restrictions at Little Kaiteriteri, to increase this further is unnecessary and will leave nowhere for the residents to allow their dogs to exercise & socialise with each other off lead.

It is certainly admirable to become involved with the health and safety of the local penguins but to actively encourage them to nest more and providing wee houses for them in the more populated areas may actually be to their detriment.

- I would like to know – how many cases have there been of dogs mauling the shorebirds & penguins?
- Are the penguins that have been run over being reported? I have heard of some just talking with other locals that have witnessed events or seen the dead birds on the road.

The law is in already in place to deal with dogs that the owners do not have control over.

- ✓ Why not Massively Increase the fines and follow them through for any irresponsible dog owners?
- ✓ Why not police the roads regularly to enforce the 30k speed limit, particularly over the busy season.

Please do not change the legislation without proper discussion.

Please do not metre out constraints to the people and their dogs on just one submission without appropriate consultation.

Jill Duncan

Kaiteriteri

Dear Motueka Community Board members,

In regard to item 7.2 on the agenda for your meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 21 July.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2014 AND POLICY ON DOGS

We all want to protect the penguins and birdlife - that is not in question surely - but we don't consider a total ban of dogs on beaches is needed or that this will be supported by the local community. Everyone in our neighbourhood is very concerned about the proposed change that would remove so much enjoyment and healthy exercise for the owners, not just for the dogs.

There is already a potential fine of \$20,000 for anyone whose dog attacks protected wildlife. **Dogs need to be kept under control, not banned.** Educating the public about the penguins and other nesting birds so they understand the issues and respect and care about the birds, clearer signage about when dogs are and are not allowed at each beach, and better policing of the current rules to make sure all dog owners act responsibly would mitigate any potential problems.

I'm sure a lot of dog owners like us also love the little blue penguins. We even have a penguin nest under our Bach in Stephens Bay this winter. They were living under the floor while we were staying in the Bach with our (well controlled) Labrador.

A couple of issues I'd like to comment on from the agenda:

4. Background and Discussion

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"including the beaches from Marahau to Tapu Bay in the review would not greatly increase costs" -

We disagree! Managing the tsunami of submissions that will be triggered by voting for the proposed amendment to ban dogs from all beaches will add an enormous workload for staff, and fielding the concerns of responsible dog owners will add a large burden of time to the work of Board members.

"there are many other areas in Tasman District for people to walk their dogs" -

Not true. The hill near Tapu Bay and Stephens Bay is for mountain bikers and excludes walkers and dogs, the main road near Stephens Bay has no footpath and is not safe to walk on. It would be necessary to get in a car and drive some distance to find a safe exercise area if the beaches are banned - totally against the grain of environmental sustainability as well as depriving local responsible dog owners who live near the beach from enjoying their own neighbourhood, and depriving them of the physical and mental health benefits of a stroll with their pooch. Rivers are not safe for dogs in summer with the toxic algae and the beaches are the only safe place for dogs to enjoy swimming with their owners.

We hope and trust that the Board will consider the proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaws are unnecessary and recommend termination of the review and await the full Bylaw review in 2024.

Kind regards,

Anna Kemble Welch and Martin Hanley
20 Stephens Bay Rd.

From: Carol Gowan <carol.gowan@xtra.co.nz>

Sent: Sunday, 19 July 2020 2:01 pm

Subject: TDC Dog Policy Review

To the Motueka Community Board

I am a resident of Tapu Bay and a dog owner and I would like to express my strong objection to the proposal to change the policy regarding dogs on beaches from Marahau to Tapu Bay.

I walk my dog every day on the beach at Tapu Bay, and like 99.9% of the local dog owners cause no disturbance or destruction of the wildlife or environment.

As far as Tapu Bay is concerned the proposal, should it be accepted, would be quite unworkable because of the huge size of the bay when the tide is out, when people walk from Riwaka and even the Motueka river northwards as well as from the Tapu Bay reserve.

I would like to see the Council turn this on its head, and become a **Dog Friendly Council**. Instead of marking out areas where dogs are banned, publish all the areas where dogs are welcomed. Encourage dog owners to undertake good behaviour training with their dogs as well as aversion training for threatened bird species. Make sure that every community has dog exercise areas that people can access from their homes without having to get into a car. Ensure there are plenty of waste bins and doggy-do dispensers to encourage dog owners to pick up their own dogs' waste. Recognise and acknowledge that dog ownership is good for one's physical and mental health, and that dogs are legitimate members of the family.

There are plenty of Councils around the country that allow dogs to be walked on reserves, bush walks and sports fields, allow them to accompany their owners to outdoor seating at cafés and generally be considered a normal part of family life.

Kaiteriteri would be the most dog-unfriendly place in the whole country. With the beach, the mountain bike park, the campsite, and Withalls Walk all being out of bounds for dogs and dog walkers there are very few places to legitimately walk a dog without putting one's life and dog's life in danger by walking on the very narrow road which has no footpath.

If you want to ban anything from the beach at Tapu Bay it should be vehicles: cars, wagons, 4-wheel drives, quad bikes, tractors, trail bikes and beach buggies. These all are much more of a nuisance and far more destructive to the beach than any dog is. The drivers have no concern for the wildlife on the Tapu Bay sandspit or lagoon, and during the breeding season drive right over the birds' nests. Or they get stuck in the mud and have to be dug out before the next high tide.

My house overlooks the beach. I see dog walkers every day – all well behaved dogs, getting exercise for both dog and owner, enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the area, and not causing any nuisance at all.

Carol Gowan

From: Claire Andrews <cloudynz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 11:51:17 AM
Subject: Re dogs Marahau to Riwaka

Hi Brent

I'm writing to protest the proposed ban of dogs on Marahau beach. I walk here daily with my 'Pipi'. Like all dog owners I've seen on our beach I am responsible, not only do we pick up our doggie doo but we also keep the beach clean of any rubbish that washes up. We love the freedom of running (ok that's Pipi not me), she knows not to chase birds, I've only ever seen one Korora in the 7 years I've been living here! Please don't impose any more rules and regulations, where on earth would we go? Drive to the kumras every day? Marahau is a very special place, we'd like to keep it that way. Thanks

Claire O'Connor

From: goteamkaza@hotmail.com <goteamkaza@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 9:01:00 PM

Subject: Dog Review Bylaws Marahau - Tapu Bay

I'm writing this email to request that the current dog bylaws remain.

We live at Cooks Corner at the foot of the Marahau Hill.

We are dog owners and lovers and frequent all surrounding beaches in the area especially those areas of beach where dog bans are wanting to be placed.

It would be a great loss and disappointment to not be able to continue to enjoy our lovely area we consider part of our home with my faithful old boy of 11 human years.

We are also a boating family and launch our boat from Marahau, Kaiteriteri, Tapu Bay and Stephen's Bay with our dog in tow.

When launching or coming into Kaiteriteri we know our boy isn't allowed on the beach; therefore is tethered into the boat till we get home; so that we are following the rules and guidelines set by not having him on Kaiteriteri beach.

One of the many reasons I love this area is that we are able to have dogs on the beaches as members of the family.

It is a real privilege and I am very grateful for it.

My dog Sam is a huge part of my day to day life.

I have honoured him with the best life that I could give him; a big part of that being that he has been able to frolic, fetch, sniff, socialize, run, walk and swim at all of the Bays and beaches that are looking at being reviewed.

I look forward to joining the meeting tomorrow at 4pm.

Regards

Karen Edwards and Sam

From: Megan Strong <megan.strong@spcmotueka.school.nz>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:53:28 PM

Subject: Dog Bylaw

Dear David and Brent,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed changes to the bylaw that would see dogs banned from the coastline between Marahau and Tapu Bay.

While I am not a resident in these places, nor do I walk my dog there, I feel it sets a worrying precedent for the rest of the district.

Unfortunately I am not able to be present at the community board meeting but I do wish to express my strong objection to these proposed changes and would like to know if there is anything further I can do to ensure a fair and just outcome from this proposal.

Kind regards,

Megan Strong

From: Sandra Alborn <sandraalborn@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 2:07:12 PM

Subject: Dog Bylaw

My name is Sandra Alborn and I live in Marahau.

I am appalled to think our beach may become dog free. I do not own a dog but walk my Son's on a daily basis when he is at work in Marahau.

While walking Maggie which I have done for many years I have never seen anything which would make me think our beach should be dog free with Maggie or any other of the numerous dogs we have in Marahau.

Please let us and our furry friends continue to use our special playground.

Be Kind!

Kind Regards

Sandra

From: Shannon. M Trimble <shaza89@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 9:19:30 PM
To: brentmaru@gmail.com <brentmaru@gmail.com>; david.ogilvie@tasman.govt.nz
<david.ogilvie@tasman.govt.nz>
Subject: Bylaws!!

I'm writing this email to request that the current dog bylaws remain.

We live in Riwaka. We are dog owners and lovers and frequently visit all surrounding beaches in the area especially those areas of beach where dog bans are wanting to be placed.

It would be a great loss and disappointment to not be able to continue to enjoy our lovely area we consider part of our home with our faithful girl border collie Tasman of 6 years.

We are also water lovers and often take our dog from Marahau, Tapu Bay and Stephen's Bay on the paddle board.

One of the many reasons I love this area is that we are able to have dogs on the beaches as members of the family.

It is a real privilege and I am very grateful for it.

Our dog Tasman is a huge part of my day to day life.

I have honoured her with the best life that I could give her, a big part of that being that she has been able to frolic, fetch, sniff, socialize, run, walk and swim at all of the Bays and beaches that are looking at being reviewed.

I look forward to joining the meeting tomorrow at 4pm.

Regards

Shannon Trimble & Emma Buscke and Tasman

From: Doug & Sue <suedough@inspire.net.nz>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 12:44:37 PM
To: brentmaru@gmail.com <brentmaru@gmail.com>
Subject: Concerns

Dear Brent

I have been very concerned to both hear and read about changes that may be considered for the current bylaws concerning beaches and dogs. I am writing to express my strong objection to any change in the current policy and support retaining the bylaws as at present. I have lived at the lower end of the Takaka Hill for nearly four years since moving here from the North Island.

Although I frequent other beaches and walks occasionally I take my two dogs to Tapu Bay (Riwaka River end) every day. It is an amazing experience to be able to walk the beach and go way out to reach the incoming tide across the huge expanse of sand. Every day the light can be different, the sand patterns different but it is always a treat to be there. So good for the soul. My elderly Staffie walked till the day before he died at just on 16 even though it got to be just a short stroll. These two present dogs relish the expanse of sand to get a good run if we are the only users. They are also very happy to have a lead walk if there are other owners and dogs. I get a hurry up between three and four every day that it is time for their favourite place!

I am a responsible owner – my dogs are avian aversion trained and I always pick up after them. In fact it is very seldom that there is any evidence other than footprints that other dogs have been there. I care very deeply about our environment, both flora and fauna and would not behave in a way to cause harm to either. I have also never seen any behaviour from other users that could be considered a threat to the environment. However I did find a dead sheep washed down from recent heavy rain right where people picnic which, when notified, the Council very promptly removed!

It would cause both me and my companion dog's great distress if I was to have this daily pleasure taken away. Always there is a lift in my spirits having been to our beach. I believe I would be speaking on behalf of many others who use these beaches to walk their dogs for both their physical and mental wellbeing.

Please retain the current bylaws

Sincerely
Sue Hayward
206 Takaka Hill Highway

From: Susan Pickett <susangillett5@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:19:26 PM

Subject: Dogs on the beaches

Please do not change the by laws regarding dogs on the beaches.

I walk my dog every day on the beaches and I am a responsible dog walker.

Walking my dog keeps me fit.

Susan Pickett

From: Caroline Lindstrom <crlindstrom@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:12:50 AM

Subject: Review of Dogs Bylaw Kaiteriteri beaches

Dear Representatives

As a rate paying resident in Kaiteriteri I am really upset at the proposal to ban all dogs from all beaches between Marahau and Tapu Bay. We have a family pet dog and she loves to play at the beaches daily and go for runs along the coastal track with her family. We invested our life savings to build our permanent home where we are raising our two boys as well as caring for my elderly mother, and to now be told that we may lose the right to take our dog to any of the beaches where they are currently allowed - Little Kaiteriteri, Dummy Bay and Stephens Bay are the three we frequent the most, would be utterly devastating.

If this is a ploy by some god haters to keep their beaches dog free then that is a short sighted vision. Especially now, as international tourists will not be returning to our shores for who knows how long, and we are trying to encourage Kiwi holidaymakers to visit our region - many of whom will want to bring the beloved four legged family members along with them!

If this is also a last ditch attempt to 'protect' penguins - shouldn't the council restrict the traffic, development, motorised boating/jet ski-ing and pet cats in the region? Dogs are not even mentioned as a risk to penguins in conservation data when compared to all of those other hazards which all cause singularly, and collectively, more harm. If people don't want to be near dogs then they are most welcome to enjoy Kaiteriteri beach 'unharassed' and let the responsible dog owners enjoy their happy walks with their happy pups.

Such a punitive approach is not attractive to most residents nor visitors and we need to think about the attitude that our Community Board and Council is showing to our wider community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss matters further.

Yours sincerely,

The Lindstrom Whanau

Eric, Caroline, Felix and Max (and our doggo Millie!)

From: Tina Mortensen <tinamarymortensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2020 9:25:36 AM
Subject: Dog bylaws at beaches

I understand the TDC has decided to review the dog bylaws from Marahau to Tapu Bay. I would like to put forward that at least the current bylaws remain so our dogs and families can enjoy this natural landscape made by nature for us all.

We have lived in this area for nearly 18 years and owned 5 various dogs. Going to one of our local beaches is the absolute highlight for our dogs. In fact, for our most elderly limpy model, who will no longer walk up the steeper back of our property (she refuses now with her arthritic joints), there is not much else she gets excited for but to paddle in the sea and manage a little trot and frolic.

None of our 5 dogs have EVER interacted with a penguin in 18 years, if penguins are the issue. Nor have they disturbed nesting birds. They are there to enjoy the sea and the sticks and sand and are controlled. Each beach visit, we collect any broken glass or rubbish we invariably find on the shore. We don't want our dogs or others to cut themselves or the rubbish affect the environment. Humans create more risk to our environment than dogs. And I would wager a bet that dog's owners who that take the time to take their pets to the beach (those that care for animals) would have more concern for the environment and others than those who don't own animals. A bit of a generalisation but I am sure there is a correlation between animal care and ownership and the care of nature.

Denying our family, and our dogs are our family, our visits to our local beaches would be a huge sadness to us and would affect us almost daily. Each year our beautiful area is filled with visitors, many bringing their polluting boats, jet skis, discarded rubbish. I can guarantee our leisurely beach visits with our dogs have less impact than many human dogless visitors.

We care for the environment & the shorebirds. I see at present there is no reason to change the status quo regarding bylaws.

I trust further restrictions on the beach bylaws will not go ahead, with the number of responsible dog owners recognised as living in the area and wanting to continue to enjoy our beautiful beaches with their families (including their dogs).

Kind regards
Tina Mortensen

A message has been received for your attention:

Your name

Bec Lucas-Bryan

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Your phone number

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becbryan@hotmail.com

Your message

Hi Brent and the council. I have lived in Tapu bay most my life then on to little Kaiteriteri when we had kids. I recently walked our two year old lab along little Kaiteriteri Beach and was yelled at. I read the signs. It was mid-March. I want to be able to come out and walk our dog as I have done for the past 30 years. Please don't let this one person from down south ruin what was never an issue. Thanks

Bec Lucas-Bryan

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From: Chris Gladstone <chrisg@stjosephsnelson.school.nz>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:16:00 PM

Subject: Please Keep the Current Bylaw

Kia ora David and Brent

I am writing this email to make a request please that the current bylaw remain for dogs at Little Kaiteriteri Beach.

We have recently purchased a place above Little Kaiteriteri and one of the most pleasurable things to do is to take my daughter's Cavalier King Charles 'Louis' along the beach at Little Kaiteriteri. I swear that all the dogs I have met on that beach are smiling and I can visibly see the smiles of the owners of the dogs. I would suggest that taking a dog for a walk on Little Kaiteriteri might be the best tonic ever available for dogs and their owners and it's free!

I love to observe the positive connections that occur between the owners of the dogs and dog lovers (and there are many - me included) at Little Kaiteriteri. It would be such a shame if this social connect was unable to occur.

Dog owners who use Little Kaiteriteri do so with respect - I have not seen any detrimental signs due to dogs being on the beach, the only thing I have seen left on the beach are dog footprints and smiles.

I strongly believe that there is no reason to change the status quo and urge you please to understand that what we have currently at Little Kaiteriteri is perfect.

Ngā mihi
Chris Gladstone

From: ksagordon@gmail.com <ksagordon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:01:43 AM
Subject: Potential changes to dog bylaws in Tasman

Dear Motueka Community Board members and Motueka Councillors,

I am a resident of Motueka. I understand that on Tuesday afternoon the Board will be considering a proposal by a small number of Tasman residents to completely ban dogs from all beaches from Marahau to Tapu Bay. I understand that the purported rationale is to protect bird nesting sites.

I wish to register my utmost opposition to expanding the existing ban any further. The current controls are more than adequate to provide sufficient protection to any nesting sites in the areas under consideration. The ability of residents to enjoy some local beaches with their dogs at certain times of day and certain seasons, including summer, must be protected.

I am unaware of any hard evidence of damage to nesting sites by dogs that exceeds the current harm that humans are causing on those beaches. Indeed, humans cause a great deal more harm to the environment on those beaches than dogs. I am constantly cleaning up human rubbish when I go to the beaches, when permitted, with my dog. I have never seen a dog destroying habitat like the housing developments along this coast, all permitted by the TDC. I have seen kids digging out sandbanks and pooping on the beach. I have seen motorized vehicles roaring up and down them, endangering others on the beach, and helicopters repeatedly landing near the beach in these housing development areas. I have seen drunks partying and throwing rubbish in the sea.

Why not tear down all the houses, prohibit helicopters and vehicles near or on the beach, and while you are at it, ban all the people too, then? I'm all for protecting wildlife but banning dogs is like shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

The protection afforded in the National Park and at the DOC reserves that are on the beaches in other areas ensures that wildlife in those areas are safe.

You have a duty under administrative law to undertake due process and provide a balanced approach to the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of your community. An absolute ban on dogs at all times, or controls that make it impossible for dog owners to enjoy at least some of the beaches some of the time and at reasonable times, would be a breach of that duty. What you must choose is the right balance of protection of wildlife with the rights of residents to enjoy life with their pets, including a share of the beaches.

Moreover, if the real reason that people are bringing this forward is that they simply don't want to share the beaches with dogs rather than protection of wildlife (as Facebook would certainly indicate, if you take the time to look) then you should not be giving this proposal any further consideration whatsoever, as that is not a valid consideration.

By all means enforce the existing protections of the one or two places where there is clear evidence of penguin activity, but balance the human equation by ensuring we can still enjoy time at least some of these beaches with our dogs. Any other decision would be unjust and carries with it a high likelihood of challenge.

In the meantime, thank you all for the work you do on behalf of the community.

Regards, Katherine Gordon

A message has been received for your attention:

Your name

Laura Smith

Your address

17 Corry Cres, Blenheim

Your phone number

0274762298

Your email address*

laura@deluxegroup.co.nz

Your message

We are in the process of selling our home in Blenheim and relocating to Motueka. One of our main driving factors for the move is the current dog laws held in the Tasman Region. We love that our small fur baby (Miley) is able to be with us during family times such as picnic at the park, swimming at the beach and weekend breakfast in the town centre. Living in a town currently very non dog friendly and whom is currently change their bylaw for become dog friendly I can tell you that changing your current standing is a huge mistake.

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From: Michelle Tarvit <michelle@abeltasman.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:08:43 AM

Subject: Dog Control Bylaw Review

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my outrage at the proposal to ban dogs at beaches from Marahau through to Tapu Bay.

I have worked in Marahau for the past ten years, and I have been a dog owner using the Marahau foreshore for the past 4 years. During my daily walks here, I have never witnessed a single penguin on the beach - not one being harassed by a dog and I've definitely never seen one mauled/left dead on the beach by a dog. They have a wonderful protected National Park right next door to enjoy.

One of the main reasons for choosing to call the Tasman District home is because of the amazing outdoor spaces and lifestyle it provides. In taking away these beach areas where our dogs can exercise and socialise freely, you are in turn taking this away from the residents that have chosen to live here. What would you prefer - a walk on the beach or a walk on a footpath beside a busy road?

I take pride in the fact that I have raised my puppy well with good behaviour and I know I am not alone in this. There are many good, responsible dog owners out there that do the right thing. Please show us the evidence that suggests otherwise.

In this review process, I can only hope that you listen to the voices of many, and not just the voice of one or two seemingly powerful people.

Thanks for your time.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Tarvit

A message has been received for your attention:

Your name

Rhys Barrier

Your address

135 Little Sydney Rd

Your phone number

0273566736

Your email address*

rbarrier@fishandgame.org.nz

Your message

Hi there. I hear mot community board thinking if banning dogs from all beaches Marahau to Kaiteriteri. I need to point out to the board that the Otuwhero inlet is periodically hunted for game birds May-July each winter and trained retrievers are used in thus process. Banning dogs here will by default ban hunting. Please could Fish and Game be consulted on this proposal? Thankyou

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A message has been received for your attention:

Your name

Sarah Jones

Your address

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Your phone number

0211168681

Your email address*

sjnz@ts.co.nz

Your message

This is in response to the item listed for next week's mcb meeting suggesting dogs are banned from Marahau to Tapu Bay. This is a strong No to that proposal. This area is already very restrictive for dog owners and these are some of the slight handful of places we can take our dogs to. Your agenda refers to an online survey on this, although I don't recall reading about this in the papers, TDC publications or anywhere else now anyone talking about this. Such a severe ban should see wider consultation and I am sure if you did so you would hear a resounding NO from the area's many dog owners.

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A message has been received for your attention:

Your name

Sue Walker

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Your phone number

0212035147

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Your message

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed dog ban from beaches from Marahau to Tapu bay.

This needs to follow due process.

Currently dogs are banned from Kaiteriteri beach all year round however Little Kaiteriteri allows dogs at certain times depending on the season. The majority of dog owners are very good at controlling their dogs. I do not feel we have the resources to try and enforce a complete ban. In previous years the local community managed to sort out a way to allow dogs on the first parts of the Sand Spit in Motueka surely something similar could be sorted for this issue.

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