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Good morning and congratulations to our Mayor and to the newly elected and reelected Councillors. Thank you for the opportunity to come along and speak to you all today.

MOHUA BLUE PENGUIN TRUST PRESENTATION:

I am the Chair of the Mohua Blue Penguin Charitable Trust. Our primary goal is to protect the little blue penguins of Golden Bay.

During the period of the current dog control bylaw twenty-nine little blue penguins have been killed in dog attacks. The death of these twenty-nine penguins took place during the nesting season. For every penguin we lose, we also lose their two chicks. This is because the remaining adult is unable to feed them and will abandon the nest. This equates to a loss of eight-seven penguins under our existing dog control bylaw. The magnitude of a loss like this is unsustainable for our kororā population. Dog attacks on kororā must stop.

Last year the Trust commissioned the Kaikoura Ocean Research Institute to conduct a penguin survey throughout Golden Bay. It was undertaken by the Penguin Detection Team Alastair Judkins and his penguin locating dog Mena. Alastair's report stated that roaming and/or out of control dogs were seen on nearly all the beaches he surveyed. He described seeing a burrow that had been recently dug up and destroyed by a dog.

Penguin feathers were scattered on the beach.

We have many school children in Golden Bay who love penguins. All five of our schools are involved in a conservation programme building penguin nesting boxes. You will see in their art work these children know that uncontrolled dogs on our beaches attack and kill penguins.

We believe that the magnitude of the slaughter of penguins by dogs in Golden Bay is unprecedented in New Zealand. This is because during the nesting season dogs are allowed off leash on all of our beaches. Tasman District Council has a dog control bylaw but it doesn't actually control dogs. It fails to protect our penguins. They are being slaughtered.

FOREST AND BIRD GOLDEN BAY BRANCH PRESENTATION:

I am going to change hats now and talk about shorebirds. I am speaking on behalf of the Golden Bay branch of Forest and Bird.

In terms of shorebirds Golden Bay has something very special. The number, the variety and the rarity of these birds is something to behold. We have birds that fly here non-stop from Alaska, birds that fly here to feed and rest after breeding in other parts of the country and birds that choose to make Golden Bay home. We birders refer to them as

international migrants, national migrants and resident birds. Up to fifty thousand shorebirds call Golden Bay home in summer.

New evidence shows that 80% of our shorebirds are threatened with extinction. The negative impact of dogs on our shorebirds in Golden Bay is well documented in multiple studies commissioned by Tasman District Council. Off leash dogs harass, injure and kill shorebirds. Dogs roam freely off leash in our estuaries – Wainui, Tata, Motupipi, Rototai, Waitapu, Onehau, Parapara, Pakawau and Puponga.

Forest and Bird continually receive complaints from the public about dogs disturbing shorebirds at roosting sites, dogs chasing birds as they feed on the mudflats and dogs walking through nesting areas. When migratory shorebirds are forced to fly they use up their fat reserves reducing their chance of survival. When dogs disturb resident birds, it reduces their breeding success. This contributes to their risk of extinction. Shorebirds need to be able to feed, sleep and raise their chicks undisturbed by dogs.

The NZ Coastal Policy Statement requires Council to avoid the adverse effects dogs have on our shorebirds and to protect habitats important to migratory species. As signatories to the Ramsar Convention we are obliged to meet our international obligation to protect birds in their migratory stopovers. The Dog Control Bylaw 2014 fails to address the legal obligations of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement and meet our obligations under Ramsar.

Nowhere in Golden Bay are dog owners required to put their dog on a lead. As a consequence, dogs injure, endanger and cause distress to our shorebirds. With no resident compliance officer it is extremely difficult to bring a prosecution against a dog owner. We need more compliance in Golden Bay. What we have is inadequate.

I would like to summarise by saying that both the Mohua Blue Penguin Charitable Trust and the Golden Bay branch of Forest and Bird have support for an early review of the dog control bylaw from Manawhenua Ki Mohua, the Department of Conservation and Science Advisor to the Mohua Blue Penguin Trust Professor John Cockrem of Massey University . Both Professor Cockrem and the Takaka Manager of the Department of Conservation Dave Winterburn have written letters of support for an early review of the bylaw to Tasman District Council.

It's clear that the current dog control bylaw fails to protect our penguins and our shorebirds. We need a new bylaw that enables infringement notices to be issued, a bylaw that has leash control areas to protect feeding birds, a bylaw that prohibits dogs at roosting sites and nesting sites.



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Fwd: Create more jobs. Now more than ever. FYI..

1 message

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We could start with A "Tiny House industry. Reopen the 2 closed recycling plants on the Peninsula, Plus so many more ideas I can give to you if you were interested at all.. But no you are probably too omni focused to give a damn.. (If the hat fits wear it, you know who I mean) Some 35 short years ago we had Jobs everywhere, we had Iron Ore and great steel industries, we had ship building, Car manufacturing, we built TV's, radio's, washing machines, lawn mowers, hills hoists & furniture manufacturing.

We built Car parts and we even made our own tyres! We had fishing ports and cheap Petrol that was made at Port Stanvac SA, Bulimba Brisbane. Mortlake Sydney Refinery's from oil brought from Bass Strait, North West Shelf and Timor Sea. We built Aircraft, Boats and Buses.

Locomotive diesel electric trains as well as the tracks and everything was "PROUDLY MADE IN AUSTRALIA"! We had Corner stores and Hardware shops all over the city and country. We had work available as a driveway attendant at all our local Service Stations. And at ALL these places you could find a JOB!!!

We had PUBLIC UTILITIES like Power Stations, Water & Gas which would employ thousand around the Country. Then Government sold our soul and started to Corporatise itself and began to compete instead of Govern.

Then we started going down hill! All our companies started going offshore or closing down because this new corporate government did deals with other countries under free trade agreements that allowed them to totally wipe out our business and manufacturing by selling us their cheap crap.

These Foreign Countries took over our Mineral resources. They drove our Farmers off their land and started selling it to these foreign countries and set up 457 visa's as well which would let these countries bring in their own workers! These things left our once beautiful Country in tatters!

Then these Politicians allowed Foreign Countries to buy our Power Stations and guaranteed them that they would always make a profit at our expense no matter what.

Now because we have lost so much the Government then realised they don't get much income anymore and have to find new ways to make money so it hits it's own people further in the pocket.

They cut funding to our Education and over the years led us to import skilled workers because we didn't have any! They cut funding to our Emergency Services, they cut funding to our police and Public housing.

These new Corporate Government Politicians laughed in our faces and gave themselves MASSIVE pay rises and they all pat themselves on the back knowing that we are so dumb and stupid we would not know what is going on! Now they tell us we have to tighten our belts and lose what little we have left to pay back the MASSIVE DEBT they left us all in.

Now I drive the main roads and all I see is the empty buildings that once housed all these great manufacturing companies and I begin to cry seeing them all run down or for lease!!!

This over paid government need more taxes to live on so they are now going to force our elderly (God bless them, for they are the ones that built this Nation) back into the workforce until they are 70. and tell everyone to go out and get a JOB!!

So can someone in this new Corporate Government tell us EXACTLY WHERE THESE BLOODY JOBS ARE????????????????????????????????

Kindest regards,
Wayne

TINY homes – or small, functional houses – are being assessed to provide affordable housing for the thousands of homeless and rough sleepers on the Mornington Peninsula.

The homes, which could be set in small villages, are seen as ideal crisis accommodation, particularly for the 135 Capel Caravan Park residents soon to be seeking a roof over their heads after their planned eviction later this year.

The tiny homes could be trucked onto small parcels of land in semi-rural locations or unused public land, such as disused road reserves.

So great is their capacity to offer a practical solution to homelessness that they will be featured in a Tiny Homes Expo on the southern peninsula next Easter.

In the meantime, former Liberal candidate for Nepean Russell Joseph, in consultation with Capel Caravan Park resident Wayne Iremonger, has launched the not-for-profit Peninsula Community Housing to raise awareness of the urgent need for low-cost housing.

The issue was highlighted by the murder of rough sleeper Courtney Herron, 25, in Melbourne's Royal Park last month, Mr Iremonger said. He reflected that her death could have been prevented if she and her attacker had homes to live in rather than foraging for shelter in open parks.

"There are fewer opportunities for low-income families and we need to find and develop low-cost land to house them," ~~Mr Joseph said.~~

~~"We are trying to figure out what structure [PCH] should be and how best to raise money for it."~~

An eco-village using the tiny homes is a favoured option for the estimated 2000 rough sleepers sheltering from the elements on the southern peninsula's beaches and car parks each night.

"Many are women, often older single women with little superannuation, or mums and dads with children – they are our priority," ~~Mr Joseph said.~~

"We also want to help ageing parent/carers, particularly those with intellectually disabled children. They are terribly worried about theirs and their children's futures.

"We urgently need land and buildings from any level of government or private donors.

"The Salvation Army is desperate for any accommodation. Whatever we build they will fill them. We don't care where the money comes from. There's a lot of frustration building, particularly with the inaction from the state government."

Mr Iremonger said eco-villages would be cheaper than caravan parks and rooming houses, with rents capped at \$150 a week.

"While rudimentary, they will allow for a dignified life for residents as both crisis housing and transitional housing [on the way] to a more permanent solution," he said.

Mr Iremonger said medium and large sites being assessed were the grounds of an old Lutheran Church in Widdop Avenue, Rosebud, and the VicRoads freeway reserve on Boneo Road, Boneo.

Nepean MP Chris Brayne said homelessness was an "important issue that has been facing our peninsula for decades".

"The issue is particularly difficult on the peninsula as finding appropriate land to be used for affordable rental properties remains challenging.

"The 2019-20 Victorian budget delivers on a promise to build 1000 new homes over the next three years. I will continue to fight to see the peninsula get its fair share of public housing."

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As an advocate for Affordable housing for disadvantaged elderly and homeless.

My studies and research show.

A Macmansion uses/needs 123,000 lineal feet to build. Tiny Houses 12,000 lineal feet.

Tiny houses use 6% of the energy to cool and heat them,

Can be totally off the grid. But I mean totally off the grid....

Start by reducing urban heat island effects and increasing access to shaded areas. Less concreted areas.

» retaining water in the landscape and using rainfall better by collecting it.

» improving water penetration to sustain vegetation and allow groundwater recharge.

» maintaining ecosystem services and biodiversity In the city. support community efforts to improve sustainability outcomes. Showcase best practice climate-wise design through display houses and exhibition sites in or on projects.

Demonstration projects provide opportunities for community education and participation in learning about best practice and innovative approaches to climate-wise design.

Education is an important tool in helping to assist in behaviour change and create greater awareness. By showcasing various best practice examples that exist in the Tasman region. The community, business and government can learn more about climate-wise design and lead to better application of climate-wise solutions, climate-wise design in current and future projects.

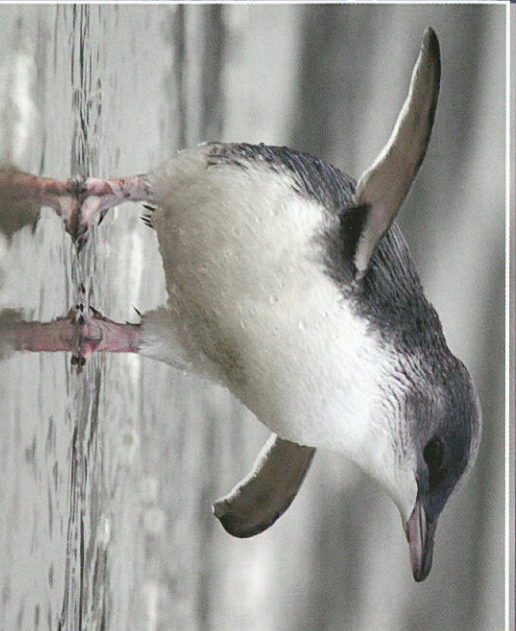
Support trials and demonstration projects . commit to exploring possible initiatives, including incentive options, that will facilitate the implementation of living infrastructure in existing and future buildings, continue to be a sustainable, dynamic, productive and attractive city. It can only be realised through the collective efforts of Government, community, households and business working collaboratively for a more resilient urban environment to hand on to our children. Urban renewal This is the process of improving the economic, social and environmental sustainability of a particular urban area through redevelopment of underutilised urban areas. It typically involves urban redesign, infrastructure renewal and investment, and identifying precincts and land for mixed use.

Water sensitive urban design

Is the planning, design or construction of the built environment to minimise water runoff and ensure any runoff causes the least amount of damage. It is also about wise use of that water to improve our urban environment. Collector tanks on all houses big and small. Water from Wes air machines 15,30,60,100 litres per day, one machine produces 5000 litres per day and only costs \$160,000, incentives to a reduction of say 5% from their rates/or low % finance to all households that take up this technology." Residential Communities built around Social Enterprises" Solar power and other great products aimed at reducing our carbon footprint. Impact enterprises.

Regards Wayne





KEEP OUR PENGUINS SAFE

Have your dog restrained or inside the house at night if you live near the beach.

Put your dog on a lead before you get to the beach.

Stay off the beach at night with your dog.

Little blue penguins (kororo) come ashore after sunset. On land they have nesting sites in rocks, logs, on sandbanks, under buildings and in artificial nesting boxes. They return to the sea before sunrise and spend the day at sea fishing and resting on the surface of the water.

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PROTECT OUR SHOREBIRDS

Don't let your dog chase birds on the beach.

Take a ball or a stick to the beach and distract your dog.

Stay at least 30 metres away from all wildlife.

The Little Blue Penguin - Korora

The Little Blue Penguin is the world's smallest penguin. Around 40 cm tall the little blue penguin is the height of a rugby ball and weighs a little over one kilogram. The little blue is a protected native species that lives along Golden Bay beaches most of the year. Their population is at risk and declining throughout New Zealand. Little blue penguins need our protection from coastal development, from rats and stoats and from their major predator dogs.



If you walk your dog on our beaches please keep your dog close and under direct control at all times. Never let your dog roam free around the shoreline especially between dusk and dawn when blue penguins travel between the sea and their burrows. Please slow down in areas where blue penguins cross roads at night to reach their burrows.

**THE LITTLE BLUE NEEDS YOU.
PENGUIN PROTECTION IS A COMMUNITY
EFFORT.**

The Mohua Blue Penguin Trust is a registered charitable trust. Our aim is to protect Golden Bay's little blue penguins and their habitat.

Donate to our account at

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Golden Bay is home to many shorebirds - Arctic migrants, national migrants and resident birds.

The godwit or kuaka is the best known of our Arctic shorebirds. Of our national migrants the South Island Pied Oystercatcher are the most numerous while the Variable Oystercatcher is probably the best known of our resident birds.

Some of these birds like the banded dotterel (above) use our coastal environment to nest and raise their young. It is important for us to protect the special habitats they use to do this such as sand spits and estuaries. Setting aside sections of the coastline where disturbance from vehicles and dogs can be minimised is another important aspect of ensuring these birds can remain here.

With disturbance rising managing the impact of people upon our threatened and at risk species is challenging. We need your help and cooperation to do this.

You can learn more about our shorebirds by going to the website of the Ornithological Society of New Zealand at www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz

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