

MDCA MEMBERS INPUT TO TDC MAPUA WATERFRONT PLAN – FEB 2017

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TOPIC 5– RELOCATION OF BOAT RAMP

Currently in the Wharf area – see Mapua Boat Club plans for location in Waterfront Park ; comment on this & other locations; design; access; parking – be aware that there is a Remediation Management Plan

Topic 5 Relocation of boat ramp

Relocate to Waterfront Park

No parking of trailers on Waterfront park

Launching daylight hours only

Relocation of ramp to south end of park but minimum strip only

With no turning for cars and no parking

Maybe some parking on the other side of Tahiti St

Build boat ramp at Waterfront Park – make it expensive for non-residents and cheap for boat club members

Next to Annette's ONLY if rest of concerns are agreed to

Roadway access down beside park but fenced

Trailer park over road on remediated land

Leave parking in Waterfront Park for picnickers etc not boats

Best place for boat ramp – dredge out for marina by Leisure Park

Boat ramp at Rabbit Island

High class boat ramp would bring even more boats to area – problem

Bridge to Rabbit Island with boat ramp – will open it all up

If it is user pays on boat ramp does that mean they would go to Grossi point then how would that be managed

Upgrade ramp at Baigents Reserve outside the designated skiing area

Don't destroy/front park. Consider alternatives – even buying alternative property

Should consider buying Leisure Park and developing slipway there

This is a regional issue. TDC and NCC need to consider where new boat launching can be.

Chaos in many seaside areas e.g. Stephens Bay

Wakefield and Richmond boats already use Grossi Pt

What about upgrading/expanding Baigent Reserve boatramp

Consider Rabbit Island

Boat ramp needs a booking system

Walk way along the front needs to be kept

The logical thing for boats is the Leisure park area, and clearly boat ramp users have to pay.

Maybe a discount system for local residents can be developed.

FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

Council should do research into larger motorised boats needs throughout the whole Nelson Tasman region and plan properly for them restricting numbers if necessary. No more ad hoc

development. Keep Mapua for smaller motorised craft. Need ocean launching for larger ones.

In the development of the wharf years ago, we lost storage space for small craft. At the waterfront park (or other area deemed appropriate), it would be great to set up boat sheds for lease so locals can store small craft like kayaks, paddle boards and dinghies, enhancing easy access to our waterways and potentially reducing parking congestion of big vehicles and trailers. (And I would like to reserve my shed now!

We would prefer to keep the Grossi Point boat access the same. We would support organising Grossi point so that there are designated areas for boats and swimmers using the help of signage, information boards and buoys in the water.

Additionally, the parking could be organised as well – although we would only support this if it were to remain a green space.

We oppose the relocation of the boat ramp to the Waterfront Park because we believe it's going to cause congestion and chaos in this area. The noise pollution, size and frequency of moving vehicles that would occur with a boat ramp relocated here are not compatible with a high pedestrian environment or urban environment such as the Waterfront Park and surrounding residential areas. We believe that building a boat ramp in this space would have a large environmental impact on the foreshore and the marine environment, particularly as the foreshore in this area is sensitive and consists of sand and sediment and with existing pollution issues.

This would also impact on pedestrian access from Grossi Point round to the Wharf due to the use of traffic, boats and vehicles. This would make this location unsafe and would no longer be family friendly for pedestrian access through this area.

Our final two points are that jumping off the Mapua wharf is a summer passage for families of all ages. If boat traffic were to increase through here due to a boat ramp then this would become a high danger area and it would impact upon hundreds of people who enjoy jumping off the wharf. From a safety point of view this is not a good proposed location for a boat ramp. Economically the wharf businesses would suffer as many parents sit and have a beverage or food whilst the kids are jumping off the wharf.

Families also do a 'float down' from Grossi Point to the wharf – again another summer passage for families. This would become incredibly dangerous if a boat ramp were to be placed in the middle of where people float down. These activities are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike and add to the value of this area and should therefore not be compromised.