

MDCA water infrastructure subcommittee meeting notes from meeting held on 13 June 2018.

Those present, Bruno Lemke, Dave & Ann Briggs, Chrissie Small and Elena Meredith.

The meeting covered the group's role and expanding representation especially from the residents at the northern end of Stafford Drive, Pinehill Avenue and the lower reaches of Pomona Road . The role is to participate in pushing forward policy and lobby of TDC staff and councillors on issues involving our community. Its role is also to ensure that the storm-water issues in the Mapua/Ruby Bay region (some of which became apparent after Cyclone Fehi) will stay at the forefront of Council planning.

Following Cyclone Fehi, remedial work has been done by TDC on the sea-wall but the left overs are Chaytor Reserve to be levelled off and the Tait Street beach access boardwalk to the beach needing repair, neither have been included in the LTP. It seems council might abandon the Tait street beach access because it needs constant repair.

TDC staff stated that the Ruby Bay sea-wall and the Old Mill sea-wall are currently being maintained to their respective original designed condition in line with the resource consent. Both sea-walls were designed to prevent further erosion of the coastline. Neither were designed to prevent inundation.

Bruno produced paperwork showing that 2 resource consents exist for the sea-wall running along Broadsea Ave. The first in 2000 shows the design of the current sea-wall structure with the existing Clay bund under the rock and stone push up. The second consented wall shows a design with the clay bund levelled to the raised ground level followed by large rocks and stones piled where the existing clay bund and rock wall are. This second design would mean that any splash over would be able to drain back through the second rock wall consented design. This is not the case for the current Broadsea Avenue sea-wall.

Bruno will be attending the TDC Engineering Services Committee Meeting on June 21st where he will ask questions regarding the second consented wall design and who would be expected to pay.

We need to find out how Councils plan is to deal with our Storm water issues since submissions on the LTP have been rejected with no further mention of pending Storm water upgrades being continued.

Council has an interim position on coastal works that they will not invest in coastal protection works to protect private property nor to protect Council property unless there are substantial capital works at threat. This was discussed by the group and should be challenged because the whole point of paying rates is for council to set up infrastructure to protect private property.

It was agreed that Council seemingly has a lack of long term strategic planning regarding our infrastructure issues and we need to find out what their current stance is on long term developments in our area.

Regarding issues with storm water runoff on the section of Stafford Drive, backing onto to privately owned open land between Stafford and Broadsea Ave. Landowners have offered a land strip to be either owned and or maintained with easements by TDC to deal with drainage issues householders have in weather events. However council needs to reinstate and improved out-flow drainage just south of Chaytor reserve (which has been blocked off), before this issue can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

It was suggested by Bruno that the Community Association will write to TDC to request for a timeline for effective field drains between Broadsea Ave and Stafford Drive and an outlet via Chaytor Reserve to remove storm water from the greater part of Broadsea Ave.

It was agreed that we need an area wide solution for the infrastructure problems we have.

Regarding weather event notifications and disaster alerts, Bruno has offered to talk with Civil Defence to find out about notifications in such events so that our community can be better prepared in future. We plan to discuss the fresh water drainage problems in Ruby bay at that meeting.

As Mapua/Ruby Bay missed out in storm-water upgrades in the current LTP, we need to strategise how to get this on the agenda for the next LTP.

The next Ruby Bay workshop meeting will reconvene after June 21st.