Mapua & Districts Community Assn Report from the

Mapua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG) – Meeting 20th May 2019

Hi all,

The following is a summary of the above meeting that took place.

Ngaio Tree Reserve:

Steve Richards (TDC) is still working with Golden Bears Landscape designer to ensure continuity between their proposed changes and the proposed development of Ngaio Tree Reserve. Steve is hoping the updated working plan will be available to MWWG by the mid of this week.

Once this occurs MWWG's sub-committee will meet. Hopefully there will be time to consult the for a short period of time prior to the resource consent process commencing. Because the site is an archeologicial site the resource consent is expected to take between 2-3 months.

From there the next step will be high level costings. It is at this point a decision may need to be made with regard the elements in to plan or whether the development is staged.

Grossie Point:

After our site visit at Grossies Point last month, Richard Hollier (TDC Parks & Reserves Manager) has undertaken some research and provided five aerial photo's of the area over the last 70 years (1948, 1969, 1989, 2016, 2018) and it was reassuring to see that over this 70 year period very little erosion has actually occurred.

Richard sort the advice of Eric Van Straaten (TDC Environmental) explained this was due to the Waimea Estuary margins being protected by Rabbit Island which take the full force of storm wave actions with a much reduced impact of this in the estuary. Along with this, only 1/3 of the flow from the Waimea river enters the Mapua side of the Waimea estuary with the remaining 2/3's of the flow towards Monaco. This information was in line with the information Naomi got from an environmental scientist at Cawthorn Institute.

Because of this, treatment of the estuary edge around Grossie Point can eventually be reinstated in a more natural way with gravels similar to that currently exposed at lower tides in and around the area.

Parking:

- TDC's transport dept are investigating the possibility of yellow no parking lines outside the Laughing Fish Gallery and the 5th Wheel.
- The readings from the traffic counter undertaken near Grossie Point have been deemed not accurate due the location and type of counter used. A different method will be used next time this is undertaken.
- The replacement for the wooden sign at the round-a-bout near Delicious is to go. But what should replace it?
- Discussion regarding vehicles parking on the grassed area next to the boundary fence of Don Yelverton's where vehicle that park there have to drive across the footpath to get there. This parking option is to be removed, options how to do so are being investigated. A suggestion was made that when future alterations to the road are undertaken consideration be given to moving the footpath alongside the fence and parking bays be included next to the road.

MWWG Terms of Reference (ToR)

TDC have suggested alterations to the ToR. Much discussion was had to why TDC felt these changing were required especially considering they are less than a year old and after a rigorous and lengthy process was had prior to them being adopted. Amendments are to be made then circulated for comment.