

MAPUA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

August 2018 – August 2019

Chairperson:

By Marion Satherley

Thank you to all our members, without you this Assn would not exist. Thank you to all those who show an interest and support our community, and a big thank you to our three Ward Councillors (Tim King, Anne Turley & Dean McNamara) and David Ogilvie from the Motueka Ward who regularly attend our monthly meetings. Your attendance, the information you provide, and the link created between the Tasman Districts Council and our community as a result of your presence is extremely valuable. We appreciate you giving up an evening each month to provide this service for us.

I wish to extend a sincere thanks to my fellow executive members, it has been a pleasure working with you all the past year, and I appreciate that patience you showed me during my steep learning curve in my new role as chair. A chair is only as good as the team around them, so I thank you for your willingness and generosity of your time and expertise along with being willing to face each issue with a positive mindset that has seen outside the box questions being asked. Patience is a huge virtue when it comes to the time it takes to move issues forward, and I appreciate the patience of all executive members to keep the wheel of progress moving forward, be it slowly at times. This patience coupled with the ability to work collectively, has the ability to help facilitate the best possible outcomes for our community moving into the future.

The current focus has been how to simplify our systems and record keeping to enable more time to be spent on the actual doing. During the past year we have streamlined the way we communicate with our membership to improve digital access to our agenda's, reports, correspondence, and minutes via Mail Chimp and website enhancements. Thank you to Tim, for undertaking much of this work.

Consultation with our members is vitally important to the Executive team, and much of this year we have been looking at changes/inclusions to our Constitution with the introduction of a new 'Life Membership' clause and well as making changes to the Sub-Committee clause so much of the operational aspects are removed from the Constitution and placed within the Operations Manual. I thank everyone who has participated in this process; your thoughts/suggestions have been extremely helpful.

Information dissemination and consultation with our membership and the wider community is an important aspect of what the Executive try to achieve. A membership drive has commenced with the aim of increasing our membership so as to allow us to converse and share information more directly with our residents. There are many residents who are not even aware the MDCA exists, let alone know the service we provide. I would urge each member to talk with their neighbours about the work being done, and invite them to become a member. It can be done online via our website ourmapua.org. MDCA was formed back in 1948, and has serviced the community well since, and it is up to all of us to ensure we represent the community well.

The past year has also seen an improved working relationship with both our neighbouring Community Associations in Tasman and Upper Moutere. These relationships are important to move all our communities forward in a holistic and inclusive manner.

It has been a very active year for guest speakers with some months we had four in one evening. Guest speakers have included:

- Mapua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG): David Martin introduced himself as the newly appointed independent chair, and later last year we Richard Hollier Parks & Reserves manager for TDC gave an introduction to the proposed development and

the Nagio Tree Reserve at Port Mapua which lead into an intensive brain storming session around the proposed development. There was great participation in the brain storming session and much of the suggestions were considered with many being incorporated into the plan. This project has made progress, be it slower than first hoped. If all elements align, it should be completed by the beginning of the summer of 2020.

- Mapua Reserve Playground Upgrade (next to the tennis courts): Glenn Thorn Parks & Reserve TDC presented a very rough outline of possible changes possible within this routine upgrade. Progress with this project has also been slow to due Glenn being diverted as a result of the February fires and then the flooding in Golden Bay. Further consultation is required before a draft plan can be presented for further discussion.
- Dr Tim Ewer gave us a good update of where the Mapua Health Centre is positioned and his hopes for the introduction of a Intergrative Health Care facility in the near future.
- Rob O'Grady, TDC Project Manager for the water & waste water upgrade presented on several separate occasions to inform us the future plans, where progress is up to supported by Luke Donaldson from Donaldson Civil and many TDC Engineering staff, archaeologists in support. Rob has also promised once the property easements have been finalised in Ruby Bay, He along with other TDC staff will hold a public meeting dedicated to discuss the storm water issues currently plaguing parts of our community.
- Trevor James discussed the fresh water ecology and water quality of the Tasman Area. Explaining how important that our streams have protection from the sun by shade trees to ensure the stream inhabitants can not only survive but flourish.
- Caroline Budge & Breffni O'Rourke from Aged Concern gave a very enlightening talk about the needs of our older residents and how we can help, and they reminded us that at some our lifes mst of us will reach old age and require these services and were encouraging those younger to pay it forward.
- Jamie McPherson, TDC Transport Manager spoke about understanding the guidelines that are used to set the speed limit in any given area, and discussed speed limit issues and possible changes to the current limits in our area while working within the bounds of the guidelines.
- Major Richard Kempthorne gave an overview of TDC's Annual Plan.
- Jacqui Deans & Jeremy Butler, NN TSM Future Development Strategy gave an overview of the development strategy that will be used as a guideline for where future development can/may be proposed keeping in mind factures of sea level rise etc.
- Helen Bibby, Dominion Flats co-ordinator gave a view details summary on how far the project has come from its beginnings five years ago to current time. An amazing achievement by a group of volunteers who turn up most Tuesday mornings to plant, weed etc.
- Tamaha Sea Scouts Troop Leader David Scott and Venturer Scout Amelia Mephen gave a great presentation on when and how scouting began in Mapua, there array of boats, what they offer our communities children and youth as well as the difficulties they now experience due to the changes at Port Mapua. A captivating learning opportunity for all those in attendance.
- Martin Barlow, Mapua Boat Club also highlighted where the boat club has comes, from saving the Mapua Wharf and buildings from demolition, to maintaining the wharf structure, to establishing and maintaining the Maritime Muesuem, to fighting to maintain boating access to the sea.

Next year looks set to be equally as busy as the last. The Executive welcome you feedback and appreciate any input you are willing to give. Please remember, it is not always possible

to please everyone, our aim is to find the most common thread that has the most support before any decisions are made around progressing any given situation.

It is with much sadness that we farewell both Helen and Tim from the executive team. After an astounding ten years of service on the Executive and a major pusher and mover to get Dominion flats to where it is today, our community is in great debt to Helen. Helen is a great team player and works like a trojan for the benefit of us all. Read about the effort of the last twelve months in the Dominion Flats report further down. The Executive wish her well in her future endeavours.

Tim has serviced four years on the executive and in that time he has brought the Assn into the twenty first century with regard technology and how we communicate with our members and the community at large. You can read about the results of his efforts further down in the Social Media report. After struggling with some health issues, Tim has decided it is time for him to lighten his work and volunteer work loads. Thank you Tim for your expertise and your clear thinking around the Executive table. I hope some more space for yourself helps you regain full health.

You will both be greatly missed.

Many of our Executive team have Portfolio's and/or are responsible for a sub-committee, please find their Annual reports below:

Treasurer & Member Services Report:

by Aileen Connell

At the end of the 2019 financial year (30 June 2019) we had 91 members this includes our 3 life members Pat Perry, Hugh Gordon and Wilma Tansley.

We are again grateful for the grant from the TDC for community consultation funding and the membership fee paid by our members. At the AGM in 2018 we increased our membership fee to \$10 per person per year. Our membership list is updated with information throughout the year as it comes to hand. All members receive an email acknowledgment of membership. We use the most up to date membership list for each mail out.

We have 3 automatic payments set up for the secretary and social media honoraria and one for the Mapua Hall (for our 2 meetings a month).

The MDCA has one bank account which is split into 5 distinct groups for reporting purposes and allow us to keep track of income and expenditure for the various sub committees that are tasked with managing these grants

As of the 30th June 2019 we have \$15,954.46 in our bank account. Our income for the general running of the MDCA is from a TDC grant and membership fees. All income for Dominion Flats is from grants. Our AED fund is from a donation from Club Mapua – we have not needed to access these funds for any AED repairs.

Our accounts have been reviewed by David Beatson

Dominion Flats Sub-committee:

By Helen Bibby

In November 2018 we reached our five year milestone since the beginning of this project and we are very pleased to see the growth of the trees that has occurred during that time. Despite a drought during the summer time and recently some really heavy rain which has caused the streams to overflow in places through the plantings, the plants have continued to grow and now many are well above head height.

We have had grants from Pub Charities, Network Tasman and the Greenwood Trust which, together with the other locally grown and donated plants, has allowed us to get well over 3000 more plants into the reserve this year. We have been well supported by the community on planting days and a faithful few front up every Tuesday to help with weeding and plant release. This project could not be as successful as it is without this help.

The Tasman Environment Trust has been included as one of the recipients of the Government billion tree scheme and we will get a share of those when they start to distribute them which will be a big help to our plant numbers.

TDC continue to back the project and we value the assistance we get particularly from Richard Hilton. They appreciate all the community involvement and they are as delighted as we are at the progress that has been made.

Work in continuing on the tracks, particularly along the back and more will be done to these over the next few months, both to the tracks and to removing old fences which will better define the extent of the reserve.

It is great to be able to say that we have tui, grey warblers, kingfisher, paradise ducks, fantails, silvereyes, blackbirds, sparrows, pukeko, swallows, and we have now seen and heard weka - exciting times. Also it is not unusual to uncover a skink under the leaf litter as we work amongst the trees so we are gradually making a difference.

The reserve is now being used by more and more people with the community starting to feel they own a piece of natural flora and fauna and many are able to feel the pride of having contributed to it.

Well done Mapua.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Support Sub-committee:

By Wayne Chisnall

This subcommittee is set up to maintain AEDs accessible to the public in Mapua

A Memorandum of Understanding defines the relationship between the MDCA and the owners of the devices:

- Ownership remains with the purchaser
- Monitoring of batteries and pads is by subcommittee members who maintain a record of expiry dates.
- The drop off point for used devices is currently the Mapua Health Centre
- Funding is required to replace used/expired batteries and pads and Club Mapua generously donated \$470 in 2018.

Training in the use of AEDs and in CPR was provided by the Motueka Districts Neighbourhood Support Society on 6 June.

AEDs available to the public are sited at:

- Outside the Appleshed Café
- Outside the 4 Square Store (generously funded and supported by 4 Square)
- Outside the Mapua Hall
- Outside Cushlas

It has been suggested that a 5th AED might be sited at the Ruby Bay shops. Support for funding this device is being sought from householders in the region. The cost through Jennian Homes is \$2600

The current subcommittee is Wayne Chisnall and Sharon Corbett with Gary Blair and John Ralfe having moved out of the District. We need to get 2 new members.

Social Media:

Submitted by: Tim Hawthorne, MDCA Social Media Manager

From July 2018 through June 2019, the MDCA posted 171 notices on our Facebook page which were viewed 88,143 times. On average, each post was viewed by 516 unique people. Our posts had an aggregate “lifetime” impressions of 166,680. In addition, 11 of our posts were reposted on Neighbourly for potentially thousands of more views.

In addition, we posted 8 videos throughout the year, 7 of which were our “Facebook Live” video casts of presentations at our monthly meetings. All videos combined received 3789 views.

Our two most viewed posts were: “Annual ‘Mapua Car Show’ to Debut Sunday” from November 25th, 2018 with 3108 views, 86 likes, 66 comments and 30 shares. And our largest viewed post was “Our awesome Māpua Kai Collective whānau would like to let everyone know that there are meals available” from August 14, 2018 with 5345 views, 347 likes, 82 comments and 34 shares.

The numbers of people who “like” our Facebook page grew from 812 to 950 in the past year, a growth of 17%. And we’re now followed by 1024 people.

Our website continues to draw small but increasing numbers. Digital activity for our web site www.ourmapua.org moved from an average of about 60 visitors and 120 page views to 140 visitors with over 300 page views. Average time on our site grew to a bit over 2 minutes - a good 33% boost over last year’s 1 and ½ minutes. The monthly article we write summing up our meetings for for the Coastal News is always posted on the websites front page -- for those allergic to the paper version. Additionally, all of our Facebook posts continue to post to the web site’s front page – for those of you allergic to Facebook. A reminder that the website also serves as the repository for all the Association’s monthly meeting notes, agendas, minutes, and correspondence, under the “Archives” drop down menu heading.

And lastly, we’re excited to have begun using Mailchimp in April, the web based email program that allows for logos, photos and hyperlinks to be included. Since May, we’ve been averaging 2 Mailchimp emails per month to our 92 subscribers and running approximately a 75% open rate.

Roads & Footpaths:

By Wayne Chisnall

The 2019 Portfolio included:

- Seaton Valley Road footpath from Mapua Drive to Dawson Road (Completed but too rough for cycling. Ongoing discussions with TDC has resulted in the pathway being topdressed from Mapua Rise to 113 Seaton Valley Road. The remaining section will be topdressed during FY20 as funds become available from the Footpath Maintenance budget. The extension of the pathway to Dawson Road is ranked #18 on the TDC Pathway list.)
- Aranui Road refuge crossing at the Village (Not in budget but will continue to be promoted)
- Mapua Drive path from Mapua Rise to Mamaku Drive (This is at the top of the list for the FY20 budget)
- Seaton Valley Stream Pathway from Old Mill Pathway to Leisure Park Causeway (Discussions continue with TDC – aim to complete in stages with first stage from Moreland Place to Bone’s driveway – TDC have agreed to install a slipway across the Morely Drain when the opportunity arises)
- Jessie Street to Aranui Drive Pathway (This has been explored with the Landowner but he is not going to proceed with the subdivision that would have included the pathway that was supported by the Community)
- Possible pathway from Higgs Road to Aranui Reserve (Discussions with landowners could be revisited)

My thanks to Steve Elkington and Jamie McPherson of TDC for their assistance in completing projects and responding to questions.

Community and Public Transport subcommittee:

Convenor- Elena Meredith Other members: Vicky Stocker (MDCA & Hills Community Church); Maggie Price (Hills Community Church); Heather Hoad (Senior Moments Group)

This is a new subcommittee set up in response to ongoing community concerns relating to a lack of any affordable available public/community transport system within and out of Mapua and Districts. It has been really energizing and productive to work across and with other community organizations in this way.

This concern was a “Hot Topic” at one of the 2018 MDCA meetings and it was clear that there was energy for a specific focus on identifying and addressing this issue.

The formation of the Nelson Tasman Transport Trust late 2018 with a regional focus on the same issues and access to a broader range of funding and resources has provided the support for a more specific focus on MDCA taking action to begin .

The subcommittee has developed, trialled and circulated a Community Wellbeing Survey for Mapua and Districts Residents . This began with a specific section on transport covering current usage and future possibilities. Other questions related to more general wellbeing and potential improvements and additions to resources available in the Mapua district. The survey was available in paper and on-line versions for residents to complete and submit over the month of July. At the time of writing 320 completed copies have been submitted – a return rate of 20% which is really encouraging. The next phase is to publicize the results and set up a wider community working group to analyse the results and focus on ways we can begin to “ put wheels on the issue” (as it were!)

It is encouraging that both Tasman and Tapawera Associations have asked for the survey format and indicated their intentions to adapt and circulate it amongst their own members.

As our population and awareness of the impact of carbon emissions on the environment both increase, this is becoming an increasingly urgent aspect of our community life and infrastructure to address. This aspect of MDCA's work has immediate impact on our residents ability to remain in and be connected to the area, as well as longer-term implications for decreasing pollution and traffic congestion. We look forward to a busy year ahead.

Mapua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG):

By Marion Satherley

It has been a year of change for the MWWH starting with a revamp of how the group is set up and its purpose redefined. In this change the community representatives insisted the group functions as a community co-operative with TDC and therefore needed to be chaired by an independent resident of Mapua & Districts community who was not a members of any of the representative groups on MWWG.

David Martin was elected to this position and has proven to be a very sound choice for the role.

Much of this year has been focused o how to make the developemtn at the Ngaio Tree Reserve a reality. Much community consultation has occurred and Steve Richards, TDC's landscape designer has done a great job of listening and MWWG members feel Steve has a very good grasp on what the community as a whole desires and has introduced many of the consultation elements into the design. Steve is very enthusiastic about the development and has managed, so far, to negotiate some problem areas with good compromised outcomes. Unfortunately, financial pressures are at play with the development and due to early miscommunication, the project has not progressed as first hoped. The advantage of having

more time for behind the scenes planning has actually been helpful on some aspects and it is now hoped construction will commence around April 2020.

Funding the complete project within one financial year is not possible and there is a possibility it may need to be funded over a two year period. This is not ideal. There is a option being discussed at present around each representative group on MWWG to help raise the additional \$80,000.00 required to complete the project through external funding sources. This is still in the consultation phase with the representative groups.

Grossie Point is a future topic for MWWG. There had been initial concerns of erosion on the point which needed to be addressed before too much damage occurred. As a result TDC in consultation with other scientists with the support of aerial photographs over the past 70 years have revealed that very little erosion has actually occurred over this period of time. There has been damage to the shoreline which has uncovered some old concrete slabs that were dumped at the water's edge many years ago and are a potential hazard. Beach restoration has been discussed and could occur sometime in the near but not immediate future. Other future development of this area is seem to be low key native plantings which will eventually replace the exotic species that are currently there.

Grossie Point will become the groups focus after the completion of Ngaio Tress Reserve.

Other items the group has looked at and facilitated improvements to include: signage upon approaching the Port area, lighting and security camera installation.

MWWG is a great example of how a co-operative group approach with TDC staff, councillor as representative members can work effectively for stakeholders within a community. Well done to all representative groups members involved.