

Report on Community/Public Transport Project (MDCA) –July 2109

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Currently a copy of the Community Wellbeing Survey for Mapua/Ruby Bay & Districts which includes a section on community/ public transport,, has been delivered to all letterboxes in the Mapua/Ruby Bay and some parts of Mahana ,along with the MDCA promotion/information leaflet .

Costs for printing the surveys were covered by the Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust while the costs for delivery were covered by MDCA. The hope is that most people will respond using the on-line link provided and at the time of writing this report 56 people had done so.

Extra paper-copies are available in the Mapua community hall and Library. Further publicity avenues set up during July for informing/reminding residents are :

- local groups and organizations emailing their members- I already & 2 more to go
- the article in *Coastal News*
- notices put up in public places

People have been asked to send an email to me if they are interested in being involved in future development of the transport project and hopefully this will provide us with an ongoing and larger working group to develop options/proposals.

The May presentation to TACA (Tasman Area Community Association) of the vision and aims of the Nelson Tasman Community Transport has resulted in them taking up our offer of adapting and using the Transport Section of our Mapua Community Wellbeing survey. They have sent this out to their members with a link to an on-line format. The response has already been encouraging and the shared data will provide a broader and stronger basis for any potential future collaboration on developing and promoting a public/community transport system in our region.

All of this has been possible because of the willing co-operation between and communication across many groups in the community. Special thanks here to Vicky Stocker of Hills Community Church whose enthusiasm and organizational skills as well as access to the Church resources have been invaluable and much appreciated.

We encourage all MDCA members to complete the survey themselves as well as encouraging as many of our residents to do so – we need this data as evidence of the need and support for applications to fund any future projects.