

Report from Community wellbeing Subcommittee To Oct 14 2019 monthly MDCA meeting

Over the month of September the Community Wellbeing Survey report has been collated into one single report with summarized data linked to topical comments and with qan attached appendix of grouped suggestions. A summary of the Report was in the Sept Issue of *Coastal News*

The **Community Forum held on Thursday September 19** in the Mapua Community Hall for interested individuals and key stakeholders had about 20 attendees and 10 more apologies from others who indicated their willingness to be involved in the “what next?”

Those attending divided into three groups relating to the three main strands identified from the Survey Data and came up with the following plans:

Transport

In terms of **transport in our own area**, the projects agreed on were to :

1. Establish a roster system of matching volunteer drivers in Māpua with those needing travel around Māpua for appointments / activities { hopefully with the support of AgeConnect's system}
2. Work on setting up a community bus system (leased locally if possible) for a regular Māpua to & from Richmond/ Motueka? route building up to several days a week and maybe several times a day

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Health

In terms of **health in our own area**, the projects agreed on were :

1. Andrew Goodger (MNDHB) to send a comprehensive list of health and related agencies
2. Agencies and individuals on this list to be approached to see if they would be willing to run local clinics/appointments/ services in Māpua on a regular basis to avoid so many residents travelling outside Māpua for appointments
3. “ Old Church “could make a possible community hub -based on the model of Motueka's Decks Reserve Community House

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Social Connectedness – brainstorm

Areas for further research and follow-up were brainstormed in this group:

1. Community Hub – for information and access to services (see No 3 above)
2. System of hooking into “ excess supply of volunteers” in the area & linking them into areas where support is needed
3. Possible establishment of an accessible (maybe online) directory of such health and social support agencies
4. Wider & more focused use of community ‘s communication systems and forums
Revive “ Welcome to Māpua “ Newcomer Packs ; link with visits to newcomers

How to set up linking surrogate “ grandparents and grandchildren” to make links between families and available older people

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Report Back

These themes and commitments from each working party were reported back to the wider group.

- It was acknowledged that **more resources** (including research) would be needed for some of these projects and that locating and accessing these is an ongoing task for us all.
- It was **agreed to accept Mapua & Districts Community Association’s offer** to be the repository and communication channel for the three working parties – with its breadth of focus across the whole community. It was noted here that both MDCA & Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust (NTCTT) can be avenues for accessing further support in terms of funding.
- Working parties will each **keep records** of their communication and summarize these in a **report for the beginning of December**.

An article summarizing this meeting will be in the October issue of *Coastal News*

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