

**Chairperson:**

By Marion Satherley

Thank you to all our members, without you, MDCA 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 (Anne Turley, Christeen MacKenzie & Dean McNamara) and David Ogilvie from the Motueka Ward who attends our monthly meetings on occasions. 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 thank you to my fellow executive members. A chair is only as good as the team around them, so I thank you for your willingness and generosity of your time that you give to the executive team and the community in which we live.

All we need now to gain a full team on the executive is an additional committee member, and a capable secretary. If you have the skills and the willingness to give back to your community, I would love to welcome you onto our team.

In that, I would like to thank and welcome Esme Palliser and Paul McIntosh for making themselves available for nomination onto the executive team. I look forward to working alongside you both.

The executive team has achieved some incredible results during the past year and progressed several projects to a stage where many more results are on the cusp of materialising.

The latest flyer with information about MDCA's activities has recently been completed and has resulted in a pleasing uptake of new members. To ensure MDCA gain and maintain a well-rounded representation of the community and for residents to have the opportunity to ensure their view is heard, it is important MDCA continually reach out to residents so as ensure MDCA membership attains a good percentage of the community's population. I would urge each member to talk with their neighbours about the work being done, and invite them to become a member. Membership can be achieved online via our website [ourmapua.org](http://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.

It is always important to remember, it is not always possible to please everyone all the time, however, it is possible for everyone to have an opportunity to be heard, should you choose. The more opinions/views that are heard, the easier it can be to identify the common thread, aiding in decision making.

A variety of guest speakers have honoured us with extremely interesting presentation.

They include: -

- Tasman Environment Trust – Sky Davies
- Project Jansoon – Bruce Vander-Lee
- Battle for the Banded Rail - Tracey Murray
- Māpua Community Care Initiative – Ron Oliver, Katherine Ballantyne Kingdom & Tim Manning
- Mayor Tim King & Cllr Christeen MacKenzie
- Cllrs Anne Turley & Dean McNamara

- TDC Parks & Reserves Review - Richard Hollier
- TDC Water & Waste Water upgrade - Rob O'Grady
- LTP information - Cllr Christeen MacKenzie
- Community Wellbeing Update – Elena Meredith, Vicky Stocker & Rev John Sherlock
- Storm Water & Sea Water inundation – TDC David Stevenson, Richard Kirby & Jamie McPherson
- Water & Waste Water Upgrade – Luke Donaldson of Donaldson Civil

I continue to attend as many TACA (Tasman Area Community Assn) meetings as possible each month. This relationship is proving to be beneficial and we have collaborated with several items throughout the past year.

It never ceases to amaze me how slowly the wheels of progress move when it comes to realising community development. From the first thought, to consultation, to lining all the ducks in a row before construction or change can occur. There are so many aspects to be considered and people to be consulted.

The upgrade of the Māpua Recreation Reserve Playground falls into this category. First it was the February 2019 fires, the Golden Bay flooding, and then Covid 19 that took many TDC staff away from their day to day tasks to become directly involved with Civil Defence. Even though we do not have a firm construction commencement date for the playground upgrade, the re-alignment of the Great Taste Trail path has been completed. It is great to see some physical progress has taken place.

This past year has had a few challenges and securing a secretary is one that has increased the load of the three executive members who have shared this work. I wish to personally thank both Elena and Bruno for stepping up and helping me out with this.

MDCA have recently become aware of a new challenge for our community regarding future planning and how we wish traffic flow to be designed so it enhances the safety of residents especially our young and elderly. Where would we like to see roads from future developments exit to ensure we maintain a village feel, reduce congestion, encourage safe cycling and pedestrian movements etc. Our time to have a say is through the up and coming TRMP (Tasman Resource Management Plan) review later this year. MDCA will kick off this discussion next month. Maybe, it is timely for us to consider approaching TDC to develop a co-operative group to work closely alongside community stakeholders and TDC in much the same way the Māpua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG) functions with regard future development as the focus.

Another issue that has also recently come to our attention relates to any very old native trees in our area. How do we protect them from future development? How do we identify where they may be located? Maybe this could also be included within a new community stakeholder group?

Each executive member has had a portfolio during the past year, and considering we are all volunteers, much has been achieved. A brief summary of these portfolios includes:

- a) Treasurer: Where would we be without Aileen. Her reports are clear and she makes it very easy for us to follow. See separate report below.
- b) Secretary: Thank you Desiree for your dedication while you were able.
- c) Vice Chair: Wayne thank you for being at the other end of the phone when I need.
- d) Roads & Pathways Portfolio: Thank you Wayne for your perseverance and patience for following up local issues with TDC. It would be good if MDCA & TDC could use the working model of the join collaboration as is used with the Māpua Waterfront Working Group to ensure future development is widely consulted. See separate reports below.
- e) Dominion Flats Restoration Project: Helen has championed this project from the beginning. We are so grateful to Helen and her willing team of dedicated weekly workers. A massive achievement for now and future generations to enjoy. See separate report below

- f) Social Media and Website Maintenance: Bruno has been the man on the executive for all things technical. Thank you, Bruno, for keeping the website running, for linking all the monthly documents with the mail chimp mail outs, and keeping the community informed through MDCA Face Book page. See separate report below.
- g) Community Hub & Willing Wheels: This has been a massive undertaking, one which started with a vision and through Elena's persistence and co-operation with other community groups both these projects have moved ahead leaps and bounds. See separate report below.
- h) Historical scanning of documents to place all MDCA documents into digital form for easy reference. Thank you, Mike, for picking this project up
- i) Video recording of early year's recollections of local residents: Thank you Mike for picking up this project and running with it, and getting it to a stage where it is ready for take-off, once funding has been secured. Also, a big thank you to Margaret Cotter for offering her time to assist.

In addition to the portfolio's, MDCA have the following projects on the go:-

- a) Public seating: It has been identified the need to provide public seating between Ruby Bay and Māpua Village to enable an option for those who are less able to stop and rest should they choose to go for a walk. It has also been identified that public seating dotted around the Village would also be beneficial.  
Currently MDCA have four seats ready to be installed, however, we now need to find willing helpers to help install the concrete pads before the project can be completed. If you are willing and able please make contact within myself or MDCA.
- b) Aquarium Plaque: Quotes are being currently being investigated for this project.
- c) Exercise Stations in Māpua Recreation Reserve or Māpua Domain. This project needs someone to drive it. If you are able to help out, we would love to hear from you.
- d) 'Good Sorts' initiative: Thank you Esme for instigating this. Each month anyone in the community can nominate another community member for providing good service, a good deed, or just generally going above and beyond for either a fellow resident or services to a group/organisation. Simply send nominations to [info@ourmapua.org](mailto:info@ourmapua.org) with 'Good Sort' in the subject line.

As you can see MDCA are doing much to add value and enhance our community. If we were able to have more hands on deck on the executive we could not only share the load, we could also contemplate even adding more value to our community for the benefit of residents. Please consider your availability and make contact with either myself or MDCA.

I personally live by the philosophy that 'it is everyone's responsibility to share their thoughts'. After all, it is impossible to determine the majority view without first knowing what people think. However, it saddens me when I see evidence of some community members pulling against each other.

I believe it is important for us to remember when controversial issues arise, to walk in the shoes of those with a differing opinion to understand another perspective in an attempt to get all the facts from every perspective before a final opinion/decision is made or stance is taken. Then, it is equally as important to realise that not everyone thinks the same, nor will they agree. Therefore, it is vital we learn the majority vote/opinion is what rules and the resulting decisions need to be accepted gracefully.

There is no place in our small community for personal agendas, and it is counterproductive to use a public space to air any personal grievances and attack those who have a differing opinion.

We need to remember how the nation got through Covid19, it was by a team of five million working together for a common goal. In Māpua and Districts we have a much smaller population and therefore a smaller team, and in theory, this should make it much easier for us to get through together peacefully and amicably. 'Let's do this'

The executive team are always available and welcome suggestions and/or feedback you may be willing to share.

See portfolio's reports below:-

**Treasurer & Member Services Report:** (please also see yearend account summary and notes to accounts – see ourmapua.org )  
by Aileen Connell

At the end of the 2020 financial year (30 June 2019) we had 91 members.

We are again grateful for the grant from the TDC for community consultation funding and the membership fee paid by our members. Our membership list is updated as fees are paid. 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:-

- \$200 for secretary honorarium
- \$100 for Social media honorarium
- \$62.60 for Māpua Hall (meeting room hire for the monthly Public and Exec meetings)

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:-

- General Fund
  - o Monies from membership fees and grant from the TDC
  - o Use to pay Honoraria, meeting room hire, website and other admin costs required to run the association
- Dominion Flats
  - o All monies are from grants and donations
  - o Spending is controlled by the Dominion Flats sub committee
- Waterfront Park
  - o Monies are remainder of funds from Aquarium Trust Fund
- AED fund
  - o Donation from Club Māpua and excess from Givealittle Fundraising for new AED
  - o Spending for repair and upkeep of units
- Seating Project
  - o Donation
  - o Spending for seats between Ruby and Māpua for rest stops

As of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 there is \$7,352.81 in our bank account.

The year end accounts are currently under review, a report will not be ready in time for the AGM meeting

If any member wants more detailed info about our accounts, please let me know and I will be happy to help

### **Dominion Flats Sub-committee:**

By Helen Bibby

We have made good progress once again this year and have just about finished the big planting of almost 3000 trees that has been our target. The plants this year came from the Billion Trees Project which saved a lot of time trying to find funding. Once again the Community came to help and with the weather playing ball we had two very successful planting days.

We have a group who come weekly to help with weeding and track work and we work very much as a team, freeing the plants inside the plant covers and clearing between the plants. Many people now use the area for recreation and particularly during Covid there were a lot

who found it for the first time and realised there is a lot of track to explore. The most impressive thing though is the growth of the trees during the year and even though we had a long period of very dry weather, many of the plants are now well above head height. There is very little area that is still to be planted which we hope we will get to next year, so we can all be very proud of this patch of native trees that did not exist six and a half years ago.

## **Roads and Footpaths:**

By Wayne Chisnal

### **Māpua Drive Footpath Extension**

The extension of the footpath from #75 Māpua Drive down to Dominion Flats is scheduled to be constructed by Downers in September. An Armco guardrail will be installed from Dominion Flats driveways to the #61 driveway. The shared path will be mainly on the existing road and will be 3m wide to enable trucks and diggers to access the area to clear debris from any falls from the battered bank.

This new path will provide safe passage for school children walking up from the Dominion Flats pathway.

### **Stafford Drive cycle path**

The installation of the new pipelines down Stafford Drive has resulted in the formation of a consistently wider and safer cycleway from the School to Pinehill.

### **Māpua Ferry Service**

NZTA were asked to consider making this ferry service free to Gold Card Holders consistent with the privileges accorded holders on the Waiheke and Days Bay ferries in Auckland and Wellington. NZTA advised that this was not possible as the Māpua Ferry is not part of the Tasman transport network. TDC will be asked to consider doing this.

### **Seaton Valley Stream Pathway**

A well formed pathway has been completed along the northern edge of the new Mapua Inlets subdivision connecting Moreland Reserve to Bones Driveway. The TDC will now be encouraged to complete this pathway from Bones Driveway to the Old Mill Pathway and from the Leisure Park Causeway to Moreland Reserve. This will require discussions with the owners of the private driveways in order to install kissing gates to make the crossings safe.

### **Indicative Roads**

The Tasman District Plan refers to potential land development options that include indicative roads and pathways. These were identified some 20 years ago and possibly modified as part of Plan Change 21 some 10 years ago. The MDCA has pointed out that the relevance of a District Plan developed 20 years ago is very much tempered by actual developments in a community across a period of time. The District Plan is going to be revised in a process starting with community consultation in October. The MDCA needs to consult with the community in September in advance of the formal TDC debate on the current indicative roads issues and other aspects of the District Plan.

## **AED Support:**

By Wayne Chisnall

The subcommittee set up to maintain AEDs accessible to the public in Māpua continues to operate.

A 5<sup>th</sup> AED has been sited at the Ruby Bay Kitchen building after a successful Give-a-little fundraising campaign.

Training in the use of the AEDs is accessible online via [www.zoll.co.nz](http://www.zoll.co.nz)

My thanks to Sharon Corbett, Margaret Pidgeon and Anita Green for their contribution to the AED Subcommittee.

## **Social Media:**

Submitted by: Bruno Lemke, Social Media Manager

In September 2019 I took over from Tim Hawthorne as Social Media Coordinator. Thank you Tim, for having spent a considerable time setting up and fine tuning the Web and Facebook sites in the previous 4 years.

#### Highlights of the last year

Clearly the smooth move to ZOOM during the COVID lockdown would be the highlight. Attendance stayed about the same and people commented on how well it worked. On the basis of this we attempted to keep ZOOM running once the meetings reconvened at the Hall after the COVID lockdown, but these were not as successful with feedback and delay problems making it difficult to run both platforms. We are still trying to iron out some of these issues.

#### Low Points of the last year:

Our website was hacked in the first month of me taking over. This meant the web site was down for nearly a month while the site was repaired and it took another month to “fix” it so it wouldn’t happen again.

The spin off from this was that the web site was now much safer especially with weekly back-ups so it now becomes a safe place to store past document. As such I stopped reporting on the number of hits on the web site as they were generally quite low except to access the online documents.

My reports will mainly focus on our Facebook page because that goes out to people who don’t necessarily attend meetings and these people give valuable feedback on our operations.

#### Top posts (with date and number of engagements in brackets)

- “Say no to 5G” (Nov. 2019; 898)
- Ray Bolderson’s Lake Aranui (Feb 2020; 861)
- Launch of Māpua and Districts Food delivery service (April 2020; 775)
- Macron on Māpua (Sept 2019; 738) and subsequent photo of Harvey Ruru and the kids and the meaning of Māori words; Thanks Naomi for helping out with these early postings
- “Meet the Candidates” video (Sept. 2019; 682)
- Māpua Reserve Playground (Feb. 2020; 403)
- Māpua Town Centre Survey: (March 2020; 363)
- June Kai kitchen collective is open again = (June 2020; 315)
- AED for Ruby Bay, Give a Little Page promotion and March followup (Nov 2020; 311), for which donations have risen to \$1200
- Māpua Drive to Te Māmakū Drive pathway (June 2020; 294)
- June Grossi Point discussion paper (June 2020; 285)
- Tiny Houses (Sept. 2019; 279)
- School children needing to walk through a flooded underpass (Sept. 2019; 209)

There were no problems with MDCA Facebook page with any of the posts except one. Some comments on the “Say no to 5G” posting became quite vitriolic so I had to censor some comments that became very personal. I also had to modify the posting to make it crystal clear that it was not our opinion and that we were just advertising an event. Subsequent to this we modified our Facebook policy. Essentially our Facebook page is about discussing ISSUES, not personalities.

The weekly Neighbourhood watch police report was pulled from Facebook and the Web page by request from the Motueka police.

Helped Tasman Community Association (TACA) set up and run ZOOM during Covid.

Developed guidelines for Mailchimp mailouts to ensure members do not get bombarded with emails that are incorrect and then need to be re-sent.

We were exploring the development of a searchable Māpua and Districts Community Directory web page. This is currently on hold till we see what Māpua Business Association produces.

We are still considering incorporating an environmental resources web page in our web site and may develop a Māpua historical web page also. This has been on hold till we have more items and we see what the new TET (Tasman Environmental Trust) looks like when completed.

### **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)

Following the July 2019 Māpua and Districts Community Wellbeing and Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) Surveys, a community Forum was held in September 2019 and from this 3 working groups were established :

**1. Health Services** – the focus for this year has been checking the accuracy and actual availability of services in Māpua as listed in the NMDHB register .There has also been discussion with these services on their willingness to run local clinics in Māpua thus lessening the necessity to travel for appointments/consultations. (a major issue noted in the July 2019 survey ) Research is continuing into ensuring that there is an appropriate and accessible on-line/paper version community directory of all such services .

**2 Social connectedness** – this group has worked as the Māpua Community Hub working group with members from community groups (including Hills Community Church) and the trustees of the Dale Vercoe Community Care Charitable Trust. (DVCCCT) The focus has been on exploring :

- The suitability and development of “ the old church” building as a community drop-in centre / venue for appointments / information and support – complementing the services and facilities provided by the fully used Māpua Community Hall and
- The suitability of using the DVCCCT as the vehicle for establishing and developing such a facility The current trustees have generously agreed to this which involves a name change for the Trust and a need for more community-based trustees.

The agreed name for the facility is *Māpua Community Wellbeing Hub* Currently the focus is on gathering data and seeking assistance in preparing for and financing a feasibility study of both the concept and plant as being “ fit for purpose” for this project in our community at this time

**3 Community transport** – the format for the July 2019 survey has been used by both the Tasman and Motueka communities to gather their own data while data from Māpua was included in the recent NCC & TDC Public Transport Survey.

Thirty drivers responded to an MDCA Facebook posting & volunteered their cars and time to support the Food Delivery Service during the COVID 19 Lockdown . A team of 11 ( including from Richmond and Motueka ) have volunteered ( and been police vetted ) to drive for the Māpua Willing Wheels Volunteer Drivers Service offering rides in & around Māpua; to Motueka and Richmond . A co-ordinator (Rachel Mason) has been appointed to establish the scheme as an “ action research” project . Data of passenger usage will be gathered and reported on to support the hope for and viability of the service continuing on and becoming part of a “ coastal corridor “ to and from Richmond- through Māpua and Tasman to Motueka. The contract for this is provided in partnership by Nelson Community Transport Trust (NTCTT) and the Māpua Districts Community Association ( MDCA) with funding from a Community Connect MSD grant.

Report submitted by Elena Meredith ( convenor MDCA Community Wellbeing Subcommittee)

### **Mapua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG):**

By Marion Satherley

The redevelopment of the Ngaio Tree Reserve is another project that appears to be moving super slowly. The interruption of Covid 19 has not helped, but even so, the almost two years of planning will still hopefully be realised with construction completed by mid December 2020.

Also due to Covid 19 the offer from Motueka High School Technology dept to produce the table and chairs for the reserve was no longer viable for the school to achieve. Instead Stephen Richard TDC has been communicating with the Menz Shed.

The Archaeological report for the Ngaio Tree Reserve has been received and will be posted on MDCA website under the heading ‘Our Māpua’ in due cause.

Preliminary consultation of Grossi Point has occurred with the neighbours and there is a plan to widen this consultation with the greater community once the Ngaio Tree Reserve has been completed.

The two year tenure of the chairperson ends in the coming months and the members of the MWWG are currently in the evaluation and discussion phase for this position.

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