

Annual Reports for Māpua District Community Association

Wildlife Corridors Subcommittee

MDCA Community Survey on Housing and Transport 2022

### **Wildlife Corridors Subcommittee of the MDCA**

With the spectacular successes of Dominion Flats and Aranui Park, our local community has a strong track record in looking after and re-wilding our local reserves. The Māpua School, the Battle for Banded Rail, the Māpua Dawn Chorus and countless heroes who have engaged in trapping pests and planting native trees are helping wildlife corridors for native flora and fauna in our area.

Led by Lou Gallagher and Bruno Lemke, a participation-based subcommittee of the MDCA was established and voted into existence by the community of Mapua in 2021/2022. We hosted 2 outdoor gatherings to observe and learn about local wildlife corridors along the Waimea Inlet and one this week at a Seaton Valley home in Māpua with Trevor James from the Tasman District Association to specifically address Council ideas for the Senior Property. We represent a wide range of community members (18 participants in the first year), keeping informed via email, facebook and the Coastal News.

The purpose of the Wildlife Corridors Subcommittee is to increase community awareness of the survival of fish, birds and plants through connectivity of forest, coastal lowlands and estuary habitats in our unique coastal village environment. At the time of establishment, our objectives are:

1. To identify suitable land areas with potential to support new and existing wildlife corridors in the Māpua area, with a focus on native bird habitat.
2. To explore ways that such land can be protected by QE1II covenant (or the like) and managed by the Māpua Community for the purpose of public education and enjoyment.
3. To be the primary point of community contact with regard to any future storm water plan for the Seniors land

The Wildlife Corridors Subcommittee made 2 submissions to the Tasman District Council on the Reserves Management Plan and two more on the Future Development Strategy, in favor of connecting isolated patches of reserve for continuity and expansion of wildlife habitat.

### **Housing and Travel 2022 Community Survey for Tasman, Ruby Bay and Māpua Residents**

The housing and travel survey for Tasman, Ruby Bay and Māpua Residents in 2022 was designed, pretested and made available to the public by email link, print version and QR Code for the purpose of informing the Future Development Strategy for the Tasman region.

Data were compiled by Survey Monkey and Anne-Marie Beeler of the MDCA. Data was analyzed and shared with the MDCA at two public meetings this year: one on housing results and the other on travel. Both presentations are posted on the MDCA website page: [www.ourmapua.org/mdca-residents-survey/](http://www.ourmapua.org/mdca-residents-survey/) Similarities and differences between this and the 2019 survey were discussed.