

## Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA) - August 2024

The August meeting included both the **AGM** and monthly General Meeting. **Life Membership bestowed on Elena Meredith** in recognition of Elena's many contributions to the MDCA and the community over the past 20+ years. Helen Bibby gave thanks on behalf of membership and Elena spoke and sang a waiata in reply. Councillor Mike Kininmonth also thanked Elena for her work dating back to the renovation of the Māpua Hall & carpark from TDC grants

**Paul McIntosh** and **Fiona Bibby** were confirmed as the incoming chairperson and secretary respectively, while **Mike Ashby** and **Lynley Worsley** joined the executive committee, with all other executive member reconfirmed in their current roles. Paul McIntosh gave thanks to outgoing chair Jim Vause for his contribution as Chair and part of the Executive in the past years.

Councillors discussed current TDC activities including the **Granny flats** (small units) workshop, submissions open for new bylaws including **Dog and Cat** and **Navigation Safety bylaws** - further information and submission forms are available on the Shape Tasman website. The **TDC Representation Review** is also ongoing looking at whether the existing wards / councillor numbers are appropriate given growth in the various ward areas – this is open for public submission too. Finally the **Regional Growth Summit** was held in Nelson with Minister Jones in attendance - some 'new money' is to be allocated to the region for stopbank protection work.

The **Dominion Flats** native planting project has achieved its 10-year goals, and with this amazing project soon coming to an end we are looking for community ideas for our next community improvement project. Many thanks to Helen Bibby and her small army of volunteers for their dedicated efforts over the past decade.

Under **Transport and Wellbeing**, we are still seeking volunteers to transport people to and from their homes to catch the bus service. Some residents need that little bit of extra help getting to the Bus Stop.

Under **General Business** a motion was proposed and seconded that "the TDC provide an overview of Resource Consent applications for subdivisions within Māpua, Mahana and Tasman". Robust discussion followed but the motion was not passed. Councillor Christine Mackenzie suggesting that a TDC planning manager comes to talk to MDCA about the consents process.

The September MDCA General Meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September and will include a presentation from **Civil Defence** – residents interested in learning more and/or taking a more active role are invited to attend.

The planned meeting with **West Coast-Tasman MP Maureen Pugh** is being rescheduled to later this year – we will provide more details once confirmed, with the intended format to be a Q&A session on key issues impacting our community.

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