

## **Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA) - October 2024**

**Māpua Wellbeing Trust** – Jim Vause, John Botting and Wayne Chisnall presented on the Nelson Bays Primary Health Org – Needs Analysis. They discussed how the old Church Hall is currently being heavily used, and that the new Hills Community Church may be a more practical option for expanded health services. They stressed the need for the community to work together to achieve best outcomes for broader healthcare, as well as looking at possible new services such as Speech Therapy and Aged Care Support Co-ordination. The analysis highlighted the impact of population growth on our existing facilities and the role MDCA and others could play in supporting the ongoing/future needs of the community.

**Impact of RMA Fast-track process on Māpua MasterPlan** – the recently announced Fast-track process and Tasman area developments were discussed. The Seaton Valley developers have applied, with both the TDC and Councillors confirming that while they were made aware of the application, they had no input into the proposals. The Select Committee report on the bill is due back Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and given there have been a large number of submitters, the Govt has already signalled it will be recommending changes. The bill contemplates the EPA managing the process and it's not clear what input council or the community will have (if any). The required Zoning changes are not scheduled to start until next year and development consent(s) won't be processed until after that.

With the Seaton Valley Development is now likely to proceed, the focus for the community and council should shift to ensuring their views are represented in the final Māpua Masterplan (MMP). Public Consultation on the MMP will be open from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 through 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025, and will be advertised via Newsline and facebook. In addition, information pamphlets to be delivered to all properties within the urban area of Māpua as well as individual letters being sent to landowners with changes proposed on their land. The MDCA will be provided with information on the submission process, and the presentation given by TDC staff at the recent Council MMP Workshop is already available on the MDCA website.

**Other Council News** – Council's review concluded that all Ward areas / representation will remain the same, with the only addition being the Māori Ward. The Dog and Cat bylaw reviews are ongoing and have generated a lot of feedback from over 1600 interested stakeholders. Council is required to consider the proposed replacement for 3-Waters 'Local Water Done Well') and needs to submit to Govt within 12 months a plan for how it will manage water.

**Nelson-Tasman Emergency Management** – MDCA voted to establish a subcommittee to prepare a Community Emergency Preparedness Plan. Any members and residents in general interested in being on the subcommittee should contact MDCA ([chairperson@ourmapua.org](mailto:chairperson@ourmapua.org)).

**MDCA Constitution** – the final draft of the updated constitution was presented and a motion to accept this document as our new constitution and submit as per the legal requirements was passed by the required majority. The new constitution will now be submitted to MBIE as required by the Incorporated Societies Act.

**Māpua Community Hub** – will be meeting with representatives of the Māpua Hall Committee to look at sharing resources.

The next Public Meeting will be held on 11th November.

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