**Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA) - July 2025**

The MDCA May Public Meeting was held on Monday 14th July at the Māpua Hall.

**Michael Markert and David Short from TACA** gave a well-received presentation on the **Te Mamaku Drive Planting Project**, including the vision, history of funding, planting efforts to date and future plans, including drone video / photos of the current result along SH60 (Tasman hill to Stagecoach Road). This project is a great success in contributing to the wider regional efforts to create native corridors for our bird and insect life. Many thanks to David and Michael for coming to the meeting and sharing this with us. Website: https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/te-mamaku-project

Councillor **Mike Kininmonth** noted that a response from NZTA regarding a question on potential changes to the road layout SH60/Corner of Māpua Drive indicated they do not have the funds to make improvements at this stage. Councillor Kininmonth also announced that he will be standing to represent the Waimea-Moutere Ward at Council once again.

Councillor **Dan Shallcrass** noted a representative from the Youth Council is hoping to attend MDCA Meetings in the near future. Councillor Shallcrass also attended hearing on the River Reserve submissions, noting it was good to see input from the public, particularly given its relevance to recent flooding across the district.

Councillor **Christine McKenzie** acknowledged the enormity severe weather events we have been through, thanking the various agencies currently working together closely on the recovery effort. Driving through the affected areas is mindboggling. It will be a long, long recovery. There are some subsidies for roads and bridges, but the costing is $20million+ just for access. Donations can be made to the **Mayoral Relief Fund**, with is distributed to those in need via a submission system. Regarding funding for disaster recovery, Councillor McKenzie clarified that TDC does not have money in reserve so TDC’s recovery funding can only come from insurance or reprioritisation. Finally, it was noted that the **Tasman Resource Management Plan** (TRMP) is now available online and can be used to find rules that relate to your property.

Regarding **Roads and Pathways**, we heard last monththat the **Ruby Bay Bluffs Road** will remain single lane for the foreseeable future, with closures during severe weather (orange/red warnings), a position that MDCA supports. However, some residents have expressed concerns regarding the effect on the road surface/stability given that all traffic travels via the outside lane. Given this, MDCA has requested TDC to consider options for realigning the outer lane a little closer to the Bluffs (nearer the former centre line), thus putting less wear-and-tear on the outer-most edge of the road. TDC responded promptly stating that a review of the geotechnical risks occurring at present includes looking at this aspect. Regarding **parking on Māpua Drive, outside Aranui Park**, new signage will go up soon prohibiting parking of cars for sale within this area.

Work on the **Community Emergency Preparedness Plan (CEPP)** continues, with new members joining the Team and local businesses engaged-to-date being very supportive. Next steps are to work with the Māpua Community Hall on setting up the Hall to be our Community Emergency Centre, create a Network Map of our Neighbourhood Groups and launch a Resident/Business Owner Emergency Preparedness Survey. For more details and a link to participate in the Survey, see the CEPP update in this issue of Coastal News.

The MDCA website now includes a new **AED drop down menu**, covering the locations, maintenance and funding of these importance resources. . MDCA would also like to recognise the work the **Wellbeing Trust** are doing in the community – many thanks! Their annual **Fundraising Plant Sale** is planned for 20th September.

MDCA’s next Public Meeting will be held at the Māpua Community Hall on Monday 14th July at 7pm, and includes our **AGM** – please ensure you are a paid-up member if you plan to vote and also consider volunteering for a role on the committee. In September , we will host a **Forum for Mayoral / Ward Councillor candidates**, with all residents from the greater Māpua-Ruby Bay-Tasman-Mahana area welcome to attend. In November, TDC’s Alastair Clement (Natural Hazards/Geomorphology) will share his work on **modelling the Waimea and Moutere estuaries**, including how we use modelling to help ensure development around the district is resilient to natural hazards

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