

MDCA AGM - Chair's Report

September 2025 – August 2026

Kai ora Tātou. Welcome to the MDCA AGM. – after a number of years serving as Chair, I will be standing down and wish the incoming Chair all the best for the coming year(s).

In terms of the MDCA, I would once again like to thank the Committee Members who have contributed their time and energy over the past year. A very special vote of thanks to **Aileen Connell** who after many years serving as Treasurer has relocated with work– her dedication to the MDCA is deeply appreciated and I'm sure members will join me in wishing her all the best for her new life in Canterbury. Also stepping down is **Clare Kininmonth** - many thanks for your support too over these past few years.

With the Committee now operating with a stand-in Secretary (thanks Lynley!) and in urgent need of a replacement Treasurer, I encourage community-minded members to consider joining, especially given the ongoing residential and commercial developments impacting the village and surrounding areas.

Thanks again to our Ward Councilors for regularly attending our monthly meetings and making time to take calls and/or respond to emails – we have very much appreciated your support and advocacy. It's been great having you represent our region listening to matters important to our community.

MDCA will continue to encourage members and residents to have their say on local matters and will provide a forum for all to share their views on such matters. Information related to MDCA meetings/ matters, including community-related notices from TDC, NZTA, Metservice etc., are all shared via our **webpage**, **facebook** page and the **Community Noticeboard at the Waterfront Park**. Residents who are unable to attend our monthly meetings can visit these online sites / noticeboard or alternatively read the regular monthly updates in **Coastal News**.

Members continue to be active in terms of seeking clarification and providing feedback on a number of community-related issues, with some of the main ones being **Plan Change 81**, climate adaptation, Emergency Preparedness, and the potential impact on local parks and reserves of the recently finalized **Nelson Tenth Settlement**.

Over the past year the MDCA has heard from guest speakers from organisations including **Nelson Tasman Hospice** and **Dawn Chorus** - I hope these were well received and helpful. MDCA also hosted the **Candidates Forum** ahead of last year's Mayoral/Ward Councillor elections, which was very well attended. We look forward to hearing more from people involved in issues that impact our community in 2026/27, starting with a **National Election Meet the Candidates session** in early October.

In terms of projects, MDCA is undertaking an Technology Refresh focused on our Webpage, Facebook and email, with a survey open seeking member feedback on priorities / preferences.

Looking forward to 2026/27, MDCA has a healthy financial position and continues to welcome new members.

Thanks to all members for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Mā te Wā
Paul McIntosh
Outgoing MDCA Chair