

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE ELDERLY CITIZENS CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006, AT 5:30 pm

**Steve Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

22 November 2006

AGENDA

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Maitaura Community Board, held on Monday 18 September 2006.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Maitaura Community Board, held on Monday 30 October 2006.
2. PRESENTATION ON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT (Page 1)
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MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

NOVEMBER 2006

2. PRESENTATION ON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 17.11.06)

Dr Rachel Eyre, Co-ordinator for the Healthy Communities project will provide a presentation on the project with a focus on social issues.

3. SWIMMING POOL HOURS

(Memo from General Manager, District Assets – 30.10.06)

The Maitara Community Board recently approved new hours for the Maitara Pool. Part of this approval was that the pool was to be open on one public holiday, which was Waitangi Day. I was asked to provide historical swim usage data of Waitangi Day for the Maitara Community Board's information.

Maitara Pool – Waitangi Day		(Gore Pool)
<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Users</i>	
2004	12	(372)
2005	62	(228)
<u>2006</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>(122)</u>
<i>Average</i>	32	(241)

Both pools are closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2 January.

The data shows that usage fluctuates annually, which is most likely due to the weather on the day. However, the usage numbers do show that there are enough swimmers using the pool to justify opening on Waitangi Day.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

4. PROPOSED MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 20.11.06)

Attached is correspondence received from the Mataura Rugby Club and the Mataura Licensing Trust in respect of the proposed community centre project.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence be received.

5. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2007

(Memo from Chief Executive – 20.11.06)

The following meeting dates are proposed for 2007:

January 2007

Monday 22 January (4th Monday)

March 2007

Monday 19 March

May 2007

Monday 21 May

July 2007

Monday 16 July

September 2007

Monday 17 September

November 2007

Monday 19 November

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2007 be adopted.

6. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Over the past month, the big talking point has been the winds that our District has experienced. I do feel that we escaped relatively lightly in only losing a handful of trees, it could have been a lot worse. In saying that, an event such as those winds gives a good indication of the state and integrity of our tree assets.

The districts rhododendrons are now in full bloom, with some of our seedling varieties in the main street putting on a wonderful display. The annual rhododendron festival and market day was held in early October and was again a huge success despite the inclement weather. Our thanks go to the Southland Rhododendron Group and all involved in the organising and running of this local iconic event. It is always great to see the enthusiasm and vibrancy that such an event creates in the town and in the gardens.

In the nursery, the new season's plants are coming on nicely and programming for the annual changeover is underway. Spraying is now in full swing for both weed control and pest and disease control, with initial rounds now complete. The mowing teams are fully committed to their rosters now and we are seeing some variance in growth patterns due to the fluctuation of temperatures in the last month. Our gardeners are also very busy with general maintenance issues, weed control and plant husbandry taking precedence.

There has been a list of several Maitua sites where either gorse or broom has been noted by Environment Southland. Parks and Reserves staff are now working on this list.

Physical Activity Strategy

The initial Survey results have been entered into a database. This information has been analysed and will form part of the raw data which will ultimately be used to formulate our strategy. This has alerted us to some other potential points to be publicly discussed in the focus group meetings which will occur in November, in the week beginning 13th November.

A total of 310 completed responses were received to the survey which was not as many as had been hoped for but a reasonable cross section of the community has responded.

Maitua Walkway upgrade

This is still a work in progress. Vic Herring is overseeing this, assisted by Periodic Detention labourers. It is expected that this project will be completed by Christmas.

Te Kohanga Reo o Kai Ngawari

A formal request has been received (letter attached) from Te Kohanga Reo o Kai Ngawari inviting the Council's interest in the restoration of some native plantings with a view to repopulating the bush areas with Kereru (native wood pigeon)

I have responded on the Council's behalf, pledging the supply of some plants suitable to the project, noting the Mayors approval and stating that the Board would be informed.

Graffiti

We are experiencing a reasonable amount of this around both towns at the moment. We have a directive from the Council, that we take a nil tolerance to graffiti on its property. We do rely on local input and information to alert us to events and would urge the community to please come forward and pass on any information relating to graffiti to either the Matura Service Centre staff or phone in a Customer Service Request with details.

Recently we have had to entirely repaint the inside of the McQueen Avenue paraplegic toilet due to the extent of vandalism that had occurred there.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

7. REPORT OF THE ROADING MANAGER

Kana Forth Street Intersection

The survey set out for Option 1 for has been completed. The paint markings on the road have generated quite a bit of interest in the project. Several operators of heavy vehicles have expressed concern over the ability for heavy trucks or buses to use the intersection once Option 1 is constructed.

One operator has suggested an amendment to Option 1 which he feels will work better. The suggestion appears to have merit and is going to be trialled first as it does not require significant alteration to existing kerbing.

MWH is drawing up the amendment which will become Option 3. This will be set out and sand bagged as soon as plans are available.

Glendhu Road Parking/Safety Issues

A meeting will be arranged in the near future with hockey and rugby representatives to sort out the problems with the use of the recently extended car park.

Road Maintenance Programme

Pre-reseal repairs will commence in Mataura within the next month.

The spring weed spray round has been completed in Mataura. The results should become evident over the next couple of weeks.

Reseal Programme

Works Infrastructure has been awarded the Reseal Contract. Design of the seal coats is currently being carried out by Works. Sealing will likely commence early next year.

Asquith Street Speed Problem

Further research is being undertaken into this problem before proceeding with any changes.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

8. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 20.11.06)

Attached is a summary of customer service requests received for the period 12 September until 20 November 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.