

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE MATAURA BOWLING CLUBROOMS, OAKLAND STREET, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008, AT 5:30 pm

*A public forum will be held from 5.15 pm **prior to the meeting**. Members of the public are welcome to attend and meet with Board members.*

**Susan Jones
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

12 November 2008

AGENDA

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
Confirmation of the Report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 13 October 2008.
2. UPDATE ON MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT (Page 1)
3. MATAURA SWIMMING POOL STAFFING (Pages 2-3)
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5. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS
6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 26 January 2009

2. UPDATE ON MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT

Mr Dave Driver from Signal Management Group will be in attendance to provide a final update on the Mataura Community Centre project.

3. MATAURA SWIMMING POOL STAFFING

(Memo from Human Resources Manager – 12.11.08)

Following the Board's last meeting, strenuous efforts have continued to recruit suitable candidates for the Mataura swimming pool seasonal supervisor position. This has taken the form of publicity through the local newspapers and additional advertising. I fielded a number of telephone calls from interested people and sent a number of job descriptions out; however, not all completed and returned an application form.

At no stage was any potential candidate told that their application would not be accepted. Two applications were received after the advertised closing date of 28 October and were still considered.

A total of seven applications were received. Of these, six were invited to attend an interview on 11 November. One applicant subsequently withdrew prior and two did not show. It is hoped that a formal offer can be made this week to the preferred candidates. Once the offer has been accepted training will commence and it is likely that the position will be operational by early December. At this stage, the future of aquarobic classes at Mataura is still uncertain.

In the meantime, a chronic shortage of staff has meant the Mataura pool will be closed for 15 and 16 November and again on 22 and 23 November. The situation is most regrettable but there is little that can be done without staff. It is compounded by most of the student lifeguards whom we rely heavily on during weekends requiring leave for the forthcoming NCEA examinations. There is also mounting pressure on the sessions that can be offered and maintained at Gore as a result.

To alleviate any inconvenience to Mataura residents, the Council has arranged for bus transport to be available twice daily on Saturday and Sunday to transport swimmers to the Gore Aquatic Centre. This will be free of charge and depart the Mataura pool car park at 1 pm, returning at 3.30 pm, and depart again at 3 pm, returning at 5.30 pm.

Entry charges for Mataura swimmers to the Gore Aquatic Centre will be the same as for the Mataura Pool. This offer has been widely advertised in local papers, on Hokonui Gold, at the Service Centre and at the Mataura Pool.

Weekend usage at Mataura since it opened has been as follows:

Saturday 25 October	15
Sunday 26 October	25
Saturday 1 November	10
Sunday 2 November	17
Saturday 8 November	6
Sunday 9 November	0

The Maitaura Swimming Club sessions on Monday evenings commenced on Monday 20 October and these have been able to be staffed satisfactorily to date thanks primarily to the offer of assistance from a former employee who has a full-time job elsewhere.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

4. FUTURE OF MATAURA TOWN HALL

(Memo from Administration Manager – 12.11.08)

The attached letter has been received from the Mataura Youth Centre Trust seeking agreement to lease the former Mataura town hall building and possibly purchase it in the future.

An advertisement has been placed inviting community views on the future of the hall also and anything arising from that will be available at the Board's meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board give consideration to the request from the Mataura Youth Centre Trust and to the future of the Mataura town hall building.