

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD WILL BE HELD IN THE MATAURA COMMUNITY CENTRE, McQUEEN AVENUE, MATAURA, ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009, 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**

22 September 2009

AGENDA

1. CONFIRMATION OF REPORT
Confirmation of the report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Mataura Community Board, held on Monday 3 August 2009.
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2. MATAURA TASKFORCE REPORT

(Report from Laurel Turnbull, Chairperson)

It is hard to believe that it is over a year since the Taskforce started working on projects in the town. There have been a lot of positive things happening. While they may not be apparent to the community just yet, they will, none the less, be of benefit when they have the results which we are working towards.

There is an exciting proposal in progress and the Community Board and Taskforce will be calling a special public meeting before long to get community input as to what you would like in the town.

We have the opportunity to really get Matura going with all the agencies that are willing and waiting to help us but it is vital that **you the people of Matura** get involved, so please keep your eye out for this meeting. It will be well advertised and we need you to come along and give your ideas and support.

There will be a community morning tea on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10:30 am in the Elderly Citizens dining room. Please come along and get to know people in the community. It's a fantastic way to meet new and old residents of Matura.

Christmas Gala day planning is well under way. It is going to be on 22 November at the school. The group organising this would like to hear from anyone who would like to organise a Tug-O-War. This was something we wanted last time but didn't have time to do. It would involve sending out a letter to clubs in Matura to get a team, being the person they reply to and overseeing it on the day.

We want to make the Gala the best we can but once again there are only a few of us so please if you can help in any way get in touch with me on 203-3417 or Helen McFadzien 203-3680. This is your community and the more public input we have the better we can make it.

The art group is starting an Art and Craft night on Tuesday 15 September in the Elderly Citizens games room at 7:30 pm. This is a night where you can bring along whatever your particular craft is and share it while having a social night or you can get some art tuition. There will be advertising for this also and it is a gold coin entry to cover the cost of tea and coffee. The meeting attracted 10 people which is also very encouraging and they plan to meet fortnightly so this number will probably grow. Well done to Lynda Dodd and Sharon Bruce.

The community garden is now in the process of being planted out. Volunteers worked on Saturday 12 September and we would like to thank those involved - especially Barbara Cunningham for her enthusiasm - in getting this underway. There is lots more planting to be done and If anyone has surplus garden tools the group would be

very grateful of any donated and also they want more seeds to plant so once again if anyone can help please give Barbara a ring or if you are interested in helping in any way.

Also the Mataura Village Coop are continuing to hold very successful market days once a month with a theme for each one, October to be decided and November will be a food one. December is to be a Christmas theme.

As you can see lots of good things planned so we just want to see people come along in support.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

3. SERVICE CENTRE/LIBRARY HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

(Memo from Administration Manager – 21.09.09)

Council staff have been advised that the Gore office and the Maitua Service Centre/Library will close for the Christmas holiday from 12 noon on Thursday 24 December until 8.30 am on Monday 11 January 2010.

This will allow staff to have a decent break at that time of the year and return to work refreshed. With the way that the statutory days fall this year, it in fact means the Service Centre and Library will be closed to the public for three days after New Year. The closure will be advertised.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

4. PROPOSED WALKWAY

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 18.09.09)

Following discussions at the August Board meeting there has been a site visit of the proposed walkway site by myself and the local Environment Southland works inspector. This included a meeting with the current grazier of the area in question.

Officers are currently exploring bridging options as a bridge will be required. It will also require resource consent to bridge a legal waterway. It is envisaged that once all the relevant information is available, a workshop with the Community Board, Environment Southland and Council officers will be held to discuss the proposal, recommendations and overall concept issues.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

5. MATAURA POOL

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 18.09.09)

With the untimely failure of the Mataura pool boiler the start to this year's season will be delayed until such time as we can get a new boiler installed.

At the earliest, we are hoping to be operational by Labour weekend. Council officers plan to give the Community Board a verbal update at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

6. MATAURA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Memo from Administration Manager – 21.09.09)

Recent advice has been received from the Community Trust of Southland confirming approval of a grant of up to \$19,800 to enable David Wilson from Oamaru to progress economic development initiatives in Mataura.

A copy of the letter from the Trust is attached for the information of Board members.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

7. HENDERSON PARK

(Memo from Assets Manager, Utilities – 21.09.09)

At the last Board meeting on 3 August, it was recommended that consideration be given to erecting a gate and having the entrance to Henderson Park locked with access being granted to users. This was due to the ongoing damage to the turf in the park being damaged by vehicle driving around the park and also the damage to the toilets.

The estimated cost of installing two gates, posts and locks would be approximately \$1,200. This sum has not been allowed for in this year's budget.

By installing gates, vehicles will be prevented from entering the park but pedestrian access will still be available. It is pleasing to note that during the past month there have been no reports of damage to the turf or the toilets.

There will be additional costs involved with supplying keys to the users, along with keeping a register of who has keys. The number of people that would require a key include the users of the park, Council staff, the operators at the Mataura skip bin service, the refuse collection contractor, the persons leasing the land at the old Mataura landfill and lessees of horse paddocks.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board discuss the possibility of erecting gates at the entrance to Henderson Park with park users and decide they need to be installed at an estimated cost of \$1,200.

8. REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

Reserves

The Parks and Reserves staff are currently now into spring maintenance duties. It is nice to see all the daffodils putting on a great show as you enter Mataura from the north on State Highway 1. Mowing has commenced throughout the district and this will now be undertaken on a regular weekly cycle in the majority of the areas.

Staff have now completed a spray round in Mataura and Environment Southland has also completed a visual inspection of the town looking for urban gorse and broom. They have issued a number of infringement notices to urban property owners.

Seedling production is currently underway at the Council's nursery in Gore. This includes the seedlings that will be planted into the coming seasons hanging baskets along with the plants for the flower beds at the state highway intersections.

Property

Work is progressing favourably on the public building cleaning contract with several expressions of interest being shown for the work. Formal tender documentation shall go out to interested parties in the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.