

Minutes MVA meeting Wednesday 8th July 2020

Present: Peter, Fiona, Faye, Lani, Barry (TDC)

Apologies: Joel, Greg, Trevor, Dean (TDC), Christeen(TDC)

Minutes of previous meeting passed over until next meeting

Matters Arising:

As reported by Faye, Trevor Knowles has had a heart attack and was undergoing cardiac surgery. Our well wishes from the committee.

AGENDA

Mid winter PotLuck 31st July

- Joel has booked the hall
- Faye has discussed music with Harmony – will bring his own PA.
- Greg is doing mulled wine
- Sylas is doing bread.
- As per Faye, Trevor had expressed concern that the water tank needed to be filled before event so as not to run out of water- Action: Peter to organise through Bex Douglas

Volunteers for soup: Peter doing meat soup, Faye doing vegetable soup.

Faye recommends that it be mentioned on the night at the introduction for the children to be supervised so there is enough dessert left for everyone.

Set-up will be done in the afternoon. Someone to speak with Mike Graham about bamboo decoration.

Action: Fiona to contact Mike Graham

September AGM Guest Speaker:

Greg has spoken with Sky Davies from Tasman Environment Trust who is open to speaking on the night – Wednesday 9th September.

New MVA Committee members needed - With Greg Mason's resignation as Secretary as of September AGM, the call for new members to join was discussed. Will follow up with Facebook pages advertising for new members per ad as in last newsletter.

Action: Fiona to follow up with Jan-Albert

New MVA Newsletter Editor needed – Following Jan-Albert's resignation as MVA newsletter editor, Facebook advertising for new editor per ad as in last newsletter.

Action: Fiona to follow up with Jan-Albert

TDC Report

Barry Dowler, Motueka Ward councillor, presented a 6 page update report on council activities:

Kingsland Forest Plan adopted – Proposal confirmed to replant in mixed exotic woodland and native forest with some changes made to the draft plan following feedback, such as: assessing intersections between downhill mountain biking and walking tracks to make them safe, some easier grade

mountain bike tracks; public toilet at Easby Park; consideration of simple vault toilet for Richmond Hill; increased car parking at Easby Park.

The forest will be renamed Kingsland Forest Park, retiring the area from commercial forestry and increasing the recreation opportunities in the area.

Jobs for Nature Programme Funding – \$1.6M allocated across two environmental projects centred on Waimea Inlet – Waimea Inlet Enhancement Project and Waimea Inlet Billion Trees Project. This is being managed by Tasman Environment Trust

Estuary Health reports – State of the environment estuary health reports are available upon request for Motueka-Riwaka Delta, Moutere and Motupipi, and historical sedimentation analysis for Waimea Inlet. Please contact Trevor James at TDC for more information

Roading alliance with Downer – TDC Engineering Services Department will now be working with Downer as part of their existing road maintenance contract to deliver better value with the resources that they both collectively have.

Resource Management Amendment Bill – This act has been passed with significant changes involving local council including: new enforcement powers for Environment Protection Authority (EPA); a new freshwater planning process; new regulation for farm plans making them compulsory in areas designated through regulations; new record-keeping for Nitrogen Fertiliser sale and purchase.

Commercial building owner prosecuted for not meeting essential safety standards – Tasman Property Holdings Ltd(TPHL) who own 400 High Street, Motueka have been fined \$12,000 for its non-compliance to a notice to fix and offences to the building warrant of fitness regime.

Changes to Plastic Recycling – Only plastics marked 1,2 and 5 will be taken for recycling as they can be recycled in New Zealand. The others will go to landfill. 1,2 and 5 are the most common, representing 85-90% of plastics we use.

Removal of Hazardous trees – A free service, in conjunction with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, to remove hazardous trees from rural roadsides and adjacent properties where they pose a risk to road users. Online submissions can be made or email projects@tasman.govt.nz with a contact number, location of hazard and brief description of problem, and photos if possible.

Community grants – Applications for our Tasman District Council Community Grants are now open until 31st July for Tasman-based projects that meet a community need and have community support. Visit website for more information.

Next Meeting Wednesday 12th August

Meeting ended 845pm