



Marahau / Sandy Bay Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.

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Welcome to the MSBRRA's 'winter edition' of the Newsletter. The newsletter is a great way for the community to be informed about things that will affect all of us. It also gives members of the community the opportunity to provide feedback and input on issues of concern. We are always interested to hear back from you about this Newsletter on any of the matters touched on by contacting the Secretary at; marahau.sandybay@gmail.com.

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Committee Meetings / Agenda for 2019

The committee have regular meetings every 5 to 6 weeks split between either a Sunday or a Monday at 7 pm at the Marahau Fire Station/Community Hall. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings to raise an issue or provide feedback to the committee. We encourage anyone who wants to raise any matter to come along. The committee's areas of focus for 2019 include:

- Continue to support the TDC's 'Feasibility Study' which commenced late 2018

- Progress the Beachfront 'Promenade Gardens' development
- Progress cell phone coverage
- Progress & investigate 'Dark Sky' status for Marahau
- Progress the proposal for a sculpture at the entrance to Marahau
- Speed limits in Marahau

1. Committee Members 2018/19

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Please contact any of these people with things you feel are relevant to the Association.

2. Join the Association

If you aren't currently a paid up member of the Association we would strongly encourage you to join up. The Secretary and Treasurer are presently reviewing the payment status of all members with reminders being sent to those who have yet to pay their 2019 subscriptions. The subscription is \$20 and enables the Association to fund and support various activities. Payment can be made by direct credit to our bank account at Westpac 03-0693-0166109-00. Please enter your name as the 'Reference'.

To join the Association please contact John Ayling at Marahau.sandybay@gmail.com.

3. Revetment Gardens

This is the second update on the revetment gardens renovation project.

A significant planting program to supplement and intensify the present range of grasses and other coastal plants was undertaken in 2 phases – the first being on the 11th and 12th May '19 and more recently the 1st June '19. A number of existing but unsuitable plants have been removed and weed spaying has been carried out in advance. Members of the Association completed the above by contributing suitable equipment and in the order of 92 hours of voluntary time to undertake this

work. Our objective is for the revetment gardens to showcase local flora and fauna and enhance the revetment as a pedestrian walkway for visitors and residents to enjoy. The costs of spraying, plants and compost came to \$2,569.57 which has been funded in full by way of the Motueka Community Board grant agreed to in 2018. We are tackling four sections of the revetment in the first phase of this project. Each section is being co-ordinated by the following members:

- Will and Jenny – from the Marahau Bridge back to the start of Wakatu land on the Village Walkway will@ecokiwi.co.nz
- Renee and Matt - from the Wakatu beach to opposite Hooked Renee.Thomas@wakatu.org
- Pic and Anthea – the section opposite Newhaven Cres bounded at each end by substantial flax clumps pic@reallygood.co.nz
- Sarah and Lynette – from Kelvin Goodman’s memorial seat by the Boat Ramp to the Otuwhero car park sarah23rees@gmail.com

How you can help? Our approach is ‘a little often by many’. Even just pulling a few dead weeds out when wandering along the revetment helps in the long term goal of a tidy foreshore.

We invite you to adopt one of the areas above and work with the co-ordinators who can be contacted directly or to Chris who will connect you with them chris.kim@xtra.co.nz.

Habitat for Lizards and Skinks You may have noticed drift wood piles appearing along the revetment, these are habitats for lizards and skinks. If you are walking along the foreshore and see drift wood on the rock wall please feel free to add it to one of small heaps.



Willing hands on a warm day

Thanks to all who helped out – particularly Sarah and Lynette who moved things along and organised and arranged the plants etc.

4. Fire Station/ Community Hall

The Hall continues to be available for use so if you want to use it get hold of Ginny Strong at 527 8099 or 027 528 4467 .

5. Tourism Infrastructure Fund [TIF] and the current Feasibility Study

As earlier noted the TDC successfully applied to the TIF for funding to undertake a Feasibility Study “to identify and respond to parking and visitor beach/water access facilities and issues”. An initial workshop was held in late November and a follow up workshop was in late March to address options from the issues raised. The options will be formally considered by the Council at the end of July and we will report back once we know what Council has decided.

6. Cell Phone Coverage

Subject to finalising some outstanding consenting issues, it is understood that Spark will locate a permanent tower on a site yet to be determined. A reminder that the Association has been advised that calling 111 from any mobile will connect the call to the emergency services irrespective of what provider the caller is with. This is welcome confirmation which satisfies the ‘public safety’ interests of the Association.

7. ‘Dark Sky ‘for Marahau?

The proposal for ‘dark Sky’ status is still on the table as it requires consideration by a large range of interests. We may have something more tangible for the AGM.

8. Membership

Thank you to all those members who have paid their \$20.00 subscription for 2019. For those that haven’t yet done so, you can anticipate a polite but firm reminder. Payment can be name by direct credit to our bank account at Westpac 03-0693-0166109-00. Please enter your name as the ‘Reference’.

9. Pre Xmas BBQ

The Association will host the pre Xmas BBQ so please save the date – Saturday 21st Dec 2019. Details will be advised.

10. Submission on Draft Motueka Reserves Management Plan

The Association has made a submission to the current review by the TDC on reserves and parks within the Motueka Ward. The key point in the submission is that public space at Marahau is very limited and given the number of visitors each year, which will continue to increase, consideration should be given to adding more reserves and augment the existing reserves to enhance

the resident and visitor experience. In particular the submission advocated for designating the promenade gardens as a public reserve in order to protect it from proposals to provide future car parking. While we were unable to achieve that we are in further discussion with the Council on how the revetment gardens can be protected from such considerations. Thanks to Sarah Rees for preparing and presenting the submission to Council.

11. Beach Clean-up

On June 2 Wakatu hosted a morning cleanup of the beach front which was well attended by Wakatu whanau and Association members. The beach clean-up is part of a "Litter Audit" that is scheduled to occur 4 times a year and there will be another one 7th and 8th September. Mark your calendar now. Not surprisingly plastic featured as the most prevalent item.



Thanks to all and particularly Wakatu for hosting the 'post-match' BBQ.

12. Coastal Hazards

Members and residents, this is potentially a significant issue for Marahau. The Council is about to embark on a "Community Engagement Programme for the Management of Coastal Hazards" which begins with a series of meetings starting July 22nd. Dr Rob. Bell (NIWA—Principal Scientist for Coastal & Estuarine Processes) is conducting the various meetings. One such meeting is scheduled for August 6th from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm at the Motueka Memorial Hall, Pah Street, Motueka. The meetings, of which there are a number across the District, will lead to a Council policy on Coastal Hazards, relevant to Climate Change. Coastal maps will be on the Council web-site after July 22nd.

13. Abel Tasman National Park – have you noticed?

Locals out and about on the Abel Tasman track may have noticed that recently a seated bench has been installed on the track above Coquille Bay. It is in memory of a young Nelson woman who was a regular participant in the Abel Tasman Classic run, who was tragically killed in the Swiss Alps.

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In response to concerns from neighbours about recent activity on this site, the Association requested information from TDC on whether a Resource Consent application has been lodged for this property. As of June 30, no application has been lodged and nothing has progressed since an initial meeting between Council and the owner in August 2016.

The Association has previously written to the Council setting out the rationale for publicly notifying any Resource Consent application for development on this site.

Is this Marahau?

"Beauty is the only thing that time cannot harm. Philosophies fall away like sand, creeds follow one another, but what is beautiful is a joy for all seasons, a possession for all eternity."

Oscar Wilde