**Minutes MCG Quarterly Meeting May 3rd 2018 7.30pm**

**Matakana Village Hall**

**Present** Simon Barclay, Liz Sharek, Rob and Marion Jones, Barbara Souter, Terry Nuthal, Janis Grummitt, John Turney, Ivan Wagstaff, Kirsty McKay, Amanda Stewart, Beth Houlbrooke, Pete Rosieur, Grace Andrews, Elle Glazier, Graham McKenzie, Sandy Winger, Gary Winger, Janette Thompson, Alex Longuet Higgins, Richard Wintle, Scott McCallum, Neville Johnson, Penny Shelbourne, Allison Roe

**Apologies** Gay Smith, Robin Barclay, Fiona Strathern, Jenni Francis

**Minutes** of last meeting , circulated. No matters arising. Simon/Neville carried

Financial Reports, circulated. Simon/Trish carried

**Call for Volunteer Firefighters**

**Peter Guild the Senior Station Officer of the Matakana Firefighters** came to talk to the meeting as they need more volunteer fire fighters to join the Matakana Service. There are currently 18 people involved in the Fire Service in Matakana of which 5 are support people which means they are presently short by 5 firefighters.

There were 165 call outs last year of which 67% were for medical emergencies.

If you are interested in joining the service as a volunteer please contact

0800 FIRE RECRUIT (0800 347 373)

or to find out more visit fire.org.nz

1) **The MCG** is a non-exclusive group and welcomes anyone as a member who has an interest in community matters. The next 4 years are going to be very important for this area as there will be huge changes as the Unitary Plan comes into force. Our response requires a co-ordinated effort by community and business groups in the area to have a single powerful voice to make sure that development of the area proceeds along the lines that is of benefit to all those living in our communities.

Penny Webster and Beth Houlbrooke are wanting to be in contact with all local groups and stakeholders. If you belong to a group, please contact Penny Webster.

The Warkworth Area Liaison Group is an umbrella organization that meets 1st Wednesday Month at 7pm at the RSA. Representives from One Warkworth and the Snells Beach community group already attend. Representatives from AT/AC/ NZTA are there to disseminate information on projects they are involved with. It was suggested that someone from the MCG could also attend these meetings to keep our community informed.

A member of the WALG team will be asked to come to talk to the MCG.

Also the Warkworth Business Forum meets fortnightly at 7.15pm, downstairs at the Warkworth RSA. This could also be a beneficial group for a representative from the MCG to attend.

**2) Communication Strategy (Janis)**There is a push to increase the numbers and participation in the MCG and disseminate information about the group and its projects. To this end there is:

**a)A new website: matakanacommunitygroup.online (liz)**

Liz would like anyone with information they'd like to put up on the site to contact her. She's looking for archival information on the MCG and it's past projects and from activity or other interest groups currently operating in the community. Contact information is on the new website.

**b) The Facebook page** is being developed by Janis to keep members up to date on how projects are progressing and day to day happenings in the community. The address is on the new website.

Flyers are being put up on notice boards around Matakana. Junction Magazine has included an article on the MCG in its May issue and Mahurangi Matters is writing a feature about the group.

The **Monthly Meetings** will mostly focus on project leaders to report back on progress.

The **Quaterly Meetings** will be more general for the whole community to attend.

There will be a **'Town Hall' type annual meeting** to canvas for ideas for the next round of projects.

Most of the current major projects that have been undertaken over the last few years have either come to fruition or are in the process of being finished, so it's a good time to review the MCG and its work.

The online portal for the whole of Matakana that Amanda has been working on will have links to other Matakana sites including the MCG.

**3) Tamahunga Bridge Build** is nearing completion. The new pathway will link up across Wharahines entrance to the existing path on the other side for safe walking to the school.

**4) School Car Park** ( Simon) has talked to AT about widening the entrance to the carpark to allow better wear at the entrance.

The current pedestrian gate will be formed into a proper entrance/exit for vehicles to enable better traffic flow and new road markings will be put in place to help traffic flow from the road. This may be started in June.

The school is to arrange collecting donations from carpark users to raise funds for cherry trees to be planted along the fence line.

The school is also going to put up a notice board to thank all those who have kindly contributed to the formation of the carpark and ITM for the generous donation of the fencing materials.

**5)Jubilee Park Needs Assessment** (Beth/Simon)The community, the Pony Club and other potential users of Jubilee Park are being canvassed by LRB / AC as to how this area can be developed in/for the future. The final consultations and considerations will be with AC.

**6) Matakana Historical Walking Trail.** David Grant has emailed Liz with the information he would like on the plaques.

Phil Morris has applied for a Heritage Grant. The LRB meeting is on the 17th May. We await a decision.

**7) Matakana Valley Road Upgrade.** The funding has been approved by all parties involved and work is scheduled to proceed for completion by summer 2019.

**8) Community Garden.**There will be a Grafting Workshop on 16th June in the small meeting hall at 2-4pm

**9) Matakana Wharf.** Phil Morris has been in contact with the AC Chief Harbour Master and found out that, unfortunately, AC would rather be pulling down old wharfs than repairing them.

There will a planting session by AC 30thJune/1st July around the wharf and riverside.(Neville)

**10) Toilets.** The toilets were vandalized and the brass handles removed leaving Matakana with no functioning public toilets over the Easter W/E. Portaloos were put in place but were woefully inadequate. The toilets have since had new handles put on and are back in use. The doors are still in disrepair and need attention. To be arranged.

Questions were raised about the Service Level Agreement with AC around the maintenance of AC run facilities and amenities in the area.

(Beth)There has been a switch to Full Facility Contracts which are constructed on a an outcome basis so are not scheduled as such. The transition has had its difficulties as data needs to be collected on usage. Work is being done on this.

Events teams are in place to cover notified events.

Beth is going to find out who the liaison person is.

**11) Walking Trails (Allison Roe) The Auckland Trail Leaders Workshop** is to be held on 22nd May at Plume 9.30 to 3.30pm organized by Matakana Coast and The Trail Trust. There will be representatives from LRB, AT and other stakeholders. Also a speaker from the very successful walkway projects in Queenstown. Please contact Allison if you would like to attend. (allisonroe@xtra.co.nz)

**12) a)Regional Land Transport Plan (Beth) T**he Draft Regional Land Transport Plan is out for consultation until 14 May.

Go to  <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/transport-consultation/Documents/draft-regional-land-transport-plan-2018.pdf>

This includes consultation on proposed projects for the next 3 years that are dependent on budgets being confirmed and prioritized.

Additionally there is another question on the Regional Fuel Tax.  In light of the projects announced, now is the time to reconfirm your support or otherwise for the RFT.

Please go to [www.akhaveyoursay.nz](http://www.akhaveyoursay.nz/) by 14 May.

**b) A** **Hop (bus) Service from Warkworth to the City** is going to be initiated, this will cost $7.50 one way to the city. The Kowhai Connection will have a connection established in Silverdale to co-ordinate with buses to the city.

**13) ANZAC Day Service**(Richard Wintle) attended the Matakana ANZAC service and is concerned over the very poor rendition of the National Anthem at the ANZAC Day ceremony. The standard needs to be raised for next year. Link to the Schools Maori and English version for people to download before the ceremony ( or had out written copies of the programme on the day that include the anthem.

You Tube link [https://youtu.be/AQMH01wALCk](https://youtu.be?AQMH01wALCk)

Adrienne Millar to be consulted.

**14) Mahurangi Festival of Lights.** (Barbara) In conjunction with events in Warkworth and surrounds, a **Black White and Gold Gala** **Dinner** is to be held in Matakana Village Hall on Friday 13th July.

Entertainment is going to be provided by The young stars of The Opera Studio, Matakantata and Amy Cottingham on Piano, with visual projections and an MC..

Tables of 6 are still available at $80/head.

Plume, Baileys, Gull and ITM are very kindly sponsoring this event.

Please contact Barbara Souter to make a table booking and for more information. (barbarasouter30@gmail.com)

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next meeting on 7th June at 7.30pm in the small meeting hall.