

## Keep Motueka Beautiful Update April 2017

The KMB Committee has been busy over the last six months on a number of projects. This email is to keep you up-to-date and alert you to opportunities to contribute to KMB's work.

### George Quay viewpoint at the harbour entrance

The Spring plantings at the new park KMB created at the harbour entrance are coming on well, with a lot of maintenance weeding and mulching done over the last few months by Paul Mosley. Bollards and rope to fence off the planted area were installed by TDC. The area is looking much more attractive now and has proved very popular. Unfortunately it has been so popular with large motor homes and camper vans that, at times locals have been unable to get a parking place. We have lobbied TDC about this and it is hoped that, in the near future, parking in this area will be limited to three hours, which should allow local residents to get a look in.



A \$2,000 grant from the Motueka Community Board's small projects fund will enable parking space dividers to be installed to better manage parking. We are in discussion with the Motueka Arts Council regarding the installation of a major sculpture at the viewpoint, and with the Historical Society, who want to install an interpretive sign describing the history of the harbour entrance.

There are more trees and grasses to be planted so there will be a

***working bee on Saturday 29 April, starting at 9:00 a.m.*** We aim to fill in gaps in last year's plantings at the George Quay viewpoint and under the trees at Beach Reserve just to the north, and to put in a belt of shrubs between the viewpoint and the fishing company premises just to the west. Meet at the harbour entrance viewpoint. Everyone is welcome. Tools and morning tea will be provided, but BYO spade if you prefer.

### Sanctuary Ponds

We continue to work on extending the network of footpaths in Sanctuary Ponds. In December a grant from Network Tasman enabled us to create a footpath from the old entrance to the pergola, as shown in the photo, with matching funds from TDC. TDC also opened up the old entrance, which looks much more attractive than before. So there is now a path all the way through the park between the two entrances off Old Wharf Road.



There are still some drainage

issues, which we hope TDC will address. We are now in discussion with TDC about extending the paths further, using a recent bequest of \$3,000 from the estate of John W. P. Gibbs, for which we are most grateful.

### Ledger Goodman Park

The community orchard in Ledger Goodman Park is coming along well and starting to produce fruit and vegetables. The plants were sponsored by the Fonterra Grassroots Fund which also funded a new interpretive sign that was recently installed. A new rock seat has also been put in, donated by Dawn Jones and family.



### Inlet gardens (Adopt-a-Plot)

Plot adopters please note: there will be **a working bee on Saturday 20 May, starting at 9:00 a.m.** We have quite a few plants to put in and more mulching to do to cover over the decommissioned tracks. There will be some extra plants, too, for anyone with gaps to fill in their plots. If you can't make it on that date but you need some plants, please contact Paul or Isobel Mosley ([pandi.mosley@gmail.com](mailto:pandi.mosley@gmail.com)) and we will put some aside for you. Extra volunteers are always welcome too.

### Mountain scene sign



We all know Arthur and Campbell, but what about all those other mountains in the ranges to our west that make up our everyday outlook? How many can we name? A new signboard set up in November on the east side of the Motueka Inlet walking track provides most of the answers. It is located only a few metres north of the York Park reserve, accessed from Trewavas Street.

The sign was prepared by Keep Motueka Beautiful, following a suggestion made by members of the Over-50s Walking Group. David Armstrong took the panoramic photo on a clear day back when there was snow on the Wharepapa (Mt Arthur) range. A previous KMB secretary and stalwart, Jim Butler, donated the cost of making the sign and TDC installed it.

### **Big beach Clean up**

A team of a dozen or so KMB volunteers helped with the Department of Conservation's Big Beach Clean Up in March. We cleared rubbish from the foreshore between the salt-water baths and the golf course and all around the inlet. We took a very full trailer load to the compactor – mostly plastic bottles, with some tyres (and several left behind for TDC to collect later) and larger items.

### **Motueka 2017 Calendar**

The calendar proved to be very popular and sold out well before Christmas. It raised over \$6,000 in net income to support KMB's work. Our thanks to all the photographers who contributed photos and to the retailers who sold it for us. We are planning to produce another for 2018.

### **TDC Review of Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan**

TDC has invited public submissions for its review of the management plan for Motueka reserves. The KMB Committee compiled a major submission to this review. You can find it on the KMB web pages at:

<http://www.motuekaonline.org.nz/news/news-pdfs/260217s1.pdf>

The closing date for submissions has been extended to April 28th so you can still make your own comments. If you support the KMB submission you could tell TDC that. There is an online survey and submission form at:

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/seeking-ideas-for-motueka-ward-reserves/>

Phew! We have been busy! We obviously need more help. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the KMB supporters list please forward this email to them. They can join up by emailing the address at the bottom. We are also on the lookout for new committee members, especially people with ideas for new projects and who are willing to get involved. You are welcome to come along to Committee meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month at 7.15pm at the TDC meeting room in Hickmott Place. The AGM this year will be Monday 28 August, which is a good time for folk who might be interested to come along and get involved.

The Committee has started discussing plans for 2017/2018, and these will be finalised (as far as they ever are!) at the AGM. Two possible emphases will be major planting of eco-sourced native plants at Thorp's Bush, and development of a community orchard behind the community gardens on Old Wharf Road. But if anyone out there has other possibilities in mind – and would be interested in leading a project – please get in touch.

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