

MDCA Community Wellbeing Sub-committee report for March

Māpua Willing Wheels (MWW)

The service has run on a limited capacity over the summer break with Rachel (the co-ordinator) on leave and public health concerns over COVID transmissions affecting both the number of drivers available and the numbers of requests for rides

Hopefully this will change once the current Omicron virus strain's peak is over . A successful grant application was made to the RATA Foundation by the Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust for \$5,300 to cover both the co-ordinator's contract payments and some administrative costs. This should be available in the next fortnight

With the purchase of dedicated passenger vehicle by the Nelson Tasman Transport Trust (NTCTT) for the Motueka Community Bus (MCB) there will be more flexibility in terms of the MOTueka to Richmond route being able to add extra days and on-demand stops. These will be of benefit to our own local residents

The NTCTT Trust has appreciated MDCA's role in sharing the support for the MWW service and will be grateful for the ongoing banking process to of being able to deposit passengers' payments and withdraw \$ for the purchase of petrol vouchers to reimburse the drivers . We look forward to the ongoing co-operation between the two community focused organizations to continue supporting the development of a district wide community transport service .

Māpua Community Hub

Currently the Trust and Working Group members are working on developing a comprehensive feasibility study to provide a solid foundation for future funding applications and appointment of a project manager

Draft architectural plans have been presented to both the Trust and the Hills Community Church members for comment and feedback and the intention is for other community groups/organizations (including MDCA) to be involved in this process to allow maximum input from the community . The date for the presentation to MDCA members is still to be determined to enable the maximum opportunity for both viewing and commenting on the draft plans . A delay until early April (post the prospective Omicron peak) could potentially allow the hosting of a community wide consultation meeting(such as we ran following the 2019 Māpua & Districts Community Wide survey) enabling a much wider chance for sharing of views and reactions .