

## **MDCA Community Wellbeing Sub-committee report for April 22 Exec/monthly meetings**

### **Māpua Willing Wheels (MWW)**

The service has faced real challenges operating under COVID lockdown conditions with ongoing public health concerns over COVID transmissions affecting both the number of drivers available and the numbers of requests for rides . A grant enabling purchase of first aid kits for drivers' cars from Foodstuffs via our local Four Square store , was gratefully received and acknowledged in the *Coastal News*

Rachel Mason, who has so successfully co-ordinated this project since its inception, has indicated her wish to resign from the current co-ordinator position which currently involves both the administration and also the promotion /publicity of the service . This has prompted the Nelson Tasman Transport Trust (NTCTT ) to reconsider the co-ordination structure of its three community transport services; Māpua, Motueka and Wakefield.

The agreed new structure will provide two distinct co-ordinator positions : one for administration of the 3 schemes and one for promotion and publicity each covering the three community transport services .

Rachel has accepted the offer of the Promotion/publicity Co-ordinator and has kindly agreed to continue with the administration for Māpua and Motueka until someone has been appointed to the new position . An advertisement for this will be in the April issue of the *Coastal News*

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 enable the deposit of passengers' payments and withdrawal of \$ 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**

The Trust and Working Group members are still working on developing a comprehensive feasibility study and are seeking funding to enable some professional input relating to costings and the study's scope/ presentation .

Draft architectural plans will be available for public viewing and input at an open:

#### **Community Consultation Meeting at the Māpua Community Hall Friday 13 May 7-9pm**

with the architect present to answer questions and offer the maximum opportunity for both individuals and other community groups to view and comment on the draft plans . This meeting will be advertised in the April issue of the *Coastal News* and an invite will also be sent to local community organizations and groups.