
Research surrounding the Mapua chemical plant cleanup

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Hi there

I am conducting some historical research surrounding the chemical plant cleanup at the Mapua wharf and I was wondering if I would be able to be put in contact with someone who was a member of this association and had influence over decisions on what to do with the site or is knowledgeable about the cleanup to ask them a few questions via email.

Kind regards

Seth Alderson

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Good evening Seth,

My name is Marion Satherley and I am currently the Acting Secretary of MDCA. I have lived in Mapua since 1977 and was a resident when Fruitgrower Chemical was still operating and during the cleanup period.

I was not directly involved in the community push to get this site cleaned up, and the two residents, who not only petitioned TDC hard, they also went to parliament to present a case (Graham Eggar and Bill William) have both passed away. From memory, another resident who was involved as a TDC staff member was Sally Dufresne, however, Sally moved from Mapua several years ago and I no longer know where she resides.

With regard to who decided what would be done with the site, TDC employed a consultant to consult with many interest groups within the community as well as residents prior to presenting (from memory) four different design concepts, which the community got to vote on. More details on these options and the processes used should be able to be found in TDC archives.

With regard to how the clean up was undertaken I did a quick google search and there were several resources that appeared. The clean up phase which took several years had a huge impact on the community and was not always a harmonious process from memory. I do recall the company responsible for the cleanup gave a verbal report to the MDCA's monthly public meeting. From memory I think the cleanup company was from Australia.

Unfortunately, MDCA recordings of these times have not been filed in an effective and efficient manner (prior to computer filing), and could take weeks, if not months for someone to go through.

I'm sorry I can't help more at this time. Having said this, your correspondence will be available for our membership to read and if there is anyone with more information, they will be welcome to make contact with you directly.

Kind Regards

Marion Satherley
MDCA Acting Secretary

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