

Report from Community Transport & Wellbeing for 2023 AGM from Elena

Community Transport

Significant development -welcoming long-awaited launch of E-Bus service August 2023 with regular routes through Māpua so currently exploring with TDC & NCC how NTCTT community transport services can complement those services

Current plans/projects :

- 1 continue to provide Saturday service Motueka – Richmond (through Māpua) to Aquatic Centre (popular with teens)
- 2 Provide “ shuttle service” for those unable to get to E-bus –stops by themselves ; (using Willing Wheels drivers)
- 3 Establish routes not currently planned for /provided by E-bus ;
 - Inland Highway Motueka to Richmond
 - Tapawera
 - Riwaka/Golden Bay
 - Hira/the Glen

Feedback and input from community residents will be welcomed

Rachel Mason of particular significance this year has been Rachel’s resignation finishing her contract with NTCTT in May 2023. We have all greatly appreciated the major contribution Rachel has made to Māpua and Districts with the establishment of Māpua Willing Wheels as well as being involved in the launching of the Motueka Bus Service She has continued to support and promote the services through her publicity/marketing role . We have appreciated her friendly efficient style and contribution and wish her well in future ventures (including more family time)

Anita Parkes has been appointed as the Transport and Marketing Co-ordinator for all of the NTCTT services so will be taking up responsibility for the Māpua based services and can be contacted at marketingntctt@gmail.com

Wellbeing

Negotiations and discussions have continued through the past year between members of the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust (which have included Community Wellbeing Group members) and the governance team of Hills Community Church. These have focused on exploring possible options to establish the Community Hub using “ spare spaces” within the current HCC building which could significantly benefit both organizations.

A Community Quiz Night at Sprig and Fern raised over \$800 towards continuing costs and a second Community Plant Sale is planned for Saturday September 16 (following the successful venture in 2022) at the “Old Church”

The support and input from MDCA and its members is appreciated for all these projects as we all work on making “ our Māpua” a more welcoming , accessible and inclusive home-base for all our residents