

Report from Transport & Wellbeing sub-committee to MDCA monthly meeting April 2024 from Elena Meredith

Transport –

- 1 two of the 3 transport services run by Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust continue to service passengers in Māpua and Districts- Mapua Willing Wheels and Motueka Coastal Bus
- 2 Other services to be offered
 - a) The planned Tapawera Bus service – alternate return routes to Wakefield & Motueka is being formally launched this month and will ensure that residents there will now have a regular affordable transport service

B . Current options for the future with e-bus services now in operation

- 1 Provide “ shuttle service” for those unable to get to E-bus –stops by themselves ; (using Willing Wheels drivers)
- 2 continue to provide Saturday service Motueka – Richmond . Aquatic Centre (popular with teens)
- 3 Establish routes not currently planned for /provided by E-bus ;
 - Hira/the Glen – this was foreshadowed at both TDC & NCC councillors in a submission to the recent Nelson Tasman Regional Public Transport Plan
- 4 Set up the required processes for both vehicles to be available for community groups to hire at affordable rates – we are already in active negotiations relating to several such arrangements

It was encouraging and affirming to receive the following comment from Lotteries Commission on their fully approving our recent grant application :

“...it was noted that your request aligns with this committee’s priorities and demonstrates community benefit ...”

Wellbeing

Increasing numbers of Māpua and districts’ residents are now accessing the DH Nurses’ clinics in the “New Church” building

Noted that negotiations are continuing between members of the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust and the governance team of Hills Community Church re installing a Māpua Community Hub sign on the building as a public indication of the intentions for the development of this asset

Planning has already begun for the 2024 Plant Sale which has become a feature on the local calendar

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