

[Marahau/Sandy Bay Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.](#)

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MSBRRRA Update Newsletter

August 2022

Dear Association Members

With a meeting planned for Monday, August 22nd 7pm at the Fire Station/Community Hall, the secretary will circulate this Update Newsletter to all members. Subsequently, an invitation is extended to all members to attend the Association meetings. We are always keen to welcome all residents and encourage everyone's participation. Just think of what we can accomplish!

Some of the things that are on the Association's watch list are:

- friendly, informal signage to help protect and respect the Otuwhero Spit. There have been some ideas suggested for this, and this will be attended to at the next meeting.
- ongoing communication / liaison with the forestry owners, TDC and interested individuals to share the Marahau residents concerns with current and future logging practices and the flow on effect.
- spreading the word of the importance of our Wetlands, sharing information and hopefully establishing a Wetlands sub committee.
- Staying on the lookout for any possibilities for the relocation of new public toilets
- Revetment gardens - ongoing weeding and planting . Advice is being sort from the Mad About Conservation folks in Riwaka to see if they might be able to help us with our weed control in the revetment gardens.
- Marahau Sculpture

As always, if you have any community concerns please contact us on the Association's email: marahau.sandybay@gmail.com. We are looking forward to the onset of Spring and the chance to refocus and return with a positive outlook and energy.

Yours Sincerely,

The Association Secretary - Sue Thorp, Chair – Deb Skelton, Treasurer – Chris Rutledge, and members of the committee.

Committee Members 2022

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Please contact any of these people with things you feel are relevant to the Association. We also have the mandate to co-opt new members onto the committee, if there are candidates who would like to join us. The committee have regular meetings every 5 to 6 weeks on a Monday at 7 pm at the Marahau Fire Station/Community Hall.

Once the MSBRRRA reconvenes any residents are able to attend meetings and raise their issues in the Public and Member Forum section on the agenda. An email to the secretary will get your issue on the agenda. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be issued next week. An important event, Magnificent Marahau, will be on the agenda. If any members are keen to organise and run a sub-committee to have this up and running, we would welcome your interest. Showcasing our beautiful community and environs will bring visitors flocking!

Join the Association:

If you aren't currently a paid up member of the Association we would strongly encourage you to join up. To join the Association please contact Sue Thorp at Marahau.sandybay@gmail.com. The subscription is \$20 and enables the Association to fund and support various activities. Payment can be made by direct credit to our bank account at Westpac 03-0693-0166109-00. Please enter **your name** as the 'Reference'.

Acknowledgement and recognition of Marahau identities' passing:

We would like to send our condolences and sincere sympathy to the families of John Hunter, Jim Hollingworth, Pixie Sanders and Topyy Franklin, all long time members of our community. I am sure the stories shared around about these identities will become part of the folklore of our community.

David Ogilvie

This is an acknowledgement of David's contribution, support and championing of causes to, of and for our community. His wealth of knowledge of the workings of Central and Regional Governance has benefitted our community's well-being, progress, environment and sustainability. His admirable record of attendance at our Association meetings and special events is second to none. We wish him well for his retirement, and know that he will be no less busy than he is now. Congratulations on a long and illustrious career.

Summary of events over the last few months:**Sculpture project:** Thanks to Tim Wraight:

Our proposed sculpture for Marahau/Sandy Bay has quietly been progressing through all the hoops required for submitting a resource consent application with the TDC. We have obtained the necessary approvals from all affected parties including residents, iwi, and Heritage NZ, for the siting of the sculpture at it's new preferred location adjacent to the Otuwhero bridge, overlooking the wetland and Nell's Bush. We are now in a position to begin the process of engineers report and resource consent application, after which construction of the work can begin. Many thanks to all the folks who have committed financially to this project, your support has meant that we have been able to patiently progress this. Any further contributions will be gratefully received and will help with landscaping and other things that will greatly enhance the environment around the sculpture itself and the intersection at Otuwhero Valley Rd.

Wetlands: As per the Annual Newsletter shared in April 2022

Jared Boseke recommended interested members contact Will Simes for a conducted walk thru the Wetlands, as the information sharing and history are vital in keeping the project alive. It was recommended, at the AGM, a sub-committee be formed and members approached. Please, if you are a resident or ratepayer who has some interest in being on such a committee, contact the Secretary on the email address at the head of this Newsletter.

Marahau Revetment Gardens along the foreshore:

There is a perennial problem of the upkeep of the gardens, especially weeding. In earlier times, community workdays to do weeding were successful, as these days provided an occasion to socially engage with other Residents and Ratepayers, especially with new people coming to Marahau. The upkeep of the Gardens will be on the Agenda for the August 22nd 2022 meeting.



Traffic Management Issues: A reminder of the upcoming consultation:

Dwayne Fletcher, TDC, will be providing information on the time frame to local councillors and the community and public consultation is scheduled to start around September of this year(2022) for looking at speed limit changes around the Tasman District. We will do our best to keep you informed when this is open for public consultation.

Cellphone Tower:



The cell tower is now in situ. A ceremony with Karakia was held on Wednesday July 6th 2020, followed by a shared kai with the community. Thanks to Deb Skelton for her part in this event.

Recent Weather events and consequences:

With the effects of the rain and wind laden winter storms we have experienced over the recent years, and particularly this winter, there have been repairs completed by the local Government Departments around our community roads. A build up of the stopbank on the Otuwhero Valley Road to address flooding, a digging out of the Marahau River and shoring up of the banks under the bridge and along the stopbank, at the beginning of the Marahau Valley Road and the addition of the Traffic Lights on the Riwaka side of the Marahau Hill, have all impacted on the residents. Hopefully, along with the attention given to the Culvert and sediment traps on the main road, our residents will be better protected from flooding.



Regards,

Sue Thorp

Secretary MSBRRRA

August 1st 2022