

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD

AGENDA

Time: 7.30pm
Date: Thursday, 18 June 2015
Venue: Makara Hall
366 Makara Road
Makara
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Murray Burdan
Christine Grace (Chair)
Judy Liddell
Wayne Rudd
Margie Scotts
Hamish Todd (Deputy Chair)

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2015 will be put to the Makara/Ohariu Community Board for confirmation.

1.4 Public Participation

A period of at least 10 minutes shall be set aside near the beginning of Makara/Ohariu Community Board meetings to enable members of the public to make statements about any matter on the Agenda for that meeting. The total time set aside for public participation may be extended with the majority agreement of the Board.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

A motion relating to any matter not on the Agenda may be made without notice, by the unanimous resolution of the meeting. The Chairperson shall explain to the meeting why the item is not on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

2 Oral Reports

2.1 District Plan

2.2 Rooding

2.3 Reports back from 2015 Community Boards' Conference

2.4 Makara/Ohariu Community Board Bank Account

2.5 Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group

3. Reports

LONG-TERM PLAN 2015-25 UPDATE

Purpose

1. This report provides information on Council's consultation process for the draft Long Term Plan 2015-25 (draft LTP) and the next steps in this process.

Recommendation

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

2. Consultation on Council's draft LTP 2015-25 ran from 13 March to 17 April 2015.
3. A wide variety of communication and engagement techniques, such as ward forums, special interest and virtual ward meetings, a dedicated website and the consultation document itself, were used to ensure residents and ratepayers were informed and had a variety of different means to provide feedback on the draft LTP.
4. A total of 1017 formal submissions were received:
 - 597 by email;
 - 232 online; and
 - 188 through the mail.
5. Close to 7,000 comments were made by submitters.
6. Of particular interest was the newly designed 'our 10 year plan' website which received approximately twice the number of hits of any previous Long Term Plan website run by Council.
7. The website had 12,872 visits from 7,568 people and 2,191 pieces of feedback were left.
8. Oral hearings took place from 5 May to 12 May 2015 and 164 submitters were heard.
9. Opinions on the draft LTP were generally positive and specific to the 11 individual areas of the 'Growth Agenda'.
10. A number of new funding requests were received during the consultation period and Council made decisions on these during the deliberations process from 26 to 28 May 2015.

Discussion

11. After consolidation of all the deliberation decisions, officers will update the draft LTP to reflect Council decisions made during the deliberations process.

12. A final draft LTP will be audited by Audit New Zealand during early June and formal adoption of the LTP is scheduled to take place on 24 June 2015.
13. Copies of the final LTP will be sent to the Secretary, Parliamentary library and the Auditor-General, as per legislative requirements, alongside an electronic version being made available on the Council website for members of the public and Council staff to access.
14. A letter to all submitters will be sent out with details of the deliberation decisions and funding requests and full details of the decisions will be published on the website.

Attachments

Nil

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MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Purpose

1. This report is an update and follow-on to the Makara Ohariu Community Board's setting of future priorities and review of the 2001 Community Plans.

Recommendations

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to discuss issues raised in the template.

Background

2. In November 2014, the Makara Ohariu Community Board requested Council to survey its local residents and ratepayers regarding issues important to the community.
3. A survey was designed by Council's Research and Evaluation team.
4. A survey link was supplied to all Community Board members for further distribution in the community and 300 paper copies of the survey were made available.
5. This survey went out to both communities in early December 2014, with a closing date of 30 December 2014.
6. 104 people responded by 30 December 2014.
7. A report on the survey results were presented to the Makara Ohariu Community Board in early January 2015 (see Attachment 1).
8. The results indicated that respondents were most concerned about the following issues:
 - Transport
 - Subdivision regulations
 - Maintaining the area's character
 - Preservation of the natural environment
 - Pest and weed control
 - Businesses in the area
 - Cell phone and internet coverage
 - Power infrastructure
 - Utilities
 - Wind turbines.
9. A second analysis of specific survey questions was done in March 2015 (see Attachment 2).
10. In order to mitigate these concerns a number of solutions, which could be integrated into the final 2015 Community Plan, were proposed.

Discussion

11. Attached is a template of main issues from the 2001 Makara and Ohariu Community Plans. It highlights the vision, objectives, outcomes, and proposals deemed of importance in 2001 and could be used to populate a draft plan for 2015 (see Attachment 3).

Next Actions

12. It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board members discuss the following issues for possible inclusion into the draft Community Plan:
- Vision
 - Objectives/Goals
 - Outcomes/Results
 - Proposals/Forward Work Programme.

Attachments

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

Council will engage all communities, special interest groups, including Maori stakeholders as part of its consultation and engagement responsibilities

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

All issues involving any related matter of the Treaty of Waitangi will be considered

Financial implications

All financial implications will be assessed and given due consideration

Policy and legislative implications

All policy and legislative considerations will be considered

Risks / legal

All risks and legal requirements will be considered

Climate Change impact and considerations

All Climate change impacts will be considered

Communications Plan

The Engagement and Consultation Plan will enable wide public participation, engagement and consultation around all key issues

2015 Makara/Ohariu Community Board Survey Results



WCC Research and Evaluation team
January 2015

Overview of the Makara/Ohariu Community Board survey results

A survey link was supplied to attendees of a 2014 Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting. Paper based surveys were also available for people to fill out.

104 people completed the survey in total.

The results indicate that respondents were most concerned about:

- Transport
- Subdivision regulations
- Maintaining the areas character
- Preservation of the natural environment
- Pest and weed control
- Businesses in the area
- Cell phone and internet coverage
- Power infrastructure
- Utilities
- Wind turbines.

However, a couple of respondents commented on the survey itself:

'Just a comment on the questionnaire - to answer most of these questions you're going to agree or be neutral because you'd be crazy otherwise - the questions are too broad and too vague - I mean everyone is going to say the economic heart of Makara is important aren't they? and that we care about the environment and the ridgelines etc - they define Makara...'

'Your questions are a bit unclear - e.g. when you ask "We want the natural environment (i.e. waterways, native habitats, coastal areas) to be well managed" - does that mean rules are made stricter and you get told off for being active and doing stuff, or does it mean things are more likely to be done, like flood prevention work?'

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Introduction

The Makara/Ohariu Community Board is looking at setting future priorities and wanted to get feedback from members of the public as to what these should be. Willing attendees of a Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting were surveyed as well as other interested members of the public. Results from this 2014 survey are presented in this report.

Method

A survey link was supplied to attendees of a 2014 Makara/Ohariu Community Board meeting. Paper based surveys were also available for people to fill out.

104 people completed the survey in total.

Results

Results from the top and bottom two categories have been considered together to draw conclusions. For example, the number of respondents who 'agreed' to a question equates to all respondents who answered agreed or strongly agreed.

Important Issues

Respondents thought that the most important issues to be addressed, in order of the number of times they were mentioned, were:

- Transport (which is elaborated on in more detail in the road safety section)
- Subdivision - some respondents thought you should allow reasonable subdivision to promote growth, and others want no subdivision
- Maintain the area character - respondents wanted the rural nature of the area preserved. A couple of the respondents questioned why Makara and Ohariu were regarded as a combined community and whether they shared goals for development.
- Preservation of the natural environment including enhanced waterways, prevention of overfishing, rubbish removal from beaches and replanting natives.
- Pest and weed control – goats, possums, cats, rats, gorse, and barberry
- More businesses in the area and/or support for existing business
- Improved cell phone and internet coverage

- Better power infrastructure – *‘an average of 6 power cuts per year is unacceptable’*
- Utilities – Water, sewerage and rubbish
- Wind turbines – restrictions on further development and concerns with current noise and visual appearance. One respondent asked for noise data to be shared.

Proposed Solutions

Respondents proposed solutions to the issues they’d identified including:

- Transport related – widen roads, put in passing lanes, lower speed limits, fence the road reserve, put in hard shoulders on dangerous sections, regular clearing of debris, tree trimming.
- Alternative modes of transport – put in cycle lanes, don’t allow cyclists until road has been improved or only allow at certain times, open up some Council land for recreational walking and cycling, have a morning and night bus and allow adults to ride on the school bus as there are empty seats, develop a horse area like the mountain bike park.
- More stringent subdivision rules
- Have more community get togethers
- Environment related – encourage residents to get involved, provide incentives for landowners to clean their streams, make farmers fence off and plant river banks, monitor septic tank efficiency, create a recreational fishing reserve
- Pest and weed control related – more Council input and funding, talk to land owners about how they plan to deal with pests and weeds, force property owners to keep gorse under control, and/or have local working bees to remove pests and weeds.
- Infrastructure and utility related – maintain pressure on providers, spend more on infrastructure upfront, lobby Spark and Vodafone to improve coverage.
- Do not allow further wind turbines and monitor noise.

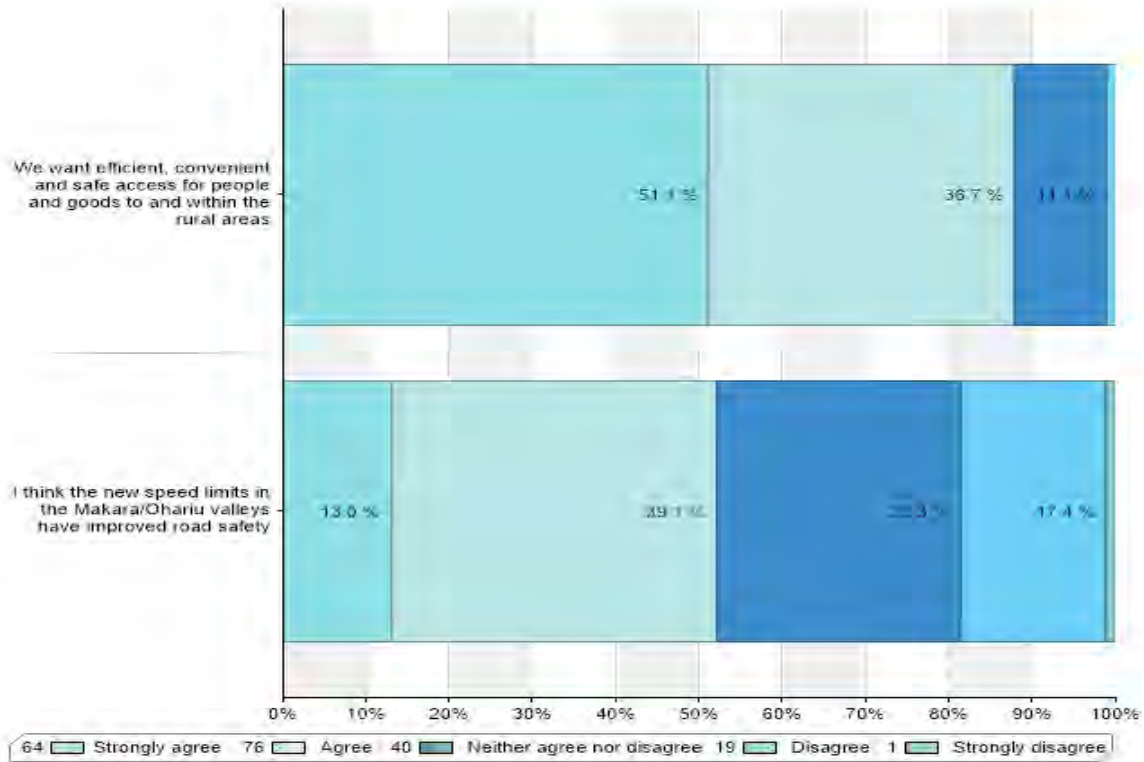
Respondents also requested more action, some wanted more enforcement from the police to hold people to account, and people also requested to be better informed about issues affecting them.

Road Safety

Figure 1 below shows that the majority of people (88% or 79 out of 90 people) agreed that they wanted efficient, convenient and safe access for people and goods within the rural areas.

A number of people (17 out of 92) disagreed that the new speed limits have improved road safety. Although the majority (52% or 48 out of 92 people) agreed that the new speed limits were safer.

Figure 1: Road safety measures



Item 3.2 Attachment 1

Respondents thought that the most important road improvements to be made were:

- 1) Road maintenance including
 - a. clearing slips in a timely manner
 - b. filling in deep curbs, ditches, rutts, drainage channels and pot holes
 - c. working on the condition of the roading surface – smoothing/levelling it out, strengthen the crumbling edges of the road, repairing cracks
 - d. cutting back roadside vegetation (especially so stock trucks don't move to the other side of the road to avoid overhanging trees)
 - e. set safety barriers further back from road edge.

- 2) Road widening

- 3) Create alternative tracks or a lane for pedestrians, cyclists and horses. Or at a minimum a safety berm should be added on blind corners.

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- 4) Having lower speed limits in some areas and enforcing speed restrictions. Although not everyone thought reduced speed limits and speed bumps improved safety.

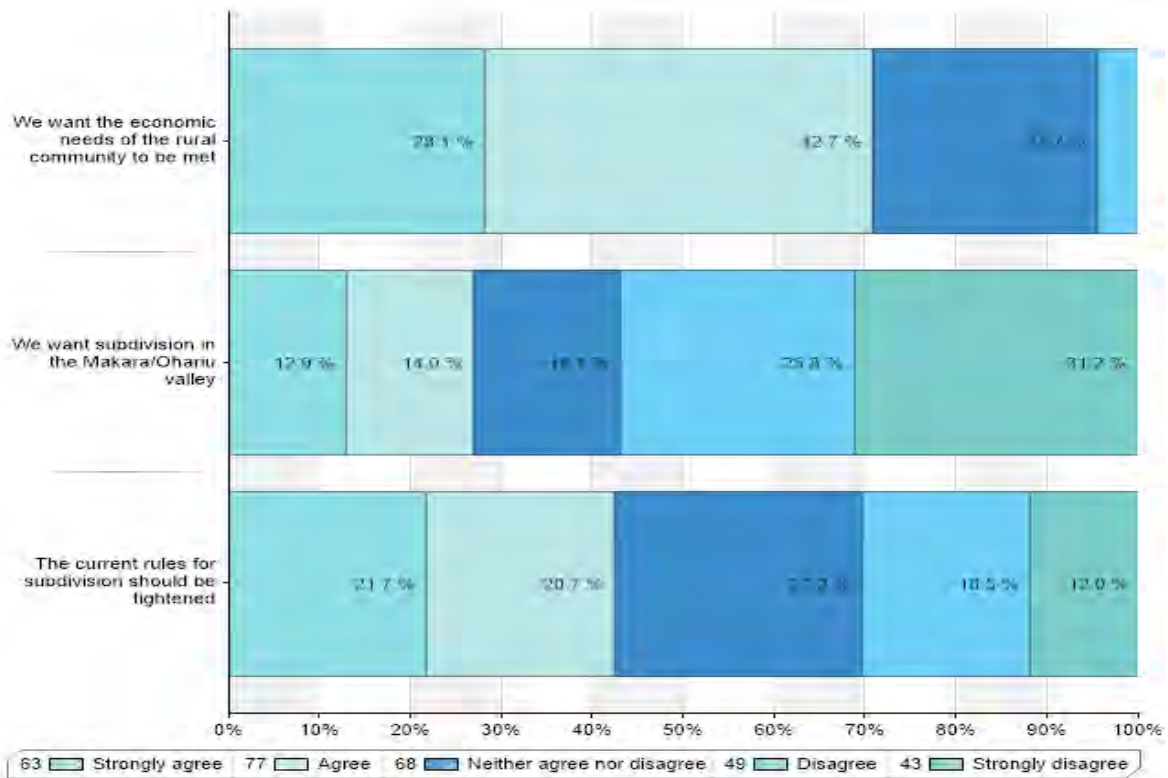
 - 5) More visible signage about things such as:
 - a. Shared road usage
 - b. Warning signs for cyclists/runners
 - c. Keeping to the left
 - d. Speed limits
 - e. Hidden driveways
 - f. Appeals to slow drivers to pull over

A few people also mentioned that it would be beneficial to create more and better pull over bays, and if possible straighten out the road and improve visibility around corners.

The Economy

Figure 2 below shows that the majority of respondents (71% or 63 out of 89 people) want the economic need of the rural community met. The majority of respondents (57% or 53 out of 93 people) disagreed with subdivision in the valley. There was divided opinion about whether or not the current rules for subdivision should be tightened, although slightly more respondents tended to agree that the rules should be tightened.

Figure 2: Economic measures

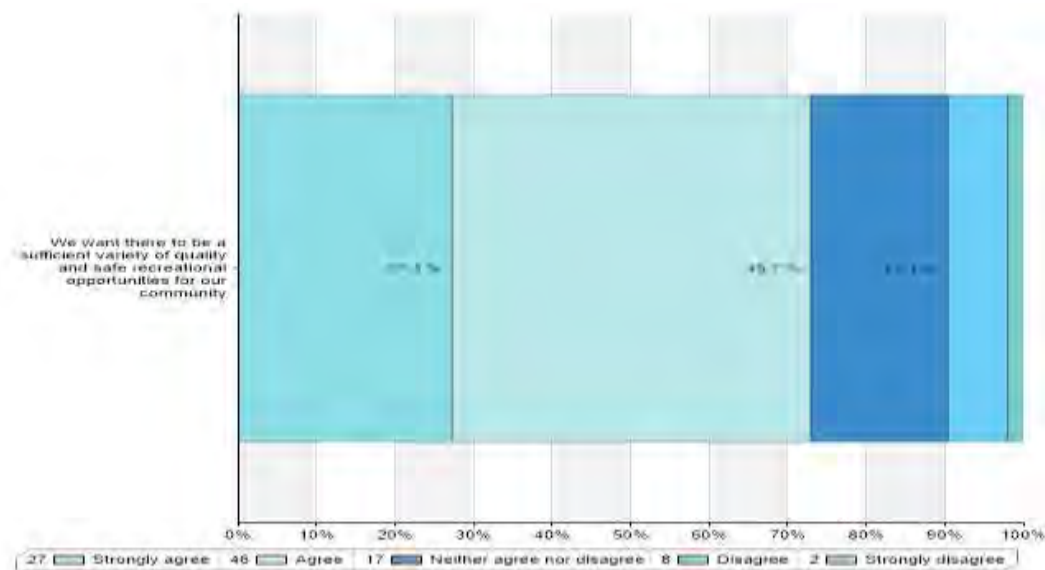


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Recreational Opportunities

The majority of respondents (73% or 67 out of 92 people) agreed that they want sufficient variety of quality and safe recreational opportunities for the community.

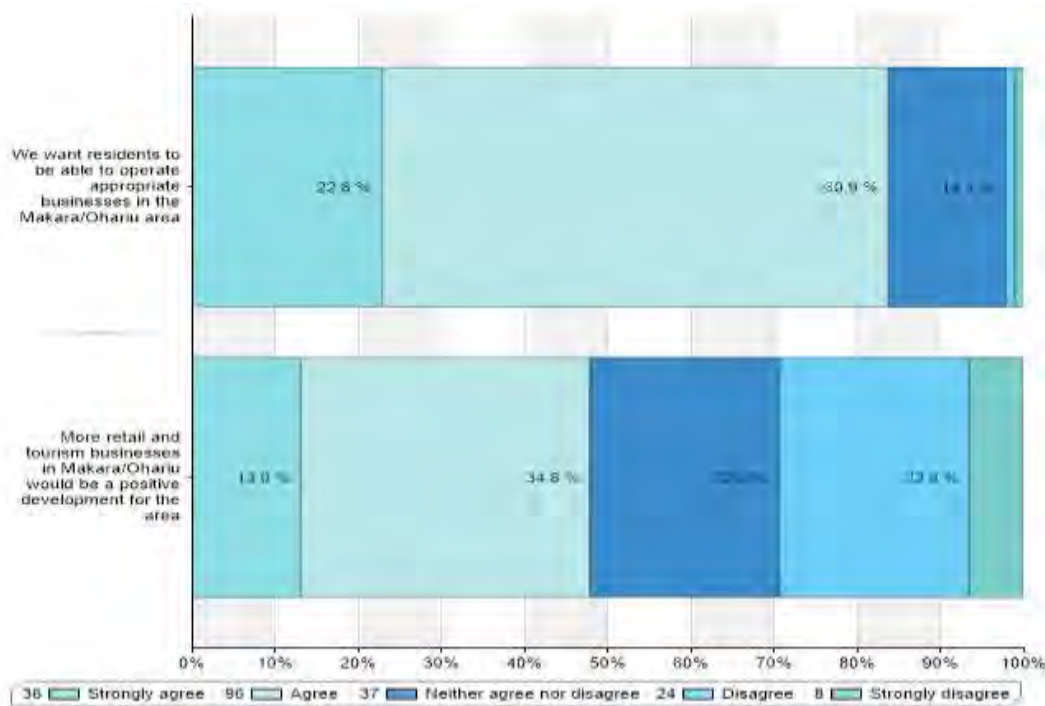
Figure 3: Recreational measure



Local businesses

The majority of respondents (84% or 77 out of 92 people) agreed that they want residents to be able to operate appropriate businesses in the area. Opinions were relatively divided with regards to whether or not more retail and tourism businesses would be a positive development for the area, although more people agreed it would be positive than not.

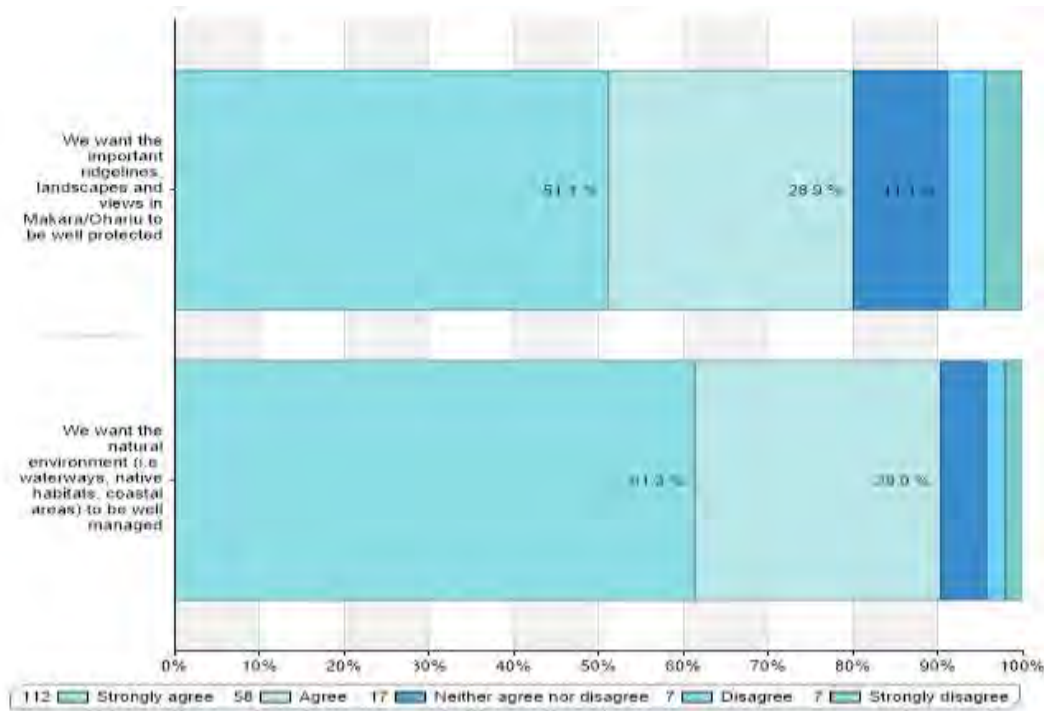
Figure 4: Business measures



Natural Environment

Figure 5 below shows that the majority of respondents (80% or 72 out of 90 people) agree that they want the important ridgelines, landscapes and views in the area to be well protected. Virtually all respondents (90% or 84 out of 93 people) also agreed that they wanted the natural environment to be well managed.

Figure 5: Environmental measures

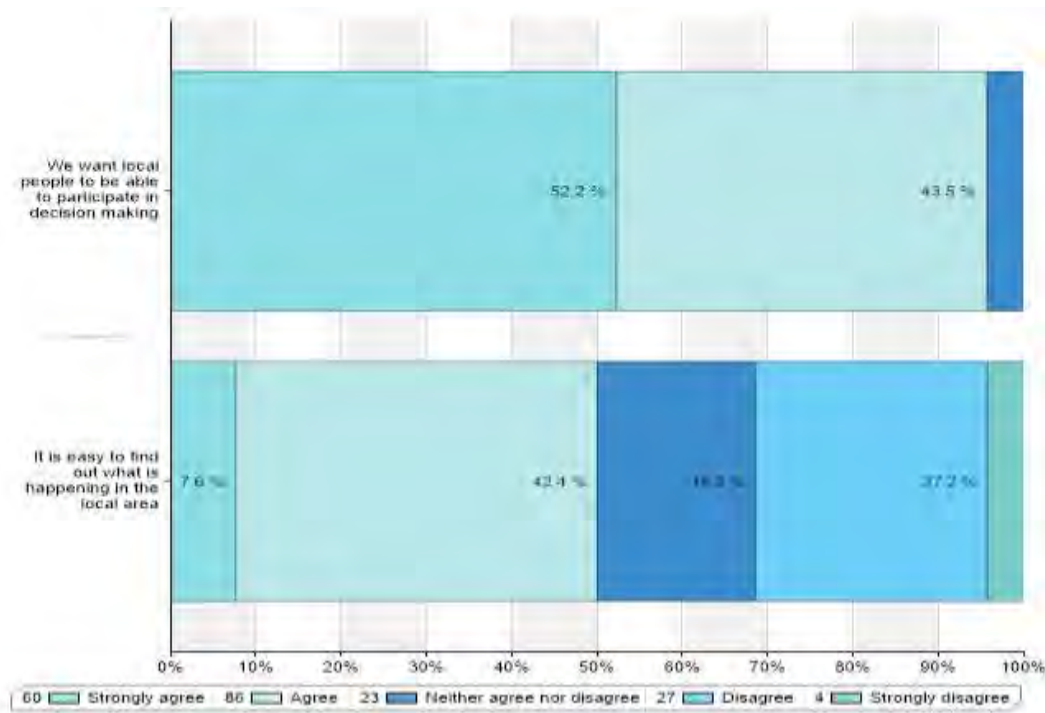


Local Decision Making

92% of respondents (82 out of 90 people) were aware of the local Community Board.

Figure 6 below shows that virtually all respondents (96% or 88 out of 92 people) would like local people to be able to participate in decision making. The majority of respondents (50% or 46 out of 92 people) agreed that it is easy to find out about what is happening in the local area, although 32% disagreed.

Figure 6: Local decision making

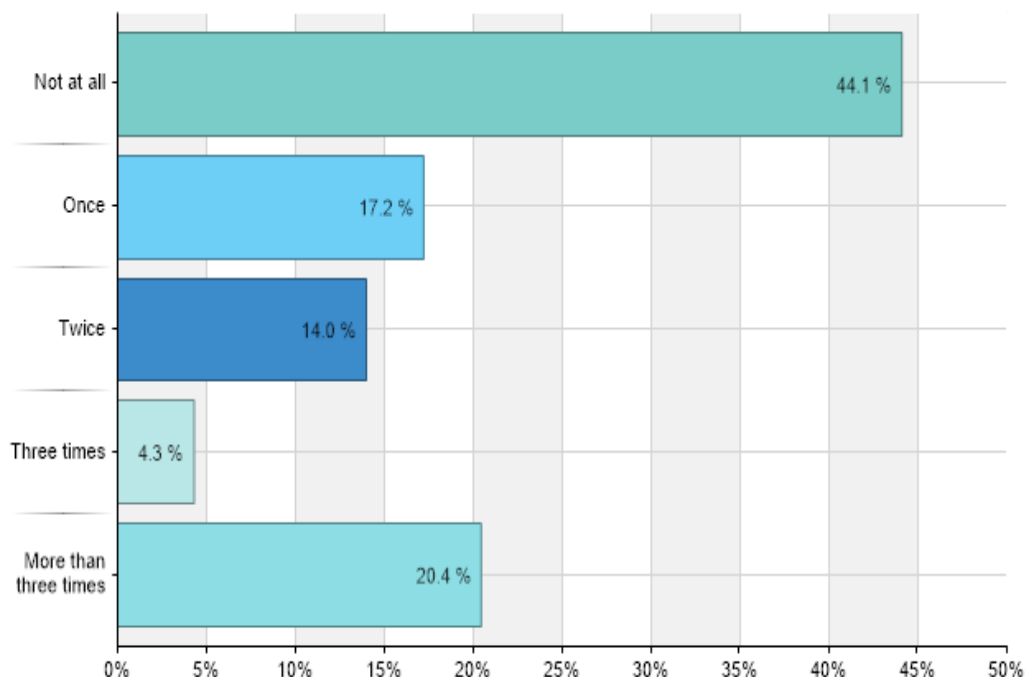


Respondents claimed that they used the following sources of information to find out about what was happening locally:

1. Word of mouth (45)
2. Email (42)
3. Makara Magazine (17)
4. Newsletter (17)
5. Yahoo group (9)
6. Information boards/signs (9)

Figure 7 below shows that more than half of the respondents have attended a Community Board meeting or been in touch with a Board member in the last year.

Figure 7: Attendance of Community Board meetings and/or frequency of contact with Board members



Additional thoughts

Respondents were also interested in:

- More open communication and increasing awareness about things happening in or effecting their community (11)
'Not everyone is on the Yahoo group'
'It would be useful to have a regular newsletter or email update. this would allow the dissemination of information in an impartial way. the current system is lead by an individual and is biased and often has a personal agenda.'
'Publicise actions in the previous plan that have been supported/not actioned/overtuned'
- Encouraging community spirit in the area (7). Ideas included an awards night, a community fair, quiz nights, working bees to clean up the area, community opinion based days at the hall and generally more social events.
'It would be lovely to find ways to champion community builders and people who are proactive about being a positive influence in the community. A community awards night maybe!'
'Re-establish a community vibe - Meridian and the "windcorp" tribe destroyed it'
- Maintaining community representation.

Top 10 Road improvement issues (Road Safety Q3)	Top 10 Issues (Q6)	Top 10 "Other" issues (Last question)
1. Widen roads (23)	1. Subdivisions (21 – No 14, yes 7)	1. Community representation (6)
2. Speed restrictions/limit (20)	2. Natural environment (17)	2. Sense and character of community (4)
3. Better/more signage (20)	3. Road improvements/maintenance (12)	3. Improve/protect environment (4)
4. Cycle lanes (13)	4. Educate road users (12)	4. Newsletter is good idea (4)
5. Better roads (13)	5. Community and retail support (8)	5. Signposts (3)
6. Gutters, culverts, drainage (9)	6. Pest control (7)	6. Landlord/rental responsibility (2)
7. Passing lanes/slow car bays (6)	7. No wind farming (6)	7. Subdivisions- no (2)
8. Restrictions on heavy vehicles (5)	8. Cycle lanes (5)	8. Vague questions (2)
8. Trimming roadside trees (5)	9. Cell phone and broadband (4)	9. Limited development in area (2)
10. Tight corners (4)	9. Widen roads (4)	10. Other individual issues: pest control , noise, security, water quality, speeding , litter, café at Makara beach internet
PS: Other topics with a 4 rating: Horse & walk paths, speedbumps	Other topics with a 4 rating: Walkways, horse paths, reliable power, water, noise, rates, rural character)	

Makara and Ohariu Rural Community Plans 2001

Makara 2001 Vision (what the organisation wants to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term (3-5 years) and the long-term future)	Makara Ohariu Community Plan 2015
Environmental management People involvement in decisions Future of area Service delivery	
Objectives/Goals	Objectives/Goals
1. Maintenance, enhancement and protection of Makara rural character, biodiversity and amenity	
2. Management of non-rural activities	
3. Traffic safety and roading	
4. Subdivisions	
5. Community involvement in decision making	
6. Safe, efficient and convenient access to Makara	
7. Support sustainable management of land by private landowners	
8. Promote environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and rubbish disposal schemes	
9. Support a variety of high quality rural recreational opportunities	
10. Support and enhance the social and economic needs of the rural community	
11. Promote opportunities for Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on rural issues	
Outcomes/Results	Outcomes/Results
1. Maintain and enhance rural amenity	

2. Distinguish between rural and non-rural activities	
3. Reduce speed limits	
4. No further subdivision	
5. Community involvement in decision making	
Proposals/Forward work programme	Proposals/Forward work programme
1. Funding request – road safety	
2. Gateway project for Makara Saddle	
3. Enhance role of Makara Cafe	
4. Retain current District Plan distinction of rural and non-rural activities	
5. Avoid loss of rural amenity	
6. Management of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • streams, • coastal waters • groundwater 	
7. Remedy/mitigate conflict between road users and unsafe roads	
8. Inappropriate development on ridgelines	
Ohariu 2001	
Vision (what the organisation wants to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term (3-5 years) and the long-term future	
Environmental management	
People involvement in decisions	
Future	
Service delivery	
Objectives/Goals	
1. Subdivision	
2. Traffic safety (speed limits)	
3. Roding	

Outcomes/Results	
1. Less lifestyle blocks	
2. Safer roads	
3. Lower speed limits	
Proposals/Forward work programme	
1. Limit subdivision applications	
2. Distinguish between rural and non-rural activities	
3. Road safety signs	
4. Gateway sign	
5. Public access and landowners	
6. Riparian management	

RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS FOR 27 APRIL TO 5 JUNE 2015

Purpose

1. In accordance with an agreement reached with the Makara Ohariu Community Board, the purpose of this report is to advise the Board of all resource consents lodged, along with decisions made by Officers acting under delegated authority, on land use and subdivision resource consent applications.

Recommendation

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.

Background

2. This report advises the Community Board of resource consents lodged and decisions made during the period 27 April to 5 June 2015.

Discussion

3. For the period from 27 April to 5 June 2015, there were four applications lodged with the Council.

Service Request	Address	Applicant
331656	405 Makara Road	Ralph & Jenny Jorgensen
Subdivision consent for a two lot fee simple boundary adjustment.		
330192	630 Ohariu Valley Road	Sarah McPhee
Land use consent for a new rural dwelling and associated earthworks.		
330476	78 Takarau Gorge Road	Ohariu Valley Trust
Subdivision and land use consent for a three lot fee simple subdivision and dwellings.		
330840	1029 Ohariu Valley Road	Vicki Karaminas & Justine Taylor
Land use consent for construction of a new carport next to existing dwelling.		

4. For the period from 27 April to 5 June 2015, there were four applications approved under delegated authority.

Service Request	Address	Applicant
329600	20 Rifle Range Road	James Conder
Subdivision consent for a two lot fee simple.		
330192	630 Ohariu Valley Road	Sarah McPhee
Land use consent for a new rural dwelling and associated earthworks.		
330476	78 Takarau Gorge Road	Ohariu Valley Trust
Subdivision and land use consent for a three lot fee simple subdivision and dwellings.		
330840	1029 Ohariu Valley Road	Vicki Karaminas & Justine Taylor
Land use consent for construction of a new carport next to existing dwelling.		

Attachments

Nil

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FORWARD PROGRAMME

Purpose

1. To provide a current draft work programme for the Board's consideration.

Recommendations

That the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. Receive the information.
2. Approve its current draft work programme subject to any alterations, additions, or deletions deemed necessary.

Discussion

2. The Forward Programme as it currently stands is outlined below.

Thursday 30 July 2015 (Makara Hall)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Resource Consent Applications and Approvals• Roding• Project Mill Creek and Community Liaison Group• Forward Programme

Attachments

Nil

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