



# MATATA UPDATE

## WEEKLY MATATA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our third edition of the weekly project newsletter, and thank you to the people I have pestered to provide me with questions to include in the newsletters. Please don't forget to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Last Thursday night Haydn and I attended the Matata Ratepayers and Residents Association meeting. These meetings are another good opportunity to discuss the Regeneration works, along with other points that relate to the functions that Council undertakes.

The Mayoral Relief Fund have a small amount of money left, after all grants have been allocated. Edgumbe Lions Club last year raised money for a project in Matata. Combining these two amounts together and with Lions ability to get further grants from various Lions Trusts, an amount in excess of \$25,000 is expected to be available for a project or projects in Matata. Edgumbe Lions Club will organize and oversee this project and with the help of the Matata Community, will make this project become a reality.

Haydn advised the committee that the money must go towards a project or a group that benefits the whole community of Matata. If anyone has an idea for a project or a contribution towards something that will benefit the whole community, please let me know.

The following questions have been received this week:

**Question:**

When will the section 72 notices be taken off the property titles?

**Answer:**

A section 72 notation identifies that there is a potential risk of damage to the property and building(s) from a natural hazard event. This potential risk will continue to exist until all of the natural hazard mitigation works identified by the Council have been completed

The section 72 notation will only apply to properties which have had building consents issued since the floods and to any building consents issued before the flood mitigation works are completed. The notation does not apply to existing buildings.

Once the mitigation works have been completed, landowners will be able to apply to have the Section 72 notation removed.

It is extremely important that property owners who are intending to develop, discuss this matter with their insurers and with the Earthquake Commission (0800 652 333) before proceeding.

**Question**

What information has been placed on property files at the Council in relation to the Matata Floods.

**Answer**

The Council has a responsibility, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 to ensure that any information known about a property can be made available to any person requesting such information. The general information in relation to the 2005 floods that will be included on individual property files includes:

- Flood inspection reports
- Letters to owners re identification of potential hazards affecting property
- Letters regarding Department of Building and Housing determinations applications and decisions.

A letter will be attached to property files on completion of the mitigation work confirming that the property is no longer in a high debris flow hazard zone and that normal building requirements will apply to future building work.

The individual property file will also include any other information known to the Council in relation to your property, including any resource consents, building consents, and any unique feature.

Once the mitigation work is complete and a letter to this effect is included on the property file, Land Information Memorandums (or commonly called LIM's) will provide any potential purchaser with an assurance that all steps have been taken to reduce the risk of further damage to property following events such as the 2005 floods.

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