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MCA lodges District Plan change submission to HCC

The Maungaraki Community Association has lodged a submission in response to the Council's proposed District Plan change which, if passed, will make housing in Intensification in Maungaraki much easier.

Our submission focussed on the character of Maungaraki which is its predominantly low density housing, pleasant visual surroundings, and vegetation. This provides a calming and peaceful backdrop for residents which could be spoilt forever with higher intensification of housing.

We also reminded the Council that the Western Escarpment, of which Maungaraki is a part of, is recognised in the Wellington Regional Policy statement as an outstanding natural feature. This is an asset for the whole city and should be protected



and enhanced by the Council, not compromised by intensified housing developments. It's likely to be several months before we hear anything more from the Council on this, but we'll keep you updated.

The MCA also intends making a submission to the Council for a budget to install drainage on the top field beside the school. It's in pretty bad shape, and frequently unusable during the winter months because it is so boggy. With a small investment by the Council we think it could be a much better utilised facility.

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Maungaraki Rippa Rugby team wins thrilling Interzone Tourney



Left to right. Jake Turner, Liam Brown, Thomas Pritchard, Samantha Knox, Cole Gwerder, Storm King, Harrison Sneddon, Jackson Tipoki, Jed Leonard, Lincoln Scothern & Cooper Burt (not pictured).

Maungaraki School's Y5/6 Rippa Rugby team have pulled off a stunning final win against Muritai in double over-time to take top honours at the recent Lower Hutt Primary School Sports Association Interzone Tournament at Hutt Park. Having swept South-West Zone with a perfect 5-0 record. Maungaraki's coach, Newton King was confident his side had what it took to go all the way at Interzone. "This is a very talented team with speed to burn and plenty of Touch and Club Rugby experience. We're as good as

any side out there. We just have to believe." Despite the coach's optimism history was against them. them, as no Maungaraki team had ever won a South-West Zone Tournament before, let alone an Interzone Tournament before.

Despite these odds, Maungaraki won their two first games against

Stoke's Valley's Koraunui School 55-45 and Boulcott 55-40, before losing a very close game against Muritai in the final game of pool play 45-40. Losing to Muritai ment Maungaraki had to play the winner of Pool A, Eastern Hutt, in the semi-final.

Although Maungaraki had beaten Eastern Hutt in the South-West Zone Tournament 35-30, Eastern Hutt's roll is twice the size of Maungaraki's, so they were capable of fielding a much stronger side for Interzone. Maungaraki welcomed back Y6 leaders Jake and Thomas back into the team after

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they missed the South-West Tournament. In the semi-final match, both sides put on a great display of running rugby, with the lead changing several times.

The game eventually came down to a few turnovers as Eastern Hutt knocked the ball



Storm King in attack mode v Eastern Hutt in the closing stages, which Maungaraki capitolised on to run out eventual winners 55-45.

"We needed to play well and we did. We got a roll-on early and kept it up for the majority of the match. When you score 11 tries in 14 mins of game time, you are not doing much wrong." Said a pleased coach King. Maungaraki and Muritai would play in the LHPSSA Interzone Rippa Rugby 2018 final.

Muritai entered the final as hot favourites and got off to a fast start, scoring twice in the first few minutes, before Maungaraki came back to level the score. The lead changed several times as both high-powered offences couldn't gain ascendancy over the

other. Maungaraki's defence led by Thomas, Harrison, Storm & Cole began to wear down Muritai's vaunted attack, led by their Interzone track star winger Aubery Changa. Muritai had one final attack repelled on the line by Maungaraki's swarming defence to force the game into overtime. Muritai's game plan was simple. Keep giving the ball to their star winger, whilst Maungaraki's was just as clear. Stop him. At 45-45 the game headed into double overtime. Maungaraki pounced on a turnover opening 10pt lead, Muritai scored again to send the game into a thrilling climax. The final play of the game saw Muritai's star winger running down the sideline Maungaraki defenders covering diving at his rips to make the final rip. When the final whistle sounded the Maungaraki



Muritai's track star winger, Aubury Changa, can't escape Jackson Tipoki's well timed rip. team were jubilant! Maungaraki had won 55-50 (11 tries to 10) They had made school history by becoming the first Maungaraki team to ever win Interzone. Ed.

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