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# Coastal News

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## *Interested in journalism?*

The *Coastal News* is looking for someone who might be thinking of a career in journalism, or who is interested in writing, to interview some of the older identities in the Mapua-Ruby Bay region and have their work published.

They could also report on other activities of interest to local people, such as what is going on in Iwa Street, why does the Fire Brigade want to move, and what is happening about an ambulance station?

Anyone who thinks they could do the job, whether a young person at school or older person in the community with time to spare and is able to write, should ring Terry Smith on 540-3203 or email the *Coastal News* to find out more of what would be required.

None of the above should make our regular contributors feel they are not appreciated. Most of what is in the *Coastal News* comes from faithful correspondents who keep us up to date with the activities of their organisations, whether it is sport, children, community matters—anything at all.

Remember, we are open to letters from anybody. This reminder has been made more than once before, but with little reaction. Letters to the Editor in daily newspapers are widely read by all members of society.

Perhaps being a monthly means a letter will lose some impact or will have been overtaken by events by the time it appears, but there are plenty of subjects that retain topicality over time.

So next time you see something that interests you or you have something that might interest others, drop us a line by email, letter, or a phone call. Advertising is increasing all the time and to avoid having wall-to-wall advertising we want to keep up the editorial content so you have something to read.

Perhaps that is a subject for discussion. Is advertising playing too big a part in our lives? Remember, advertising brings money into the *Coastal News*, and that money goes into a trust which distributes grants to community organisations. The bigger the fund that more money that can be given away.

*The Editors*

## Stop Press!

**Steve Markham and Rose Biss** of the Tasman District Council have kindly agreed to present a synopsis of the draft Mapua Structure Plan at the next general meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association. The Mayor, Richard Kemphorne, will also be present to see how our community is humming! We at the association would like to encourage everyone in the community, not just members of the association, to come to the meeting to hear about the community's submissions and updates from Steve and Rose.

Mark your diaries now. **The next General Meeting of the association will be held on Monday 14th July 2008 at 7.30pm in the supper room of the Mapua Hall.**

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# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## *Plan for road near estuary clarified*

**A**t the May meeting of the Mapua and District Community Association, it had been said that DOC had not been consulted or given the opportunity to sign off revised plans regarding the Ruby Bay by-pass encroaching onto an area of salt marsh near Trafalgar Road before it joined Dominion Road. This point has been clarified with Transit NZ who said that DOC had in fact been consulted on numerous occasions. Consequently, the road plan had been moved over twice onto dry land; previously it had encroached on salt marsh. DOC was apparently happy with what had been done in this regard.

### **Mapua Waterfront Park**

The clean-up area awaited final audit and sign-off. The TDC was involved in this process.

There was discussion about landscaping of the area. While the TDC had a motion on its books for the adoption of E2 plan in principle, it was considered timely by some at the meeting that the community might want to be involved in further consultation over the layout of the park and its proposed facilities and that the landscaping should not necessarily be based on a predetermined position because the dynamics of the community had changed quite a bit.

### **Seaton Valley Re-alignment**

The chairman, Devin Gallagher, and Fiona Bibby-Smith had met Steve Elkington of the TDC to discuss safety issues and the danger to cyclists and walkers along Seaton Valley Road from speeding vehicles, particularly that part of the road with switchbacks. Mr Elkington's response had been very positive, particularly in regard to some suggested changes that could be made before the bigger changes to come in regard to the highway connection!.

### **Cycleways & Walkways**

Sarah McLeod reported on the proposed installation of a boardwalk from the corner of Toru Street near the causeway onto Moreland Place reserve. The project had been in council budgets for four years now and the group wished to work with the association to see this project through to completion.

The delays were explained. In particular, discussions had been held on how to do the work while there were nesting birds nearby. The TDC proposed to spend two months on the causeway putting in culverts close to where the boardwalk would be; if the boardwalk was constructed at the same time, the birds would be less affected. There was ongoing consultation with DOC in this regard.

### **Mapua Inlet Restoration**

A document on this had been circulated to members. The question was: what do we want to do about it? The chair noted that a new national community biodiversity fund had been introduced in 2008. Information would be sought in regard to accessing this fund for the restoration of Mapua Inlet which would fit nicely within the guidelines of the funding source. Dave Mitchell informed the meeting that at the time the strategy was initiated, it had been hoped it would lead to a community initiative: "This is Mapua – this is what we're doing about our community". It would not be a major project but it would need a small committee to drive it—to organise funding, liaise with the council, DOC and iwi (the head of the estuary was used as a canoe-launching area and iwi were very supportive of the project), and with surrounding property owners.

With funding available it might be possible to employ one full-time person, with community working days held for planting and weeding to show the community in action.

The association agreed it would support the project by formulating a plan for a public meeting to get the community involved in this exciting proposal. To learn more about this community-spirited project, come along to our next association meeting.

*Pam Stinton-Whetnall, secretary*

## **Genealogy Group**

**O**n Saturday 14th June, eight members of the Genealogy Computer Discussion Group gathered at Val Hunter's house for an interesting discussion of various means of researching our family history. One couple recently visited Port Arthur in Tasmania where convict records are available. These often have more detail about an ancestor than we can get in other places. Various web sites were mentioned, as well as mailing lists in the area where our ancestors came from. Val said joining a Family History Society in the county we are researching was helpful to find others interested in the same area.

Parish records and workhouse records are available on film or fiche at the LDS in Stoke. Also discussed was old photos on slides being put on to computers and CDs.

# Mapua Hall Society

The hall committee has now had the opportunity to discuss the preliminary report provided by Judene Edgar in response to the survey she carried out among hall users. Although we are still at a very early stage and no detailed planning has occurred, a number of policy decisions have been taken.

These include but are not limited to:

- The thrust of the committee's activity will be in renovating the hall as general public facility in line with its present usage.
- Upgrading the toilets and the kitchen are major priorities and will incorporate the provision of easy access to these areas without disturbing other hall users.
- Wheelchair access through all external doors and to the toilets is essential

- A number of initiatives in the provision of data presentation are being considered.

A "walk-around" by small group including a building surveyor is planned for late June. This is after the closing date for the *Coastal News* so no report is available. We expect advice on the practical aspects of the renovations as well as the feasibility of options put forward by the committee.

A recent review of the hall insurance resulted in two issues being highlighted for immediate remedy. Of major importance is an upgrade of the switchboard and the committee has to have this completed before the end of July. We hope that this can be done without too much disruption to hall users.

*John Sharman, Chairman*

## Garden Notes

July marks the beginning of another gardener's year. Although with the fine weather we are experiencing right now one may be tempted to start sowing and planting in earnest, it is wise to wait until the soil warms up with increasing sunlight.

Now is time plant roses, ornamental trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous plants, summer flowering bulbs, and hedge plants.

The pruning of roses can be done towards the end of the month, as is the case for pruning fruit trees. The lawn can be aerated by pricking with a garden fork. This is most beneficial.

A number of people grow those gorgeous huge tuberous begonias, in pots or hanging baskets. Now is the time to sow in the greenhouse. Tomatoes also can be sown under glass for planting out later on. Lettuce

plants can be planted in a sheltered spot, especially with this year being so mild.

Any pruning of grape vines should be done as soon as possible to avoid bleeding once the sap begins to rise.

Any bare soil should be deeply dug over and left in a rough state to allow winter conditions to break down the clods. Liming the soil will also improve it, and this is the time to do it.

If you have that very sheltered spot you may try planting an early variety of potato. Because we are experiencing a very mild winter, you may be the first gardener in Mapua to have your own very early new season's "spuds" long before many others. So happy gardening.

*Barry Highsted.*



## MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

This month we would like to send a great big THANK YOU! to the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust who have so generously given us \$300 in order to re-carpet our library and baby area at the playcentre. It looks fantastic, and our kids and babies are already putting it to very good use! Our warmest thanks!!

We have also had some very exciting news, our Playcentre assistant, Melanie Drewery, a published children's author, has won 1st prize in the Picture Book section of New Zealand Post Book Awards. WELL DONE MELANIE!! We think you're fab.

With school holidays coming up, we would like to share with Mums and Dads and Grandparents, a few of our ideas for using the imagination:

- An indoor treasure hunt.... wrap up household items: it's more the excitement of hunting and unwrapping than the treasure sometimes!
- A tea party make invitations, invite teddies, the neighbours, friends, the dog. You can make biscuits beforehand, set the table, and then get the water and teacups out and start pouring.... maybe outside?
- My favourite and you'd be amazed how many miles you can get out of it with a two-year-old....Paint the fence and deck—very simple! Just hand over a paintbrush and big bucket of water, the water darkens the timber and they really feel like they are doing some painting.
- Bury treasure in the sandpit. Plastic animals are good, give them a clue where to dig, how many things to look for and let em go!
- Make a photograph scrapbook with pictures from a recent trip or outing. Once the photos are developed, get the kids to glue them in, do some colouring in, borders, captions etc. Some online places are very reasonably priced for getting photos developed. Kids love to look back over the albums when they are completed.

## Coastal Connections

Our monthly luncheon was at McMillans Hand-Thrown Ceramics & Alchemy Café in Richmond where we had lovely meals ranging from pumpkin soup and Thai cakes to filo pastries which was enjoyed by all.

Upstairs designer clothing was displayed for those who wanted something special, and three members celebrated birthdays.

Our next meeting will be at Jester House, Coastal Highway, Tasman. Please met at 11.45 on Thursday .... 10th July.

*Dot Siddle*

## *The Heat is on to save Power*

Whether it is politically expedient to admit it or not we are clearly headed for another power crisis this winter. How do I know? Well, a telling letter arrived in the mail the other day from my power company. It very nicely explained that my power bill would be going up. It even estimated how much by, unfortunately the equivalent of at least three coffees down at the Naked Bun. Once again the law of supply and demand is in operation. Not enough power to go around means it's going to cost everyone more.

Despite the fact that I consider our household to be good power savers already, I jumped on the Power Savers website [www.powersavers.co.nz](http://www.powersavers.co.nz) to find out what else I could do. The site is loaded with power-saving tips, some of which are obvious (turn off lights when not in use!), some of which are very useful (take your phone charger out of the socket when you're not using it – good point) and some are just a little finicky (when washing your face using the bathroom basin you only need to 1/3 fill the basin with warm water NOT 1/2 or greater—thanks Bill, of Christchurch!)

The dog likes this one: turn off the TV and go for a walk instead of sitting at home. You'll save power and get fit.

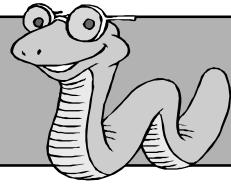
The husband likes this one: use candles more often. It's more romantic.

I personally like this one: if you're indoors at night and cold, wear appropriate clothing—ie, flannelette pj's, a robe and slippers. At last an excuse to wear flannelette.

The website also has some other interesting features such as inflow and outflow graphs of the Southern hydro lakes, comparisons with previous years' peak demands and daily usage graphs. Did you know that overall the top half of the South Island has reduced its electricity usage 2.2%? It seems that we are starting to get serious about reducing our electricity wastage, or is it just that we'd rather switch off a few lights than give up a few coffees.

*Paula Short*

# Coastal Garden Group



A chilly day for our June meeting but members and guests soon warmed up in the hall and it was good to see a large turnout. There are fewer notices but there is one important one regarding July's AGM. The club host lunch after the business of our annual meeting and as part of that there will be a hat competition. We are looking forward to finding out how creative our members are!

Our speaker in June was Dave Philips who spoke to us about the landscape around us and the design of our green spaces. Dave has worked for Sicon in their landscape department for many years and as the TDC's main contractor Sicon is responsible for planting and maintenance of reserves and open spaces in the area.

Dave asked us to ponder the thought that with more pressure on land for development green space in our towns will take on a new role. He commented on the lack of street trees, especially in new subdivisions, and suggested that new high-rise buildings in town could have roof gardens. This would not only help the energy efficiency of the building but would provide staff with a green area for their lunch break. Modern living suggests a move towards easy-care gardens and hard landscaping, thereby making parks and other reserves more important as green places for people to walk and children to play.

Present in most of our towns, the cemetery is often one of the most-visited public green spaces but cemeteries often look the same and do not reflect the diverse mix of race and religions present in our society. New initiatives may make allowance for natural burial sites to be made available. Other ways we can influence planning is by suggesting

community gardens and allotments for growing vegetables.

Dave fielded many questions from the floor which shows he gave us all something to think about. Thank you Dave for sharing your time and thoughts with us.

Max's notes reminded us that with the continued lack of rain we should keep the compost heap moist. Now the bulbs are starting to poke their noses through it's time to feed them. It is also time to divide up perennials. Winter is the time to plan and clean up and also to tackle moss in our lawns. Early crop potatoes can be set to sprout and continually planting lettuce will keep the salad greens going throughout the winter.

Using sawdust around plants will help keep slugs and snails away. The perennial question of how to keep cats off the garden was met with the suggestion that using dried teabags scented with eucalyptus oil will send them on their way. If that's not successful then a water pistol will usually do the trick!

Another relaxed afternoon tea followed by our competition and plant auction rounded off the afternoon. Although there were fewer entries in our competition this month there was a wide range of different plants with roses, proteas, iris, anemone, geranium, nerine, daphne, violets and a very early paper-white daffodil amongst the entries.

The Coastal Garden Group will hold its AGM on Thursday 3rd July at 1pm. The meeting will be followed by lunch. All enquires to either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

## Plant Stall

The Coastal Garden Group's annual plant stall will take place on Saturday 13 September. As usual we are inviting other local community groups who wish to have a stall that morning as a fund-raiser to please contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335). The stalls will coincide with an auction to be held in the hall.

# Animal Health File

Dr. Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Road, Mapua, ph 540-2329

## Spring is in the air...

*...Or is it?* As I write this it is tipping it down with the first decent lot of rain we have had in a long while! Most of our farming clients will be happy as a good bit of rain will help set them up for some good grass growth when spring finally hits. For all of us in the Vet Clinic spring begins in July when the early lambs start and then in earnest in August when the cows start calving as well.

People commonly come in to the clinic asking how best to prepare for spring, so here are a few pointers:

- At least two weeks before lambing/calving all expectant mums should be given a 5n1 booster vaccine (if they haven't had one before you need to start 6 weeks earlier and then give a booster at least two weeks before baby comes)
- Ewes benefit from being given a LSD (Lamb Survival Drench) oral drench at least two weeks prior to lambing.
- Prepare a first aid kit to have on hand over the lambing/calving period. It is a good idea to have at least a small container of veterinary lubricant, a bottle of Iodine spray, disinfectant such as Virkon, a flexi pack

of metabolic solution, a bearing retainer if you have sheep, and a bottle of Ketol.

- If you are rearing orphan lambs or dairy calves then it pays to have some sachets of electrolytes on hand for any that start scouring
- Our staff are not allowed to hand out antibiotics over the counter (this includes Scourban). You will need to speak to the vet before you can be prescribed antibiotics and you need to be a bone fide client of the practice.
- We do dehorn animals. Kids need to come into the clinic and calves we do on-farm using a sedative and local anaesthetic. We usually try to do a run of farms at once, so if you give us a bit of notice we can save you some mileage costs.

For more information on surviving spring, the vets have prepared a handy pamphlet which covers all the up to the minute advice you need

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# Hills Community Church

## Baby, it's cold outside

Well, at long last winter has arrived in Mapua. The frost was so heavy this morning I thought I was back in Minnesota! By midday, of course, the sun was shining so I pulled off the extra layers of clothing until the sun began its decent over the horizon—then everything was back on again.

I've mastered the technique of hanging my laundry twice—once on the outside line then a finish up by the fire in the lounge at night. There's nothing quite like the soft smell of wool drying by the fire. We've plugged in the electric blanket and have our evening routine down as we close drapes and doors to unused rooms. By nightfall, Rod and I are snug as bugs, surrounded by the scent of drying laundry and a roasted meal.

We're coping just fine, but staying warm in winter can be quite a challenge. Some people become extra-isolated rather than extra-insulated this time of year. Others experience a significant financial burden because of additional fuel costs required to heat poorly insulated homes. The long, dark days depress some folk while colds, flu and pneumonia afflict others.

Four years ago, Hills Community Church decided to offer a Mid-Winter Dinner in a warm, bright environment for those in the village we thought might enjoy a tasty, roasted meal with some friends. Our cheerful volunteers slice, dice, prepare and serve with the hope of making the event a pleasant respite in the bleak mid-winter for these cherished folk in our community. We expect a capacity crowd again this year.

I've noticed something about this and other events like it—that those who give get as much warmth from the giving as those do in the receiving. It's amazing how a warm smile, a friendly visit, a helping hand, or an encouraging hug can mean so much to receive but also feel so good to give. Yes, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So this winter and all year long, share the warmth that comes from genuine community spirit.

*With warmest regards, Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister,  
Hills Community Church*

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?" Ecclesiastes 4:10-11*

### Upcoming Event—4th Annual Mid-Winter Dinner, 16 July

#### Regular Happenings @ Hills—

Hills Community Church is a community-based church celebrating a diversity of Christian faith traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship settings each with an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call: 540-3848.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & SPACE for Kids 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea between services. First Sunday of each month: one service @ 10:30am. 5th Sundays: one service @ 10:30am led by our Youth.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12:15pm—Anglican Communion service

Wednesdays: 10am-noon—Kidz n Koffee. Open to parents-caregivers-pre-K kids—a great way to make new friends!

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided



*Members of the Mapua Friendship Group during the mid-year luncheon at Smugglers Café in Tahunanui enjoying camaraderie and delicious food.*

# World Environment Day

## School leads by example

**M**apua School led by example when World Environment Day was celebrated last month. Four Mapua School pupils had the job of “showing the way” that trees should be planted when they were paired up with adult representatives from the Mapua Community.

The idea for pairing up young and old developed from a proposal to mark World Environment Day suggested by local vet and sustainability advocate Paula Short. She was inspired by the fact that New Zealand, one of the first countries to pledge a carbon-neutral future, was chosen to host the UN Environment Programme World Environment Day for this year.

Last year it was Norway’s turn to be host, and the focus then was on the challenge of climate change and threats to polar regions.

The focus of the 2008 celebrations was a call to countries, companies and communities to “kick the habit” and de-carbonize their economies and lifestyles. Examples of “kicking the habit” cited during World Environment Day included:

- If 1000 people had a shower instead of a bath, once a week for a year, we’d stop about 40 tonnes of carbon from entering the air.
- If 1000 children walked to school and back each day (about 3km) instead of going by car, we’d stop about 3.5 tonnes of carbon from entering the air per week. That’s a lot of carbon.

Tree planting was also regarded as another way to help “kick the habit”. The four Mapua School pupils taking part in the event had been involved last year in an environment education study group that had regular sessions at the Mapua Wetland.

Students Daniel Breakspeare, 11, Sean Stinton, 11, Lucas Hodgson, 12, and Adam Cookson, 11, had learned how to propagate seeds, transfer seedlings to root trainers, and plant young plants from root trainers. They also learned how to transplant trees, and in the process planted about 50 three year-old totara trees.

As part of World Environment Day celebrations, they put into practice some of their planting skills. They paired up for the planting with Devin Gallagher, chair of the Mapua and Districts Community Association, Bill Williams, a former community association chairman, Brigid Ryan, chair of the Mapua and Districts Business Association, Acting Mapua School Principal Mandy Stephens, and Dr Short.

The idea was to reflect the fact that the coming generation is going to have to provide many of the answers to environmental problems arising from climate change and that communities should look to young people, as well as experts, for some answers.

The group planted five black beech trees on a sloping area above the wetland in a small area of native trees eco-sourced from Moutere District seeds.

The black beech trees planted on Environment Day added to more than 6000 trees, grasses that have been planted at Mapua Wetland in a regeneration project supported by the Department of Conservation Biodiversity Funds and the Tasman District Council.

The school environment education programme at the wetland is continuing again this year and recently it was supported with a \$350 grant from the Mapua-Ruby Bay and Districts Community Trust.

*David Mitchell*



*School pupils (front) Adam Cookson, Lucas Hodgson, Sean Stinton, and Daniel Breakspeare were “showing the way” to Mapua community representatives (rear) Devin Gallagher, Bill Williams, Mandy Stephens, Paula Short and Brigid Ryan.*

# *The ShedLight Blokes*

Our visit in May was to Alan Brace's shed in Iwa Street to see his collection of Seagull outboard motors. About 20 blokes turned up and saw an amazing sight. There were 18 outboards with a few others in bits. I had no idea that there were so many different types of British Seagull, to use the correct name. Some models were Forty Featherweight, Forty Plus, Silver Century, Silver Century Plus, 170. The Seagull started in 1931/33 and was an offshoot of Sunbeam Motorcycles. Two of the engineers took over in 1933 and the make continued until 1980 when the company was sold. Final models were made in 1985.

Although that was 23 years ago there is a thriving group of enthusiasts who get together, swap or sell motors or parts and even have a big two-day race down the Waikato River from Karapiro to Port Waikato. Various classes are arranged depending on motor size, boat shape, etc and entries come not only from within New Zealand but also Australia, England and United States.

We also inspected Alan's 1961 Morris Minor and 1964 Minor 1000. I understand they were bought

instead of a BMW motorbike because Alan's partner did not like the idea of getting on a bike. However, she must have mellowed a bit because there are three bikes—a 1953 Velocette, 1985 Moto Guzzi, and a 2003 Triumph Bonneville barely used.

## **About ShedLight Blokes**

- We go to someone's shed, about once a month, about 7pm
- We take a mate (or some young person who may have an interest) some nibbles and a drink.
- The bloke shows us what's in his shed, or what he's done, doing, or wants to do
- We talk to the bloke about his shed and what's in it
- We decide whose shed we visit next month
- We go home about 9pm

To advise people of our shed visits we rely on emails. If you are interested in coming along to any visits please advise your email address to Tim at [collegial@xtra.co.nz](mailto:collegial@xtra.co.nz), Kerry at mitchs [place@xtra.co.nz](mailto:place@xtra.co.nz), Brian at [Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz), or Graham at [grahamcox@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grahamcox@xtra.co.nz).

# *Letters to the Editor...*

## **What have we to do?**

The June issue featured “Ruby Bay road gets funds”...a little misleading because the main road in Ruby Bay has already spent some funds—on unwanted suburban highway lighting—and who is paying for that? Reading further discloses that the feature is a “Coastal Highway” which avoids the coast, no less. Anyway:-

Why are we funding a second inland/Moutere Highway?

- Why are we funding a ‘by-pass’ of an existing by-pass, when Motueka has greater priority?
- Why are we not employing funds to support the vision of our pioneering forefathers who surveyed and utilised a more direct coastal corridor that connected communities around the ‘Bay’.
- Why are we not pursuing new technologies of a sustainable nature, eg, local hydro-power from tidal turbines to power shuttle trains/suspended monorails?
- Why are we funding a short-term political compromise when what we really need is less time and cost of travel?

The Government may be swamped in surplus funds and the guilt of its percentage take on fuel price increases, however, those of us choking at the bottom of the pyramid are at a point of rebellion. Already rural communities subsidise the facilities enjoyed in close proximity to greater urban centres, which the rural dweller must then travel the highway to utilise.

Consequently, if we do not ‘bite the bullet’ and make that expected lifestyle change to suburbia, we will be condemned to sit in our vehicles, chewing up precious carbon-tax paid fuel, waiting for a break in the traffic. Sorry, but time and patience is in shorter supply as one gets older.

So where are the funds coming from when we can’t afford to fuel the vehicles? Don’t feel safe with the thought that you’re off the ‘treadmill’ by walking/cycling to work or services, because beware of the TDC Compliance Officer that will check the calibration and read the oxygen flow-meter installed up your nose!

What have you got to do? Hopefully, you are not of ‘the silent majority’ that abrogates their rights in the decision-making process. So voice your concerns directly to your MP and TDC.

*W K Darling, Ruby Bay*

## **By-pass project update**

Now that we are adjusting to the fact that the Ruby Bay by-pass project is to become a reality, it is almost anticlimactic to write about it. However, the dust has settled so to speak and we no longer have to push for funding approval by Transport NZ. Now will follow a period of intense activity leading to the commencement of changing the landscape along the route of the new roadway.

On 15 May, Transit NZ called for tenders to build road in a series of advertisements in the main newspapers throughout New Zealand. I’m pleased to be able to report that there has been a very strong response to the adverts. Already six major contractors have been escorted over the right of way. Those contracting firms who register an interest have until the 19 August to file their tender with Transit NZ. Following that there will be a period of up to two months for Transit to conduct what they term an “evaluation process”. In everyday speak, to marry the right contractor and their tender to the project. This means that a construction contract should be awarded some time in October. Assuming things proceed along these lines, we could well see the on the ground start of the project as early as November of this year.

Meanwhile, Transit NZ already has contractors clearing the right of way west of the water towers on Old Coach Road. Nearly three kilometres has been done so far.

There will be another update on the project in the August issue of *Coastal News*, brief though it may be.

*Hugh Gordon*

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*(The following letter is part news and part advertisement, but as Peter is well-known to many of our readers, we are running it as an item of interest—The Editors)*

## **Kia ora and greetings to all Mapua folk**

Best wishes for your winter from sunny, hurricane-free (so far) Florida! Sherrin and I had a wonderful Gulf of Mexico beach wedding six months ago but we wish it had been Ruby Bay!

Great to see the by-pass is under way, the clean-up is almost complete, The Village Rest is thriving and all is well in Godzone. I must say we enjoy keeping in touch with you all through reading the *Coastal News* online and look forward to returning to Mapua over the summer. We miss our beautiful Ruby Bay home at 194 Stafford Drive, and as our commitments here in Florida and Cape Cod preclude us from returning

## *Letters to the Editor...*

permanently in the near future, we may soon be looking to sell this unique slice of paradise. If anyone is interested please contact me, petegrat@aol.com

I thought readers may find it fascinating that here in Florida one can buy a four-bed, double-garage home with pool, close to the beach for under NZ\$200,000! Times are tough in the USA, many Europeans are ‘moving in’ which is a good thing, and despite all the bad press, things are not so bad. Americans moan at paying \$4 a gallon for gas, but a tin of baked beans is still under 50 cents and you can fly to Las Vegas for \$75 return.

If any readers are contemplating a winter getaway I can recommend Florida and am happy to help with travel info when you arrive. We have a Fort Myers Beach villa available too! [#13896](http://www.vacationrentals.com). (Sheila and Trev Knowles, you get to stay free, but not together!).

Our READY2ROLL music duo is doing well with Caribbean cruises and gigs in Cape Cod and Washington DC as well as here. [www.READY2ROLLmusic.cxom](http://www.READY2ROLLmusic.cxom) We hope to perform while back in Mapua over Christmas.

All the best to everyone in Mapua and Ruby Bay.

*Peter and Sherrin Grattan*

## **Group fights oil dependency**

Three initial meetings in which the attendance jumped from five to 11 to 20 suggests that a new community group has tapped into pressing concerns for citizens of Motueka and Mapua. The group, Transition Town Motueka, is motivated by projections of the impact on this area of advancing oil scarcity and climate change. Members of the group expect the impacts, including New Zealand’s needed contribution to mitigating climate change, will grow more intense. However, they refuse merely to sit around saying how bad we can expect things to get.

They insist that we can share a vision of an attractive ‘post-carbon’ future and that there are actions to be taken to prepare communities for ‘energy descent’. These actions accept living with less fossil fuel use, and therefore simultaneously contribute to lessening the magnitude of climate change. While the issues that can be addressed in such a ‘Transition Initiative’ cover a very broad range, the Motueka-Mapua group has begun focusing on food and transport.

Much of our food is imported, and uses large amounts of fossil fuel in its production, processing, packaging and transport. Accordingly, as oil prices rise, food prices immediately follow. The Transition Town group is exploring ways of increasing reliance on local and organically grown food (that is, without fossil fuel inputs).

Transport is an obvious problem as oil scarcity advances. The group is exploring ways of increasing bus service and promoting car-pooling and hitch-hiking in this area.

This is only the beginning of Transition Town work. There is much to be done in the areas of agriculture, housing, land use and zoning, water and waste management, health, education, governance, the arts, spirituality, local currency and more. This is an enthusiastic group, ready to make a start. Several meetings are planned for July. Call Joanna Santa Barbara, 03) 528-0386, for information.

# Sam's Spam

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## More on Internet Scams

**H**i readers, following my article on scams earlier this year, I see there have been a couple of scams in the news lately, eg, one on TradeMe, so I thought I'd better do a bit more on this subject.

A more "sophisticated" scam that has appeared is "**Spear Phishing**". Rather than a random email, typically you'll receive an email or phone call at work or home where they refer to you by name. The message may claim to be from your company's IT department or bank or even the police. Our family got one this week, supposedly telling us of some long lost inheritance – yeah right! Instead of giving out any information, get their name (from the email or phone call) and then check it and what they're doing with the appropriate authorities but DO NOT reply to any of their emails.

### **What to do if you have been taken in by any scams in New Zealand**

I have copied this useful information from an article giving answers to people's concerns: ([www.stuff.co.nz/4563154a28.html](http://www.stuff.co.nz/4563154a28.html))

### **I clicked on a link in a phishing email**

You're probably OK if you didn't enter in any details. Shut down your browser (and internet connection if you can) and run a full scan for viruses and spyware.

### **I typed in my bank account/credit card/auction account details**

Call your bank immediately. The sooner you do the less likely you'll be held liable for the money the fraudsters spend on your behalf.

### **They've stolen my money**

The bad news is the criminals responsible are usually overseas, and the chances of catching them are pretty much nil. ASB and Kiwibank will reimburse losses on a case by case basis. If your computer is up to date and running security software and you tell your bank quickly what's happened, the banks will look on it pretty favourably.

Westpac will reimburse all stolen money and BNZ will fully reimburse customers who use their NetGuard system. ANZ and National offer the

same guarantee as long as you're don't actively participate in the fraud, like for a mule scam.

ANZ, National, ASB, Kiwibank and BNZ offer "two-factor identification" - numbers on tokens or cards which you use as well as your password to log in. This extra security measure makes it much harder for fraudsters to get into your account, so if you can, sign up for it.

### **I used a computer in an internet café to check my email or bank balance**

Never use public computers in libraries or internet cafes to log into anything important. If you have, change your password as soon as you can from a secure computer.

### **I replied to a fraud email**

Whether you're asking for more info or telling the scam artists they're scum, it's a bad move. You're just confirming your email address is valid and active. Expect lots more spam in future.

### **I think I downloaded a virus or spyware**

Update your security software and run a complete scan on your system.

### **Free download of the Month: GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program)**

GIMP is a versatile graphics manipulation package (similar to Adobe Photoshop), but completely free! It is a freely distributed program for such tasks as photo retouching, image composition and image authoring. It has many capabilities. It can be used as a simple paint program, an expert quality photo retouching program, an online batch processing system, a mass production image renderer, an image format converter, etc.

You can download it free at: [www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org)

That's all for this month! Remember, I have my Whiz Kid Sam advert in the Noticeboard section of *Coastal News* for anyone out there needing help with computers, designing websites, setting up DVD players etc (03 540-2804). Average job price only \$15. Bye for now!

# MAPUA LIBRARY

Thank you everyone who supported our hamburger stand at the June 8 opening of the new Ray White Real Estate premises at the Mapua Wharf, and a special thanks to Marion Cross and Mike Harvey of Ray White's for making it possible. It's very encouraging to our volunteers to have a local business such as Ray White Mapua supporting local community groups.

On June 26 we had Kate De Goldi speak about her work as a writer and broadcaster as part of our Guest Speaker Series, which is funded by Creative New Zealand through the Nelson Arts Council. Come along to the library and get one of her books on issue—we have several available.

The new committee is shaking down well, with lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Already we have an exciting community event planned for September. More details next month!

*Sarah McLeod*

#### Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday	2pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	5pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	10am – 12.30pm



# Police Update

Hi all. Now that the winter frosts are here we all need to be extra cautious about damp and icy parts of the road. We are starting to have a few accidents caused by drivers not allowing for these road conditions.

Everybody is aware of the spiralling cost of fuel and there are regular thefts from orchards in the Motueka area. I strongly urge you all to be on guard with all equipment and vehicles as siphoning fuel is becoming more than a pastime for some. Check that your fuel cans in the shed are locked away as well.

There has been some graffiti in black paint near the entrance to Mapua's 4 Square Store. It has been painted on. Disappointing to see. There was some in the male toilet at the Domain as well recently, and on the toilet block at Ruby Bay. I have feelers out to see who will tell me who is responsible, as I'm sure many people will know by now.

The Ruby Bay graffiti was done by an occupant of a Richmond vehicle that has been identified and enquiries are being made to identify the culprit.

If you have children please ask them if they have heard who has been doing the graffiti in the village and give me a call in confidence on 528-1226

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.  
Ph 03) 528-1226*

#### Mapua Occurrences;

- May 25: Accident outside Tasman Bay cabins
- May 28: Nine youths charged with trespassing at Mapua School.
- May 31: Drink-driver on Stafford Drive prosecuted
- June 1: Domestic incident in Iwa Street
- June 1: Theft of battery from logging site Old Coach Road
- June 1: Drink-driver in Stafford Drive prosecuted
- June 3-4: Graffiti on 4 Square Store
- June 9: Graffiti on Ruby Bay toilets.

# Make use of our natural advantages

By Hilary Blundell of Ruby Bay

We live in such exciting times! We are living on the crest of the wave, the highest crest there has been for all of humanity. And for us in the Top of the South, arguably, we are living in one of the best parts of the whole world, for opportunities abound for coping with what will follow this crest. We have low population density and a wonderful climate. Sssh! This is Nelson's Golden Secret.

This wave, of course, is the two-century Age of Oil, and in the centre is the crest we know of as Peak Oil, where demand increasingly exceeds supply, and supply starts to dwindle, leading to a permanently rising oil price. There is plenty of evidence that we are now just passed Peak Oil, as the price of fuel rockets, taking the costs of food and travel and just about everything else up with it. To rub salt into the wound, we are now seeing global climate variations that equate to those predicted by models that are caused by a one degree global average increase in temperature. The carbon released so far by all our combustion of fuel and forests has already committed us to another degree rise over the next decade or two, with associated wilder climate shifts.

I have made an informal study of these issues over the last two years, involving many books, papers and articles, a plethora of information from the Internet, and advice and pointers from qualified friends around the world. I recommend three topical books: on climate change, "The Weathermakers" by Tim Flannery; on global warming, "Six Degrees" by Mark Lynas; and on oil, "The Last Oil Shock" by David Strahan. There are many others. These three issues are combining to create "A Perfect Storm". The lifestyle we have enjoyed is likely to change quite quickly, and much quicker than the Tasman District Council's 10-year plans can keep up with.

As a society, and as individuals and families, we have a simple choice. Either to learn about these issues, embrace their messages and move voluntarily towards preparation and resilience, or ignore these messages while continuing with "business as usual", and so be unprepared for the long series of shocks to the economy and to the fuel, food and energy supplies that have already started.

Nelson has a lot of sunshine and we use very little of it to help with water heating and electricity production. Towns in Denmark and Germany are becoming almost self-sufficient in energy from wind, solar and biomass. We are totally dependent on imports for fuel, have become very dependent on imported goods from China, and are lagging behind on sustainability and emissions.

Imagine, for a moment, that the fuel stations closed because their supplies were interrupted. This is a scenario that may well start for us within a few years, and will then worsen as it already has in many other countries. Very high prices for fuel (\$20 a litre) have been mentioned in high places as realistic.

As households and as a region we need to be more self-sufficient in food, and ramp up our domestic renewable electrical energy production to cope with much greater demand. Eighty percent of our energy for everything including transport is likely to be from electricity within 20 years. The Nelson Environment Centre is pushing an international initiative called "Transition Towns" ([www.transitiontowns.org.nz](http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz)) designed to shift towns from high energy importing lifestyles towards low energy sustainable lifestyles in the most creative manner. At present they are working intensively on localised oil and fertiliser-free food production systems, as food has been demonstrated elsewhere to become the highest priority. There are societies that have paved the way forwards already, particularly Cuba (with food) and Denmark (with energy).

We are so lucky in Nelson. We should be taking advantage of all the sunshine we get; with our low population density and wide variety of people and skills we could easily move closer to an oil and import-free society that is sustainable, resilient and enviable. We can make this transition exciting and get on with it, by investigating:

- Solar PV's (and a Meridian meter) and water heating for all our roofs
- Combining food production and skills with neighbours and locals
- Small cars, hybrids, electric vehicles, pooling and needing to travel less
- And lobbying councils to encourage solar assistance everywhere

# Mahana School



One of the benefits of a small country school would have to be the “portability” aspect. When Mahana School selects a special event for our kids to attend, everybody goes. Thanks to the planning of our proactive teachers and dedicated parents providing transport, our role of around 50 is ferried to and from at least one highlight per term.

This term’s school outing will involve giving our children a cultural experience with a visit to the Te Awhina Marae in Motueka. The entire school will participate in a team picnic lunch to commemorate the experience.

Representatives from the Nelson Museum will be coming to Mahana to introduce the school to the Tauira Programme as a forerunner to the visit to the marae.

The school is due to undergo phase two of the garden makeover. In keeping with the picturesque Mahana surroundings, a plan for landscaping and planting has been devised to complement it.

If any member of our community is able to assist us by donating plants or landscaping material such as bark, mulch, landscaping rock and sleepers, please contact Karen Muir on 03) 543-2334 to discuss details. In particular Karen is looking for two or three large rocks to add to the garden feature. Collection of product will be arranged.

In our last contribution in the *Coastal News* we were proud to report that a combined team of Dovedale, Upper Moutere and Mahana students won the Year 7/8 Tackle Rugby Tournament in May.

As winners of the “small schools” tournament, the Mahana School Rippa Rugby team has been asked to compete in the Championship Winners tournament at Trafalgar Park. The park has been undergoing an upgrade to meet Air New Zealand Cup match criteria, so not even our local Tasman Makos team have had a game on the improved facility yet!

Interaction with other schools extends our children’s exposure to a wider range of activities. For the kids not participating in the upcoming rugby event, there is a trip planned to Tasman Bay School to participate in a Junior Music Hoolie on 1st July.

The Mahana School Gala is a popular annual event held in October that draws large crowds into our community. We are very fortunate that Mrs Barry, our former teacher, aide has been coaching some of our pupils recently in Scottish Dancing for a display at the gala. Our children have been involved in many live performances over the years and we are proud of the effort they put into to perfecting their presentations.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

### May-June call-outs

May 25: MVC SH60 top of Bluffs. No action by brigade. Vehicle turned in front of another vehicle

May 29: Van & vegetation fire Aranui Park. Unlawfully lit, put out by brigade

June 3: Fire at playground at Domain, tunnel burnt, out on arrival

June 8: Rubbish pile unlawfully set alight at Tasman Golf Club. Put out by brigade



### Safety Tip: Clear driveways – we need lots of room to get big fire trucks to your house

A big thanks you to all those who supported our garage sale. The proceeds have benefited a local family in its time of need.

Current fire persons are CFO Ian Reade, DCFO Matt Davidson, SSO Alby Wyatt, SO Grant Bessant & Ian Woolfe, SFF Peter Wood, Graham Hay, Mark Theobald & Aaron Thawley, QFF Emma Peel, FF Ray Bolderson, Alistair Hill, Jochen Lenfert, Tony Baker, Ged Stephens, Ella Evans, Gavin Lambert & Ian Goaten, VSO Eileen Thawley & Greg Olsen.

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Our former board chairman, Alan Pumphrey, is departing soon with his family to live in Australia for six months. The school will miss Miki and Taylor and will be having a shared lunch to bid them farewell. We wish the Pumphrey family all the best and look forward to their return.

Despite their departure, our school role has increased recently with the arrival of three new pupils. If you’re new to the area and are considering enrolling a child at Mahana School, please give Jenny in the office a call to arrange a visit, ph 543-2887.

For further information about Mahana School and to view our children’s recent activities, visit us on [www.mahana.school.nz](http://www.mahana.school.nz). Much of the content on the site has been contributed by our pupils.

*Tony Brown, Mahana School parent, on behalf of the Board of Trustees*

# **Are You Willing?**

**Would you be willing to become a blood donor if there was a collection point in Mapua?**

I know there are members of our community who already donate in Motueka or Richmond but if we could get a base of 60 people they would set up here.

You don't know what is involved? –it is so easy.

After a quick check including an easy “tick-the-box” questionnaire and a blood pressure and finger-prick blood check, they take the blood then give you a nice cup of tea or coffee and a bite to eat then you are off. So simple and you will have helped to save a life.

Would you need a space for your children to be supervised? Would daytime or would early evening suit you better?

Why not come down to the local for a pint?

**If you would like to participate please ring Helen Bibby on 03) 540-3830.** I would love to hear from you. We need only 60 people.

*Helen Bibby*

## **EVILL DESIGN**

**P**auline Evill a UK-trained designer with more than 20 years experience, has recently moved to the area and has started working on projects in the region. Pauline worked for several major international advertising agencies and design companies in England and South-East Asia before immigrating to New Zealand. Her experience covers a diverse range of disciplines, from corporate identity creation to packaging and print design.

Projects in the food and beverage industry cover skills such as name creation, brand development, concept creation, interior design consultation and merchandising ideas. This includes work with a number of international hotels, restaurant and resorts.

Pauline's extensive design packaging experience includes new product development for a wide range of consumer products in South-East Asia and China for multi-national clients including Unilever and Proctor & Gamble. The range of products worked on include beauty products, food and beverage products to corporate gifts and pharmaceuticals.

For more information please contact:  
[pauline.evill@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.evill@gmail.com) or 0210 794 846

## **Applying for grants**

**A**nyone interested in applying for a grant from the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust should fill out an application form which can be obtained from the secretary by phoning 540-3203 or emailing the *Coastal News* at [coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz).

Applications are considered twice a year, in May and November. The amounts granted are generally in the region of \$300 but all requests are considered individually by the trustees.

The trust is open to donations from any member of the public. As at 31 March this year the fund stood at \$28,000, earning 8 percent interest which was passed on as grants. The full accounts of the trust were in the June issue of the *Coastal News*.

# Rising prices affect us all

It is hard to take on board that the shortest day has already passed. What a magnificent start to the winter, we really are privileged to live in such a great climate. The downside of course is that we have had very little rain in the last two months with the result that the water tables are low; here's hoping the second half of the winter reverses that problem.

This year is shaping up to be a tough year for a lot of people. Soaring fuel prices are having an impact on every aspect of our lives and it is unprecedented to have so many essential items at record prices. Many of us will be forced to face the possibility of major changes in the way we live our lives. This, for some, can be a scary scenario: remember change can be a positive and rewarding experience.

One of the things I believe that previous councils have done well is to help rural communities develop sporting and recreational facilities which provide a hub for the community. These will be increasingly valuable as residents curtail non-essential vehicle trips.

I have enjoyed visiting communities throughout the region during the annual plan process and in particular it has enabled me to gain a better understanding of ratepayers' views on a wide range of issues.

Affordability of rates is, of course, high on the agenda and councillors are very aware that sectors of the community are struggling financially and that some hard decisions will have to be made as to what projects are done in the 08/09 year. The council itself is under pressure to contain expenditure, particularly in areas such as roading where there has been some huge increases in the price of petroleum-based products such as bitumen. Passenger transport is an issue which attracted a number of submissions to the annual plan. This is something which is being increasingly discussed around the council table, and in the draft annual plan money has been put aside for a strategic study looking initially at passenger services between Nelson and Richmond. The council is looking to the Government for leadership and funding.

Car-pooling is probably, at this stage, the best option for people. There is a scheme targeting car-pooling initiatives being launched in Golden Bay and a group called Sustainable Transport Futures has just presented a proposal to the Nelson City Council. I am sure we will see more communities setting up initiatives to counter rising fuel prices.

New Zealanders have always been resilient and practical in the way they face challenges; I expect this will be no different.

Brian Ensor, Tasman District Councillor

# Mapua School

On Friday 20th June Mapua School waited nervously for its new principal, Neil Chalmers, and support crew from Tua Marina to arrive, so all the practice they had put into the mihihi could be put to the test. The three girls doing the karanga for Mapua (Willow, Bailey and Jade) called him on with great voices while the rest of the school pulled Neil and support crew onto the grounds with Toia mai te waka.

Kieran Barnes, a year 8 student, spoke from the heart in Maori and English and the students followed this by singing ko toku kura tenei. Chris from Havelock North School spoke on behalf of Neil and this was followed by a waiata from his support crew.

Tony Jemmett, the chairperson of Board of Trustees, then extended the school's welcome to Neil with a speech and the school followed by singing Mapua E. The koha of a rimu tree was exchanged before Neil was taken over to Mapua school's paepae. A hongi followed before Neil addressed the audience at Mapua for the first time and stated how much he is looking forward to leading the school at Mapua next term.

The school responded by singing its vision song, "Who said it couldn't be done". Malcolm Hepburn finished the ceremony with a karakia before the students went off to a sausage sizzle and juicy provided by the PTA and the adults to some kai in the staffroom.

What a fabulous day with the students performing from their heart and showing Neil the type of close-knit and caring community he will be part of.

Mandy Stephens, Acting Principal

## AUCTION

An auction will be held on Saturday 13 September, starting time 10.45am.

You are encouraged to donate items to the two beneficiaries—the Mapua Hall and the Hills Community Church—but may sell on your own behalf.

The planned administration cover charge is \$3 per item up to \$100 then \$10 per \$100 deducted from the sale price.

Goods remain the property of the owner until claimed by a new owner, ie, you are responsible to remove unsold goods.

Contact Jim Bryce 540-3139, Allan Mulligan 543-2019, or Owen Milne 540-2298 for booking or information.

# Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

The Mapua Auto Centre Women's Football team is having a fantastic season. We have a wonderful group of women and are having a great time playing football together. Dave Francis is our coach again this season. We would like to thank him for all his time and enthusiasm, and also Kim and the boys for allowing him to be with us on Sundays. We have a couple of key players out at the moment who we are really missing, Kim and Anna, and we are hoping they will be back on the pitch with us soon. We have won the last three games and we are 4th on the 2nd Division table, which is great. We would also like to thank all the wonderful supporters who come down to our home games on Sunday. We really appreciate it and it keeps us going on the pitch.

*Cheers, Bridget and the Girls.*

The men's team is continuing to perform well, with only one loss for the season maintaining them at the top of the 3rd division.

We seem to be holding together well this season with few injuries keeping players on the sideline, and, touch wood, that will hold for the last three games of the championship. Tom Leydon, who has played for Mapua from midgets through the ranks and now the senior men's, holds the Golden Boot for the team after a great hat trick in the last game against Tahuna, while at the other end Tony Jemmett has recovered from surgery on his ankle to own the left-back position in defence, I think all the supporters would agree that there are not too many sights as wonderous as Tony in full flight, beautiful! Let's hope our form and your support continues.

*Toby Wild*



I'm glad to report that the midget end of the Mapua and Districts Football Club has never been better. We have over 20 midgets involved with more seemingly appearing by the day. Surely a record for Mapua! The children enjoy practices which involve games such as 'bees', 'snakes' and other fierce creatures. Thanks also to the parents who have been great at helping out with practice, oranges, and washing the uniforms.

*David Francis.*

Thanks to the parent and coach volunteers who provide transport for their teams to the away fixtures. The club very much appreciates their support for the players, particularly as the cost of travelling increases.

The club encourages all parents, players and supporters to car-pool for games as much as possible and to talk amongst the teams to find car-sharing opportunities. The club is looking at the availability for use of a minibus to assist teams with travel. This may help with shared costs, particularly for longer trips to Golden Bay etc.

Mapua and Districts Football Club, PO Box 38, Mapua  
Tony Jemmett, 540-3664  
Gary Breakspeare, 540-2044  
Toby Wild (Seniors Men's co-ordinator), 540-2030  
Bridget Wild (Senior Women's co-ordinator), 540-2030  
E-mail [Jemmz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jemmz@xtra.co.nz)

# Noticeboard

**Tree Crops:** Nelson Branch of NZ Tree Crops Assn invites you to their midwinter talk. Guest speaker Lawrie Metcalfe, leading authority on NZ plants, with a dozen books to his credit. Topic: Propagation of Native Trees. A great chance to glean practical propagation tips from an expert! Friday 18 July 6.30pm in the Mapua Hall Supper Room. All welcome. Bring a plate for a social coffee and cake session following the talk. Bob Phillips (Chair) 540 2467

**Mapua Adult Community Education:** A harakeke (flax) weaving weekend for beginners or those wanting to do a refresher course, will be held at Mapua School Saturday 19, and Sunday 20 July. Start time 9:30am to 4:30pm each day. For further information and to register phone 540 2287.

**Car pooling:** Would you like to be part of a carpool when you commute to work? It's easy! And it saves fuel. I am offering to coordinate getting more carpools started. Jenny Easton, 5402613.

**House for Sale.** sunny, 2 double bedroom brick house at the top of Higgs Road. Private, easy-care section. \$325,000. 540-3911. Trade Me listing #156510364.

**Women's Move'n'Groove Dance Classes** resume Monday 22 July, Mapua Hall, 11am-midday. Short low-impact funky Latin routines with a touch of Pacifica. Increase your mind/body coordination, balance, memory, flexibility, poise & grace while having fun. Contact: DanceMoves, Catherine Callaghan, 548 8046.

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Laurie Metcalf 540 2295, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

**Women's Recreation Group:** meet outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Early group leaves at 9.15am and walks for approximately 1½ hours, various walks. Join us whenever you can. Lynley 5402292 for more info and to talk about cycling. Later group leaves 10am and walks approx 50 minutes. Val 5403931.

**PANZ** (pastel artists of NZ) meet each Tuesday, Mapua Hall, 9am-noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 540-3388.

**Mapua Hills Rose Society** (est 1949) meets 1st Mondays (except J months) 7.45pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Rose lovers, growers, visitors and guests very welcome. Enquiries: Letty Thawley, 540 2876, Margaret Sinclair 03 528 8477.

**Friendship Club** meets 3rd Thursdays, supper room at the Hall. We play indoor bowls and have cards for Euchre & Crib, etc, and have a lovely afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$1 donation and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers!) We welcome old and new members. Enquiries: Val Roche 540 3685

**Genealogy Computer Discussion Group.** This year our meetings will be 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays, bimonthly on the following dates: Aug 9; Oct 11; and Dec 13. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686

**Spinners, Knitters, Weavers** – Wool Gatherers meet at Mapua Hall, second Tuesdays, 10am. All welcome.

**Coastal Garden Group** meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Enquiries: Barry Highsted 540 3139, Anne-Marie Giddens 540 2335.

**Kidz'n'Koffee Playgroup**, every Wednesday (in school term), 10am-noon at Hills Community Church. Ages 0-5yrs. All parents & caregivers are welcome to attend, no cost, donation for morning tea. Come & relax & meet some neighbours. Enquiries: Lisa Gant 543 2530, Tressa Waynan 540 2632.

**Toy Library:** check out our extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Located behind the Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Tracey, 5403307, or Kirstin, 5402811 about membership or casual hire.

**WhizKid Sam.** Need Help? Can't connect your DVD / Video player/ Lost your computer work? Can't download your digital photos? Need help setting up an email account? Average job price only \$15! Basic web design, average price \$25/page, including advice on domain registration. Call WhizKid Sam! 540 2804. sam@realspecial.co.nz - http://whizkid.awardspace.com/

## Motueka Maternity Unit

We welcome families from throughout the Tasman District.

**Partners welcome to stay .**

*Cosy double rooms,  
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**Births** at Motueka Maternity, or **postnatal stays** after a birth in Nelson Hospital.

We work with your own LMC midwife to provide for **your family's needs**.

*Your enquiries are most welcome at:  
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Telephone: Office 03 5281176  
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