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Emergency base, liquor ban - top topics

The primary thrust of the July meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association was to pursue the issue of an emergency base within the Mapua-Ruby Bay area. This followed from the presentation given in June by Fiona Newby from St John.

The meeting heard that a civil defence plan is in place and that training of people was occurring.

Dale Jenkins and Grant Heney from the Motueka Police Station spoke to the meeting. Grant is the rural constable covering Mapua, based in Motueka.

He said the situation in Mapua at present was good, but criminal or unacceptable behaviour did go in cycles. There were no major crime trends. While it might be necessary to station a police officer in the area in the future, there was need at present.

Dale Jenkins announced that the police were seeking Tasman District Council support for a liquor ban in public areas. This would cover the hours 9pm to 7am. This would allow police to act with discretion where liquor was being drunk in a public place. Sergeant Jenkins assured the meeting that this would have no impact on picnickers going about their business and not creating a disturbance. Such bans were useful in reducing alcohol-related assaults and other acts of violence. The existence of the ban would be sign-posted and police would be required to advise members of the public that they were breaking the ban before taking other action. Such a ban would cover public places but not areas covered by a liquor licence.

Matt Davidson from the Fire Service informed the meeting that the Fire Service was very strong in this area with more than 20 members. Discussions have been under way for some time with regard to relocating the base to make it more viable to cover their area that extends from Maisey Road to Harley Road. Part of the reason for this is that the existing fire station is not ideally located since the fire trucks have to negotiate the village centre to get beyond Mapua. A second reason is to reduce the time taken for staff to reach the base in response to a call-out.

The Fire Service is also in negotiations with St John in relation to the establishment of a joint base.

Discussions are also being held with a landowner with a view to the siting of the base. However, there is still a need to prove to the NZFS that a new base is necessary. There will be a need for community support and it is essential that communication lines are kept open.

John Roosen addressed the meeting on the status of the FCC site clean-up. He expected that the processing of soil would be completed by the 14th of July, although there would still be some final testing. If no reprocessing proved necessary the plant will then be removed. Clean soil had to be put through the equipment as a final tidy up before the plant could be dismantled.

He reported that air, soil and water monitoring had found no significant risks to public health.

The next meeting of the Community Association will be the AGM to be held on 13 August in the Mapua Hall at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a general meeting at which John Roosen will give a final summation of the work surrounding the clean-up of the FCC site.

Jim Bryse, chair

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Silver birch trees a risk?

Silver Birch trees are common in many home gardens and in public places such as sports and recreation grounds. The biggest complaint by homeowners is probably that they grow too fast and have to be trimmed or cut down.

But are they a risk to our health? The death of a Christchurch woman last month has been linked to the trees and it has been suggested that they should not be planted in public places.

The woman, Elsbeth Tothill, was admitted to Christchurch Hospital suffering from severe hypersensitivity pneumonitis, a respiratory disease, possibly caused by exposure to silver birch pollen, according to *The Press* newspaper.

Mrs Tothill, aged 71, died after several weeks in hospital. Her husband Tom called for the Christchurch City Council to cut down its more than 3000 silver birch trees and introduce a policy forbidding the planting of more such trees.

The council has implemented an informal policy where no new trees are planted but says it can't ban the species or order private homeowners to cut them down.

Professor Ian Spellerberg, director of Lincoln University's Isaac Centre for Nature Conservation, said last year that silver birches should be removed from public places because of their tendency to cause health problems such as lip-swelling, nausea, wheezing and vomiting.

Compared with other tree species the silver birch was the major cause of hay fever and asthma, and exposure to pollen had "implications for babies and children," Professor Spellerberg said in a scientific article published last year.

Coastal Connections

On a cold and sunny day we travelled to Motueka where we and many holidaymakers enjoyed lunch at "The Moorings". Our choices included seafood chowder, mushroom soup, fish and chips with salad, and pizzas, the pizzas being at a special half-price on Thursdays for the months of July and August!

This month, we welcomed Lyn (who is a frequent visitor to Mapua) and two daughters and two grandchildren of members. Magazines were exchanged, and later we strolled to the shops for our usual "window-shopping" experience.

Faith Wells has asked me to thank the ladies who knitted garments and squares (for blankets) for the Moldavian orphans. The garments will be on display on the 6th of August at the Community House (behind the Red Cross shop) in Motueka from 10am.

Our next meeting on the 9th of August will be at The Village Inn (formerly Flavour) in Mapua at 11.45am. Please phone Dot on 540-2323 or Barbara on 540-3901 by the 3rd of August so that an accurate booking can be made. For GreyPower members, there is a 10% discount available on production of a current membership card.

New members are most welcome; there are no charges to join and shared transport is available for our monthly outings, where required.

Keep warm and well; take care of your neighbours too.

Reported by Barbara Halse.

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SINGLES AND SOCIAL CLUB

We are a social club for single people and organise events and meetings of common interest....such as picnics, bbq's, pot luckdinners, dinners out, movies, cultural events, walks and fishing trips.

The club is not only an opening for a busy social life, but also a great way to make new friends.

For more information please call

Rose - 5480789 or Jai - 5481718

The Life and Times of the Garden Group



Garden Notes

August has finally arrived and we can look forward to those nasty frosts slowly sliding away to allow spring to arrive.

Rose-pruning should be completed by now. If not do so without further delay. New roses will have arrived so plant them as time allows. You can heel them in if the ground is too wet, but do plant as soon as you can.

Fruit trees are about now. Garden club members placed a bulk order with a nursery and they advised an August delivery, so you can still plant your favourite fruit. I purchased a Lousia plum and Theo cling nectarine. Both are mouth-watering to eat.

Flower buds are forming on peaches and nectarines and as they swell you should spray for curly leaf, then when the flowers are in full bloom spray again with Green Guard to combat brown rot. This product worked really well for me last year. I had only one peach drop last season, whereas before I lost the lot. I don't like sprays, but brown rot is a pest and has to be dealt with.

In the vege garden, "Spud Monday" is August in this region. Time to plant your potatoes, lettuce, and early cauliflower. I have had lettuce all through the winter this time. Must admit they are in a sheltered place facing north but not protected from frosts. Luck, I guess.

The flower garden gets left to the spring flowering bulbs, so a side dressing of blood and bone will enhance the blooms. We can all enjoy the heavenly scent that comes with them, so enjoy each and every one. Until the first of spring, happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

Early in 2004 a small group of like-minded people decided to introduce a "garden club" to interested residents within the Mapua-Ruby Bay area.

Today the club can boast of a membership bordering 70 in number, with new members joining each month, making this the fastest growing group in Mapua.

Barry Highsted, the "chairperson," says that the strength of the club comes from an excellent and strong committee, with 40 to 50 enthusiastic members attending regularly each month. These members are always eager to participate and encourage the committee wherever possible.

During the latter part of last season members were spoilt for choice. A smorgasbord of visits, trips, speakers, etc, meant the season finished on a high note.

Each month a small competition for, bloom, cluster, or shrub is held, along with an auction of plants, which now is quite big and with a good mix in variety.

A sub-committee was formed about two years ago, with the aim of working with the Tasman District Council to enhance the various reserves and areas in need of beautifying around Mapua. This group has been very active, and evidence of this can be seen on the Domain, tree-plantings at the McIndoe reserve, plantings at Aranui Park and the reserve at Dawsons Road. There was a tidy-up at our local playground, which saw the removal of camellias, and this led to a recent service held on the Domain, with the camellias replanted at a better spot.

But the jewel in the crown is, and will be, the Rhododendron Dell, at Aranui Park. This is a work in progress, a project undertaken by the reserves group. The original rhododendrons have been supplied by the TDC, and now others will be added by those residents who wish to. This has already started. A working bee was undertaken there recently when a huge pile of bark was supplied by the council for our use. Spread all over the entire area, the result looks great and neat.

Barry was given a cheque for work that the Garden Club members undertook at Settlers' Cottage, (another little garden they help with). This money will buy more rhododendrons to add to the collection. A place for generations to come to enjoy.

Our AGM has just been held with the same committee being returned, with one new person added to each group. So all in all the future for the Coastal Garden Group looks very bright.

Spring is not far off, a new season ahead, with visits, trips, stalls and the Oklahoma show in November, more plantings – these all add to an exciting year for 2007/2008 and beyond.

Barry Highsted

Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

Winter has arrived and the early morning wake-ups on Saturday do not look very attractive at this time of the year. But the players are keen and the first coffee will keep you going.

Although we don't wish for injuries they do occur on occasions. Thanks to the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust we now have first aid kits on the sideline for every team in the club. The Trust very kindly donated funds so that the first aid kits could be purchased. Thanks from all the players go to the Trust for its support.

Juniors

A number of players and coaches have had well-deserved breaks over the holiday's but junior football is back at the Domain for practises and Saturday games. The 7th grade recently competed in a knock-out competition for all regional teams held at Neale Park. They all had a great time playing five games in a morning. Thanks Phil Jones (coach) and the parents who assisted in looking after the team.

An example of the enthusiasm in our players was seen in Robbie Cookson of the 8th grade who finished his game and at 9.40am and went on to assist the 9th grade at 9.45am, scoring a goal. Thanks Robbie.

The youth team is also developing both in enthusiasm and team camaraderie. Some good wins in their first season is a great sign of things to come. Some of the team are also assisting with the coaching of junior teams, which is adding to the development of all. Thanks James Wilde and Sam Wild.

Seniors

The Senior Men's team is on a roll with a well earned run of 1 draw and 7 wins, giving them the runners-up spot for the 2nd division competition. Well done to all the team. The divisions now get re-adjusted for the final five weeks of competition.

The Mapua Auto Centre Women's team is also back in action with a convincing 5-0 home win. The talk in the after-match review clearly show the fun the team is having. The sideline coaching of David Francis can be heard marshalling the players every week and we thank you for your vocal cords and support.

A hint on winter boot care. After a game clean the mud off and dry the boots. Boots will rot and deteriorate quicker if left damp or with damp mud in the seams

Women's Team

After a three-week break from football Mapua Auto Centre Women stormed back onto the competitive scene with a 5-0 win over Motueka High School. There was



another good supporter turn-out with the 40 or so supporters treated to a great display of skill and enjoyment from both teams.

The opening goal came from Kate Glover with a well struck shot from about 15 metres. That was followed by a close-range hustle from Bridget Wild after a solo run. The second half brought a further 3 goals with a penalty from Kate Glover following a handball, a reward for Shelly (Mongrel) Williams after some tight defence from the Mot girls, and perseverance from Charmaine Gallagher

finished off the scoring again after some scrambling defence. The score line could have been much higher if not for some splendid saves from the Mot goalkeeper who was judged the Most Valuable Player for her efforts. Just rewards for a group of local women having heaps of fun in the beautiful Mapua sunshine.

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Animal Health File

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August is dental month for your pet

August is dental month at Tasman Bay Vets Motueka and Mapua clinics. This is something we do every year to try to raise awareness of dental disease in our pets.

Most people don't spend a great deal of time looking in their pet's mouth, but at every annual health check and vaccination, and of course every time we do an anaesthetic, we have a good look at your pet's teeth. It can be difficult to keep your pet's teeth clean, so dental problems are very common. In fact, research shows that by the age of two, 70% of cats and 80% of dogs have some signs of dental disease.

Dental problems usually begin with a build-up of sticky plaque that hardens to form tartar. If not removed this can lead to gingivitis, which is an inflammation of the gums, and eventually periodontal disease may develop. At this stage tooth loss is common due to damage to the bone surrounding the teeth and holding them in place. Worse though is the potential for bacteria to get into the animal's bloodstream. It is now known that this shower of bacteria in the blood can lead to kidney disease and heart problems.

If your pet has dental problems the first thing you'll probably notice is bad breath. Other common signs include dribbling, sore mouth, pawing or rubbing at the mouth, loose teeth, difficulty eating, bleeding gums, and yellow/brown tartar on the teeth. When things get to this stage a full anaesthetic and a scale and polish is required, plus removal of any teeth that are causing problems.

Of course prevention is always better than cure and there are a few things that you can do to keep your pet's teeth in top condition. Feeding a diet containing sticky foods and tit bits can lead to a more rapid build-up of plaque so avoid these foods if possible. Instead feed a good quality dry biscuit kibble as it will help to reduce the formation of tartar through its abrasive action on the teeth. In pets with particularly bad teeth we will recommend a specific dental biscuit such as Hills Oral Care or Hills TD biscuits. For very dedicated owners

there is an option of brushing your pet's teeth with a special brush and toothpaste designed for pets. There is also now a vaccine available for dogs with bad teeth which protects against the most common bacteria implicated in causing dental disease.

If you would like any more information on dental disease call into one of our clinics and speak to our knowledgeable staff.

Paula Short

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

June- July call-outs

June 22: Smoke in house Moutere Highway, door to wood burner left open, house ventilated

June 27: Controlled burn near Tasman, no action. Caller saw smoke through trees

July 1: MVC Seaton Valley RD, no action as accident happened about two hours earlier.

July 6: MVC Moutere Hill, did not leave station. Were called because Appleby could not start their truck, but started it by the time we got to our station.

Safety Tip – Don't drink and fry. Never leave cooking unattended

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Scouts Quiz Night



The Tamaha Scout Group will hold its annual quiz night on Friday 7 September at the Mapua Hall. Starts 7.30pm, maximum of 8 people per team. Bar and supper. Great prizes donated by local businesses, also raffles and an auction on the night. Make up a team and come along. Cost \$5 per team member. For more information ring Sue 540-828 day or night.

Rural Women NZ ***(Mapua-Mahana branch)***

What do you do if you are given \$10 and told to multiply this amount to raise funds for the Nelson Region Hospice and the Motueka Community Trust Hospital? The Nelson Provincial of Rural Women NZ put this challenge to all their branches.

The Mapua-Mahana Branch has a membership of 12 women who have spent the last two months working on this project. We decided to have a raffle, a luncheon for 60 guests and a silent auction and we raised \$1600.

The luncheon was held at the Mapua Bowling Club on 10 June and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Mr Jack Inglis was invited to speak to us about the proposed extension and extra facilities to the Motueka Community Trust Hospital and how they proposed to raise the finance required.

Visitors were given time between the serving of courses to view the goods for auction and to record their bids. The afternoon proved to be a fun time for all those present.

The Mapua-Mahana branch members would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this fund-raising and for the donations of money and goods.

Thank you to the Motueka new World supermarket for allowing us to sell raffle tickets there and to the Motueka State Theatre for donating theatre tickets for the 3rd prize in the raffle.

Well done everyone!

Rosina Robb, secretary, Mapua-Mahana branch RWNZ

World Breastfeeding Week

Asucking marathon planned for the world on Wednesday 8 August will be kicked off in New Zealand. Hundreds of breast-feeding women will feed their infants at 10am, followed by the Solomon Islands an hour later, Sydney two hours later and so on around the world to the edge of the dateline in Samoa, 23 hours later at their local time of 10am.

Every breast-feeding mother will be counted as part of the attempt by the Philippines to set a new Guinness World Record for "The most women in synchronized breast-feeding around the world,"

Last year Women's Health Action co-ordinated a New Zealand record of 714. This year New Zealand will attempt to break their own local record and contribute to the world's record at the same time.

In Mapua breast-feeding mothers will be gathering at Kidz n' Koffee in the Hills Community Church.

This record attempt is part of World Breast-feeding Week celebrations; 1-7 August every year. This year's theme is in support of encouraging skin-to-skin contact between mother and baby at birth to facilitate breast-feeding throughout the world and save a million babies lives annually.

For more information on the local event contact Maggie Williams, midwife, and representing Nelson Breastfeeding Network, ph 540-3274, email maggie.w@xtra.co.nz. For more information on the national event, www.womens-health.org.nz. Or for more information on the international event: <http://worldbreastfeedingweek.org/>

Playcentre

84 Aranui Road

84 Aranui Road (down the drive between the tennis courts and bowling club)

There's a little room for more children over the winter months. If you've been thinking about popping by, do so. The first three visits are no obligation and free.

The heaters are on, and the children still manage to enjoy themselves outside, warm goo, freezing water, crunchy frosty grass. Outdoors is fun with leaf play, the sandpit (including fizzing volcano), lovely new soft climbing blocks, swing bars and confidence courses, water play, carpentry and a great fort. There are plenty of indoor activities too, great dress-ups, playdough, painting, a quiet library area, blocks, train sets, collage table, clay, and a recently replenished toy area for young babies.

Don't hesitate to come by. The kids love it.

Sam's Spam

August

Hello readers! Henry Ford is quoted as saying, "You can have any colour you like...so long as it is black". The same used to be true for Dell notebooks, but available this month is Dell's new Inspiron 1420 laptop, coming in eight stylish colours such as Midnight Blue, Flamingo Pink, Alpine White, and Spring Green. Starting at \$1248 NZD, this new model comes with a 14.1" widescreen LCD, up to 4GB of RAM, an optional Blu-Ray disc player and an Intel Core-2 Duo processor. Visit the website for more information: www.dell.co.nz

Game of the month – Mario Strikers Charged

Mario and friends once again take to the pitch in this second entry in the soccer series, the first game was released for GameCube in 2005. This new version is for Nintendo Wii. Players form an original team by combining one of 12 captains with three of eight sidekicks before competing in one of the game's many modes. Anything goes in Mario Strikers Charged, as players are allowed to use a variety of special abilities to clinch important goals. Each captain has his or her own set of skills and super abilities, as well as the ability to perform special

shots called Mega Strikes, where the iron ball splits into five balls and flies at the goal. The defending player must use the Wii Remote to target and aim at and shoot these balls out of the air before conceding a goal. Each of the stadiums in 'Mario Strikers Charged' has various characteristics and contraptions, which influence game play. Players must learn to use this to their advantage to truly dominate the pitch.

Platform: Nintendo Wii // RRP: \$99NZD // Release Date: 30/7/07

Free Download – Google Desktop

Google Desktop is a multi-fuctional program developed by search engine Google. It offers weather, stock market information, even movie showing times right from your desktop! Also included is an instant search function for your computer, a media player, even a file shredder! And it's absolutely free.

Website: <http://desktop.google.com/>

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

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Mapua Structure Plan

The Tasman District Council is beginning work on a structure plan for Mapua. The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for the future network of services and open space to cater for the growth and development of Mapua. This framework will inform any future zoning changes.

Projects to provide service upgrades have been included in the council's Long Term Council Community Plan. This work includes water, wastewater, roading, stormwater and coastal protection upgrades in Mapua and Ruby Bay.

A consultation programme will be undertaken with landowners, service providers and interest groups. If you would like to be kept informed please advise Rose Biss, Policy Planner, on 543-8421 or email her at rose@tdc.govt.nz

Mapua Hall

Remember, the 1st of August this year” – Nah, doesn’t have the same ring about it does it? But from the 1st August if you want to make a booking to use the hall you can drop into, or ring Video Ezy on 540- 3370. We have accepted an offer from Video Ezy to take over the hall booking process from that date. Thanks to all at Perry’s for performing this function for so long.

At the last meeting the Hall Committee resolved to apply for a grant from the Lotteries Board, Community Facilities Fund, to make a feasibility study on how we should progress the future development of our hall. The committee has already started working through where we might see any development going and if successful in our application we would hope that that work would be reinforced by recommendations from an independent consultant. If we apply for any funding for any major upgrading work we would need to have done a feasibility study anyway. Let’s hope that we are successful in our application.

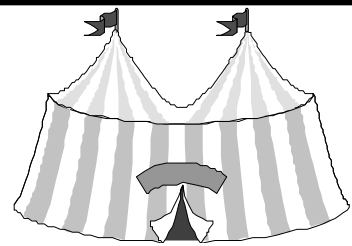
Finally, we have the new heater meters installed and working. For the past little while users have been getting a good deal for their dollar but now the meters have been set to the correct timing. Even at the current timing the dollar input into the meters does not cover the cost of electricity – the balance is met from the fees for the use of the hall. Having the heating on meters assists us in keeping costs to users as low as possible so that as many of the community groups as possible can afford the fees.

Remember, the Hall Committee meets on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm at the hall. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

David Murray, chairman

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*Mapua Village Fair –
Oklahoma
Saturday and Sunday 17 and
18 November.*

Over the last few weeks we have been busy behind the scenes contacting local groups, artists and small businesses and to date we have had a very positive response. The hall will be filled with art work in china, glass and canvas as well as displays from groups such as the Coastal Garden Group and the Mapua Village Quilters. There will be chocolates and other goodies to sample as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea provided by the Hills Community Church. All those participating or helping out over the weekend will be encouraged to dress in keeping with the theme and we are sure that it will be an event not to be missed.

We are pleased to be able to confirm that the Fair will be sponsored by Ray White – Mapua, Real Estate.

If you have any queries or want further information about the event please do not hesitate to contact either Diana Furlong (03) 540-2080 or Anne-Marie Giddens (03) 540-2335 who will be happy to help.

MAPUA SHOW

PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The monthly Probus meeting for July was held on Friday the 6th. The club's main speaker was Tony Barnett who is the Nelson Hospice chaplain and a counsellor for the Annesbrook Community Church. Tony also works with Victim Support, who are involved in starting a new group in Takaka.

Tony spoke of his early years as an orchard worker at Brooklyn Valley in 1968 and 69. During that time he married Norma, the orchard owners' daughter. His pastoral journey started in 1970, leaving Motueka for Wellington. From there he moved up to Turangi and then to Auckland on a training course in 1976, passing the required exams. From there it was back to Motueka, working in various orchards. Tony moved to Nelson as a youth worker, living at the present home of MP Nick Smith at Annesbrook Drive, as a pastoral Counsellor for 12 years.

Tony continued his talk on his work experiences. He was able to set up a community trust and is also involved in counselling about 25 people a week through the Nelson Hospice, and various funeral services. As the Hospice chaplain Tony works around 20 hours a week counselling patients or their family members. Tony spoke about some of the unusual funeral and marriage arrangements he has been involved with. Some of the services have been held at private homes, beaches, riverbanks, and parks. He once had to be a funeral celebrant at a motor cycle gang headquarters, having to contend with unacceptable language and the strong aroma of marijuana. He is a celebrant to about 30 weddings a year in areas that extend from Bainham to Murchison.

Tony finished his talk by answering a good variety of questions. There has been a change in the need for counselling over the years, especially from men. In the past men were reluctant to admit that they needed counselling, but with society's changing lifestyles there is an ever-increasing demand from them.

The club's mini speaker was club member Rosalie Waterreus, who spoke about 15 years of her life. Her early years were spent in a foster home. In February 1942 she attended Auckland Point School but by May she moved to Tahuna, meeting a new girlfriend. Between

them they collected worms for the owner of the Cozy Corner Dairy to feed his pet birds. In exchange the girls were given choc bombs.

At the age of six Rosalie was enrolled in St Andrew's Orphanage in Kawai Street Nelson. The girls at the orphanage were well looked after by the matron. Often she would mend their cloths and look after them when they were sick. At the end-of- year concert the matron offered to give Rosalie piano lessons. At the age of 11 her father moved to Pangatotara to work on a tobacco farm. There she met up with her three older brothers who taught her to ride a bike and to swim in the Motueka River. After six months they moved to Upper Takaka where her father had a job as a carpenter, working at the Public Works Camp in the isolated Cobb Valley. Rosalie continued her education at the two- room Upper Takaka School. From there she won a scholarship to the Nelson Girls' College. After three years she was required back home at Upper Takaka by her stepmother, where she continued her education at the Takaka High School.

By February 1952 her stepmother urged her to leave school to work at the Public Works cookhouse, preparing food and washing dishes for 260 men. During her leisure time Rosalie was able to swim in the Cobb Dam in summer and ice-skate in winter.

Rosalie's father and stepmother parted company. She was able to move to New Brighton, where she boarded with a family, and was able to get a job as a trainee tailoress. She moved with the boarding family to Ashburton, working with the Singer Sewing Machine Company. From there she moved to the Tekau Knitwear Company as a clothes cutter. Rosalie's 15 years ended up as a manageress with the same company when they set up a new business in Methven.

For the club's monthly social outing the committee arranged a lunch for the 18th of July at the El Taverna Restaurant in Richmond. There was a good response with 28 members enjoying a leisurely meal.

David Higgs

Mapua School PTA Fund-raiser

The Mapua Community Recipe Book will be released for sale in Term 4 ready for those difficult Christmas presents for people who have everything, and will be available for overseas Christmas mailings. It is also intended that this will be available for sale at next year's Easter Fair.

This is a whole community project and we want your favourite recipes! Select a number of recipes from the categories below and either hand them into the office at the Mapua School or email them directly to leighgray@xtra.co.nz. Please submit all your recipes before 24 August. We need your name and contact details attached also please. Any photos related to your recipe will be appreciated as it would be good to personalise this recipe book.

It would be great to see a contribution from lots of people in the community, both young and old. Please note that if there is a double-up in recipes you may be approached for another, so it might be best to send in two or three. We have limited space but will feature as many as possible.

Here are the sections of the recipe book:

- Breakfast
- Soups and Weekend Lunches
- Lunch Box Ideas
- After School Snacks and Drinks
- Fish and Seafood
- What's for Dinner?
- Salads and Vegetables
- Kids Let Loose in the Kitchen – meals kids can cook themselves
- Desserts
- Baking
- Special Occasions/Party Food
- Preserves/Jams/Pickles etc

Kids

We want to know what healthy foods you like to eat at lunch time! What are your favourite sandwich fillings? Types of breads? Playtime snacks? Please send in all your ideas so we have lots in this section.

The better we make this recipe book the more likely you are going to get something you like!

Competition

We want the kids of Mapua School to design the cover of the recipe book. Think about what is special about Mapua and design a cover page. Hand your design into your classroom teacher before 24 August, 2007. The winner will receive a \$30 book voucher. Kids keen on drawing can send in little drawings to put alongside each of the section headings.

Sponsorship

We will be working to have each section of the book sponsored; the cost will be \$150 per section and there are 12 sections. This money will go towards the printing of the recipe book. If you or your business would like to sponsor a section of the book please contact me at leigh.gray@xtra.co.nz or phone 540-3782. One section has already been sold!

Sheds and Blokes

The third get-together of the Shedlight Blokes was held on 18 July at the Village Inn, out of the cold, where Bill Williams explained the history and building of this landmark to about 25 blokes.

The original structure started life as the Tasman Street School in the 1920s and was moved to its present site in 1982 by Bill and his wife Karen and was named the Inlet. Over the years with different owners extensions and name changes have occurred, including The Grapes, Village Rest. Flavour, and now the Village Inn.



Bill entertained the blokes and answered questions for about an hour. Snacks were provided by Grant and Ella and were greatly appreciated.

For those of you who may not be fully aware of what we do:

- We go to someone's shed, about once a month, about 7pm
- The bloke shows us what's in his shed, or what he's done; doing, or wants to do
- We decide whose shed we visit next month
- We go home about 9pm.

To advise people of our shed visits we relay on e-mails. If you are interested in coming along to our evenings please advise your e-mail address to Tim at collegial@extra.co.nz or Kerry at mitchs.place@xtra.co.nz or Brian at Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz

Hills Community Church

I recently saw the *Spirituality in the Public Domain* exhibition at The Suter and it was quite fascinating. As you go through the exhibit you have the opportunity to walk a labyrinth, visit a prayer wall, scribble your beliefs on a chalk board, share and receive a blessing, spin a prayer wheel and engage in various ways with the displays. It is an exhibit meant to be actively experienced rather than passively observed.

And so it is with faith. I believe there is a spiritual side to our human nature and like the rest of our life it needs to be nurtured, developed, exercised and experienced. There is a special vibrancy that comes from engaging our beliefs in tangible ways. For some it may be attending a home group, for others it's singing in a choir, picking up a hammer and building a Habitat for Humanity home, delivering meals to shut-ins, spending an afternoon at a retreat centre in prayer and meditation, worshiping with others, teaching a Sunday school class or mentoring a youth at risk. All these activities help make our faith real and alive.

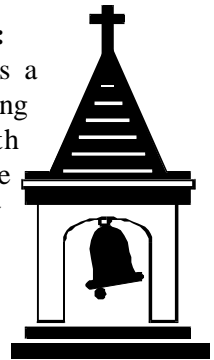
The same day I went to the exhibition I also saw the movie, *Amazing Grace*, which is based on the true story of William Wilberforce, a British statesman and reformer from the early part of the 19th century. This feature film chronicles his extraordinary contributions to the world, primarily his 20-year fight to abolish the British slave trade—a fight which he won in 1807. Wilberforce was also instrumental in passing legislation to abolish slavery in the British colonies, a victory he won just three days before his death in 1833. The motivating factor to Wilberforce's actions was his faith. A deeply religious and spiritual man, Wilberforce believed it was his God-given mission to abolish slavery and he actively pursued that mission.

Faith is not intended to rest on a shelf like a souvenir or trophy. It is not meant to be kept in a glass case and trotted out on special occasions (like Christmas and Easter). It is meant to be experienced, practiced and lived out every day of our lives. That makes it real, interesting, exciting and alive!

Rev Marilyn Loken, Pastor

Regular Happenings @ Hills:

Hills Community Church is a community-based church celebrating a diversity of Christian faith traditions. Our worship settings are both traditional and contemporary each with an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call: 03) 540-3848.



Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & SPACE for Kids 10:45am; Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; morning tea between services. First Sunday of each month: one service @ 10:45am.

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

Up and Coming @ Hills:

Journeys—a five-week video series exploring the Christian faith begins the week of 30 July. Several weekly home groups are offering the series. Contact the church office for more information on dates and times.

Our building site has been cleared and we hope to begin construction in the near future. We hope this facility will be a true asset to the community. We're building to make room for you!

Strange Facts

- Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete
- Fingernails grow nearly four times as fast as toenails.
- Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's' tongue print is different

School pupils learn from wetland visits

A small group of Year 6 students from Mapua School is now involved each fortnight with activities at Mapua Wetland. This is after a goal was agreed at the 2006 AGM of the Friends of Mapua Wetland to work towards developing a relationship with the school.

When approached, the school was very receptive to the idea; however, we required parental support to meet health and safety requirements before children were able to come to Mapua Wetland. We are very grateful to Nyla Breakspeare, who has agreed to accompany the children and has enabled the project to get under way.

The group spends an hour to an hour-and-a-half at the wetland on Friday mornings and to date the pupils have been involved in exploring the wetland, becoming familiar with different trees and plants, planting harakeke seeds and planting out larger plants. The children's enthusiasm and delight in being actively involved in the project is fantastic.

We have lots of ideas for activities; including planting out some significant trees which will become a major feature of the wetland in years to come. One opportunity is to involve them in a stand of totara trees, which will be on the northern side of the wetland, near the boundary with Aranui Park. The children will be able to return as adults and identify trees they planted and cared for while at Mapua School.

There are opportunities to learn about the native flora that was specific to the lowland coastal areas of Mapua and also historical and cultural aspects of the area. We are hoping the pupils will also become involved in some monitoring programmes which will record the progress and development of the wetland, as well as caring for and monitoring the progress of the increasing number of rare and endangered plants that are becoming established.

We are excited that this project is now under way and hope it will develop with more children being able to experience and enjoy the Mapua Wetland. For this to happen, we will need more parents involved, so if you are a school parent and able to help out please make this known.

Janet Taylor, Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc



Parent-helper Nyla Breakspeare left, and Mapua School pupils involved in the Mapua Wetland programme. From left, Daniel Breakspeare, Lucas Hodgson, Sean Stinton and Adam Cookson.

MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545



The library has \$2000 from the Tasman District Council Grants from Rates Fund, which the committee has decided will be spent on non-fiction travel books and magazine subscriptions over the coming months.

We are very grateful for this extra funding which allows us to expand what we can offer to the community. Have a look on the "new books" shelves and on the magazine rack to see what's new.

Susanne reports that the library has a new series of non-fiction titles, called Need to Know? offers a beginner's guide to many activities. We've got the following in stock now: Guitar, Bridge, Poker, Digital Photography, Horse & Pony Care, Stargazing, and The Universe.

Parents, have a chuckle as you read *The Short and Incredible Happy Life of Riley*, or *Who Flung Dung*, or the new *Hairy McLary* to your little ones. For older children, Maurice Gee's *Salt* is a great read – and of course, we've got the new *Harry Potter*!

Sarah McLeod

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
Wednesday
Thursday

2pm – 4.30pm
5pm – 7pm
10am – 12.30pm

Changing seasons and spinal safety

By Dr Ron Howard, Coast & Country Chiropractic Centre

Mapua (03) 540-2068 105a Aranui Road

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One of the things we have enjoyed since we moved back here four years ago is the change of seasons. Where we were in Central Queensland one hour south of the Tropic of Capricorn, the weather, shall we say, was HOT and just got HOTTER with a lot of humidity. Each season has its own beauty and drawbacks but let's face it, we live in a spectacular part of this world!

So, here we are in winter. Hot soups, stews, good bread, less inclined to get out of bed early for that rigorous exercise regime. Okay, so there are a few of you lunatics out there but the bulk of us generally take a more sedentary role over these cooler months. Spring arrives and things change gear but are our bodies ready to keep up with the pace our brain so eagerly anticipates?

As we move into the warmer months soon, the weather will become more inviting, and many of you will begin or increase your outdoor activities. Some of you may decide to revisit exercise routines or sporting activities that you abandoned during the winter months. For others, you may be increasing your activity level since it feels so wonderful to be outside. I applaud you for being proactive about your health.

There are a multitude of activities that become more prevalent during these months, including tennis, bike riding, water sports, hiking and beach-related sports, and gardening, to name a few. Whatever activity you choose, make sure you protect your body and use sound judgment so you don't put yourself at risk for injury.

Your body is an amazing thing. When your spine, bones, joints, muscles, tendons and ligaments are all working well, you take no notice that your body is doing what it is supposed to. However, when your body is stressed or damaged, either from a single injury or over time, it starts letting you know. You may feel tight

muscles, stiffness, a reduced ability to move comfortably, and even pain. These signs should not be covered up with medication. That's like taking the batteries out of a smoke detector during a fire.

We have an important responsibility to make sure we listen to our own bodies. By taking the time to make sure our bodies are safe when we exercise, we can maintain our spinal function, along with the function of our muscles and connective tissue, and keep ourselves pain-free. Now that's prevention.

Start With a Warm-Up

Before you participate in any activity, you should thoroughly warm up your back and your body. You should especially focus on warming up the muscles you will be using most in the sport you are playing. Start by increasing your heart rate gradually with simple movements, such as walking or jogging. Then stretch your neck, shoulder, arm, lower back, hamstring and calf muscles. Finally, start out slowly when you begin your activity.

Your chiropractor is an expert at evaluating your body's structure. He or she can identify and correct any weaknesses or imbalances that could make you more susceptible to injuries. Your chiropractor also can provide you with a series of exercises to help improve your athletic performance.

Here we are in August with September being spring, please be mindful of where your body is at, if not, you may experience less spring in your step as well as in season!!! We have an age old saying that says "If you wear your body out, where are you going to live?" We only are given one in this life; spare parts aren't easy to come by so with that in mind take care of what you've got. Please call one of our offices if you have any concerns and we will do our best to help you.

Digital Photography Group

Our June meeting was well supported with members enjoying a training session on the Adobe Photoshop Elements programme at Dot's home. Four laptop computers were set up so that all members could watch the step-by-step commentary on using this wonderful program to alter, enhance and dramatically change one's original photographs.

We have been approached by the Community Library to mount a photographic display on the newly erected screen in the library. We all thought that this would be a great opportunity to show members' work in November this year. Consequently, we would like those with interesting pictures to bring them to our September meeting, so that a selection can be made. More details will be published in the August edition of the *Coastal News*. Meanwhile, give some thought to what you might like to display. We will have to restrict photos to one per member, as the display space is limited.

Our next meeting will be on the 7th August in the Community Library, starting at 2pm – please note this new time, as the library does not open until then. We will study the excellent range of books on various aspects of photography, including film and digital works. There will also be an opportunity to see the display area which we will be using for our November "exhibition". After the session in the library, we intend to go over the road to the newly named Village Inn for afternoon tea by the log fire and study the new menu which might just tempt us to have a mid-winter gathering there!

Last month's "Where is It?" photograph depicted two spherical artistic works using barbed wire. These

were created by Graham Snook of 13 Iwa Street, Mapua, and are on display outside his house by the footpath. Graham used well over 300 metres of barbed wire which was wound over a basic "frame" of chicken netting. It was necessary to use strong leather gloves to complete the task! There are also similar balls that Graham made, hanging in Warren Place, which catch the sunlight and throw fascinating patterns on the adjacent walls. Flood-lighting them at night produces even greater effects.

Graham's garden in Iwa Street warrants a visit, as there are many creations in wood and metal showing great originality; his work can be seen in various places around Mapua. The latest project is to form a wire netting ball of 1.5-metre diameter on a steel rod former, requiring at least 700 metres of wire. Donations of used and unwanted barbed wire would be greatly appreciated, as this is becoming hard to find, recent searches as far away as Takaka having been necessary!

This month's "Where is it?" photograph is in Mapua and has an interesting story behind it, which will be published in our September report.

Reported by Mike Halse



Mahana School



This month five students at Mahana School have written their accounts of a trip to Nelson Airport. Apart from correcting minor errors (and spelling) each one is in their own words.

Trip to Air Nelson, by Daniel Lukomski.

On Tuesday the 17th of July the Year 8 students from Mahana School visited Air Nelson to learn about careers in the aviation industry. They looked at all sorts of jobs from engineering to airport fire service and they all even got a chance to fly a two-seater plane.

While airborne, the students got the chance to control the plane. They flew it side to side and pressing the right buttons to land and take off. All students said they really enjoyed it and some of them said that they would want to be a pilot one day.

After working on the topic at school and learning how to control a plane by using the ailerons, elevator, rudder and throttle, they all successfully flew the plane for a while, with the help of an instructor.

From the Control Tower they could see all the planes coming into landing and taking off from the runway. The people working there said that they had to make sure that two planes didn't take off or land at the same time.

The students also recorded their visit with the school video camera and still cameras. They are going to edit these when they get back to school.

Easily the best part of the trip was the flight with Alistair Hart.

Aviation Careers, by Alice Chapple

Dad picked me up from MOTEC and took me to Mot Airport where Alistair Hart took me in his new airplane to Nelson Airport. The canopy came over our heads, Alistair started up the plane and we taxied down to the end of the runway. Alistair checked the buttons, waited for one plane to land and then ... we sped down the runway and slowly lifted into the air.

The road underneath got smaller and smaller as we went higher. We followed the highway for a while then turned off to Mahana School. We circled the school twice while watching Mr Smith waving to us down below then carried on to Nelson. Alistair let me have a go at steering which was fun. When we landed at the airport, I was disappointed because I was having so much fun.

We found the rest in the hanger, looking at the new Dash 8s that Air Nelson have bought, then we all went and looked at the airplane that I had just flown.

Next it was Daniel's turn to have a go in the plane, so we went to look at airport rescue/fire system. Murray told us why they don't use water to put out aircraft fires and use foam because when water and fuel mix

the water will go to the bottom and won't help. He told us that they can control the foam from inside the truck and that they don't even have to get out.

When Daniel came back it was Natalie's turn, and the rest of us went to 'ops' and looked at the mapping system. We could see where all the planes in New Zealand were and what company they were from. Then we went to the pilots' classrooms

Last of all we went to the control tower and looked at air traffic control. If I had one of those jobs I would be an air traffic controller. They have the best view in the airport.

Airport, by Tristan Prestidge

We went to Nelson airport for a careers day. We learnt all about some jobs there are at the air port. We found out that there are not just pilots and air stewards, but people who make sure the planes are on time and up to standard for flying. There are even classrooms where pilots are trained what to do in different situations. We visited the airport fire department and they explained that they use foam and why. The control room was cool. We could hear all the radio controls from the pilots.

The best part was having a ride in a plane. It was really fun. I went over my house. Everything looks so different from in the sky. All the animals and people look tiny like little insects scampering around. At one point I got to take control. It's really fun and was a great experience for us. I'm sure all the other students had a lot of fun. I know I did.

Flying Home, by Natalie Randall

We went to Nelson Airport to see some of the different jobs you can get in an airport; its not just pilots. We even got to individually fly a plane with an instructor. This is how my flight went.

I slowly got in the plane, not knowing what was going to happen. The plane turned, I thought I was going to lose my lunch over the gadgets in front of me. He explained what all the buttons do but. I wasn't paying attention I was too amazed at what I was seeing.

The grey roads stood out from the lush green grass and the farm animals looked like tiny bugs. We circled Pine Hill Heights and went over my house and garden. The landing was surprisingly not bumpy.

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Mahana School

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At the airport we looked at the control room which has full view of where the planes land, taxi and park. They explained how everything worked and how it was done. We saw engineering, operations, pilot classrooms and airport fire service. I learned a lot of stuff and had a great time in the plane I hope I can fly again.

Plane trip, by Bettina Coleman

It was just yesterday when year 8, Mahana students, went to Air Nelson for an expedition and had a go at flying a plane.

We got out of the cars and thundered into the hanger. We looked around while Alice Chapple was flying over from Motueka airport. We went in the Dash 8 plane that was in the hanger. We sat in the pilot's seat but we could not touch any thing.

When Alice came in we had a look at the plane that she had flown. Then it was Daniel's turn to fly. While he was flying, we went to the plane-testing area. It was three big ship containers covered in hay- straw with a tarpaulin on top and it was sound-proof . The hay lasts for 6 months and the tarpaulin lasts 6 years.

Then on to fire safety. Murray the fire chief talked to us about the amazing truck and the tools.

When Natalie went, we watched her take off with a thunder. We went to the offices and looked into one of the classrooms and had a turn on the interactive white board. While that was going on Taylor had his turn to fly.

Off we went out to the control tower. We looked around. It was cramped with us all in there. We had to be quiet so they could hear the planes asking to land.

Then it was my turn to fly. They watched from the control tower when I took off, then went to the cars. When I came back, Tristan flew in the plane as it went back to Motueka and met his mum. The rest of us went home in the cars. It was an awesome day.



Property News

House prices are increasingly being talked down by economic commentators but winter could be having a more realistic effect on the property market. Cooler months (New Zealanders don't like buying property in the wind and rain) and rising interest rates will also impact their influence.

Migration is also easing with more leaving than arriving, which again will take the pressure off the housing demand. Although the market is still strong it has lost some of its heat – property is taking slightly longer to sell. The Tasman property market has certainly slowed, mainly because of a shortage of listings. Spring and summer sales will reveal if this is a classic winter slowdown or a developing trend.

Some recent sales are:-

14 June	Broadsea Ave	3 B/R House	809m2	\$397,000
22 June	Higgs Rd	3 B/R House	809m2	\$339,000
27 June	Goddard Rd	3 B/R House	1407m2	\$330,000
30 June	Goddard Rd	1 B/R House	979m2	\$265,000
30 June	James Cross Pl	3 B/R House	799m2	\$510,000
13 July	Brabant Dr	3 B/R House	3495m2	\$955,000

Compiled by Grahame Williams, Ray White Real Estate MREINZ

Letters to the Editor...



'A wonderful moment'

On the evening of Thursday 19 July I was kindly invited to witness the last bucket of contaminated matter being placed in the hopper of the clean-up plant. For me, and I am sure for many in the immediate area, this is really a wonderful moment and a relief.

Having said that, I would ask the Tasman District Council to implement those plans which were circulated to all Mapua households. I am talking about the Kovak plans and in particular E2. We who have

pursued this matter over some 25 years and those who have been affected have a right to expect as a minimum good overall planning.

Perhaps a further move would see a council-led group incorporating our Community Association and those who own uncommitted land on the north side of Aranui Road. Such wonderful sites deserve good consultative planning. Good luck.

Bill Williams

Red Letter Day

A red letter day for our community has passed by largely unnoticed. On Thursday 19 July at the Fruit Growers Chemical Company site in Mapua the last load of contaminated soil was loaded into the decontamination machinery. On Saturday 21 July the machinery stopped for the last time. A huge relief for all the residents in the immediate vicinity. A milestone has been reached. A process which commenced over 20 years ago to address the chemical contamination and those perpetuating it and to do something about it has been achieved.

Back then there were a few Mapua citizens who stepped up to confront the evil monster amongst them that was the "Factory", as it was known. After all, it, the "Factory" was and had been the underlying economic provider for the livelihood of many Mapua residents and in the main for the existence of Mapua as a Village in the first instance. Closure of the chemical works was not exactly a flavour of the month idea. The courage of those who were willing to put their reputations on the line needs to be publicly acknowledged. One individual took the lead and that is Bill Williams. All of us, and that includes the all of us far and wide, owe him our thanks for stepping up to the challenge and for the will and effort that it has taken him to see it through.

Now also is a time to recognize another citizen amongst us who had the courage to step forward and take the lead which resulted in the Tasman District Council and with the Government getting in behind to take the bleak and blighted ex-site of the chemical works to where it is today. Wilma Tansley as chairperson of the Mapua/Ruby Bay Residents & Ratepayers Association addressed a public gathering at the chemical works site in May, 2000. Those attending

(and there were more than just a few) were overwhelming in their support for cleaning up the site and establishing a public park on the land adjoining the Mapua channel. A process of public participation under Wilma's leadership was begun and she followed through until the awful event of actually cleaning up the mess began.

And so it has been, with much initial kicking and screaming and posturing and subsequent criticism from many quarters, countered by the strong and positive affirmative actions from others, the unachievable has been achieved

Now, all of us, residents of Mapua/Ruby Bay and members of the public at large, must be on hand and up front to make sure that the concept of our public park becomes a reality. To reassure our TDC councillors that we are 100% behind their commitment to adopt the future zoning strategy option E2 as proposed and undertaken at the workshop and public meetings held in October 2002.

As the final process of dismantling the treatment plant and the levelling the chemical site proceeds over the next few weeks we have the opportunity to plan some sort of public event to celebrate the final demise of the monster and the birth of the new park and the balance of the useable land area. Let's make our celebration a good one. There are some who are dead and gone among the victims. Some who are and will continue to suffer the effects of the chemical poisoning and contamination. We must honour them as well as those among us who have helped make this long running saga a memorable event.

The Port Mapua area and the Mapua Village are at the threshold of a new era.

Hugh Gordon, Ruby Bay

Letters to the Editor...



Review of by-pass progress

I am frequently asked, "What's happening with the Ruby Bay by-pass these days?" That's not surprising. People are becoming more and more aware that this project, when it is completed, is going to save them both time and money. And, as we are being constantly reminded, "time and money" are pretty basic considerations in the daily life of all of us.

Each month at this time I am in contact with Andrew Adams, who is the Transit New Zealand Project Engineer for the by-pass, to get a progress report to pass on to readers of the *Coastal News*. Here is his up-date as of 19 July.

The final route of the roadway has been established after several minor adjustments to radius curves and such. Access connections to the roadway are now established. Boundary adjustments outside of the project are being established in consultation with the TDC. Opus Consultants have completed the final design details. For the next three months or so they will be completing a full set of construction documents and construction details plans which include such things as size of culverts. These plans are what are will be used during the actual highway construction.

Close consultation between the Transit NZ engineering and administrative staff, the TDC councillors and TDC staff members is a continuing and on-going process. Good communications between these two entities is now well established and considered by all parties to be essential to the successful completion of the project.

Looking to the future: Completion of the construction plans. An itemised costing process which will be done by Opus Consultants and a parallel costing by an independent quantity surveyor in order to arrive at realistic cost estimates. In early 2008 Transit NZ will request construction funding from Transport NZ, and this being forthcoming will put the project out to tender and appoint a construction contractor by Oct/Nov 2008. This is the end of Andrew Adams's update.

From the above summary the future looks positive for the Ruby Bay by-pass. However, it is important to keep in mind that this is in no way the only project on Transit NZ's books. In January of this year Transit NZ reconfirmed its 2006 Road Projects Review, Five-year Future Highway Construction. Forecast. Ruby Bay is only one of some 40 to 50 proposed projects in this five-year review. At this point it is important to remember that last year the Government made a commitment of some \$900 million dollars for these proposed projects.

So, please, talk it up with friends, TDC councillors, MPs and so on. Yes, yes, I know, I know you are saying, "here he goes again". But truly, we all have to make sure that those who ultimately control the purse-strings come across with the dollars to complete this highway. "They" are going to be spending our TAX Dollars. It is up to us to see to it the money is ultimately spent where "they" have said it is going to be spent. If we don't speak up for ourselves, no one else is going to do it for us, and that's for sure.

Think about it, our local body elections are coming up soon. A good place to help make the Ruby Bay by-pass a reality is to start with those who have put themselves forward to govern the Tasman District for us for the next three years. Let them know that if they are elected, you are expecting their support and influence and in particular on the Government to make the by-pass project happen. Thank you.

Hugh Gordon, Ruby Bay

MAPUA AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

is wishing to employ a Coordinator

for 5 hours per week to work in Mapua and surrounding districts.

We are looking for someone who:

- has initiative
- can promote and develop MDBA membership and networks
- has good time management.
- has knowledge of Mapua community and the challenges and opportunities it offers
- has a driver's licence.
- is computer literate.

If you are interested in this position please contact us by email secretary@mapua.biz or phone Diane on (03) 544 8275 for a job description.

Applications must be received by 15 August 2007.



MAPUA & DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Chairperson: Marion Satherley ph 540 2180 Secretary: Diane Maisey ph 544 8275

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY 2007—2008

Look out for your copy, delivered from 22 August onwards.

Each year this complimentary directory is distributed to all households and businesses in the Mapua, Ruby Bay, Tasman and Upper Moutere districts. You receive your FREE copy simply because 170 local businesses have bought advertising space and are paid-up members of the Business Association.

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Creative. Expressive. Design.

Welcome to the wonderful world of Lisa McGregor and her creativity with upholstery.

In addition to offering traditional upholstery services such as sofa and squab recovering, Lisa also creates amazing works of art, some of which you may have seen at the recent Mapua Affordable Arts Show.

After all, isn't art about personal expression and wouldn't anyone interested in art prefer to own uniquely individual pieces created to express the individual thoughts and tastes of them and their family?

That is the philosophy behind the work of Lisa and the Upholstery Shed, situated on Pomona Road, Ruby Bay.

From bespoke children's toy boxes to wall hangings; headboards to cushions; footstools to sofa coverings...everything can be individually created to reflect you and what you love.

Imagine a hand made toy box, tailor made to suit the child's joys and interests and giving years of pleasure to its lucky owner because it's theirs and no one else has one like it.

Why be ordinary?

Life is for living...surround yourself with you.

For all your upholstery needs call Lisa, 540 3905 or email her at upholsteryshed@xtra.co.nz

Noticeboard

Mapua 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 at Mapua Hall, 9am to noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 03 540-3388.

Strengthening Our Village - with Celia Lashlie - next meeting Wednesday 15 August, 6.30pm at Mapua School. All welcome. A group of us braved the cold for a great meeting on 20 June and came away inspired. Look out for a meeting report in the August edition of Coastal News.

Mapua Hills Rose Society (est 1949) meet 1st Monday each month (except January, June and July) at the Supper Room, Mapua Hall 7.45pm. Rose lovers, and growers, visitors and guests very welcome. Enquiries to Sec: Letty Thawley, 540 2876, Pres: Margaret Sinclair 03 528 8477.

Rose Pruning: Saturday 7th July 10am, Mapua Hall. Come along and learn from experienced rose growers. If wet, July 14th, same time.

Community Group Stalls. Each year the Coastal Garden Group joins with a few other local community groups or social clubs to hold a sale outside the Village Hall. This year's event is to take place on Saturday 15th September and so far we have stalls offering cakes and coffee, plants and bric-a-brac. If your community group would like to be included please contact either Barry Highsted (540 3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540 2335) for more information.

Photocopying at Mapua Auto Centre, 7 Warren Place, during office hours.

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Digital Photography Group: Anyone with an interest in anything to do with digital photography/digital imaging is welcome to join our expanding group. Meetings first Tuesday of the month at 1.15pm. Phone Dot Siddle for more info, 540 2323

Spinners, Knitters, Weavers - Mapua Wool Gatherers meet at the Mapua Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am. All welcome.

Coastal Garden Group meet monthly every first Thursday at 1.30pm in the Supper Room at the Mapua Village Hall. Members, guests and visitors welcome, all enquiries to Barry Highsted (540 3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540 2335).

Mapua Friendship club welcomes old and new members. We meet on the third Thursday of the month and enjoy a game of indoor bowls followed by a lovely afternoon tea (bring a plate) We also have cards Euchre, crib etc, if you prefer a seated activity. We take a \$1 door donation, and have a 20¢ raffle for a mystery prize. We are a group of friendly people who get together for a good laugh (some of us are not very good bowlers!) Come along and enjoy some good company. For further information ring Val Roche 540-3685.

Kidz n' Koffee Playgroup every Wednesday (in school term) 10am to 12 noon. The age group is newborn to five years. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend, there is no cost. Morning tea is provided for you and your children, a donation is appreciated. The playgroup meets at Hills Community Church, Mapua. Come and relax and meet some new neighbours. Enquiries to Sara Pumphrey 540-3889, and Sharon De Jong 543-2486.

Mapua Genealogy Computer Discussion Group: This year our meetings will be 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays bimonthly, on the following dates: 11 Aug, 13 Oct and 8 Dec. For information about this group phone Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

Mapua Combined Probus Club meets first Friday of the month at 1.30 in the supper room of Mapua Hall. All retirees most welcome. If interested please ring Pres. Margaret Butchart, 540 2686, Sec. Thelma Mathieson, 540 3132.

Mapua Hall bookings: As from Wednesday 1 August all bookings for the Mapua Hall can be made at Video Ezy Mapua, 69 Aranui Road, Phone 540-3370. Open from 11am daily till late. Phone bookings will be accepted.

Room to rent in centre of village. Light, airy and quiet. Phone Julie Ewer on 540-2705.

For Sale: 6A Moreland Place Mapua. Elderly gentleman moving to town. Unique 3B/R home fronting Reserve on Mapua Estuary RV\$460,000. View at www.trademe.co.nz (Hidden Gem) Enquiries please ph Maree (03)528 9602.

YOGA with Robin - Weekly yoga classes. All levels welcome. Call 540 2113 for class times and information