

Coastal News

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Hall Rebuild on Track and on Schedule

A briefer update this month on construction progress on the rebuild of our hall which is now clearer to see. According to Graeme Stradling in the Project Control Group's March report: "...block-work is done, frames are standing and some roof is arriving...Most construction and trades contracts are detailed and locked in. We continue to perform well with regards to time-line and economy".

Colin Anderson (project manager) confirms the tentative finish date for the build as being late July. After the ancillary fitting-out and landscaping, the committee is hoping that the rejuvenated hall may then be officially re-opened late August and hopefully available for bookings and events again from September.

Moving along

Flotex carpet has been selected and is in transit. The veranda posts and joists are to be macrocarpa and will be oiled so they will naturally age into silver.

Discussions and decisions are being made on details such as "door furniture," final layout and compliance aspects for the kitchen and the designs for showers and toilets.

The committee is grateful to the Mapua Boat Club for their offer of two urinals which will help reduce those costs. Resource consent application for the Domain-facing deck has been lodged.

Fitting out and funding

As noted last month, with the inevitable variations in costs there is still a shortfall in the actual building costs as well as a projected budget of around \$100,000 for fixed fittings and equipment.

The committee is now seeking donations and support from individuals and companies with approaches by letter, phone and personal visits. Any offers of or suggestions for potential funding sources will be gratefully received and should be given to Margaret Cotter at rncotter@tasman.net.

There will be an information table at the Mapua Easter Fair with details on the current progress as well as the required financial and fittings support still required.

Offers from those able to either donate or fund such specific requirements will also be gratefully received and

should also be directed to Margaret Cotter.

Bookings

The committee is still working on a new schedule of the wider range of available spaces and related hire costs which will reflect the increased hall costs of insurance and maintenance.

Once this is finalised, current user groups will be contacted first to confirm their own ongoing requirements. No bookings are being taken but future major events such as exhibitions, weddings etc can be conveyed to Trish Smith at smiffsnz@hotmail.com so they can be included when bookings do re-open. We are all looking forward to that time! Meantime, a reminder that the tables and chairs are still available for hire – contact made through Trish.

Fund-raising

As noted above, the major focus for fund-raising will be on seeking significant donations and funding grants. The plan is that the apple tree mural will be digitalised in a week's time and be entered onto our website – ever hopeful! Meantime, fund-raising also continues:

1. The Fun-Run was well attended with many expressing the wish that it become an annual event. It raised \$1000.

2. MEGA pumpkin growing competition; a reminder that Martyn Barlow from Club Mapua has generously arranged that proceeds this year "will go to the redevelopment of the Mapua Community Hall, a very worthwhile community initiative." Register at the Mapua Tavern for only \$5 from now until weigh-in day 1pm Saturday 13th April."

For further information contact Martyn Barlow on 021 31 41 61

The committee is really appreciative of the ongoing community support and understanding and encourages everyone to maintain the fund-raising momentum so we are able to re-open with a fully refurbished and functional facility which meets our community's contemporary needs.

Elena Meredith, Information and Liaison Sub-committee

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Pete & Mike at the Motueka Drags

Pete and Mike are still getting a buzz out of riding their street bikes at the Motueka Drags in January. Both entered the Modified Bike Class which includes anyone who wants to have a go.

The requirements are that your bike must be street legal and the riders must have correct helmet and leathers. Pete was riding his 27-year-old 750cc GSXR Hyper Sport Suzuki and Mike a 750cc Suzuki GSXR, 20 years old. Both bikes are much loved and brought out for social occasions like the Mot Drags to get the blast from the past back in their system.

While I was interviewing the lads I got lost in all the terminology, so I will attempt to explain:

The “tree” of starting lights that you see, in the centre of the track just ahead of the start line. From the top the lights are the Pre-Stage: Stage, three large amber lights; green start light and red for jumping the start.

Pete rolls his bike up to the start line and watching for the small amber Pre-Stage lights to come on, stops. He inches further forward until the small Amber Stage lights come on, signalling he is in the right place on the start line. When both bikes are staged the starter will push his button and the three large amber lights come on at 0.5 second spacings to the green light for all go.

Mike says you really have to concentrate; there is no time for other thoughts as within 12 seconds or less you're doing 160kmh. Pete says there are no lazy starts in drag racing. You don't have time to breathe for as soon as the big amber lights come on your hand is releasing the clutch and thinking about when to make your first gear change.

Qualifying runs: Each bike has two qualifying runs to determine a Dial-In time to race against all in the class.

Dial-In time: Chosen by the rider from the qualifying times, ie, first run 13.03 seconds, second run 12.22 seconds, so Pete chose 12.20 as his Dial-In time.

Racing: With the fastest Dial-In time against the slowest. A 1000cc bike with a 10 second Dial-In time racing against 350cc bike with a 14 second Dial-In time. To make racing more equal the 1000cc bike will have a 4-second handicapped start. This is why you



see one drag vehicle take off before the other. So as I have just learnt, watch the “Tree” to know what's going on.

Pete's race: First qualifying run—13.03 seconds, speed 100mph (161kmh). Second qualifying run—12.22 seconds, 110mph (177kmh). Dial in time—12.20 seconds. Racing against an Augusta 1000cc F4 Drag bike.

Pete's bike is a Suzuki GSXR 750cc. Time 12.203 seconds, speed 111mph (188kmph). Pete lost as he went over his Dial-In time by 0.003 seconds.

Mike's race: Against a Honda VTR 1000. Mike's bike is a Suzuki GSR 750cc. His best run was 12.225 seconds, speed 116mph (187 kmh) after removing the muffler and burning his leg at the same time.

After writing this there is a bit to learn and comprehend about drag racing. For example, you can go faster across the finish line but be slower by time, depending on how quick off the start you are. Going fast on your motor bike is fun and the drag strip at the Motueka airfield provides a safe, well-managed environment. My thanks also to the Tasman District Council for letting motor sports happen.

I think Pete and Mike are brave to accelerate their bikes to over 160kmh in a quarter mile. They were both pleased with their times and speeds and enjoyed the day. Something to better next time.

Fred Cassin

Out and About with Hugh

At last! Stage 2 of the TDC Waterfront Park Project appears to be finished. I had a walkabout there today. The orange netting has disappeared. Steps, toilet, seating, shelter, pathways—the area is all cleaned up and ready for the landscaping which is scheduled for late autumn. And Oh Boy! There's lots of YELLOW! So what's a bit of yellow you might ask? Yes, okay; just what DO we know about the colour "yellow?"

Yellow comes from the Old English *geolu*, *geolwe*, meaning "yellow, yellowish", derived from the Proto-Germanic word *gelwaz*. The oldest known use of the word in English dates back to the year 700. It has the same Indo-European base, *-ghel*, as the word *yell*; *-ghel* means both bright & gleaming, and to cry out. I'd have to agree. The "yellow" in the waterfront park certainly cries out for attention. Have to adjust your focus a bit, that's all.

The earliest known use of the colour yellow is in the form of a yellow ochre pigment made from clay in prehistoric cave art. The yellow horse in the Lascaux Cave in France is estimated to be 17,300 years old. More information? Have a look on Wikipedia.

Meanwhile, enjoy our waterfront park for what it is and for what it will become as Stage 3 of the project and the landscaping is initiated later this year (hopefully to include some trees).

Then there's the wharf area. The Precinct Advisory Group meets early in April. Parking restrictions will be on its agenda. A look at night-time lighting? Badly needed for safety.

Ex-aquarium site? Nothing to happen there until the TDC Commercial Property Committee is functional. And, barring the day to day nuts and bolts stuff, nothing much is going to happen anywhere in the entire Tasman District, until the Long Term Plan is adopted.

Which reminds that Tasman's Draft Annual Plan is now available. It's time for submissions so mark April 8th on your calendars. Our TDC councillors and TDC staff will be on hand at the Mapua Boat Club 4pm to 6pm and also 7pm to explain the plan and answer your questions.

The 7pm meeting is also the General Meeting of our Community Association. This is your opportunity to support a submission to the Annual Plan to replace the rotten water mains in Mapua and Ruby Bay urgently. While indications are that the 2013/2014 Budget will be tight, the costs to ratepayers for repairs to broken mains are significant, not to mention the cost of the water wasted after the break. There is an increasing frequency of water main failures mainly along Stafford Drive and Aranui Road.

I met a friend on my walkabout. She enthusiastically told me about her new love of cycling. "No more going to the gym then?" "No, she replied", and then said, "I and a few friends get out two or three times a week for 20km to 40km ride-about. We call it the Laughing Ladies Cycle Adventure Tour Group".

Thanks to Lynley and John Taylor for the Power Point presentation of their cycle trip in the UK from Land's End to John o' Groats in support of the Mapua Cycle and Walkway Group. A fascinating and different look at England and Scotland from the seat of a bicycle.

Unfortunately, the Dominion Flat cycle track project is temporarily sidelined by "right of way" easement problems. However, all is not lost. Alternatives are under negotiation through continuing efforts by members of the Dominion Flat Consultation Group, Stuart Hughes, project manager; Tasman Great Taste Trail and Lindsay Smith, trustee for the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust. Contribute to this worthy project and buy a "virtual" metre of the Cycle Trail. One or two or as many as you like. Call Janet Taylor @ 540-3364 or 027-230-2943.

I continued my walkabout and had a look at the Mapua Hall rebuild site. Close up the old is disappearing and the new is taking shape. Lots of recycle materials. Speak to the contractor. Contribute to the fit-out of the rebuilt hall? Call Margaret Cotter 540-2195.

A Community Garden for Mapua? Derek Richard of Mahana floated this idea at the March meeting of our Community Association. The concept is a good one. Needs some land and needs some people to run with it. Is there interest though, when home gardens prevail in Mapua?

Equinox: On March 20th at 11:02am we experienced the Autumnal Equinox. Equinox from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Also known as the Northward equinox. Enough to say that daytime and night time are more or less equal and the sun half-way north.

Ending this column with a couple of thoughts to keep you alert!

"Money has evolved from wheat in a field to numbers on a trader's screen, but its definition has stayed the same, "TRUST."

And in another vein: "Don't fight a hotter world, prepare for it."

Hugh Gordon

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The guest speaker at the club's March meeting was Rolley Taylor, an ecological scientist who has worked for 40 years with the DSIR. His primary research is working with a wide variety of wild life including rats, mice and native birds. Rolley was prepared to show a wide range of photos of landscapes and animals but there was a fault with the projector. He was still able to give an interesting talk.

Rolley has had several trips to the Arctic with his close friend Rodney Russ, who operates a tourist service to the Arctic of land closest to the North Pole. He was somewhat skeptical about the theory of global warming. Over the last decade there has been a noticeable decline in the ice around the Arctic Circle and he considers that over many thousands of years the earth has experienced this natural climate change.

In August 2011 Rolley flew to Norway and on to the small island of Spitsbergen, the piece of land closest to the North Pole. His flight took him to the small town of Salzbard with a population of 1200. The island was discovered by Dutch seal and whale hunters some 800 years ago. During the First World War a coal-mining industry was developed. In time the mines became obsolete. The island developed several international research stations which were able to make use of the deserted mine shafts to set up seed banks from a wide range of flowering plants from many parts of the world

Around the Arctic Sea there are about 1600 small islands discovered by Dutch pioneers. Since 1975 the polar bears on the islands have been protected and there are now an estimated 5000 bears. Rolley gave a figure of 125,000 bears around Alaska and the Arctic region, and their numbers are increasing. The bears spend much of their time hunting in the spring and can survive for up to eight months without food. The average life of a bear is around 20 years

Around Spitsbergen there are 32 migratory species of birds, including guillemots, and puffins. Walruses, an animal with large tusks, can often be seen around the island. The Polar bears generally keep clear of walruses as they are strong, aggressive animals.

To complete his talk, Rolley spoke about some of the early explorers around the Arctic region. Andrea, an early Dutch explorer, plus two companions took off in a balloon with their basket loaded with tents and other survival equipment. They were able to control the speed of the balloon by lowering or raising lengths of rope that dragged across the ice. Any evidence of their expedition was lost for 35 years. Eventually a Norwegian search party came across some of the remains of the party's possessions including their skeletons, rifles and diaries. After further research, scientists came to the conclusion that they died eating rotten polar bear meat.

The club had its AGM in March. The president, John Sharman, introduced several guests and new members to the club. He presented a positive president's report, thanking committee members for their support. The club's vice-president, Letty Thawley, was voted in as the new president. Stan Lawn was elected vice-president, and Anne Evens as the guest speaker's co-ordinator. Neville Bibby retained his job as auditor.

David Higgs

Applications for Grants

Voluntary organisations are invited to apply to the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant. Applications will be considered in May and should be in by 8 May. Application forms can be obtained from the secretary (ph 540-3203) or the treasurer (ph 540-2845) and returned to PO Box 19, Mapua 7048.

Grants will usually be less than \$300 but this may be varied at the discretion of the trustees.

Animal Health File

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

Blocked bladders in male cats—a true emergency

“I think my cat is constipated”...”He’s been in and out of his litter tray all day...”He keeps licking around his bottom”....

These symptoms may not sound all that serious but if an owner calls us because their cat is doing any of these things, we tell them to bring them down to the clinic immediately. These are the typical signs of a cat with a urethral obstruction or ‘blocked bladder’ and warrants immediate veterinary attention.

The urethra is the pathway that urine takes from the bladder to the outside world. If the urethra becomes blocked with mucus, bladder crystals or stones, urine has nowhere to go. Male cats are far more likely to suffer from this because they have much narrower urethra. The bladder becomes overly distended and the kidneys stop producing urine. Toxins cannot be excreted and will build up in the bloodstream leading to fatal heart problems and kidney failure.

Your vet can diagnose bladder obstruction by palpating the abdomen, but blood and urine tests will be needed to check kidney function and find the cause of the blockage. Intravenous fluids will be started immediately to try to combat the toxins building up in the bloodstream and then the blockage itself will need to be treated.

Initially we will release pressure of the bladder by performing a ‘cystocentesis’ where urine is removed directly from the bladder with a needle and syringe. Sedation is generally not needed to do this and it allows the kidneys to start producing urine again. Once the cat is stable enough to undergo a general anaesthetic, we will attempt to remove the blockage by placing a urinary catheter. These urinary catheters will be left in place for anywhere between 12 and 48 hours.

No one is completely sure why some cats get urethral obstructions, but overweight cats appear to be over-represented. There are several commercial diets available, that are formulated to try and prevent the formation of bladder crystals, and every cat that has had an episode will be put on a special diet and regular urine tests to reduce the risk of recurrence.

Urethral obstructions in cats are life-threatening, but treatable if dealt with quickly. Please contact the clinic if you have questions about this condition or any other problems with your pets

Mahana School

Term One has been both a busy and sad one. The busy part has seen us involved in swimming, greeting new families and new students, getting classes underway, planning for our Fiesta, and, of course, learning. The sad part has been the passing of our teacher and friend Kath O'Reilly.

While it has not been an easy summer for our farming community, it has been an almost perfect season for swimming. We are fortunate to have an excellent pool at Mahana and our students and our key-holders have made maximum use of it. One day during the last holidays we had 60 people use our pool! The results are really good swimmers. We have already achieved our goal of making sure all our 12-year-olds can swim at least 200 metres, in fact many of our students much younger than this can do 200m already. We believe that swimming is an important area of the curriculum, and we place a lot of importance in retaining and improving our swimming programme and pool.

This term we will welcome 10 new students and eight new families to Mahana School. This is fantastic and it's really nice to be able to share our school with such nice people. We also welcome back Carolyn Scorrar to the Kereru Room. Carolyn is teaching our Year 3 to 5 students this year after being on maternity leave last year. Our remaining staff remain the same; me and Jane Bosecke in Kotuku Class (Year 5 to 8), and Kerin Dodunski in Piwakawaka (Year 1 and 2).

We have a new classroom! Piwakawaka class, the Year 1/2 class, has had a complete makeover! We've turned the whole class around and it now has more space, new tables and chairs, new wifi, and better storage. More importantly it is now a wonderful environment to start school in. Kerin Dodunski, the class teacher, is full of energy and is busy providing

her youngsters with fun experiences. She is happy to talk to any prospective families, and can be contacted through the address on our website.

Speaking of contacting us, don't forget to follow us on FaceBook or on Twitter.

At the moment we are busy getting our Family Fiesta ready. Many parents have worked very hard on making this event happen. It is an important fund- raiser but perhaps more importantly it is a community event. It is a good thing to be working together with a shared goal. Mahana School is the focus for our community and in today's busy, often fragmented world we believe that it provides an avenue for people to express their unity and shared purpose.

As mentioned, the sad part of our term has been the passing of our Deputy Principal Kath O'Reilly. Kath was a committed educator, mother, partner and friend. She was a patient and nurturing teacher who provided our students with skills that they will keep for life. She taught them to read, to add and subtract, to sing, to draw, to play games, and perhaps most importantly she taught them to have a positive outlook on life as she did herself. Kath loved teaching at Mahana School and we loved her.

Please remember that families are welcome to visit us anytime, or check out our website at www.mahana.school.nz, check out our class blogs, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We have an excellent school that is not far away. We have a student – teacher ratio that allows us to put kids learning first. We have a special place and we are proud of it. Come and take a look!

Justin Neal, Principal

BOOK REVIEW

The End of Illness by Dr David B. Agus. Reviewed by Richard Bullock. Available in the Mapua Community Library.

Earlier this year I happened to be half listening to National Radio when Kim Hill interviewed the author, Dr Agus. The interview soon had my full attention as a very articulate, intelligent and well-informed interviewee discussed a wide range of medical issues. Kim Hill was obviously as captivated as I was.

Dr Agus is a renowned researcher and physician with a high level of credibility among his peers. His book, *The End of Illness*, is a stand-out among the plethora of books that have been written about health and well-being, and it raced off the shelves when first published in 2011.

Generally quite sceptical when it comes to self-appointed health gurus, I found this book as compelling as the radio interview. Arguments are backed by well-documented research and while there are inevitably, some recommendations, readers are usually left to form their own opinions. He states in a disclaimer at the beginning of the book that the book contains his own ideas and opinions and is in no way intended to provide a medical service or

medical advice. Refreshingly, it also reads this way.

The book tackles many of the fundamental health issues that are likely to concern us at some stage in our lives and challenges many of the myths and semi-informed ideologies that have been perpetuated over time. It does not delve into the treatment of illness but encourages us to adopt a lifestyle that will enhance our potential for remaining healthy and delaying the onset of debilitating conditions, as long as possible. While much of Agus's professional career has been in the field of medical treatment, this book is very much about illness prevention. He emphasises our individual uniqueness, gives insights into new technologies that may revolutionise medicine in the near future, discusses the workings of the human body in a way that can be understood by us all and sustains interest with interesting anecdotes and asides.

In hindsight Dr Agus probably regrets the cover endorsement for his book by disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong but his book is so interesting and well written that it needs no endorsement at all.

MAPUA LIBRARY



What a great summer we have been enjoying; but as I write a welcome rain is falling. Orchardists and gardeners are rejoicing! It is a good time to sit down with a book too. Enjoy.

New Zealand Book Month made March a busy and interesting month. Books by New Zealand authors were wrapped and borrowers were encouraged to take a lucky dip and perhaps be introduced to a new author or, in my case, re-read an old favourite. Take Note Motueka supplied posters and book vouchers.

Our thanks to Helen Bibby for her display of water colours. For the rest of March and all of April, Mike Howell has set up a display of his paintings celebrating the flight of the godwits. Do check it out. What great talent we have in the Moutere district and we are glad to be able to display it to you.

Thanks to a grant of \$2500 from the Lion Foundation, and other sponsors, we are now able to continue our buying regime of new books for this year. Check them out on the new arrivals shelves.

Also thanks to the Ruby Bay/Mapua Community Association grant, we now have a display unit to feature new teenage and children's books in their section of the library.

Eileen Dobbie

Library Hours:

Monday	2-4.30pm	Thursday	10am-12.30pm, 2pm-4.30pm
Tuesday	2-4.30pm	Friday	2-4.30pm
Wednesday	2-6.30pm	Saturday	2-4.30pm

Tasman School

This month Tasman School is now in its 101st year, after our centenary celebrations last month, which was a huge success.

It was wonderful to meet some of the 160 people registered, some coming from as far as Perth. Stories were shared over dinner, generation photos were taken, old friends united, and a special service was given at the Tasman Bible Church.

A whole school play, *The School That Grew from An Apple Tree*, was produced, and performed in the school hall, which covered the growth of the school through the years with action and song.

A Centenary pohutakawa tree was planted by Max Sladen, our oldest ex-pupil, (aged 93) and Jake Schrider (aged five. At right in the photo) to commemorate the event.

The Tasman School Art Auction created a real buzz, raising almost \$8000. The school foyer now looks empty after housing beautiful art works over the last month.

Then there was the 'Muddy Buddies', an event that attracted 1400 people (on the first rainy day of the year, not that it really mattered because we all got plastered with mud anyway!) all dressed for the occasion and having real family fun. No wonder the week after the weekend saw some tired and ratty children. (Teachers as well!)

Was it worth it? Absolutely. It just showed the extent our parents and students go to support and showcase their school. Small country schools like ours have such a community spirit that it gushes up like fresh spring water during a drought.

Now a month later we have begun our normal routine school work but in the foremost of our memories the centenary lights shine bright...

'May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees, may the stars in the apple shine on us always.'

Bring on the 125th anniversary!

Fred Robertson. Room 3 Teacher.

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Noise From the By-pass

When the Ruby Bay by-pass was planned, resource consent was granted with some conditions attached. One of the conditions affected the owners of properties which were occupied and which were near the proposed route of the by-pass. This condition related to the road noise created by traffic on the by-pass and if the property owners found the noise too loud, they could ask for a noise survey to be completed so that adjustments or mitigation barriers would decrease the road noise.

The NZTA, in its wisdom, did not contact any of the named property owners when the road was opened (and before it was completed) and when approached on this matter, they felt “*they were not morally obliged*” to inform the property owners of this right. They did not accept the fact that the commissioners had set the condition over 10 years previously and that property ownership may have changed or the property owners had not been informed at the time of the granting of the resource consent.

The Tasman District Council has an employee who monitored the resource consent requirements on behalf of the TDC and he also did not consult with the named property owners before agreeing that all the conditions of the resource consent had been met.

Those property owners who now border the by-pass were informed that the road surface would be a low-noise surface which would decrease the tyre noise made by the traffic. This has been changed and the road surface is now one of the noisiest types used by NZTA and is much noisier than the surface on the old road which used to pass through Ruby Bay.

Any property owners whose property was occupied before the Resource Consent was given should have their rights protected and if they feel that the road noise is too loud, then they should not be denied the right to have mitigation barriers erected or to have the surface changed to a quieter type. This also applies to owners who have taken over property which was occupied before the resource consent was given.

The effects of road noise can lead to some disquieting disorders and several studies, both in New Zealand and abroad, have shown that the increase in stress levels, caused by the road noise, impact on physical and mental health of those living nearby. Measurements made near Dawson Flats show that the noise levels are well in excess of NZTA's guidelines and one must assume that this noise level occurs all along the new road.

If any property owner is concerned with the road noise then they can contact Mr A Adams at NZTA or Dr Chiles, also with NZTA, and make their concerns known. It is important that Mapua and Ruby Bay residents don't forget that the movement of traffic from the old highway to the by-pass carries with it a responsibility that their gain is not someone else's problem. They also need to be proactive in ensuring that no one else suffers in providing them with *peace and quietness*.

If any other property owner needs further information about the road noise then they can contact me for details about the NZTA guidelines and how to contact the “noise experts” from NZTA.

Bob Wilson, robt_wilson@hotmail.com

Mind the Children

A number of school children are now cycling to school between 8am and 8.45am down Seaton Valley Road. We are delighted that they are so keen to be fit and healthy and to enjoy the great outdoors on their bicycles! We will be even happier when the proposed bike path appears!

Please take care on Seaton Valley Road, especially over the blind humps, and give the riders a wide berth. Please be patient until it is clear for you to overtake – we love our kids and want them to get to school safely, and who knows, you may be cheering on some local Kiwis at the Tour in years to come.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and safe driving.

Sue Neal

Dear Mapua Community

In July 2012 my husband, Phil, became seriously ill with cancer. He continues his battle bravely today and is an inspiration to all of us who know him. During his illness we have been not merely touched, but overwhelmed by the continuing kindness and support of this amazing community. Meals, baking, vouchers, home produce, cards, books, CDs, DVDs, childcare, house cleaning, money, prayers, shopping runs, phone calls, emails, daily text messages, visits, words of support, hugs, kisses, LOVE. That one word really sums it all up for us, LOVE.

While we as a family have struggled to come to terms with why this terrible illness has struck far too close to home, we have been uplifted by the knowledge



that kindness and love are all around us. Without this our battle would have been unbearable.

There are too many of you to mention in person...but please know that every contribution you have made, from tangible ones to the less tangible, have been so gratefully received and have made us smile, laugh and cry with gratitude and disbelief.

From the bottom of our hearts, the core of our souls with every fibre of our bodies: thank you all.

Sue, Phil, Isabel and Rosie Neal

Are we a Rural Community?

We are a 'rural' community, aren't we? I refer to the *Nelson Mail* February front page story, "Armed police swoop seen as 'over the top' "...where a Pomona Road property owner "had been shooting clay birds" and "had taken every safety precaution"...then to have "upset" someone was "an offence!"

To have a giggle over the insecurities of new residents, who remain anonymous behind 'suburban' mentalities, is one thing but it reveals a weakness in the communication channels that our 'closer and safer communities' attempt to foster.

I guess we can all shoulder some blame over our own innate hesitancy of 'should we, shouldn't we?' communicate with our neighbours. Respect of privacy aside, our first cause of recourse if our own privacy is being violated should be directed to the source. Friendly neighbourly communications need to be maintained, and understandings established, so as to avoid such situations as reported above.

I, and fellow community food producers, have customarily needed to control pests and diseases to protect our crops and we feel challenged that new residents into the area could jeopardise our operations and livelihood. We hope the above incident is an isolated case that has since been resolved amicably between the parties. Hopefully, this incident will NOT become a precedent to be cited to prohibit the use of firearms for the control of pests or hunting.

Our rural community is but a small but integral part of 'heartland' New Zealand, let's work together to maintain those iconic characteristics that will ensure our communities long term sustainability. To those in our community who have difficulty in accepting rural activity around them—exercise your choice, and find an environment more to your liking.

W K Darling, Darling Orchards Co, Ruby Bay

Thanks for Assistance

Neville and I would like to thank the unknown couple who came to our aid when I had a cycle accident on Stafford Drive on Friday, 15th March.

We have no idea who (they were driving a white Holden car); there was too much going on at the time to ask. The couple were coming out of Mapua and saw the accident happen and supported Neville. The lady took her car back home to get their double cycle bar for the back of the car while the man stayed with Neville. Then they helped to load our cycles on the back of their car and took him and our bikes back up to Pomona Road, then Neville was able to drive himself into Nelson to catch up with me.

I have no recall of the accident and came conscious at the first roundabout by the airport turn-off. Then within minutes the ambulance had pulled up at Nelson Hospital.

Thankfully I am now at home recovering. I was operated on and given a new hip replacement on the Sunday morning. Monday I was up on a walking frame, Tuesday I was given a set of crutches and a sheet of exercises to practice and Wednesday morning I was back home.

I have one broken cycle helmet to remind me of how lucky I am not to have had much more serious injuries. It was broken in two places.

We would also like to thank everybody who has helped us with phone calls, messages, cards etc, Nelson Hospital staff and our own Mapua Health Centre and the St. John Ambulance service. Thank you all very much for all your support.

Janet & Neville Vincent

Coastal Garden Group



The Coastal Garden Group's monthly meeting on Thursday 6th March was held at the Tasman Bible Church, the venue for our meetings while the Mapua Hall is being upgraded.

Members were encouraged to plant daffodil and other spring bulbs in big pots or big PB bags now for a cheering display of spring flowers in August and September.

Arch Crerar and Lorna Kerr from the Brightwater Horticultural Society explained the different varieties of daffodils and answered the many questions from members about them. Lorna and Arch kindly left some of their bulbs and the potted-up bulbs for our auction. These were keenly sort after as they were big bulbs that had been sterilised to prevent virus infection which stunts the bulb growth and can spread to other bulbs.

Afternoon tea was followed by the flower exhibits brought in by members. It is good to see flowers that may have only been seen or read about in magazines. The plant auction was lively with many plants and produce being auctioned. Thank you to all the members who bring plants and produce for this.

The raffle prizes were three well-grown house plants generously donated by Desiree at The Shed Mapua. Thank you. One house plant is in my house and still looks green and healthy. The meeting finished at 4pm and with everybody helping to put away chairs, sweep

the floor and generally tidy up we all got away promptly.

The next meeting to will be on Thursday 4th April at 1.30 pm, at the Tasman Bible Church, corner of Williams Road and Aporo Road, Tasman. John Barnes, managing director of Fertiliser New Zealand Ltd, will talk about his product. We hope he will bring some of his company's products for us to buy so bring extra money for this. New members welcome.

Rachael Stringer

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

Championship matches are drawing to a close with some finals already played and the remainder to be completed in the next few weeks. Winners of singles, pairs, triples and fours at club level are entitled to enter the Nelson Centre Champion of Champion events to compete against the winners from the other 13 clubs in our area. To be part of the event is achievement in itself; to have any measure of success is an accolade indeed particularly for a small club such as ourselves.

Six new people have taken up our invitation to join us free of charge to "have a go" during these last few weeks of the season and we hope that they might join as full members next year. Any more prospective members are welcome to come along and give us a try. Roll-up days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays all beginning at 1.15pm. Come on any of the days, or all three and we would be delighted to see you and provide equipment and tuition.

Bowling clubs will be just one of the organisations represented at the Positive Aging Expo to be held on Friday 5 April in the Headingly Centre, Richmond. This Expo is aimed at the 55+ age group and promises to be informative and fun.

Our clubhouse and facilities are available for hire throughout the year. For information and bookings please contact Dave England (as below) or Nancy Coeland (544-2847).

For any other information about bowling please call the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765) or the president, Dave England (540-2934), or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

Sue England

Cycle and Walkways Group

The group is delighted to report that the talk held on 20th February raised \$330. This money will go towards purchasing more virtual Great Taste Trail. Many thanks to all who attended.

As autumn takes hold it is a great time of the year to get out and enjoy our local area, on foot or by bike. In the first of a series of local people sharing some of their favourite routes, Helen Bibby offers the following suggestion:

“Most of you will have cycled or walked the track that goes in beside Mapua School. In case you are new to the area or just haven’t done that yet it is an easy one to start on and is very popular.

“Just beside the parking area at the school is a public pathway that angles back towards the school grounds then hugs the fence line and goes down to the sea. It is flat and easy for bikes or a child’s buggy or walking and goes alongside an access way to properties with a view over farmlets. When you reach the sea the view is superb either towards Nelson or looking back around Ruby Bay. If the



tide is out you can choose to go right, if you are walking, as the access is along the beach, round the front of the Leisure Park where you come up the inlet and round to meet the causeway that crosses in to the Leisure Park, at the end of Toru Street.

“To cater for wheels you need to go left towards Ruby Bay along a formed track—The Old Mill Walkway—above the beach that leads to Chaytor Reserve at the end of Broadsea Avenue. This is a beautiful wide pathway sheltered by pines on one side and open to the sea on the other and oh, the vistas! From the reserve you can go along a public walkway in front of the beachside properties or along Broadsea Avenue itself to meet up with Tait Street which in turn meets with Stafford Drive.

“Another choice now—either right and an easy ride to the far end of McKee Domain, a quick swim or a walk up the bush track through the big titoki trees, then turn and head for home, or left and an easy ride along the shared footpath back to Mapua. Total time: about one hour walking from Mapua /Tait St/Stafford Dr/Mapua, or about one hour leisurely biking to the end of McKee Domain and back.”

If anyone else has a favourite route they would like to share, please email it to nicky@wheeliefantastic.co.nz

Nicky McBride

Cycle trail meeting

A public meeting specifically for Nelson/Tasman business operators will be held on Wednesday, 17th of April, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Motueka Top 10, 10 Fearon Street, Motueka, where an update from the Coastal \$800K group on trial construction, the passport, benefits of being an Official Partner and Virtual Trail fund-raising will be presented.

The Mapua to Kaiteriteri section of Tasman’s Great Taste Cycle Trail (GTT) is due to open in July this year. As with former open GTT sections, it’s expected the usage will be high, building up to perhaps 300 a day during the summer months, as recorded on the new Nelson – Mapua Trail last summer.

We need businesses to be ready.

The Nelson/Tasman Cycle Trails Trust’s 112 Official Partners should use this monthly meeting opportunity for Collaborative Marketing and Collective Mentoring through cluster opportunities aimed at delivering a top cycling experience, attracting thousands of trail users and generating economic benefits throughout each town. It’s \$295.00 to become an Official Partner.

For full meeting agenda, an Op application or RSVP: Please email admin@heartofbiking.org.nz

Mapua Health Centre

We are coming up to autumn and the likelihood of various viruses starting to creep in and test our immune systems. The cold viruses tend to cause a runny nose, head congestion, cough and general feeling of being under the weather. A full-blown influenza attack is a much more severe illness with some of the 'cold' features plus generalised aches, temperature and sweats, often a severe headache and feeling very unwell. This can be quite difficult to diagnose as it shares some of the symptoms of meningitis and therefore it is important to seek medical help if you are at all unsure.

For younger patients and teenagers there is a fully confidential medical service available throughout the working week and that medical costs may be covered by a special PHO fund. You can check this out by simply turning up at the practice or phoning 540-2211 or email info@mapuahealth.com.

This year's flu vaccines are now available and we have been sending out reminders to those who have previously been immunised. If you would like more information about the vaccine or to book an appointment for immunisation please contact the practice nurse on 540-2211.

New cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) are still being reported. Parents and grandparents need to be

aware of their own immunity and ensure they are protected as often adults can be the ones passing this onto the small children in our community. Women who are 28-38 weeks pregnant are entitled to a free vaccine. If you would like more information about this then please contact one of our nurses.

Also, a reminder that we have set up a 'Prescription' email address site – prescription@mapuahealth.com to give another way to get hold of repeat prescriptions. You simply need to send an email and you will receive a return email with instructions about the details we need to organise your prescription. It's as simple as that, although still important to give 24 hours notice.

This month's health/school events include:

- April 2 World Autism Day
www.autismnz.org.nz
- April 5 Red puppy appeal (Foundation for Blind)
www.rnzfb.org.nz
- April 19 Term 1 ends www.minedu.govt.nz
- April 21 World Immunisation Week
www.who.int/campaigns/en
- April 24 International Noise Awareness Day
www.nfd.org.nz
- April 25 Anzac Day
www.rsa.org.nz/
- April 28 Privacy Awareness Week
<http://privacy.org.nz/>
- April 29 Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
www.salvationarmy.org.nz
- April 29 NZ Sign Language Week
www.deaf.org.nz

PANZ

It has taken some of us a while to get back into a creative mind set. However, last week there were long periods of quiet concentration. I think the background music may have helped. We have a new member, John Green, who comes from a water-colour background, and is giving pastels a go.

Some of our members are taking advantage of the beautiful weather and are holidaying still. One Saturday we had a tutor show us how to paint and draw outdoors. This will encourage us to be more confident to paint outside and capture the lovely scenes which are abundant in this area.

We have more challenges coming up in April—two weekend workshops—portraiture with Maxine Thompson and still life with Grace Paleg. There is a keen following for both courses.

Contact Glenys Forbes, 540-3388, for more information.

Jill Reid

Message Board Grows



Tasman has its own way of advertising. Last year a simple notice appeared on the side of the road nearly opposite the Tasman School entrance saying, “7 artists live in Tasman.” It attracted the eye of a *Nelson Mail* photographer and it appeared in that paper. Later the word “still” was inserted.

Since then it has attracted several more listings, all obviously by non-professional artists. After the original notice, reading from the top down, they are:

And 1 plumber

One orchadist

1 scaffolder

And 1 able glazier

And 2 dairy maids

And Sons of Tasman

We wonder how long it will be before the heavy hand of officialdom decrees that it must be taken down.

Playcentre

An Invitation from Mapua Playcentre

Do you ever drop your child off at their day care and wonder what they get up to in their day? Have you considered coming down to your local Mapua Playcentre and spending some precious hours with your child while they play and explore what we have to offer?

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for the past 60 years. It is an undervalued resource in the centre of our community for you and your children to use in a fun social learning environment and really worth having a look at.

Playcentre is a Ministry of Education-registered centre, the difference being parents input into their child’s learning, development and fun. Come and stay and meet other parents from the area. It is a great way to really have your hands-on day with your child, while you also get the benefit of having social interaction with other parents.

We are not just a playgroup. We follow the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki which is unique to New Zealand. We have two supervisors on team on each session, whose experience and knowledge is awesome as you get to see first-hand what your children do in a social learning environment and for you as a parent having that input can be extremely rewarding.

If you have thought about coming along or would like more information we are part of the Mapua Easter Fair and have been since the first fair 31 years ago. We have a Playcentre tent where you can bring your child to make their own bunny ears and have a go in the Easter egg lucky dip; there will also be Playcentre parents on hand to answer any questions you have. We also are having an OPEN DAY at the Playcentre on Monday April 8th between 10am and 11.30am so if you are curious about what we offer we would love you to come along and have a look.

Any enquires please phone Mahala on 540-3744 or Selina on 021 502 065. Or come down on our opening hours of Mondays and Fridays 930am – 12pm (school term time). We are on Aranui Road behind the tennis courts by the scout den.

We are also offering Term Two free if you would like to join us!

Sam's Spam

We are lucky to have so much going on in our region, eg, the Sarau Festival, Purple Cake Day, Mapua Easter Fair etc. So, what's the best way to share digital photos from an event? I have been asked this question several times recently as I have been involved with the Redwood Valley Hall's 125th Anniversary celebrations.

Many people took photos of the Victorian market and the evening speeches with musical entertainment (which included me singing music hall songs!). One way to make the photos easily accessible is to create a free Flickr account, which you can then upload your pictures to and share with anybody.

The 'tour' gives advice on how to:

- Tell a story with your photos and allow whoever you want to comment.
- Add notes to explain or comment right on the photo.
- Add tags to categorize your photos and to help others find them in searches.

<http://www.flickr.com>

You can upload photos from your desktop or mobile and then decide who to allow access to them, making them public or private.

Event photos would be public and people viewing them can then decide if they want to buy any prints. Flickr has teamed up with Snapfish so you can cheaply order any number of copies. When you first set up a Snapfish account they give you 50 photos (10 x 15cm) free and after that they are 19c each.

• How do I transfer my photos from Flickr to Snapfish?

To get started, click on the "Organise" tab at the top of the page to open the Organize, and then select the photos you want to transfer. Next, select the photo product you want to create. You will be taken over to Snapfish, where you will need to either log in or register. Once you log in, your transfer will start automatically.

For more information, go to: <http://www.snapfish.co.nz/flickrnz/>

Fire Brigade



February 13-March 13 call-outs

Feb 14: Car in ditch Redwood Valley. Turned back as not needed.

Feb 22: Tanker to a scrub fire on Marahau hill, away 3 hours

Mar 14: Fire in planer room at Motueka Lumber. Helped clean up.

Mar 16: Beach fire at Kina, put out by brigade.
15 calls this year.

Safety Tip – change your smoke alarms batteries and check that alarm is working and free of dust and cobwebs.

Emma Peel has resigned from the brigade and moved to the Wellington area. Emma has been with us for 10 years.

The last few call-outs we have been a bit short of person power. If you work in the Mapua area and are fit and think you could be a firefighter contact or visit the Mapua Fire Station on a Thursday night. We would be happy to see you.

Police Report

Hi all. The fruit season is in full swing and it was great to finally get some rain. We have noticed an increase in general thefts throughout the district. In particular the theft of scrap metal is pretty regular, so if you have scrap metal on your property try and make it secure or out of sight.

Police are trying to promote ways of locating stolen property much easier than conventional ways, so on the police website, www.police.govt.nz, there are two good systems.

One is operation SNAP where you register your valuable items with serial numbers etc, and the other is Stoleme where you give details and photos of stolen property.

It never ceases to amaze me how little some people know about their property should it be lost or stolen, and often the items are expensive cameras or laptops that people don't know a thing about, apart from the name and colour.

Grant Heney, Senior Constable Motueka, ph 03 528-1226 (direct)

Mapua Occurrences:

Feb 20: Attend young female with suicidal threats

Feb 23: Attend a civil dispute

Feb 24: Richmond man aged 37 arrested for assaulting a female

Feb 25: Domestic matter. Man prosecuted for wilful damage, female prosecuted for assault

Mar 10: Domestic argument Stafford Drive.
Domestic Incident Seaton Valley

When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said "Let us pray." When we opened our eyes we had the Bible and they had the land.

Desmond Tutu

Hills Community Church

The Passing of the Seasons

Throughout each year there are several marker points that remind us that the year is passing by. One of the major ones is the end of daylight saving on the first weekend in April. With daylight saving it always feels like we are extending the summer season for as long as possible but then in turning our clocks back by one hour we are all of a sudden put into a different season.

In many ways this is an illustration for how many of us live our lives. We tend to go through life trying to extend our 'summer' season for as long as possible, avoiding any thoughts that at some time autumn, and then winter, will come knocking.

Each of us will have several 'summer' seasons in our life. And it is tempting to seek happiness or success in life by ensuring that we live in perpetual summer. But this flies in the face of reality. There is great truth captured in these words from the book of Ecclesiastes, in the Old Testament, made famous by the Byrds in the 1960's:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted... a time to kill and time to heal; and time to break down, and time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance... "(Ecclesiastes 3)

I love the changes of season and the differences that each one brings; the new life of spring, the warmth of summer, the colours of autumn, and I also love the cosiness of wrapping up against the winter weather.

We all experience the full range of seasons in life, and to live life well we need to learn to appreciate each one; there are always things to be thankful for. Every season, every experience we are given is the best opportunity we have to grow and to become who God has formed us to be.

Blessings, Rev John Sherlock

Hills Community Church is a community-based church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children's programme including crèche 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between. 1st Sunday of each month: one family-style service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

Weekly Calendar:

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. Drop-off for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week.

Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries

Harakeke

The place 4 3 2 5 year olds
EXPLORE, CREATE, ENJOY

Last month I mentioned the Wear Red for Healthy Heart day and the fun we had with the activities surrounding it. Equally busy and colourful was the Purple Cake day on the 7th of March. The energy we put into these special days certainly earned us a wonderful result via the National Heart Foundation's Healthy Heart competition. I have just been notified that we are the Special Category winners for:

BEST HEALTHY FOOD ACTIVITY
"The children enjoyed making tomato-flavoured pasta dough that was then passed through the pasta-making machine to create spaghetti. This was cooked and served with a harvest tomato sauce using home-grown tomatoes, onions, garlic and peppers. Yum!" and will soon receive our win (????) in the mail.

Both RED and PURPLE day had a strong emphasis on healthy food prepared by the children with seasonal, freshly harvested produce from our garden and/or families' home gardens. This time of the year families often bring fruit and veges they have plenty of to share with us and at times we end up with an abundance of yummys that others might not have enough of.

Give-aways were often put on the sign in desk to share with others...a busy and cluttered space in the best of times as you can imagine.

Where else? we asked. How about 'The Truck'! The truck?

Do you know about the super cool classic Austin (this is a wild guess, might have heard it mentioned...it's raining outside, Yeah! so I'm not going to check) truck 'parked' in the Harakeke car park?

Well, Johannes spotted it, family Best donated it and so, with a bit of TLC it became Harakeke's car seat shed....



It's a big truck, so there is room for more and the idea of the Harakeke Garden Truck was born, a space where garden produce in the wider sense can be shared with others.

Johnna is one of the first people to help herself to some pears (excess produce from one family's garden) and -no doubt- she will stock up the not-shop with her own excess garden produce when she has any—there is no need for money exchange, just bring, take and share to help build an even stronger community.

The children have fully embraced the idea and are regularly checking up on the truck's content and are involving their families already, "Let's take some plums from the truck, Dad." — the 'Jack in the box' money box can be used if anyone wants to make a donation to assist the further development of the children's orchard and garden. Please help to manage 'The Truck' by adding your donated product to the small blackboard display. Any suggestions and feedback are greatly appreciated ; we believe it's a fantastic concept, let's all help to make it work.

Ka kite ano and please visit our TRUCK, The Harakeke team

Noticeboard

Wanted: I am looking for a place to board/flat in Mapua. If you can help, please contact Josh on 022 0828 754.

Harakeke/Flax Weaving: Ever wanted to weave and learn about flax? A beginners workshop will be held in Mapua in April, for further information please phone Carol 540 2287.

Wanted: Jazz-style drummer wanted for power trio. Originals/improvisation. Contact Josh 022 0828 754

Coastal Connections Social Group. This month's luncheon is at Stoneridge Cafe, cnr Malling Road and Moutere Hwy on 11 April. Be prepared to be "a-mazed"! Look forward to seeing you all. Julie H

Wanted: TV with freeview, in working order. Contact Josh 022 0828 754

Motueka Social Dance Group are putting on a Dance at the Richmond Memorial Hall Saturday 20 April, 7.30pm to 11pm. \$5 & a plate please. Theme: a country of the world. Excellent music, always a good night, all welcome. 03 528 7564.

Wanted: Netbook, Ipad, notebook or laptop. In good working order. Contact Josh 022 0828 754

Need technical help? Bought a new smartphone / tablet /computer and can't set it up? Can't connect your Blu-Ray player? Don't know how to transfer photos from your camera? Local help is at hand! Average job price only \$30! Basic web design also available - pages start from just \$35. Call Sam, 544 0737.- sam@sambennett.co.nz

Fair Exchange: We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at Hamish Café to exchange homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group: meet new people, make new friends. 10am last Friday of month, Tasman Store. Info: Richard & Viv, 526 6707, rsclément@xtra.co.nz or just turn up. Everyone welcome.

Mapua Art Group: Painting/Drawing Thursdays 9-12.30, Old Church, Aranui Rd. Like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun, social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933

Women's Recreation Group - meets outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Leaves 9.15am for 1½ hour walk. Route varies. Join us whenever you

can. Some members may cycle. Info Lynley 540 2292.

Recycling: Printer & Photocopier cartridges can be left at Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Rd, 8am-noon & 3-6pm. Consider reducing landfill and support fundraising. Managed by MDBA with thanks to Tasman Bay Vets.

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. 136A Aranui Rd every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Anja, 544 8733, about membership or casual hire.

Writers Group, Mapua, meeting monthly, third Thursdays. 540 3058 for info

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome.

Probus Club meets first Fridays. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Letty Thawley; 540 2876, Secr. Margaret Butchart 540 2686

Moutere Hills Rose Society. Are you a gardener with a special love of roses? We meet monthly - contact Margaret 03 5288477 or Cynthia 035288664.

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents and caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for a delicious morning tea. Come and make some new friends. Info: Debbie, 5432915

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays at 9.45am. New members welcome. Phone Mary 5402450 or Anne 5403934

Yoga in Mapua: Mapua Scout Den during School Terms, Tues & Thurs 9:15-10:45am, Tues 6-7:30pm. Contact Anna Timms, 027 540 3944 or atimms68@gmail.com

Mapua Friendship Group meets once a month to socialize. We play a game of indoor bowls, and enjoy afternoon tea together (please bring a plate). We are presently meeting at Tasman Bible Church hall. There is a small door fee and a raffle. Info: Valerie 03 540 3685.

YOGA with Robin - Classes weekly. All levels welcome. Call 540 2113 for class times & information. www.rubybayyoga.com

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