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# Coastal News

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## Late August for Re-opening of Mapua Hall

*The finish date is now not far away and we still have much to achieve...The finished parts of the build are looking very good with the decks and verandas all in place. We had a great community "hammer day" outcome—getting the main floor nails all countersunk in a couple of hours...It's quite an impressive space now and has grown bigger and better as we clear the clutter. (Graeme Stradling, chair of Project Control Group)*

The TDC has now granted itself RMA consent to enable the joint build of the wooden deck towards the Domain Reserve. Completing all the macrocarpa wooden decks as a wrap-around feature of the hall is creating "a pleasing and accessible outdoor environment". (PCG Report July 2013)

The intention is for a phone to be connected at the beginning of August which will contribute to our being able to seek and be granted licence to occupy as a public use facility.

Landscaping is being planned for as a spring project, while the access in terms of a smoothed parking lot, ramps and handrails will all be under way this month.

**Funding:** The committee has had to face up to some increases in overall total build costs of around \$50,000. The main reasons for these are features (such as stage light fittings, additional power outlets, extra audio cabling) which the committee decided to incorporate to ensure a high quality facility for posterity. Cost of other additions included fitting panelling to walls in the hall and Bill Marris room, bi-fold doors between the Bill Marris room and supper room, internal windows at the end of the hall, and extra sensor light circuits.

There were savings in the hall build quotes, but these were used up in the construction project by unexpected things that we just had to do such as repairs to the old stage area (piles, joists and floor), minor asbestos removal, the structural strengthening to the portal in the Main Hall.

The Development Contribution was also seriously underestimated.

Finding the balance between strict budgeting ("really cheap") and creating a quality venue which will attract



*Original Mapua Hall opening*

income ("really expensive") is a constant and time-consuming challenge for committee members and one which is taken very seriously.

"While this new position in our finances is unwelcome, it is the end of the building programme this month (July) and we have increasing certainty in the financial control," said Graeme. "We are over our budget by just 2.5%, and for a project of this scale it is considered quite a good outcome. The building projected actual costs have come out pretty well on budget, except for the extras which were agreed to; some of this is for future-proofing (such as theatre lighting wiring), civic opportunity (shared Domain deck), extra utility (more lighting and power circuits). We are very close to funding this gap from new donations and partner support."

This shortfall, as well as the essential fit-out costs, means that we all need to continue to fund-raise and



support the project financially for the foreseeable future. Contributions towards these significant and ongoing costs will be gratefully received and should be sent to Margaret Cotter [rmcotter@tasman.net](mailto:rmcotter@tasman.net) phone 540-2195. Thank you to all those who continue to back the project in this way. Regular raffles at Mapua Four-Square will be held over the next few weeks so keep an eye out for those.

Post-build completion, a round of second-tier applications will be made to charities that fund community projects in the hope of financing some of the remaining or more expensive items.

**Bookings:** These are now filling up very well, with regular bookings now confirmed for most weekday mornings and afternoons/evenings. There are still middle of the day slots available throughout the week. We are particularly pleased to already have a selection of weekend and full facility bookings. These will significantly boost our income and we would encourage everyone to consider this venue for their events and celebrations and tell all “Rabbit’s friends and relations” as well!

With the increased volume of bookings and enquiries now being managed on a voluntary basis, it was decided to create a dedicated email directory to avoid crashing personal systems! All booking enquires and applications as well as hiring the tables and chairs will now be made to [mapuabookings@gmail.com](mailto:mapuabookings@gmail.com).

There have been some changes to the hire rates. The Domain Gallery rental has been reviewed upwards and the kitchen which will now be available for hire at an hourly rate. For these changes and other information (including accessing the booking form) go to the website [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org)

Actual usage of the hall will begin on 2 September and in light of this the committee is now addressing the need for a caretaker/cleaner to meet the increased requirements for servicing and maintaining our larger and more complex hall.

Once the hall has been in operation for a few weeks, it is planned to hold a User Group meeting to discuss “how is it going”.

### **What’s coming next?**

Grand re-opening Friday 23 August and Saturday 24 August.

A community invitation in the form of a flier will be mail-dropped in the next few weeks inviting everyone to the public (free) events and reminding everyone of how to purchase tickets for the other events.

The general plan is:

Friday 23 August 7am: a new-light blessing led by Archdeacon Harvey Ruru and followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

Friday 4pm: The formal re-opening of the hall with red-carpet guests and ribbon-cutting, some speeches, items from Mapua School children and drinks/nibbles to follow. All welcome.

Saturday 24 August: A family variety concert in the afternoon with a Packhouse Ball in the evening. Both of these will have a cover charge and be part of our fund-raising campaign.

Get your ball tickets and afternoon concert tickets now! Selling fast from Perry’s Auto and Mapua Country Trading. All welcome to the Blessing.

Contact: Mary Garner Ph 540-2853, or [mgarner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mgarner@xtra.co.nz) for offers of help in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

We are hopeful of strong community support for these events to mark such a momentous milestone for our beloved hall. For some of those attending, this will be their second hall opening!!

We are creating a photo-story of the hall’s life from packing shed to today’s “jewel in the crown” and if anyone has photos you could contribute, please contact Trish Smith [smiffsnz@gmail.com](mailto:smiffsnz@gmail.com) We would love to hear from you.

### **What else can the community do?**

Besides donations and fund-raising, the Hall Society still needs:

1) Assistance with setting up and cleaning up for the hall opening weekend (23/24 August) as noted above.

2) A donated lap-top (preferably less than two years old) with DVD and USB port capability. Can anyone help here? Also we need kitchen equipment, an extra microwave, a tea trolley and general cooking essentials. If you’ve kept yours in the garage for too long—now is a good time to give it to a good cause! We also will be looking for some smaller sofas, seating, tables etc for the comfortable new facility. Any offers considered, contact Graeme Stradling at [taylorstradling@gmail.com](mailto:taylorstradling@gmail.com) or phone 540-2050.

3) Assistance with our web-site—keeping the text information up to date and assisting us in the development of a more lively and contemporary interface with our present and potential users as well as the wider community. If you have skills in this area and some available time please contact Elena [elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz)

We also want to emphasise the importance of everyone keeping momentum going as we all work towards that exciting day of reopening – only three weeks away now.

*Elena Meredith, Information and Liaison Sub-committee*

# Out and About with Hugh

And the good news is... closure of the Mapua Wharf to vehicles, Sundays and summer.

The Mapua Wharf area is to be vehicle-free on all Sundays during the entire year. That's the essence of a unanimous decision by the members of the Mapua Waterfront Precinct Advisory Committee at its meeting on 3 July. At long last, the public who use and enjoy the wharf and who patronise the businesses of the wharf have been heard. No vehicles! Read more on the ramifications of this policy elsewhere in this issue of *Coastal News*. The Tasman District Council must now move smartly and enact a by-law to allow enforcement of the new restrictions.

"Let there be light! And there was light! Only there isn't. Not yet! I'm talking about the wharf area and the Waterfront Park parking area. An important personal and property safety issue still in the "It's-being-looked-into" stage by the TDC, the Wharf Precinct Group and the Community Association. Hopefully there will be a cooperative and collective solution to this serious and potentially dangerous situation.

My ramblings about the new toilets in the Waterfront Park in July's *Coastal News* produced scarcely a ripple. From what I hear around the Village, everyone (or nearly everyone) has something to say one way or another. That's about it – verbal except for one reader who sent me an email. See 'Letters to the Editor' for what he said and my reply.

There was also a response from Beryl Wilkes, TDC Reserves Manager. She sent a planting plan to the Community Association for the Waterfront Park, showing the location of trees proposed to be planted this year in response to a request from Cr Brian Ensor. Yes, some trees. Four. Kowhai trees designated to go next to the toilet block. One might do a Peggy Lee and say, "Is that all there is?" But anyway, thank you Beryl, at least that's a start.

Have you read the front page of last month's *Coastal News*? The NZ Herald travel writer Elizabeth Easter has said some positive and complementary things about Mapua – especially about the wharf – including, and I quote, "the best facilities: Brand new 'loo with a view' overlooking the Waimea Estuary". HA! That made my day!

No response to my question last month about what is to be done with the money donated at the memorial service after the Mapua Aquarium fire. \$1815 sitting in a Trust Fund – waiting. Email [coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz)

On Sunday, 13 July The Mapua Hall Society had a "Set the Nails in the Floor" morning. An enthusiastic crew set the nails all right. The noise was deafening

and the beautiful matai floor was ready for sanding. A cold and wet day made for a disappointing turn-out for the "Open for Inspection" afternoon at 3:00pm. The few who did turn up were pleased and surprised at and with the changes and improvements.

Hall fund-raising is in full swing. Full marks to fund-raisers Margaret Cotter and Martyn Barlow and to all the rest of you "not mentioned" fund-raiser/contributors. Thank you for your continuing efforts on behalf of our community. The results for all to see at the grand opening 24/25 August.

The TDC has adopted the 2013/2014 Annual Plan. As usual, rates are going up, this year between 1.59% and 2.38%, depending on your targeted rates. Debt level on the other hand has increased substantially again. This could be a hot issue in the upcoming local body elections for aspiring candidates and incumbent councillors seeking re-election. We have to wait until later this month to know who that will be.

The upgrade of the Seaton Valley Stream scheduled for this year has been pushed out to 2014/15. Not considered essential. A real disappointment. Does this mean the walkway/cycle path alongside the Seaton Valley Stream is also considered "not essential?" I hope not, as it provides a safer alternative for Mapua school children going and coming than just the present Aranui Road shared footpath.

Good news from Beryl Wilkes that the areas of Dominion Flats recently purchased by the TDC from the NZ Transport Agency are now available for planting. The Community Association has been holding \$1500 received some time ago from the TDC for plants and weed control. Another planting bee in the offing? Hope so.

After a persistent effort by Dawson Road resident Bob Wilson, the "over the legal limit" road noise from traffic on the SH60 Ruby Bay by-pass along Chaytor Road is finally being addressed. A meeting of 40+ people headed by resident Tim Robinson brought recognition of the problem after months of stonewalling by the NZ Transport Agency, with a promise of noise level measurements. We will watch and listen with interest.

Where did the time go? Sound familiar? Do you remember those languorous summer days of your youth? Do you wistfully wonder where they have gone? Why does time speed up as we grow older? Well, take heart; Richard Friedman, an op-editor for the *New York Times* has recently posted an article, "Fast Time and the Aging Mind" in which he states that the apparent velocity of time "is a big fat cognitive illusion." He goes into some detail about this and broadens the

subject out into the effect of emotions, fear and sadness. The bottom line to this being “keep learning new things” and time will take care of itself. I’m happy to send a copy of this article to any of you “time-is-going-too-fast people”. Email [coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz) attn: Out & About/Fast Time.

NB: Dr. Richard A. Friedman is also a professor at the Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City

*Hugh Gordon*

## Police Report

Hi to you all. Many frosty mornings now and we haven’t had too many accidents involving cars skidding on ice so that is pleasing. Great to see the afternoons starting to draw out. Once again there hasn’t been any real stand-out crime trend in the Mapua area over the last months which is great. But I want to draw to your attention that Kaiteriteri is normally a trouble-free spot as well, and in recent months they have had spates of thefts from cars and two boats stolen. The last boat just last week. This could well happen in Mapua if a criminally-minded person came into our area, so make sure you lock your car in the driveway, and lock the shed.

Just because you have “Never had any problems” doesn’t mean that you can’t. Prevention is far better than reaction.

I have been doing a few random check points in the Mapua area recently and it is good to see a vast majority have their cars up to scratch with WOF and registrations and that people are wearing seatbelts. Well done.

*Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka. Ph: 03 528-1226 (Direct)*

### Mapua Occurrences:

Jun 20: Fifty-nine-year-old Upper Moutere woman failed to stop for police on Aporo Road.. Stopped by road spikes. Forbidden driver. Car impounded.

Jun 23: Fifty-three-year-old Upper Moutere man drink-driving on Dominion Road.

Jun 29: Lamb stolen from Best Road, Upper Moutere

Jun 30: Domestic argument in Mapua

Jul 4: Accident on Aporo Road near McKee Domain. Sun strike causes driver into ditch. Nil injury

Jul 6: Lawnmower and a “Stump-jumper” mountain bike coloured black stolen from a Mapua address

Jul 7: Search warrant for drugs done in Mapua. Male given a pre-charge warning.

# Animal Health

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

One of the things that you find when you have been a vet for a long time is that you start to recognise patterns in symptoms and disease processes. This makes your job easier as you can generally get to the bottom of something just that bit quicker, but sometimes it can also catch you out.

I had this very experience last week when one of my colleagues diagnosed a young dog with parvovirus. The first thing I thought was – surely it can’t be parvo, it’s July! You see, over many years of being a vet I have come to anticipate the annual seasonal cases of parvo that happen in autumn, usually in March, but sometimes carrying over into April. However, sure enough it was parvo, which is an exceptionally hardy virus, surviving well in the environment and being shed in large numbers in the faeces of infected and carrier animals.

Parvo virus is considered to be ubiquitous, that means that it is everywhere that is not disinfected regularly (such as a vet clinic). For the owner of a new puppy or unvaccinated dog that translates into “they can catch it from anywhere”. The only real protection is from vaccination. Luckily, the vaccines that we have available nowadays are 99.5% effective when used at appropriate times in a planned vaccination programme.

As treatment protocols have improved and new drugs have become available, the success rate for treatment for parvovirus has improved and an estimated 80% of dogs will survive with appropriate treatment at a veterinary hospital. However, for many dog owners the cost of treatment can be prohibitive, often being in the realm of \$1000-\$2000. Unfortunately, the puppy that we diagnosed last week was euthanased because of the expense of treatment.

The take-home message here is vaccinate, vaccinate, vaccinate! It is a very cheap insurance policy against a devastating disease that can kill dogs and is expensive to treat.

## ‘World of Information’ for Cycle Trail Users

The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust (NTCTT) has launched its “Passport,” a guide book that introduces tourists and locals to the amazing network of cycle trails in Nelson/Tasman.

The 36-page Passport has been specifically designed to provide both walkers and cyclists using Tasman’s Great Taste Trail, the Dun Mountain Trail and the myriad of other cycle trails in our region with all the information they need in one easy to use, great value book. The Passport contains detailed route maps, information on all the settlements the trails pass through, general riding and safety tips and a directory of all the businesses that have signed up to be Official Partners of the NTCTT.

Everyone who buys a Passport can participate in a stamp collection game – where visiting and buying something from one of the Trust’s Official Partners gets them a stamp in their Passport. Collecting stamps will help celebrate the owners’ journey around our region’s amazing cycling trails. Collect 30 or more stamps and the Passport’s owner becomes eligible to receive “special treats” from Official Partners.

The Passport retails for \$10, with 100% going back to the NTCTT to support activity like more trail construction, advocacy and marketing to domestic and international tourists.

“The Trust has researched exactly what information visitors to our cycle trails want to have available on their journey. Detailed maps, information about amenities and services, contact information and general background information on where they are and what they can experience were high on the list. As well as being a guide book the new Passport encourages the owner to take part in the stamp collecting activity – which not only opens up some special offers from our Official Partners but also acts as a reminder of where the owner went on their journey, what they saw, ate and drank. As a way of helping raise funds towards the construction of stage two of Tasman’s Great Taste Trail this project will be a huge help”, said NTCTT chair Gillian Wratt.

Passports are available across the NTCTT region’s 126 Official Partners including Nelson Airport Cafe, Sprig & Fern pubs, Motueka i-SITE, Millers Acre Café & Creperie, Hamish’s Ice cream Parlour Mapua, Village Cycles, Price’s Pharmacy and Wakefield villa Tea Room & Gift shop A full list of Official Partners can be found at [www.heartofbiking.org.nz](http://www.heartofbiking.org.nz)

For more information please contact [exec@heartofbiking.org.nz](mailto:exec@heartofbiking.org.nz)

## BOOK REVIEW

A new children’s book is out, written and illustrated by a Mapua mother and daughter team.

*My Country Holiday Long Ago* tells in simple verse, the story of a little girl’s visit to an aunty who lives in a big old house in the country back in the 1930s.

It is a charming tale of children happily being busy, in an era we are slowly forgetting.

The book has appeal therefore both for children who can see themselves in it, and for older people who can remember much earlier times.

The writer and the illustrator Barbara and Suzanne Hanna, themselves live in a big old house, one of Mapua’s earliest villas, surrounded by farm animals and with a lifestyle not too dissimilar from the one described in the book.

The book is full of colourful illustrations. There is childlike quality about them; we can see in them the work of an illustrator who has previously a painter of china and porcelain. The first run of *My Country Holiday* quickly sold out and is now on its second run. Published by Copy Press in Stoke, the soft covered book is available at Tessa Mae’s in Mapua.

*Helen Beere*

# MAPUA LIBRARY



We are extremely grateful the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for their recent grant. This will be put towards the purchase of display shelving. Our sincere thanks goes to the Trust.

**Committee Activity:** The committee is undertaking a review of a number of things in and around the library. We are incredibly lucky to have so many talented, knowledgeable and passionate volunteers and we feel that it is important to make the most of this very special resource. Accordingly we are drawing on their knowledge and wisdom on a number of levels. Much of this is ‘behind the scenes’ and may not be visible to our library members, but some things on the outside of the front desk are also under review and may be changing. I will keep you informed.

**BEAR** – Be Excited About Reading – needs a new co-ordinator. This programme which invites fluent readers to listen to and encourage younger/less fluent

readers, has been run on a number of occasions during past school holidays.

Our present co-ordinator would like to hand over the reins, but is available to be on the BEAR committee to provide some continuity. We would like to run the programme in the next school holidays in October so planning and advertising needs to get under way in the next few weeks. Are you passionate about encouraging a love of reading? Would you enjoy co-ordinating ‘listeners’ and local advertising? If so, please do not hesitate to contact Lynley at the library email address or on 540-2292.

*Lynley Worsley*

## **Library Hours:**

Monday 2-4.30pm

Tuesday 2-4.30pm

Wednesday 2-6.30pm

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2pm-4.30pm

Friday 2-4.30pm

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Collecting Cooper, by Paul Cleave. This book is available in the Mapua Library. Reviewed by Terry Smith.*

A film review in a recent *Listener* which starts with a remark about the film’s director says nicely what could be said about Paul Cleave: “Jacques Audiard...doesn’t do nice. He works the dark side of the street, and his characters are shut off. Yet we are drawn to them because of the glimpses he gives of their vulnerability.”

To be accurate, that last sentence probably doesn’t apply to this book; there is nothing vulnerable in his main characters, they are almost without exception horrible.

Cleave lives in Christchurch and apparently has quite an international reputation, particularly in Germany, where he got a boost by being on Amazon’s best-seller list. Perhaps he improves in translation! A year or so ago I read one of his earlier books, *Cemetery Lake*, which I assumed was based on Bottle Lake in Burwood, Christchurch, but I found his writing obscure and background unrecognisable.

Having lived in Christchurch for 40 years myself I thought I might have some affinity with Cleave’s settings, but not so—he may as well have set the story in Lake Geneva or New York’s Central Park.

And if that book was obscure so was *Collecting Cooper*; I was up to page 64 before I could grasp what was going on. For many chapters I was well into them before I could work out who was speaking, and having three main protagonists didn’t help. They were the Cooper of the title, Adrian, a mentally retarded man, and Theodore Tate, a former policeman-turned private investigator. Cleave’s handling of dialogue is good. No artificial conversations that some authors indulge in to set their scenes; his characters sound real, even if their actions don’t.

I found *Collecting Cooper* easy to put down. If I hadn’t decided to review it I probably wouldn’t have had the energy to pick it up again

# Coastal Garden Group

Our annual general meeting in July started with a delicious luncheon followed by the chairman's report and the election of officers.

Chairman Adrian thanked his hard working committee for their support over the year and in particular extended his gratitude to the secretary, Rachael, and the treasurer, Julie, for their outstanding efforts.

Adrian was elected unopposed to the chairman's position and 10 members offered their services on the committee.

There was a discussion regarding our club's return to the Mapua Hall and the monthly meeting will be held in the newly refurbished hall in October. Members will then be invited to vote on the venue for future meetings.

Jenny Ralfe outlined the magnificent contribution that Heather Drake has made to the CGC since its inception. She was a member of the inaugural committee and has continued to support both the CGC and Aranui Park ventures in a very practical manner. She was made a life member of our club.

A huge thank you from us all, Heather.

One of our talented members, Margaret Satherley, had set up a number of flower arrangements using original containers and floral aids. The beautiful arrangements focused on using flowers and foliage available at this time of the year. Original uses of

paper bags, driftwood, an inverted jar, pieces of bamboo and a pumpkin shell were an inspiration to members. It was very obvious from members' comments that they thoroughly appreciated her efforts. Thank you, Margaret.

A good attendance at an Annual General meeting is as sign that a club is in good heart.

Well done Adrian, the committee and enthusiastic members.

NB. Next month's at the Tasman Bible Church hall will start at the earlier time of 1pm.

*Joyce Bullock*



*Margaret Satherley, club member, shares some of her innovative ideas for flower/fruit display.*

## Fire Brigade

### June-July 13 call-outs

Jun 17: A nose to tail crash SH60 near Bronte Rd. Watch on scene until police arrived.

Jul 4: Car in ditch Stafford Dr. Caused by sun strike.

Jul 6: Called to a fire near Appleby Bridge with Richmond brigade. No sign of fire.

Jul 14: Tree over River Rd Appleby. Stood down.

Jul 16: A burn off-out of control Apple Valley Rd West. Put fire out with Upper Moutere and Appleby help.

Jul 19: Light in a light/fan unit in bathroom exploded. No damage to house.

35 calls this year.

***Safety Tip – If you have a fire or suspect fire damage, dial 111, The time delay phoning a fire person first could be the difference between minimal and large amount of damage.***

# MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The main speaker at the July meeting was Val Hunter, who gave a talk on the importance of photographs in genealogy research.

She pointed out that names are essential on the backs of any old photos, as genealogists rely on this source for a lot of their information.

The Nelson Provincial Museum has a vast stock of old photos of the early days in Nelson, and many of these are available through their website.

One idea that Val shared was making a timeline of people or places, as this had the added benefit of putting things in perspective for future generations.

Another aspect, crucial to genealogy, was the need to keep all old pieces of paper with notes, letters or other information on them – again crucial for the future.

Val was thanked by David Evans, on behalf of the club.

Our mini speaker was club member Val Roche, who told us of her trip to New Caledonia in May of this year with the Operatunity travel group.

With a population of 256,300 (mainly on the main island) they are French-speaking Melanesians.

The country is rich in minerals, with large nickel deposits, and has large reefs surrounding the islands.

Val described her stay there and how they enjoyed the food, the visits and the entertainment provided for their group.

Mavis Maisey also spoke of her connection with New Caledonia, and told how her great, great grandfather had travelled there by ship from the Shetland Islands in the 1840s and they traded sandalwood for axes.

In 1842 the ship's captain was massacred and the ship was destroyed and burned. In 1995 a descendant returned to the spot to try and erect a memorial, but was warned off such an idea, and told to leave the island.

Letty Thawley concluded the meeting by reading a homily on old friends.

*David Hicks*

## The London Underground comes to Nelson

London is a long way from Nelson, but for Ruby Bay artist Lisa Chandler it was a source of inspiration for her latest painting now being exhibited at the Suter Art Gallery. *The work, Trapped Within the Crowded Layers of Existence*, is a whopping 2.5m by 7.6m and is part of the *Cruel City* exhibition by four Nelson artists. The painting explores the London Underground as a 'nowhere' space of transition and alienation.

While the new London underground stations are generic in design and layout, they are stained with traces of the past; black plague burial pits, memories of two world wars and the ghosts which are said to wander the underground. Lisa has incorporated reference to these narratives in this painting, a new development in her work, which creates a tension between place and non-place.

The exhibition title is a question to the public, painter Colin McCahon stated in 1978 that "Nelson is



a cruel city, to people and to paintings". Is this comment still applicable today? That's something for you to consider. The exhibition runs until August 18. Lisa can be contacted on [lisa@lisachandler.co.nz](mailto:lisa@lisachandler.co.nz)



# Under The Bonnet with Fred

## Fuel Consumption on Route 66 Worth the Cost

Graeme had always liked the first of the Pontiac Firebirds, the 1967 version, and decided to do something about it. After searching the internet he found a 67 near-original at Modern Classics in Detroit for \$16,000 US. But after buying the car he couldn't find insurance, so unsure of what to do he took great courage and just started driving. The Firebird did not have any registration and he had to pay \$1190 for one-month temporary cardboard number plates to get him to Los Angeles. So the pressure was on to drive carefully and not get stopped by highway police, and be there inside a month.

I think that's called a challenge or a mission.

The car is a nice deep burgundy with a hint of fleck in the paint. It has a bull-nose chrome front grill which to my surprise was also a very solid bumper. You may think this chrome bumper/grill was just for show, but I reckon it would stop a Cadillac coming the other way. The centre of the bonnet is moulded up a little with the engine size, 366, in nice chrome lettering.

The side rolls down then up by the rear window for a raised boot. Chrome highlighted vents below the rear window add speed to the look. The boot is almost square edged with a trio of nice thin taillights each side. There is a wide band of chrome on PMD wheels that suit the 60s with 205/75/15 Michelin sports tyres. I must say everything was nice—paint and chrome in very good condition, panel alignment perfect—all reflecting its original mileage of 67,000 miles.

The interior had been redone with all upholstery now white but done as per original with matching head lining. Carpets are a nice matching burgundy as per the exterior paint work. The dash had a cluster of gauges around a nice big hard Bakelite steering wheel with chrome centre and bars for the horn. It does not have a rev counter but has some after-market gauges set below the heater controls for oil pressure, temperature and amps. The centre console is chrome up to a centre glove box with a nice chrome and wood button gear shifter.

Seated low down in the sport seats looking across the raised bonnet, you have the feeling of speed instantly. The bright contrast between the dark burgundy exterior and the white interior was very USA.



Standing at the back of the Firebird when it started, there is initially a slow wind like all V8s of the 60s had. Through the exhaust you can hear a delay as the cylinders start to fire up then a burst as all fire up. There is no one who doesn't like the expectation of a noisy V8 start.

What about the petrol? People have this phobia about how much fuel a classic V8 uses but you have to weigh the pleasure you get from driving the car and hey, if you don't spend it on petrol it will probably get spent on some other discretionary purchases. Graeme's 1967 Pontiac V8, 5345cc on the Route 66 trip, did 22mpg or about 13.2 litres/100km. Try water skiing and see how much fuel your outboard motor sucks!

One of the Graeme's interesting stops on route was looking around a gun sales shop in Kansas. He could have brought a Jane Wayne Colt 45 with a scope + a free packet of bullets for \$750 or a short-barrelled gangster gun with holster for 579.95 + a free packet of bullets. No questions or licence required. Graeme said the place was full of military machine guns also. No wonder there is teenage shootings with guns in Mum and Dad's wardrobe.

I sense from talking to Graeme that it was not all about the car on this trip. He was bubbling with interesting stories of people, their cultures and situations he encountered. I think for Graeme Route 66 was the adventure and the car the bonus.

*Fred Cassin*

## Letters to the Editor...



### **More Consultation Wanted**

Hi Hugh. I enjoy reading your articles in the *Coastal News* but I must tell you that I, like you, love the wharf area but I wish the decision-makers would get people's views before making these important decisions.

I am an enthusiastic bike rider (about 20 in our group), play tennis in a mixed group on Tuesday afternoons (about 12 play) and I have not heard one favourable comment re the toilets in the Waterfront Park.

My wife Jan is a member of the local walking group and they expressed their views to the *Nelson Mail* (negative) but no one wanted their photo taken with the article.

So you see Hugh, that is a wide cross-section of the community... farmers, business people, locals, men and women.

I ran a petition to keep the cars out of the wharf area and it was signed by a lot of people as we see that as the focal point for all entertainment and activities—coffee, beverage, ice-creams, music etc and with the constant threat of moving vehicles, there is always the danger of small children getting knocked.

As for the empty section, I suggest you see the plans that Jim from Golden Bear has in mind that he has presented, or was going to, the TDC. He is a keen advocate for the area, has good ideas, and whether you are a drinker or not, his facility is an attraction to not only locals but visitors from out of town.

Leave you with those thoughts.

*Don Wyllie*

### **Hugh Gordon has responded as follows:**

Thank you for your response to my remarks in Out & About in the *July Coastal News*.

Regarding "the decision-makers," I assume you mean the TDC councillors. Through our democratic process, we have elected them. Realistically, and perhaps unfortunately, the buck stops there. Once elected they can vote how they choose. They are under no legal obligation to those who voted them into office. Morally obligated perhaps, whatever that means these days, but basically free to act as they please. In my opinion, some of the senior TDC Staff are "decision-makers" and should perhaps be included.

"Peoples' views." I am of the opinion they are usually known prior to decisions being made. Unfortunately not always. That they are sometimes are ignored? Lately there have been a couple of fairly glaring examples of that on our national scene, not to

mention local examples in both the Tasman District and Nelson City.

It's both surprising and disappointing that you can say some 32 people in your biking and tennis groups have made no favourable comment about the toilets or the Waterfront Park. So where to from here?

I congratulate you on your petition to keep the cars out of the wharf area. What has become of it? Has it been submitted to the TDC? I agree wholeheartedly with your views on the wharf as a focal point for activities and entertainment. Cars should not be moving in and out of that area willy-nilly. I know that the TDC Wharf Precinct Group has been and is now working to come up with viable alternatives to the present unacceptable situation.

I am well acquainted with Jim Matranga and have spent considerable time with him discussing the wharf area. He has presented his plans to the TDC. His proposed concept plan for a structure for the former aquarium site was published in the *Coastal News* a few issues back. It is my hope that the newly formed TDC Commercial Property Sub-committee will consider his proposals and others for the wharf area in the near future. While it is an important TDC commercial property asset, it is a priceless community asset.

As to getting those views: There is ample opportunity for everyone to inform themselves and to express their views about what is being considered for our community in a variety of ways, eg, the TDC full council meetings forum, and our local Community

### **Red Letter Day**

It's a red letter month cos our hall is reopening! Many thanks to the local contractors and workers at the site. Thanks to for all the community support and patience while the builders did the job. As part of a great team at the Mapua Hall Society, ENJOY!

*Graeme Stradling*

# Mapua Health Centre

Last week we said farewell to Sarah Richards, our L&GP registrar. It has been a pleasure to have Sarah as part of our team and from the feedback we have received from patients they have greatly appreciated the care and kindness she has shown. We wish Sarah all the best for the future and hope she will visit us from time to time.

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Hammon to our team. Sarah is a registered nurse who recently shifted from Southland with her family. She has a background in accident & emergency nursing, midwifery and practice nursing. Sarah will be working regular Fridays and also covering staff on leave.

There have been a number of viral bugs doing the circuit ranging from colds to the flu which, in addition to congestion and feeling generally unwell, tends to cause headache and aching in the back and neck. As always, we are happy to check anyone out and it is important to remain vigilant about the symptoms of meningitis – the main ones being a flu-like illness, headache, rash, stiff neck (which may be a late symptom), and photophobia (dislike of light), often with a fever, vomiting (especially in children) and feeling very unwell. The rash is usually a measles-like red or bluish rash that can sometimes look like small bruises and does not blanch when the skin is compressed by the base of an empty glass. If in doubt please seek medical attention.

We have just updated our website with a new provider which will allow us to make changes more easily and keep you better informed of what services are available and a greater range of general information. You can check it out at [www.mapuahealth.com](http://www.mapuahealth.com).

As this month celebrates heart awareness week here are a few of the latest research on what helps our tickers. A meta-analysis suggests that there is a dose-dependent inverse relationship between fish consumption and heart failure incidence, so that having fish once or more times a week could reduce the likelihood of heart failure (Chinese Medical Journal 2013).

A trial from Spain shows that among persons at high cardiovascular risk, a Mediterranean diet supplemented with extra-virgin olive oil or nuts reduced the incidence of major cardiovascular events (N Engl J Med 2013). And of course exercise is always good (if not too excessive) with a recent study suggesting that moderate physical activity has protective effects on early heart failure and in preventing cardiac injury for those prone to heart attacks (. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2012 Nov).

Although we now definitely know that sweetened drinks are bad for you it looks like artificially sweetened drinks may also be a problem as the following research reveals that frequent consumers of these sugar substitutes may be at increased risk of excessive weight gain, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular disease (Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism 2013) – so simple water or tea seem to be the best alternatives, although a little red wine may also be not too bad (American Journal of Clinical Nutrition 2012).

There are a number of important events for the month, including:

- 1-7 World Breast-feeding Week  
[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)
- 3-9 Heart Awareness Week  
[www.heartnz.org.nz](http://www.heartnz.org.nz)
- 9 International Day of Indigenous People  
[www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- 12-18 Students Against Driving Drunk – SADD  
[www.sadd.org.nz](http://www.sadd.org.nz)
- 12-18 Parent to Parent Awareness Week  
[www.parent2parent.org.nz](http://www.parent2parent.org.nz)
- 30 Daffodil Day – Cancer Society NZ  
[www.cancersociety.org.nz](http://www.cancersociety.org.nz)
- 31 Multiple Sclerosis Appeal Week  
[www.msnz.org.nz](http://www.msnz.org.nz)

# Sam's Spam

**H**i everyone. The issue of online security has again been very much in the news lately. Here are some pointers on how to protect yourself.

One basic way to protect yourself include only buying from reputable, established websites—it is very easy to set up a website so make sure that the one you are buying from is genuine.

Another basic point is NEVER click on links in the body of an email. Most people have got wise to the fake emails asking you to update your details (even if they look as though they are from a genuine bank etc). Emails from friends though, are often not treated with the same caution. Beware!

- Firstly, that cute picture of a kitten in mittens may not have been sent by your friend at all as someone may have hacked into their address book.

- Secondly, even if it has been genuinely forwarded to you by someone, they (and you) could unwittingly be sharing an infected link.

Be careful about revealing too much personal information online, including your social media sites and such 'innocent' pastimes as filling in online quizzes about yourself. Why? Because these are the kind of details we often then go on to use for password or security questions. Having this information available, especially your full birth date, gives hackers a head start. For example when signing up for online accounts, you are often required to answer selected security questions:

your first pet, favourite colour, mother's maiden name etc. For online security, you should use fake answers to these question (but make sure you will remember them!).

Last but not least, have different passwords for different accounts (plus put a password on your mobile phone). If you use the same password for everything and one account gets hacked, all your accounts could be under threat. Also, avoid the temptation to click "save my password" in case your computer/laptop falls into the wrong hands.

When it comes to picking a password, security experts advise the following:

Passwords should never be: a dictionary word, a sequence of numbers/letters (ie 45678 or abcdef) or anything that's personal. Instead, they should be: at least eight characters, a mix of upper/lower-case letters, a combination of letters and symbols (, &, \$, etc)

## **Free software of the month: Secure password generator**

<http://www.pctools.com/guides/password/>

If you don't want to have to make up your own passwords, there are many free online tools to help. The PC Tools Password Generator allows you to create random passwords that are highly secure and extremely difficult to crack or guess due to an optional combination of lower and upper case letters, numbers and punctuation symbols.

# MAPUA Bowling Club

## *The Write Bias*

**C**lub members are enjoying Friday evening winter socials but wheels are still turning behind the scenes in preparation for the season ahead. Sponsored tournaments have been organised, building renovations are under way and the green has been treated with some winter nourishment.

The new committee has met for the first time and decided to continue the fund-raising effort of last year where a "Soup Kitchen" raised funds for the national Childhood Cancer charity. This time the support will be local, the Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital, and everyone

will be made most welcome to join us for lunch and some light entertainment at 12 noon on Saturday, 31 August. Note the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you at the Mapua Bowling Club.

For information about bowling, our winter social events or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765) or president, Dave England (540-2934) or email [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

*Sue England*

## Congratulations on Celebrating 90 Years

Ivan Wells came to Mapua from Taranaki at the end of 1929 at the age of six and a half and may well be the Mapua resident with the earliest memories of the area—he certainly has some good ones! He turns 90 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

He lived with his family in a house along Aranui Road not far from the Presbyterian Church until his father had built enough of the house in Seaton Valley, on the orchard, for them to move into.

For several years he and his brothers slept in a tent at the back of the house as there wasn't enough room inside for everyone! He went to school at Mapua and can tell some pretty good tales of school days!

He worked for local orchardists in his teens and early twenties and became a fully fledged orchardist himself when he took over from his parents. He married Nella Maxwell in 1952. Since Nella's death in 2007, he continues to live in his "house on the hill" and is often seen around the local community joining in with various activities.

Ivan's son Raymond lives with his wife Sandra in Auckland and his daughter Anne Evers lives in Upper Moutere with her husband, Errol. The photo is of Ivan and his youngest great grandchild, Violet Evers.



## The Revenge of Rabbit Island

Cycling on Rabbit Island is a very enjoyable experience. It is also a very sandy experience and even the most careful cyclist will return with a dusty bike. When you cycle on the trails on the island, the bike's chain and gear mechanisms will pick up sandy dust and dirt. This will increase the rate of wear on the chain and eventually the gears also. Wheelie Fantastic bike hire have found that the chains on the bikes that regularly go to Rabbit Island are wearing out at a much faster rate than you would normally expect.

You can't stop the wear on chains but you can take some steps to slow it down.

- Avoid going to Rabbit Island—a bit drastic, however, as more of the Great Taste Trail develops, you will have more options.

- Keep your chain and gears as clean as possible.
- Lubricate your chain and gears frequently.
- Don't let your chain get too worn before you replace it. If your chain becomes very badly worn, you will also have to replace all the sprockets (gear cogs) as well. A chain can be replaced for approximately \$20, however a set of sprockets could cost at least \$50.

How do you know if your chain is getting too worn?

Take your bike to one of the local bike shops, or, if you bring your bike down to the wharf any Sunday, Nicky at Wheelie Fantastic can test your chain for you (free of charge). Happy Cycling

*Nicky McBride*

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# Hills Community Church

## *Who is my Neighbour?*

Recently in one of the services at Church we looked at the story of the Good Samaritan. The term is so familiar to us today, describing someone who goes out of their way to help a stranger in trouble. Did you know that it comes from a parable that Jesus tells in Luke's Gospel?

The setting for the story is that an expert of Jewish religion asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The man suggests that in the Scriptures it says: "Love the Lord with all your heart...and love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus agrees, encouraging the expert to put this 'law' into practice: "Do this and you will live." But the expert then asks the question: "Who is my neighbour?" Of course, he is wanting to narrow the definition of neighbour. He wants to know whom he 'has' to love and whom he can quietly ignore.

In response Jesus tells this story: A man, a Jew, is attacked and robbed on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and is left on the roadside to die. As he is lying in the ditch, firstly a Jewish priest, and then an assistant in the Temple, walk past the man, avoiding him. Then a Samaritan comes across the man. The Samaritans were a people despised by the Jews as unholy; they generally avoided each other like the plague. But the Samaritan, unlike the two Jews, rescues the man, he tends his wounds and pays for an innkeeper to take of him.

Jesus asks the religion expert, "Who was a neighbour to the man who needed help?" The man replies, "The one who had mercy on him". It is astonishing that Jesus uses a Samaritan, someone the Jews saw as far from God, to show the religion expert what it means to love your neighbour.

The story tells us a profound truth: being 'religious' means far less to God than our willingness to show love and mercy to those who are in distress.

Jesus' last words to the expert were to go and do just as the Samaritan had done.

Who is our neighbour? My prayer and hope for our community is that we have the courage to be the neighbour, to be the one who shows mercy to those in distress.

*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



Tena koutou, all the excitement and wonder associated with our Matariki celebration continued as we moved into celebrating Te Reo Māori as part of Māori language week at Harakeke.

As educators we have an ongoing commitment to encouraging both ourselves and our children to use te reo Māori within our curriculum. What fun we have had learning new waiata and actions and introducing new vocabulary into everyday use. We also honoured the pūrākau, the traditional Māori story of 'the origin of all things' by retelling the story of Ranginui and Papatūānuku on the magnetic board.

Outdoors we have seen (and felt!) Papatūānuku (Mother Earth) and Ranginui (Father Sky) present us with their various faces of winter and this has led to brilliant interest in exploring ice and all its qualities. Some fascinating ice sculptures have been discovered leading to recreating freezing ice indoors, provoking many questions and theories about this intriguing substance.

When ice is not forming over the many available bodies of water of varying sizes, the children have been keen to practice their kayaking skills on every remaining puddle or fairypond, wallow in mud when no water is left or pumping their heart out to let water run along their created waterrun – straight into the sandpit to make their own river and pond. You might be able to imagine the amount of changing clothes and wet weather gear needed...but it's all fun and LEARNING and luckily we have a nice and warm inside to return to.

I hope I'm not talking too soon and our healthy immune systems keep sparing us from the winter ills and chills and other infectious diseases that have battered Moutere recently.

*Keep well. Ka kite ano. Your Harakeke team*

# Patrick Hogan, a Colourful Man

Last month the death occurred of one of Mapua's colourful residents of the past.

Patrick Hogan was larger than life – a well known character who was always doing something for someone, or raising money for something, be it by holding markets and fairs or selling his small, carved wooden signs which abound in the district. His “Carpe Diem” signs were popular.

Patrick grew up in London but called himself a Kilkenny lad. Living a very frugal life, he was as skinny as a rake and a greenie by heart, ahead of his time in awareness of the environment.

He used to run the very popular Picker's dances during the apple season, hiring the hall and a band and often calling the dances after one of the signs of the Zodiac. Always rocking away into the small hours, they were the highlight of the apple season and ran for a long time before he gave up when a rough element crept in.

He also ran dances for the local juniors, the “Little People.”

Probably Patrick is best known for pitching his tent on the roof of the old Post Office and staging a hunger strike, in protest at the government's proposal to close all small district Post Offices.

He carried his protest on to Nelson where he chained a willing but ageing Eric Tindale-Briscoe

to a pillar of the Post Office, and he fasted on the steps of Parliament as well, but his hunger strike there led to hospitalisation. A National-voting farmer is said to have taken up the cause.

Despite many people signing his petition, our local Post Office did close on February 7, 1987. It was a stand-alone building on the site where the reception area of the local Health Centre is now.

Being always concerned about the disadvantaged, Patrick also took over running the Mayor's Christmas dinners in Nelson, after they were discontinued by the council.

We should also remember that he started our present annual event, the Easter Fair.

Probably he came to Mapua in his 40s and worked here as an apple picker before leaving to go north during the mid 1990s.

During his time here he was honorary caretaker at Holton House in Ruby Bay while it was owned by the Tindale-Briscoes, and lived in a caravan at the top of the property. He at one time had a covered wagon with “Alliance” painted on the side advertising the Alliance Party. He also lived down on the flat in Ruby Bay on the land owned then by Ian and Frances Marshall.

A very active man in the community, he has left our area the richer for him having lived here.

Thank you Patrick Hogan.



# Look Who Came to Town

It started on 12 June with an email from the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust to the *Coastal News*. An invitation to attend the unveiling of Cycle Trails art work by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Key at Nelson Airport on Thursday, 4 July, at 8.40am. Then to proceed to Port Mapua at 9.40am for a short cruise on the Mapua Ferry; thence to the Apple Shed Café & Bar for morning tea to be followed by a Q & A session.

Then came an email to me on 22 June from the *Coastal News* “suggesting” I “put on my press hat” and rub shoulders with the PM on the ferry and then write about it. So I did rub shoulders with the PM (sort of, anyway).

Bright and early on the 4th of July, remembering my roots, the significance of the date and humming the *Star Spangled Banner*, I drove to Nelson to observe our PM in action. On entering the airport lounge I saw Richard Kempthorne and the other Mayor and, in fact quite a few “others”, were responding to the Cycle Trust’s invitation. As a good press hound (Ha!), I circulated amongst them.

The PM arrived with his official party and his four minders. There was a flurry of hand-shaking and greeting and posing for the press photographers. I stood on the perimeter of this activity and watched the actions, re-actions and the body language.

We proceed to the airport front entry to unveil the Cycle Trail art work. (It’s on the left outside the entry. The PM removed the shroud from the art work, a stunning map of the Nelson Tasman cycle trail network done in stainless steel.

John Key officially opened stage one of Tasman’s Great Taste Trail with words appropriate to the occasion. Then he moved on to the attractive and useful ‘Hitching Post’ bike stand nearby designed by three Nelson College for Girls’ students. More appropriate words and then off to the Mapua Wharf.

The two limousines with the PM and his party were met at the wharf by our Mayor and others. Another round of meet-and-greet and then on the Mapua Ferry for a short trip around the estuary. The ferry was full of people so the PM was kept busy talking with one and then another with little time to take in the view and atmosphere. It was a stunning day.

Morning tea at the Apple Shed was full-on with some 70 people in attendance. Viv and Tom Fox deserve full marks for their catering of this event; Delicious finger food, excellent service and all that goes with it.

Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust chairperson Gill Wratt introduced John Key, who spoke extensively about the national cycle trail programme, citing both the health benefits and the economic benefits of cycle tourism, Leaving no one in doubt about his enthusiasm and support for cycle trails throughout the country.

Did I rub shoulders with the Prime Minister? Yes, in a manner of speaking. Once when his PA introduced me to him and again when he was shaking a lot of hands and mine inadvertently got in the way. He comes across as an astute and polished politician. Electioneering definitely part of the persona.

That was John Key’s day at Mapua. That was my day with the Prime Minister.

*Hugh Gordon*

# Noticeboard

**New seasons Olive oil.** Delicious Leccino 2013, \$20 750ml . ph5266288 fulford.kina @xtra.co.nz. Kina Olives.. We will deliver.

**Childcare Services:** Professional Nanny just moved to Ruby Bay available for any nanny work or babysitting. Police checked and excellent references. Phone Keryn 0273585227.

**Coastal Connections Social Group.** This month's luncheon will be held at Jellyfish Cafe, Mapua Wharf, on 8 August. Look forward to seeing you there. Julie H."

**Coastal Garden Group** meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Ngaire, 540 3193

**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.

**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, rsclement@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.

**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.

**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

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