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Much about little in the Village

Momentous things happen in the rest of the world, but not much has happened in Mapua in the last few weeks. Perhaps we should be thankful for that, but it is not much help for someone looking for something to fill the front page of a newsletter.

Of course there is always the weather to talk about. At least we can console ourselves by saying our weather wasn't as bad as it was in other parts of the country, but it hasn't been a real summer—so far. The wind seemed never to let up and although we had some hot days it wasn't consistent. Rain was often forecast but it never seemed to come, until the 21st of January when we had about 75mm, with another 15mm the next day. Very welcome as far as gardens were concerned. (As usual my neighbour asked what 75mm was in inches, and as usual she was told 25mm is one inch. Some people take a while!)

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter and as we can see work on the by-pass has resumed after a Christmas break. The weather generally has been kind to the contractors and they have made good progress. Just what has been achieved will be open to all to see on the 20th of February when an open day has been organised, with proceeds from an entry fee going to three local schools. Details about this are in a separate item.

It will be interesting to see how the old and the new roads are merged or separated at the Trafalgar Road end. At the moment it is hard to see what will go where and how they can keep the traffic flowing while bulldozers, excavators and dump trucks are lumbering around, but no doubt the engineers have got it worked out. So far delays for motorists have been short, but perhaps they can expect longer waits in the next few weeks.

The suggestion that the new intersection/turn-off for Mapua from the by-pass be planted and incorporated into the Higgs Reserve has great merit. Few of us would have known the reserve existed, let alone known how or where to get into it. A letter to the editor and photos touch on this. It would be good if the area at the head of the estuary and up Dominion Road could be landscaped to tie in with Higgs Reserve.

What effect the by-pass will have on Mapua and Ruby Bay is still unknown of course, apart from the expected drop in traffic. Mapua is already by-passed and has been for years, but it has hardly suffered. Go there on a fine day and the Village and wharf area is buzzing with visitors, young and old.

Over the years the *Coastal News* has run promotions of businesses starting up in Mapua and Ruby Bay. Some have withered on the vine, but others have been a success and thrived. A couple featured this month are a coffee outlet in Ruby Bay and a gym for youngsters aged from six months to seven years. We wish them well.

The future of the Village Hall was a hot topic at the end of last year, with an unprecedented number of letters to the editor on the subject. At least a couple of them were very long but they raised interesting points and probably the Hall Committee is still mulling over matters raised by correspondents.

And talking of letters to the editor—should we limit the words in a letter? The *Nelson Mail* has a 200-word limit, and *The Press* allows only 150! A couple of letters we have run have been about 1200 words, and readers have said that they found them interesting. At the moment we see no need to impose a limit, so keep them coming. Get it off your chest while you have the chance.

Terry Smith



Surge in cycle-walkway activity keeps group busy

A surge of cycle-walkway activity is coinciding with a review of the structure of the Mapua and District Cycle Walkway Group when members meet last month.

The group, which has 40 members, has been functioning with an interim committee after long-serving co-ordinator Sarah McLeod stepped down from that role last year. It is a tribute to Sarah that so much of her planning and hard work is now coming to fruition. The interim committee has been kept busy in trying to progress cycle-walkway development in a range of projects, both in the Mapua-Ruby Bay area and in the wider district.

The committee's main focus remains on cycle-walkways in the Mapua-Ruby Bay area, where its top priority remains the Seaton Valley Stream cycle-walkway, following the stream from Toru St and Moreland Place Reserve to the school and carrying on to Stafford Drive near Warren Place.

The second priority involves several different cycle-walkways which would dramatically improve safe access for school children and also provide valuable community connections. These include planned cycle-walkways linking the school area with Seaton Valley Road, the Pomona Road area, the Dawson Road-Mapua Estates area, and the Higgs Road area.

The Mapua group's committee met a group of Tasman District Council staff last September to discuss these routes and our advocacy was strongly supported by school principal Neil Chalmers. His vivid description of the rapid growth in numbers at the school, where half a class being added to the roll every year, obviously left a strong impression with the council staff.

The likelihood of a regional cycle trail passing through Mapua has also caused a lot of activity recently. The Mapua group has supported the Nelson Regional Cycle Trails Trust, which is seeking funding from the Government's national cycle trails initiative for a route from Nelson to Riwaka, which would be a first stage for a longer regional cycle-walkway.

The committee has been active in looking at the potential for cycle-walkway links in the Higgs Reserve

area, which in future seems likely to be an important crossroads for cycle-walkways.

The committee has also been busy with new pathways and routes further afield. It has developed links with the committee of the Hoddy Estuary Park and also visited part of the site for the proposed Waimea River Park before making a submission supporting the concept.

The Cycle-Walkway Group will hold its special meeting on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Mapua library to consider its structure, priorities and any urgent business. New and existing members are welcome. A newsletter with additional information on local cycle-walkways and photographs of some recent developments is being circulated by e-mail to members. Anyone interested in receiving the newsletter should send a request to: mitchell@mapua.gen.nz

Any inquiries about the group or the meeting can be made to Neville or Helen Bibby (540-3830), Anna Caswell (540-2331) or Janet Taylor (540-3364) for Mapua residents or Gillian Pollock (03 526-6009) for Tasman residents.

David Mitchell



A new cycle-walkway underpass for the Ruby Bay by-pass near Dominion Road is one of the recent developments encouraged and supported by the Cycle-Walkway Group. A stream passage that has been designed to help fish movement, runs alongside the cycle-walkway path. This is one of two pedestrian underpasses for the new section of SH60, with the other one near the intersection of the by-pass with Seaton Valley Road.

Garden Notes

Christmas is well behind us and now in mid summer, this is the time to plant a row of new potatoes for the Easter table and the vegie garden gets a general overhaul as we look to the autumn and winter planting of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and silverbeet plants, all to be planted now. Lettuce is an ongoing requirement. White turnip and swedes could be added as a good winter stand-by.

Tomatoes are colouring now and require lots of water to help the fruit to swell. If you grow the taller types like Moneymaker which require staking, then allow no more than five or at the most six trusses, as this is all the plant can cope with to do justice. Pinch out all further growths.

Capsicum (red/green) peppers: I have never had success growing peppers in the open ground—small, stunted plants. However, this year I have planted them in large plastic bags with huge success. Only six plants but all doing well and all with peppers on them.

We had a guest speaker who told us he grows most of his vegies in bags and now I see the sense in this, plus this method takes less room and easily managed.

We also were fortunate to have had a visit from two men from Nelmac who created those beautiful

baskets we all enjoy along Nelson's streets. Using their advice I must say my baskets are looking absolutely superb, very bright with impatiens of mixed colours. They do take a lot of water but it is worth it.

Unfortunately February is watering time, and if this is not kept up disease will strike at any moment as trees and plants come under stress. Any time during summer azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons can be fed with acid plant food well watered in. Summer feeding will result in strength to combat winter and give a rewarding display of flowers in spring.

February is lily flowering time. If you were fortunate to be among those of us who bought those large scented lilies last year, well, they are coming into flower now. Some grow quite tall and do require staking as they can snap so easily, plus they do like to be kept damp, not wet, as they can rot very easily, but they don't do dry.

This month is often referred to as the in-between month, holidays over, school is back, and a general settling down for another year but there is always something to do in the garden. Please enjoy our summer.

Barry Highsted

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Firstly, a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2010 to everyone (just has to be better than the last year). By the time this Coastal News is printed a lot of cooking, entertaining and chatter would have been enjoyed by all. So hopefully now we can cruise into the rest of the year.

Our December Christmas lunch was held at the Gothic in Motueka attended by 14 gorgeous girls dressed in fine attire. We welcomed new member, Francis, to our Group and farewelled long-time member Hilda, who is moving up to the “big smoke”, the North Shore, to be reunited with her family. All the very best Hilda and we are sure you will be down to visit us often.

Janice, a dedicated member of our Group, called in to say hello. Unfortunately, Janice had an encounter with the ground while on her bike, resulting in a broken arm. All the very best for a speedy recovery and hope to see you at our next lunch. A big thank you from Dot and me for the lovely pots of flowers presented to us. Coffee and cake finished off our lunch celebrations. Shopping was next on the list for most of us. Look out for Dot’s email advising of our February venue.

Julie Haliday

Police Update

Welcome to 2010. I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe time and managed to relax a little during such a busy time.

Although the police have had a busy last 3-4 weeks I’m sure that this year there haven’t been quite as many people around as most years. It was fantastic that there weren’t the usual groups of “boy racers” in cars and nor were there the same numbers of young people drinking alcohol on the beaches. I guess the council liquor bans have slowly modified some of their behaviour.

We have had a few thefts and burglaries in the Village, although no major trends. It is worth keeping an eye out for some of the stolen property, though, as some local youths were found riding a bike that had been stolen. They claimed to have found it hidden in some bushes! There is a Playstation 3 console and controller out there somewhere—refer below.

There are still a lot of tourists in our area so be wary of campervans and rental cars with people driving who aren’t familiar with where they are going.

I have had several calls from local people over the last month and appreciate the information that has come from them. Keep it up, as you all live in the area and get to see and hear a lot more than I do and the police and the community need to “swap” information.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable,
Motueka. Ph 528-1226 (direct-dial).*

Mapua Occurrences:

Dec 21: Accident on Aranui Road. Following too close. Male dealt with for disqualified driving

Dec 26-27: Burglary. Tap Bar and Restaurant. Two bottles of alcohol stolen

Dec 31: Red 20-litre fuel container stolen from Leisure Park. Found empty at McKee Domain

Jan 1: Fishing net stolen Ruby Bay. Red and yellow floats. Vehicle impounded for sustained loss of traction at McKee Domain

Jan 2: Theft, Leisure Park. “Kona” brand mountain bike coloured fawn. Black handle bars. Youth warned for firing paint ball gun

Jan 8: Stolen red Bauer mountain bike recovered from local youths by the owner.

Jan 9: Three local youths warned for breaching liquor ban. They drove off a short distance and continued drinking. All being summonsed to court

Jan 17: Burglary Aranui Road home. Playstation 3 console and controller stolen, serial number S01-1288022-9

Jan 19: Sudden death in Iwa Street

By-pass project

Happy New Year to all from the Ruby Bay by-pass team!

We all had a well-deserved break over Christmas and New Year period and now everyone is back on deck and ready to face the challenges that 2010 will bring. To help us towards our early completion date in April we are all hoping for a repeat of last summer's weather with lots of long, fine days ahead.

Total earthworks shifted to date on the project has now reached 1.3 million cubic metres and work has been completed on all seven of the major culverts.

Milestones last month were:

- 1) Construction of the temporary by-pass by Trafalgar Road completed and traffic moved over from SH60;
- 2) Continued laying sub-base and base course working north towards Tasman;
- 3) Began laying sub-base from the TDC water tanks on Old Coach Road south towards Gardener Valley Road;
- 4) Applied emulsion prime and sealed 1.7km in December;
- 5) Completed construction of the Reinforced Soil Slope (RSS) beside Chaytor Road;
- 6) Kidson Construction completed work on Gardner Valley pedestrian culvert, including retaining wing walls;
- 7) Back-filled around Gardner Valley Pedestrian culvert;
- 8) Began kerb and channel installation.



Looking forward:

- 1) Earthworks will continue on the south end of the project around Trafalgar and Dominion roads and work will begin on Apple Valley Road East tie-in.
- 2) Earthworks will also begin in Johnstone Loop area for the tie-in to existing SH60.
- 3) The pavement crews will continue placing AP65 and AP40 pavement heading from the TDC water tank area heading south to Gardner Valley and begin placement on the Dominion flats heading south
- 4) Kerb and channel works will continue through the forest corridor.
- 5) Sealing will continue with another 1.7km to be emulsion primed and chip sealed.

Jo Orr, Environmental Manager, Downer EDI Works

By-pass Open Day

An open day for members of the public to see for themselves progress on the Ruby Bay by-pass will be held on Saturday, 20 February, from 12 noon until 6pm.

Bring your good walking shoes, bikes, trikes, skateboards and cameras to preview the new by-pass. Enjoy vistas of Mt Arthur, Kina Peninsula and the Ruby Coast. There will be diggers, displays and food stalls, fun runs, wheels course and hay rides.

Join your friends and neighbours and walk the Ruby Bay by-pass. \$2 per person entry with all proceeds going to Mahana School, Mapua School and Tasman Bay Christian School.

Five kilometres of the new road will be open from Seaton Valley/Old Coach Road to the Tasman Coastal Highway. Parking will be at the Tasman end of the project.

For further information, please contact Lisa Dunn on 540-3466 or 021 799 241



Free Rides to Opera in the Park

Mapua is getting right behind this year's Nelson Opera in the Park. For the first time, there will be free buses to take people from Mapua to the event at Tahunanui and back again. The initiative has been made possible by the enthusiasm of The Mapua and Districts Business Association (MDBA) and the principle sponsor of Nelson Opera in the Park – BioPaints.

Already, BioPaints has covered the cost of tickets so that they're free, and now they've offered to cover transport costs for buses from Mapua. Those who book on the buses will have the opportunity to donate towards the selected charity for this year's Nelson Opera in the Park – The Hearing Association, Nelson.

BioPaints is a Nelson company selling healthier paint and finishes made from natural ingredients nationwide. Business manager Kathryn Barlow says part of BioPaints' vision for Nelson's Opera in the Park is to make it a truly regional event.

“We're thrilled that Mapua businesses, through their association, have leapt at the chance to make something of this unique event. We launched the Good Business Group earlier this year to encourage businesses to make the most of the event by seeing opportunities around it and Mapua grasped the concept and really tried to make Nelson Opera in the Park special for their community.”

MDBA co-ordinator Janet Taylor says they are overwhelmed by the community spirit of BioPaints and they hope local residents will leap at the chance.

“The Mapua and Districts Business Association has been impressed by the generosity of BioPaints in making this a free event and in proactively encouraging residents from smaller communities such as Mapua to attend,” she says.

BioPaints' Kathryn Taylor says they're especially pleased Mapua is being so proactive, as over the half their staff live in and around Mapua.

“The beauty of living in a small community is that there is a big heart here. All we've done as a company is try to encourage that community feeling and to help extend a feeling of ownership of Nelson's Opera in the Park to the whole region,” she says.

The star line up for this year's event, which has been supported and organised by the Nelson City Council, include Simon O'Neill, Whirimako Black, Anna Leese and Hollie Smith. They're accompanied by the Vector Wellington Orchestra – with conductor Hamish McKeich.

Janet Taylor is co-ordinating the transport from Mapua and if you would like to take advantage of this offer then you will need to book your seats with Janet by Wednesday 10th of February at the latest. Her number is 540-3364 or e-mail her at: coordinator@mapua.biz. The free tickets for Nelson Opera in the Park are available locally from the Mapua Library.

Gym fun hits Mapua

Children are being urged to pick up the gymnastics bug after a coach with more than 20 years experience in New Zealand and the UK has set up a club in Mapua.

Sam Slade moved with her family to the area last year and has begun gymnastics sessions for children from six months to seven years old in Mapua.

She will also offer similar classes, including one for those aged eight and over, in Upper Moutere from February.

Many people might think gymnastics is all about leotards and feats of great strength and flexibility, but Sam is keen to point out the sport has something to offer all youngsters.

“The classes on offer deliver whole body movement programmes, which is important for all children to help them develop basic skills such as throwing and catching a ball,” she said.

“Through the sessions the children also learn how to climb and land safely and this could save a few parents’ nerves when their children are climbing around the garden or at a playground. It also provides youngsters with a base fitness to help them in all other physical activities.

“But most importantly the emphasis is on having fun while in a safe environment.”

Besides the physical benefits of gymnastics, Sam said it has been proven to help with a child’s learning,



Annabel Lowe at Play Gym

boosts their confidence, encourages them to try new challenges and push their limits.

“There’s a good saying about if you get the body moving then the brain will follow. So as well as helping children stay fit and healthy, gymnastics will also bring benefits to children in the classroom and their everyday life.”

Sam uses the same philosophy as PlayGym, a nationwide programme for 0-5-year-olds developed by Gymsports New Zealand, which is endorsed by Sparc and the Brainwave Trust.

Term 1 classes start the first week of February, with sessions in Mapua on Thursdays and in Upper Moutere on Fridays. For more information contact Sam, phone 540-2896 or email samantha_slade@hotmail.com.



Higgs Reserve

It is good to see that Higgs Reserve may make a comeback as some kind of reserve again.

I have fond memories of how it began with quite a spurt and a flourish in the early 80s, and was sorry to see it sidelined because it was dodgy to get into.

I hope you can print these pictures because I think people will be interested in how accessible and appealing it was then,

I understand that over the years Norm Thawley has been busy in here planting (and having the odd adventure with other sorts of plantings) and he would know how much of the original layout is still viable.

Helen Beere



Mapua's Hall – and the future

Recent letters to the *Coastal News* from Marion Satherley and Valerie Roche, among others, express heart-felt desires to preserve what there is left of the charming “seaside village” community atmosphere of Mapua. That is why my wife Margaret and I became residents here five years ago, and why we did not move to Queenstown.

So often over the years we have seen lovely older-style community buildings such as halls, theatres and churches demolished in the name of “progress” and replaced with bland generic shoe-boxes of utmost ordinariness and a likely useful life of less than 50 years. Unless there are wealthy benefactors willing to contribute substantial sums towards the construction of an architecturally significant building of which the community could be proud, why not renovate the existing hall, and devote some thought to enhancing the village in other more creative ways.

There is a wonderful opportunity to develop the recently-reclaimed areas around the wharf, and a little thought given to making the main street more visually attractive to arriving visitors (and more pedestrian and cyclist-friendly at the same time) would surely not go amiss.

Renovation of the existing hall, with the provision of new kitchen and toilet facilities, and a stunning new paint scheme, must have a lot going for it. Marion Satherley’s suggestion that the community be surveyed to measure support for an in-depth feasibility study, is surely a modest but necessary first step, and one which would help to ensure that more light, and less heat, was brought to bear on the subject.

Geoff Stevens



A New Decade

OK, now we're here into the "New Decade". If you pay attention to what's in the media, the last decade has been a disaster and the next decade just has to be better. My answer to that is a definite "No". Every 10 years (if you're into counting decades) is just that—10 years. Every 10 years has its ups and downs, positives and negatives. Today is the present. It's a gift, a present to each and every one of us. Treat it like that.

December and January has seen a period of steady progress on the Ruby Bay by-pass. Much dodging around the weather and a welcome break for the construction crews and management staff of Downer EDI Works.

From the Project Stakeholders' meeting on 9th December: Daren Horne from the iwi presented a report on the estuarine "Cultural Health Indicator (CHI) survey." Surveys have been taken from four estuarine sites which are affected by the project at Johnson's Loop Road, Rush Lane, Higgs Reserve and Trafalgar Road.

The survey system was developed by Tiakina with the assistance of Land Care, Cawthron Institute and other organisations. They were begun before any construction activity and have been ongoing to provide a robust assessment of changing environmental conditions in the sites as work progresses. The data is being stored in the Tiakina GIS system. Good information for ongoing study of changes in both the Waimea and Kina estuaries.

Ever heard of "Juncus-jerardii plant pest? No? Neither had I until Rudy Tetteroo from DOC and Jo Orr from Downer outlined steps being taken prevent the spread of this plant pest which is found in the Kina Estuary adjacent to the Tasman end of the project.

Landscape/Environmental enhancement opportunities, at the Higgs Reserve and the ex-Dawson property, were outlined by David Mitchell at the December meeting of the Mapua & Districts Community Association meeting. This was in relation to the excellent study and subsequent report titled

"Healing the Land" compiled by Elspeth Collier and David Mitchell.

If you are concerned about the environmental future of our local area this report is very worthwhile and thought-provoking. If you need a copy please let me know (540-3858), or send a request to wetland@mapua.gen.nz. A presentation of this concept was presented by Devin Gallagher and David Mitchell to a full TDC meeting in December.

Street lighting trials are under way for three different types of lights for illumination of the by-pass intersections at three locations—SH60 at the Seaton Valley intersection, at the Higgs Road intersection and at the River Road intersection.

The next By-Pass Stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for 10th February.

Much concern and many comments have been made regarding vehicle access to the Mapua wharf area, much of it negative. The recent Saturday night music event put pay to the claim that people won't come if they can't drive their cars into the wharf area. Traffic was cut off for the music event and people parked their cars on the waterfront park area and walked. The pity of it is that the TDC couldn't find the time to properly signboard parking directions to the designated parking area.

Peter Bassett, District Manager, Public Health Services, has responded to Elena Meredith's request regards the long overdue Ministry of Health report on "effects on the health of the residents of the Mapua community from the clean-up of the Chemical site at Port Mapua". Well, Peter Bassett's response is disappointing but not surprising—more delays, regrets, etc. We, the Mapua community, are still waiting, Peter.

Last December I wrote "Looking Back". Now, it is "Looking Ahead". During the coming months we will hear more about the development and use of the waterfront park, plans for the Mapua Hall, the Native Forest Gateway plan as outlined in the "Healing the Land" report and maybe the Health Impact report from the Ministry of Health.

Hugh Gordon

Sam's Spam

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A very Happy New Year to you all! If one of your new year's resolutions is to relax more, a good way to do it is to give yourself more time. When using a computer, you can become a lot quicker at completing work using keyboard shortcuts. I have selected some of the most useful ones below:

Keyboard Shortcuts for Windows

To	Press
Select all.	CTRL+A
Copy.	CTRL+C
Paste.	CTRL+V
Cut.	CTRL+X
Undo.	CTRL+Z
Cancel the current task.	ESC
Rename selected item.	F2
Refresh	F5
Delete selected item permanently without	

placing the item in the Recycle Bin.

SHIFT+DELETE

Display or hide the Start menu. Press the Windows Key

Show the desktop. Windows Key+D

Open My Computer. Windows Key+E

Search for a file or folder. Windows Key+F

Display Windows Help. Windows Key+F1

Minimize all windows. Windows Key+M

Free Download: Microsoft Office 2010 Beta

This month Microsoft has made the beta version of the new Office 2010 available to the public. You can use it for free for one year, after which time it will expire. To download, visit: <http://office2010beta.microsoft.com/>

Moutere Hills RSA

The December meeting of our sub-branch was held in the RSA room at the library on 14 December. The secretary was again absent and Letty Thawley was acting secretary. Thank you, Letty. The meeting was opened by the president at 2pm by reciting the Ode and welcoming members and wives.

A slightly embarrassing situation arose when a cheque for \$410 was received from the Mapua/Ruby Bay Community Trust to cover our request for funds for a new battery for our electric wheelchair. We had earlier approached the Nelson RSA for a grant from Welfare Funds to cover this but understood this request had been declined. We were wrong and suddenly we had two cheques for the same purpose!

The Trust cheque was returned with our grateful thanks and the sub-branch wishes to record our appreciation of their generosity.

It was noted that the incorrect day given to the *Coastal News* for our monthly meetings had again appeared in the most recent issue. Our regular day for monthly meetings is the second Monday of the month at 2pm in the RSA room of the Mapua library. The secretary apologises for this error. Member John Sharman undertook to have this rectified

The Christmas lunch held at the Mapua Bowling Club rooms was again a successful function, thanks to Nancy Coeland and her team in the kitchen.

The question of capitation to Nelson was raised and considerable discussion ensued. This will be discussed fully at the next meeting. The meeting closed at 3.30pm with refreshments and thanks to the president and acting secretary for their work and dedication over the past months.

The branch did not hold a monthly meeting in January but continued correspondence with the Nelson branch regarding the future direction of our sub-branch. A newsletter has gone to all our members detailing our options and asking for written replies. The response has been good and the question will be discussed in full at the next meeting to be held in the club room at the library at 2 pm Monday 8 February. The president has been in contact with David Wallace, the Nelson president and with Bill Hunter, the District president, regarding this and we hope for a full attendance at the meeting.

The Motueka Cadet Unit will hold its regular weekly parade at the Mapua Hall on Saturday 30 January from 1pm to 3pm. It is hoped that any person with an interest in Cadets will come along to see what they do. This invitation applies particularly to young people.

F H Gibbison, secretary

BOOK REVIEW

Jeanette Cook reviews *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson, available from the Mapua Library.

This is the season of the Scandinavian novel... A gallimaufry of books by Swedish, Danish and Norwegian authors have been translated into English in the past few years and are now enjoying worldwide popularity, but the most successful has to be the crime thriller trilogy by Swedish author Steig Larsson.

The eponymous heroine of the trilogy is Lisbeth Salander – one of the most quirky and enigmatic crime solvers ever to emerge from this genre. Miss Salander is certainly no Miss Marples. This striking but emotionally damaged young waif hides beneath an armour of leathers, tattoos and body piercings. A tough sleuth of the digital age, she uses her sharp intelligence, photographic memory and computer hacking skills to invade the privacy of suspects and lovers alike. In doing so she manages to dig out the darkest side of humanity and expose some very nasty criminals indeed.

In *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, the first book in the series, 26-year-old Lisbeth joins up with Mikael Blomkvist, an investigative journalist of financial scams and co-owner of the Stockholm-based magazine *Millennium*, who is about to serve a three-month gaol sentence for the libel of dodgy but powerful industrialist Wennerstrom. While on leave from the magazine, Blomkvist receives a request from a Henrik Vanders, octogenarian head of the

Vanders family dynasty, to visit their country estate at Hedestad and, under cover of writing Henrik's biography, investigate a very cold case — the disappearance of Henrik's niece Harriet some 40 years earlier. Mikael is joined by the surly antisocial Lisbeth, and this unlikely team begin to delve into the extended Vander family, who were attending a company shareholders board meeting on Hedestad Island when 16-year-old Harriet disappeared. The pace quickens, the tension builds and the investigators' lives are threatened as they get closer to solving the mystery. At the same time a bond of trust begins to form between the handsome middle-aged man and the prickly young woman.

I have never been a fan of the crime thriller genre, so it took some persuading by friends to get me to read this book. Larsson's plot is clever, believable and satisfying, and his analysis of the complex financial world and the corporate predators that abuse it is fascinating. But even more rewarding is the fact that unlike many books in this genre the characters are highly convincing and strikingly individual. Paralleling the main plot are tantalising glimpses into the mystery of Lisbeth's past. Themes deal with the darker side of the Swedish character – vestiges of Nazism and violence against women lurk beneath the surface of this clean, orderly nation. I can't wait to read the next two in the series. Sadly they are the last, for Larsson – himself an investigative journalist and magazine editor – died of a massive heart attack in 2004 at the age of 50, before his 'Millennium Trilogy' was published.

Animal Health File

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

VIRGIN VETS!

I had the good fortune this summer of having a good three weeks off over Christmas. As the weather wasn't the flashiest I had the opportunity of catching up on a bit of light reading and picked up a recent book on business by world-renowned entrepreneur Richard Branson. Most of you will know of him through his brands, Virgin music and Virgin airlines.

The book was a great read and one of the interesting facts I found out was just how much the Virgin companies give back to their communities. It got me thinking about my own business and what we give back to our local community. Because we are passionate about animals we give back by helping troubled animals.

Every summer we help the Motueka SPCA to re-home unwanted kittens through our clinic and we get a lot of animals brought directly to us and we pass them on to the local SPCA. We care for a lot of injured wildlife too, which we treat for free. If you can't get hold of the SPCA, the dog ranger or DOC (in the case of natives) just ring us. Our nurses also give a lot free advice over the counter regarding all the basics of animal care, including worming and nutrition.

The first chapter of Branson's book is entitled "Find good people, set them free" which is of course about hiring great people and then trusting them to



Jess early January

get on and do their jobs well. Interestingly I returned to work to find that my great staff had not only coped well with an incredibly busy time over Christmas and New Year, often working 12-hour days and occasionally doing emergency operations at midnight (and boy, did I feel guilty about being away), they had also gone out of their way to rescue a malnourished puppy, revitalize it and re-home it with the help of the dog ranger.

Thinking about all this has made me realise that one of the differences between ourselves and Virgin is that we are not very good at telling people what we do! So now you know. You know that we are always here to help, you only need to ask. We will never judge you if you do the right thing. We feel strongly that there are no excuses for people dumping unwanted kittens or puppies or neglecting animals, because there are so many options available for help. Don't let things get to the stage that you see in the photos below. Just ring us or pop in.



Jess two weeks later

Experts help launch Tane's Ark

Expert help was on hand when planting started for the Tane's Ark project in Aranui Park.

Three Department of Conservation staff members with a range of expertise joined Mapua School pupils, family members and Friends of Mapua Wetland to plant 35 kahikatea, rimu and totara on the western side of the park.

The planting, a week before Christmas, was the first step in a year-long project by pupils of Mapua School, Friends of Mapua Wetland and the Tasman District Council to plant Moutere District trees, grasses and shrubs in about a hectare of Aranui Park.

As part of the project, the Aranui Drain on the western side of the park will be realigned and re-shaped to give it a more natural appearance, with its banks to be planted in native grasses. A new streamside cycle-walkway path leading to residential areas in western Mapua will also be developed as part of the Tane's Ark project.

DoC's Motueka community relations manager, Rudy Tetteroo, took a leading part in the planting. He is a long-serving employee with an extensive record of planting for conservation.

Two representatives from the department's Nelson office were also present for the occasion. Botanist Shannel Courtney and Nelson conservation awareness officer Jazz Scott had come to hand over a certificate from the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network which had been awarded to Friends of Mapua Wetland. They also brought a beautiful hand-crafted print of a now extinct native

mistletoe, which went to the Friends of Mapua Wetland as part of the group's 2009 community project award.

Shanel Courtney was 2007 winner of the Loder Cup, the premier national award for botanists, and his expertise was evident when he spotted in the neighbouring Mt Hope property a mature tanekaha tree. It was in an area that included several other mature native trees, including some rimu trees.

Tanekaha, also sometimes called a celery pine, is a graceful, pyramid shaped tree that grows up to 20 metres high. It is not native to the Moutere District and Shannel felt it must have been brought in from another area.

It is thought likely that the rimu and tanekaha in the old Mt Hope property were planted by the former owner and orchardist, the late Arnold Wells. He developed and owned the Mt Hope Orchard and was also well known as a lay preacher and organist at the Mapua Methodist Church (now Hills Community Church) and an enthusiastic walker. Mr Wells was a keen botanist and founding member of the Nelson Fern Society.

In the next stage of the Tane's Ark project, an area of Aranui Park that at present is dominated by blackberry and other weeds will be cleared later this year. Some intensive planting will follow, and it is hoped members of the community will join the effort. The planting is being organised by the Mapua School pupils and the Friends of Mapua Wetland.

David Mitchell



This group was involved in the first planting for the Tane's Ark project at Aranui Park (from left): Teresa Hosie and Jade Rasmussen (Mapua School), David Mitchell and Karole Turner (Friends of Mapua Wetland), Alice Reade (Mapua School) and Jazz Scott and Shannel Courtney (Department of Conservation). Rudi Tetteroo of DoC was not present when the photo was taken.

Hills Community Church

Ready or not—here it comes!

While wandering the aisles of Mitre 10 with my husband one day I noticed some large water storage containers. I remarked how we really needed to organise an emergency survival kit. You know, the one recommended by Civil Defense in their “Get Ready Get Thru” campaign. It’s all nicely spelled out in the front section of the Yellow Pages. Rod and I scanned the wide selection of containers and he said, “Well, do you want to get one?” To which I replied, “Not today, maybe another time.” I then directed my attention to more pressing matters like the collection of clay pots in the garden centre.

So, should disaster suddenly strike I am still not ready to get thru, but I’ve got six new and amazing clay pots for my herb garden. Maybe I’ll get onto it—next week. But in light of the recent earthquake disaster in Haiti and the fact that we too live near a major fault line this is really something I shouldn’t put off.

Of course, disasters come in all shapes and sizes. Some are cataclysmic and earth-shattering; some impact us momentarily while others can wreck havoc for a lifetime. They can be deeply private or embarrassingly public. How does one prepare for those disasters in life that occur on a more personal and emotional level like the loss of a job, a broken marriage, a drug-addicted child, or the traumatic death of a loved one? What kind of survival kit is necessary or available then?

For me, the survival kit for those kinds of disasters has been faith-based. The support, help and encouragement I’ve received from fellow believers have been invaluable at those critical, disaster points in my life. This survival kit which also includes the word of God has gotten me through many frightening and difficult situations—maybe nothing as traumatic as the Haitian earthquake—but enough to cause my heart and spirit to quake. And, what’s been of even greater importance is to know that no matter what happens I am never truly deserted or alone because I always have the certainty of the presence of Christ.

Survival kits like disasters come in all shapes and sizes. What does yours look like? Is it truly sufficient to help you survive the various disasters of life

whenever and however they might strike? Do you have a ‘spiritual’ survival kit or is it something you’ve been putting off for another day? Funny thing about disasters, you may never know when they’ll strike but you can know if you are ready. It just takes a little preparation.

Getting ready, Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church

Now @ Hills—Drop-off for Area Food Bank

If you would like to make a contribution to the Community Food Bank in Motueka you can bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon. There is a basket marked “Food Bank” in the front entry. We deliver these items on a monthly basis to the food bank.

Happening @ Hills—we are a community-based, multi-denominational church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call: 03 540-3848.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & “God’s Garden” for Kids 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea between services. First Sunday of each month: one service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12:15pm—NZ Prayer Book Communion service followed by intercessory prayer

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

We also offer numerous home groups and youth activities

Fire Brigade

October 09 – January 10 call-outs

For the above period (to 18 January) we had three calls to flooding, three motor vehicle crashes, 10 calls to rubbish/scrub fires, one house fire, seven bonfires on the beach and two forest fires. Last year we had the most call-outs ever, a total of 62. They were: -

Structure Fires, 3.

Mobile property Fires, 2.

Vegetation Fires, 6.

Miscellaneous Fires, 14.

Mobile Properties Hazardous Incidents, 9.

Electrical Hazards, 1.

Special Service Calls, Good Intent Calls, 5.

False Alarms, 3.

Natural Disasters, 1.

Total Incidents, 48

The other 14 calls were outside our area and were to assist other brigades—Upper Moutere, Motueka and Richmond.

Our area is the coastal strip between Maisey Road and Harley Road and inland to Old Coach Road.

Safety Tip – Bonfires on the beach need permits.

Call RURAL FIRE network on 544-2441

Finding the best Rose

Members of Moutere Hills Rose Society are this year hosting the South Island Rose Ranfurly 2010.

This is a South Island Society competition—competing for a very handsome “Ranfurly Shield” donated over 30 years ago by international Rose Breeder Sam McCready.

Moutere Hills has competed for this trophy many times, but has never been successful, yet!

The show will be held at the Masonic Centre, Motueka, during the weekend of 19-21 February, and many hours of planning have gone into making this a special occasion to promote our district.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday 20 February from 1.30pm to 5pm. Gold coin donation and raffles.

Please come and support us.

Letty Thawley, convenor-secretary.

MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545



DUB DUB DOT

After lots of hard work by our dedicated volunteers, it is all coming together—Mapua Community Library's first Literary Festival. Check it out at www.mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz March 26, 27 and 28, three days of celebration and we think there is something for everyone in a very varied programme.

Margaret Mahy, our patron, will launch the festival at a cocktail party at the Mapua Bowling Club on Friday the 26th, 6 to 9pm. If you feel like donning your glad rags, sipping a glass of wine or two with some savoury nibbles and listening to the music and poetry of Cliff Fell, then this is the occasion for you.

Saturday will be a full day in the Mapua Hall and one that the children should really enjoy. As well as books for sale, readings throughout the day by poets and authors, a craft zone, bookbinding demonstration and Illustrator's table, we invite the children to perform for us. Under-11's can dress up as their favourite book character for the morning parade. We throw down a challenge to older children to perform a rap. Pick a book, rap it to your audience and as our name suggests, let your imaginations soar.

'Write On' is a workshop led by Bridget Auchmuty for anyone who would like to try their hand at creative writing. A chance to make new acquaintances in a relaxed atmosphere. Two half-days, Saturday and Sunday, in the library—this is the place to get that novel started!

And then there is the 'Festival Feast'. Join us on Sunday afternoon for a delicious tea and listen to the words, wit and wisdom of four well loved New Zealand authors. Gerard Hindmarsh, Barry Southam, Brigid Lowry and Fiona Farrell will treat us to an insight into their literary worlds. But numbers are limited so book early. For groups of friends, it is eight to a table.

To win a prize in one of our competitions you can download an entry form now and get cracking on a short story, limerick or the Literary Quiz. All age groups can enter with prizes in all categories but the closing date is March 1st. Good luck!

No access to the Internet? Phone Sue England on 03) 540-2934.

PASTEL ART EXHIBITION

The annual PANZ Nelson "Top of the South" pastel art exhibition will be held at the Mapua Hall on the weekend of 27th and 28th February



. Opening night is 7pm on the Friday 26th. PANZ members from the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast areas will be exhibiting. All paintings will be for sale and your votes are required to select the winning "People's Choice" award to be presented to the winning painting at the conclusion of the event on Sunday.

If you previously missed out on receiving an invitation to the opening and would like one, please phone your name and full postal contact address to either Glenys 540-3388, Angela 544-0667 or Judy 540-3392.

Our regular Tuesday morning meetings will start on the 9th February in the supper room at the Mapua Hall at 9am. New members are always welcome. If you are not sure what we are about, please feel free to call in and ask questions and/or have a play with some pastels.

We will hold another pastel workshop with Lyn Diefenbach (Australian Master pastellist - www.ldeif.com) this year. April 13th and 14th at the supper room, Mapua Hall. This year's subject is the Portrait in Pastel. Anybody interested please contact Glenys for further information.

We look forward to seeing you at our exhibition. Enquiries to Glenys 504-3388



Mapua Health Centre

We are very pleased to have a new practice nurse, Fleur, working at the health centre. She has been nursing at hospitals in Nelson and Otago, and brings with her a wealth of experience as well as a very caring, friendly and enthusiastic nature. We are in the process of finding a suitable replacement for Richard Thomas and in the meantime Drs Janine Bailey and Tim Ewer will be helping out on Thursdays and Fridays.

So far, it has been quite a healthy start to the year with no major outbreaks of illnesses, tummy bugs, etc. Apart from the usual hazards of once-a-year extreme physical exertion, attacks by out-of-control garden implements and a variety of gravity related events, there is the ongoing risk of being overcooked by the sun even though summer has been hard to recognise at times. The main things to keep in mind are to avoid too much sun exposure between 11am and 4pm, wear a hat + long sleeve shirt + sunglasses, slop on sunscreen 15 minutes before going outside and use a broad spectrum product with a sun protection factor of 30+ (they usually only last 2-3 hours so need re-applying for longer sun exposures).

Looking at the latest medical literature we find that:

- in a large Italian trial high intakes of olive oil, vegetables, legumes, soups, fruits, and fish were shown to reduce the risk of heart disease (*Nutr Metab Card Dis*, 2009)
- fruit and vegies may reduce the likelihood of memory loss and dementia (*Am J Geriatr Psychiatry*, 2009)
- in fact, in a study of people aged 45-102 years, results indicate that high intakes of fruit and vegies may be associated with improved antioxidant status and cognitive performance (*J Alzheimers Dis*, 2009)
- and in case you're getting worried, a recent study of 42,093 Japanese adults showed that green tea reduces stress (*Am J Clin Nutr*, 2009) – and another one from Japan found that chocolate laced with GABA

helped overcome stress (*Int J Food Sci Nutr*, 2009). Unfortunately, this form isn't generally available although the other good news is that very dark chocolate may help prevent death after heart attacks (*J Intern Med*, 2009).

Some of the events for the month:

1-14 The Great Ride for Heart 2010*

www.heartracer.org.nz/rideforheart

6 Waitangi Day

8-14 Heart Appeal Week

www.nhf.org.nz

8-14 Epilepsy New Zealand Appeal Week

www.epilepsy.org.nz

21-27 IHC National Awareness Week

www.ihc.org.nz

17 Go by Bike Day

bikewise.co.nz

20 World Day of Social Justice

www.un.org/esa/socdev/social

20-28 Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week

www.mda.org.nz

*This month a group of New Zealand's cardiologists and health professionals will trade in their white coats for bike pants and begin an epic cycle ride that will cover the length of New Zealand. Their aim is to boost awareness of heart disease prevention and raise \$1 million for the Heart Foundation's \$5 million Cardiovascular Research Fund. The riders will pay all their own expenses and every cent raised will go directly towards setting up a research hub for preventive heart health at the University of Auckland, to be endowed in perpetuity for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Along the way the riders will engage with locals and stage fundraising events in selected towns to raise awareness of heart health from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Look out for them. They need your help to complete their mission.

Under The Bonnet with Fred

1958 Edsel Citation, “cruising around”

While at a New Year’s party on the beach at Ruby Bay I was introduced to Lew and Anne Eustace and learnt Anne was the owner of the 1958 Ford Edsel that has been cruising around Mapua at Christmas. I am always keen to do stories on vehicles which have history and the Ford Edsel has that. Lew has customised the car a little with the original colour black by adding a red mica fleck in the paint and some nice Boyd Cottingham polished aluminium wheels on 17" low profile tyres. Anne takes her workmates in the Edsel for girls’ nights out occasions.



The Edsel was manufactured in Wayne, Missouri, and the second owner was the Shrantz Family in Clifton, Texas, who bought it in 2001. A Dan Orebeck of Houston, Texas, started restoration but lost interest and it was bought by Bruce Christmas in New Plymouth. Anne brought the car in 2007. The car’s original colours were black with a silver roof, sides and back.

The car is an Edsel Citation four-door sedan, which was top of the range with all the 1958 tricks Ford could think of to add prestige. It has Teletouch gear change which is buttons clustered around the centre of the steering wheel/horn similar to the Chrysler Valiants of the 60s. The Edsel still has the 50s slow change two-stage transmission. A horizontal speedo which is flat and displays only the speed you are travelling—nice and quirky. It has full instrumentation with oil pressure and oil temperature all set out around that most unusual horizontal speedo. The Citation has an extra “country” button on the radio which increases coverage in the country, as you can guess. Lew says the radio takes up half the space under the hand-painted dash. Nice large white steering wheel with a chrome horn ring. The upholstery has been redone in a bright red giving the interior a nice balance of colours against the black exterior and chrome fittings. Plenty of leg room in this car. A car with space as most people would only own one car in 1958 so it had to carry a big family in comfort.

Under the bonnet, which is front-hinged, is an E475 V8, 410 cub in/6.8 litre motor which delivers 345hp and to quote Lew, it gets up and goes for a old car. All original apart from necessary updating with the power brakes. Plenty of space under the bonnet even with

this big block motor. Despite its size, 5.36m long x 2.02m wide, it weighs only 1876kg. My Toyota Land Cruisers all weighed 2000kg. Power-to-weight 5.44kg per 1 hp which is way better than my 89 Cadillac of 10.8kg. From my research the car will do 0-60 mph in 9.7 seconds and should do 18mpg or 15.8 litres per 100km. A bit thirsty but typical of the 50s.

The body has the controversial oval front grill, double head lights a nice split front bumper which wraps around to the front wheels. I liked the chrome mouldings going down the sides which split into two before going around the back and boot lid. The back has eyebrow lights all embossed in chrome and nice big 50s bumper. I reckon the Edsel is a mean looking machine. Anne and Lew, thanks for bringing the Edsel to Mapua and as you said it is a car of great interest even being 52 years old.

The 1958 Ford Edsel is named after Henry Ford’s son and was a sales failure. Planning for the car started 10 years before and much marketing strategy went into its promotion before release for sale in 1958. They wrapped the cars in paper in dealer showrooms months before release, a television show called the Edsel Show hosted by Frank Sinatra, promises of America’s best car ever, planning for sales of 20,000 cars in the first year... Sadly the people did not like it. Was it the vertical grill, the push-button gear change in the centre of the steering wheel or the US economy in recession? The VW Beetle was sold for the first time in USA in 1958 and was popular with its quirky design and its economy. Was the Edsel over-promoted and despite its design was still just a car? I believe it was just bad marketing. There was nothing wrong with the Edsel as it was mostly made from existing Ford running gear used on other models. It was voted the 12th of 51 worst cars ever but is still very popular with enthusiasts as 76% of all Edsels produced are accounted for or restored. See www.edsel.com. Anne & Lew’s Edsel is registered on the site.

I remember my father bringing home a sales brochure for Edsel about 1960 from the Ford dealers, Armstrong Motors, in Whakatane. I had it stuck on my bedroom wall for years. Question? Was the Edsel ever sold in New Zealand?

Fred Cassin

Noticeboard

Walkways: Mapua Districts Cycle and Walkways Group – Special General Meeting to consider priorities and future structure. Thursday, February 11 at 7.30pm in the Mapua Community Library. Agenda items, inquiries to David Mitchell (540-2873), [Mapua] or Gillian Pollock (03 526-6009) [Tasman]

Singer wanted for (middle aged) alternative rock group. Mostly covers at present but writing. Voice and confidence more important than experience. Rehearse in Mapua. Phone David 027 5403 973 for more details.

Fair Exchange: We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. 9am at the Smokehouse to exchange homemade or homegrown items. For more info contact Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

Ironing in Mapua: Need your clothes ironed? Only \$12/hr. I prefer to work from my place 76 Iwa St, Mapua. I look forward to your call. Alla, 540 2445, mob: 027 28 99449.

Rooms available to rent at 69, Aranui Road, Mapua. Tel Julie, 5402705 or email julie@inhealth.co.nz

Mapua Village Quilters meet each Wednesday evening. We are a small group, anyone interested to join us, please contact Rinny, 540 2117

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. For more info Lynley 540 2292.

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group: This year our bimonthly meetings will be 1.30pm on Saturdays on the following dates: Feb 13th; April 10th; June 12th; Aug 14th; Oct 9th; Dec 11th.. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

Mapua Art Group: Painting/Drawing mornings Thursdays 9-12.30, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. A group of like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun and social environment. All levels & media most welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables and chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933.

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

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Barry Highsted 540 3139.

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

Toy Library: check out our extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Located behind Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Emma 03 929 5123 or Gill 543 2195 about membership or casual hire.

Need technical help? Can't connect your DVD player? Don't know how to download photos from your digital camera? Computer running slowly? Local help is at hand! Average job price only \$20! Basic web design also available - pages start from just \$35. Call Sam, 540 2804. – sambennett@live.jp

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Rosalie Wattereus, 03 582 9486, Sec. Margaret Butchart 5402686

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

RSA Meetings are held in the RSA room at the Mapua Library at 2.00pm, second Monday of each month and refreshments are served at the close.

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

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

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

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