



Coastal News

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'Ruby Bay road gets funds'

This modest headline, tucked away on page 3 of May 15th edition of the *Nelson Mail* heralded the successful culmination of the efforts of a great many people over more or less 40 years.

The concept of a "Coastal Highway" link between Richmond and Motueka was first mooted in 1968. At that time, what is now designated as State Highway 60, was quite a different roadway from what it is today. The portion of the road from Pea Viner Corner to Motueka was given State Highway status in 1970s. There are many who will remember the rather tenuous and in places unsealed coastal roadway which wound its way from the Redwood Creek Bridge to Tasman. Some may even recall the stretch from Tasman to Motueka prior to its updating.

In more recent years there have been two major upgrades: The stretch from the end of the Appleby straight to Maisey Road and the piece from Maisey Road to Trafalgar Road, the latter eliminating the notorious and lethal "Stringer Straight".

The Trafalgar Road to the Kina estuary stretch will complete the three stages with what has been rather euphemistically called "the Ruby Bay By-Pass". It bypasses a lot more territory than just Ruby Bay. At well over 10 kilometres it is in all respects a major highway project. When completed, the drive from Richmond to Motueka will be a different experience. Time savings seem to go hand in hand with our penchant for faster, quicker, easier. Savings on fuel consumption will be welcomed by those who make the trip daily or frequently. Those who live along the present route will welcome the drop in traffic for a variety of reasons—mostly relief from noise and vibration. The bottom line? Most of us are and will be pleased to see some of our petrol tax dollars in our face. Some won't be particularly pleased but will be resigned to the inevitable. Some will never be pleased. The price of what we call "progress".

What's next for the project? On 21 May Transit NZ began calling for tenders. With the "red hot" NZ economy

finally waking up to the fact that there is also a direction called "down", employment of resources (people, materials, machinery etc.) will have to be considered in a somewhat more realistic light. Roothing contractors will be tightening their belts and sharpening their pencils, but the tender process should take 12 weeks.

After the time for tenders has closed, Transit NZ has to rank each submitter in terms of qualifications to undertake and complete the project. Only after this ranking process can the tenders be opened.

We have to assume that Transit NZ and Opus Consultants have made a fairly accurate costing estimate as to how much the project will cost. And, that a bid from a qualified contractor or contractors falls within the Transit NZ/Opus estimate. At any rate, come August we will know, if and who. Then the "when" will more or less take care of itself.

This is a good time to mention the role that the Tasman District Council, and in particular our local Councillors Trevor Norris and Tim King, have played in their ongoing support for the by-pass project. As well, our member of parliament, Damien O'Connor, has been unstinting in his efforts in this direction. Also, Andrew Adams, Transit NZ Project Engineer, and Martin Crundwell, Project Manager for Opus Consultants, have not only performed their jobs to a very high standard, they have also spent personal time providing on-the-ground information to the general public. Now is an appropriate time for us to acknowledge their participation and support in bringing the by-pass project to where funding is approved.

This is also the time for me to say to all of you who have read my ramblings and diatribes, thank you for supporting the Ruby Bay project both publicly and privately and for your personal support. I will endeavour to keep you up to date as we approach the actual construction start date.

Hugh Gordon

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At the May meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association David Mitchell explained the background to the Mapua Inlet Restoration Strategy. He thanked the chair for encouraging presentation of the report and for the genuine interest he had shown.

The formation of the Mapua Causeway Committee had come about as a result of concern in 2002/03 that the new Leisure Park owner had wanted to purchase the causeway. A group of interested people walked around Mapua inlet, which was a voyage of discovery for many of them. Mr Mitchell asked if members were aware that the entrance of the stream to the estuary was littered with Maori sites as it was used as a launching place for boats into the estuary.

In 2004 the group produced a report that summed up the concern not just about the causeway but also about the whole area. The report presented an opportunity to do something about the whole estuary as well as improving access onto the Moreland Place reserve site.

Some sort of enhancement plan was supported by the Community Association at that time and the committee was invited to come up with suggestions. In 2005 Michael North was commissioned by the Tasman District Council to provide a report for the Mapua Causeway Committee with assistance from the Department of Conservation Biodiversity Fund. Mr Mitchell said the document was an opportunity for people to look at suggestions. It was agreed to bring up this issue at the next general meeting of the association. It was further suggested that David Stephenson might be able to attend to talk to the matter as well.

Waterfront

Elena Meredith said the waterfront sub-committee had written to TDC seeking clarification of issues in regard to the community's involvement with the park. The Minister for the Environment, Trevor Mallard, had also been written to in this regard. The reply from Mr Mallard seemed to suggest that control had been passed back to council and that they were in the process of appointing an independent site auditor. Furthermore, a reply had yet to be received from council in regard to the disparity between the E2 plan and the draft structure plan. The council had also been asked where in the

Draft Annual Plan was there funding for planning and development of the park and how much was set aside for this?

Cr Norris undertook to get a response from the council in that regard. He also confirmed there was no funding in the budget for building capital. Until the design work was done and a review made of the LTCCP plan, it was critical to get that aspect into the next ten year plan. It was acknowledged that the council would also be frustrated in having to wait for final audit.

It was moved and carried that the sub-committee follow up correspondence with the Ministry for the Environment, publish summary suggestions in the next *Coastal News*, and liaise with the TDC in regard to the appointment of a consultant.

A further issue in regard to the waterfront park would be the comments put forward in the Annual Plan submission. Members were asked for anything specific they wanted to see addressed as an action point. It was moved that the association support the funding for planning of the park in its submission to the Draft Annual Plan and for the council to ensure there was consultation and budget set aside in the upcoming LTCCP review under capital works.

Cr Norris emphasised that there was a motion carried in council minutes that the E2 plan would be used as the basis for the waterfront park planning. He emphasised that there had always been an agreement that 40% of the restored land would be open space for the community, and that car parking would be encompassed within that 40%.

Seawall & Esplanade

Bruno Lemke said that there was nothing to report other than if the council did not act quickly, Nature would take her course and if that happened, he was not sure if the community would be prepared to pay for it. Cr Brian Ensor noted that in the latest *Golden Bay Weekly* there was an excellent article on coastal work being undertaken. There was also budget in the Annual Plan for coastal care.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Mapua Hall.

Letters to the Editor..!

PANZ

Right of way contention

Eric Davy, Senior Sergeant, Highway Patrol indicated that the traffic turning right from State Highway 60 onto Aranui Road can expect to have right of way.

I wonder how long it will be before a major accident occurs at this intersection because of Mr Davy's statement. There is a sign on SH60 clearly stating that the right-turning traffic must give way. This sign is clearly visible as you approach the corner/intersection.

Mr Davy clearly did not assess the area before giving this information; if it were a member of the public that caused an accident solely following Mr Davy's statement, they would be penalised for not observing the Road Rules, signage and road conditions. However, would they be granted leniency because they were given incorrect advice?

Linda Evans, Ruby Bay.

(Senior Sergeant Davy was given the opportunity to respond to this letter, but at the time of our deadline had not done so. However, we should point out that the give-way sign that Mrs Evans refers to applies to traffic waiting to turn right onto Aranui Road which has to give way to vehicles on SH60 coming from Ruby Bay and continuing around the corner. Mr Davy said in the May Coastal News that a vehicle turning off SH60 onto Aranui Road had right of way over a vehicle coming off SH60 from Ruby Bay.

The Editors)

As our last "Top of the South" pastel art Exhibition was such a success, and the library has decided not to go ahead with their bi-annual exhibition, we have taken up that time slot and will now run an annual event. The invitation to exhibit will also be extended to include the West Coast Area. The exhibition is open to financial members of PANZ—pastel artists of New Zealand—only, from Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast. The exhibition will run on the last weekend of February each year. Put this event on your social calendar now.

We would like to thank the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for its kind grant, which we have just received. The money from this grant will be used to construct a prototype set of portable lights that can be attached to our display panels.

These lights must not only be portable but adjustable, and above all, no danger to the viewing public. This is quite a challenge but one that will make a huge difference to the presentation of our artworks when we succeed. Thank you again to the trust for your support.

Glenys Forbes

Garden Notes



Six months into the year and where has it gone? As mentioned last year, June is a dead month—the gardeners' rest period, a time to overhaul all your garden tools, sharpening, oiling, etc.

The shortest day is nearly upon us, and this is the time to plant your garlic. Towards the end of the month an early planting of potatoes which have sprouted can be made if you have a frost-free space, with a north-facing aspect if possible. Any bulbs overlooked must be planted without delay.

As mentioned this is the time to sit and be an armchair gardener reading all the magazines and

planning for the coming spring. Try not to prune any spring flowering shrubs, as all flowering will be lost.

It is a satisfying thing to be a gardener, for there is a great joy in making a tiny dry seed become a lovely flower, or painting a colourful picture on a brown, drab soil. There is adventure too, balanced by disappointment, and to conquer the latter one must have perseverance. Without this, the gardener will not get far. Don't, therefore, be discouraged by early failures. Happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

Mapua Hall Society

New furniture bought for hall

As hall users will be aware, the Mapua Hall Society Inc has taken delivery of 150 chairs complete with storage trolleys, as well as 20 tables as replacements for the existing old wooden furniture. These have been purchased with the generous financial support of the Tasman District Council (\$2000), the Mapua Business Association (\$1500), and the Canterbury Community Trust (\$12,000).

The Hall Society provided \$2000 from its own funds to give a total of \$17,500.

Members wish to express their grateful thanks for the support provided by these grants without which this project would have been impossible.

We have \$2508 remaining from the grants towards the purchase of the final 50 chairs and four trolleys, leaving a shortfall of \$2460. An application has been lodged with the Tasman District Council through the Annual Plan for a grant to cover this. We await their consideration.

The committee decided to dispose of the old chairs and these have been either sold or listed on Trade Me for sale. Some people thought that the old chairs were the property of the RSA and only on loan to the hall. The RSA has confirmed that the chairs were given to the Hall Society and we are free to dispose of them in any way we decide. A decision on the tables will be made at the next committee meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hall Society held on May 14, Judene Edgar presented her preliminary report on the recent district-wide survey in relation to the hall. Responses varied from "Do nothing because it suits us as it is" right through to "Demolish it completely and rebuild elsewhere".

The top ten priorities for improvement/renovation were:

- 1) Toilets
- 2) Kitchen
- 3) Storage/table trolleys/table storage
- 4) Heating
- 5) Change facilities/showers
- 6) Facilitate indoor sports
- 7) Paint
- 8) Cleanliness
- 9) Wheelchair accessibility
- 10) Noise/insulation

The committee will begin immediately to generate plans and a timeline to progress the points raised but it must be remembered that this will not be an easy or quick process.

As part of the fund-raising project which must follow the generation of plans and further public discussion, we need to have a history of the hall. A good history has been signalled as very useful in convincing funders that our project is worth their support.

We do have access to limited information that is easily accessible but we would like to hear from anyone who has information, documents or photos that they are willing to lend for copying and the preservation of those copies. Anyone willing to assist may contact me on 540-3642.

At the AGM the following were elected to the executive and committee:

Chairman: John Sharman; secretary: Mary Garner; treasurer: Peter Butchart; committee: Hanne Bjorklund, Glenys Forbes, Murray Garner, Jim Bryse, Bill Marris and Alan Mulligan. The position of deputy chair has to be filled, as do four more committee places.

John Sharman, chairman

Coastal Connections

Our monthly luncheon was at Motueka's Up The Garden Path. Eleven members enjoyed a lovely meal ranging from battered fish, whitebait fritters, hot pumpkin soup and paninis.

A letter was sent to one of our members from Norm Thawley, thanking the ladies of our group for helping service and provide refreshments at the Mapua Hall after the Anzac Service last month.

We had another birthday girl to celebrate her birthday.

Our next meeting will be at McMilliams Hand-Thrown Ceramics & Alchemy Café at 92 Bateup Road Richmond. Please met at 11.45am on Thursday 12th June.

Dot Siddle

Coastal Garden Group

Once again we welcomed our members and guests to a warm and lively meeting at the start of May. A letter of thanks has been received from the RSA for the help our members gave at the Anzac Day events in Mapua and Barry also passed on messages from the Settlers' Cottage Trust for the club's help in tidying up the garden there ready for winter. Business matters included preparation for our AGM and other upcoming events, ideas for future speakers and the club's first Spring Show.

Our speaker this month was Mary Duncan whose nursery in Hope will be familiar to many through her label, 'Vibrant Earth'. This large nursery supplies plants to garden centres throughout New Zealand and Mary arrived laden down with shrubs and plants to show us. Her enthusiasm for growing plants and exploring new varieties was obvious and we were inspired by the range of new varieties as well as some old favourites.

The climate here allows so many different plants to be grown it can be at times give gardeners a headache trying to decide what to buy. Mary discussed the plants she had brought with her and explained the conditions they needed and when they could be grown from cutting etc. She also explained that the size pot, 3-5 litre, gave the plant the best chance of successful transplantation and that the height/width noted on the labels are based on average growing conditions, soil type etc over a period of five years.

Our thanks to Mary for finding time in her busy life to share her joy of growing plants with us.

Max took up the question left from last month about pruning rhododendrons. It seems generally accepted that pruning hard will reduce flowering and may cause the shrub to go into shock. The recommendation is therefore to reduce the plant gradually over three years where major pruning was required but always to cut out dead wood. Max recommended clearing away dead leaves regularly as they can spread disease, which is particularly true around roses. Seek out frost cloth as the nights are getting colder and don't forget to feed the birds.

The colours of autumn were reflected in our competition table which included chrysanthemums, roses, delphiniums, petunias, a tree dahlia, the first of the early camellias and proteas. Time over afternoon tea for browsing our new sales table as well as catching up on news led into our plant auction which saw lively competition for some.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June at 1.15 pm in the Supper Room at Mapua Hall. (Please note our new start time) Guests and visitors are welcome to come along and if you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

Aranui Park

Many of you will have seen the big yellow digger at work in Aranui Park over the last few weeks and hopefully by the time you read this the work will be completed. Completed, that is, insofar as widening the pond, creating an island and contouring the site ready for the next stages of development. The Reserves sub-committee of the Coastal Garden Group who helped the TDC design the new look for the park are pleased to see progress being made and ideas previously only seen on paper taking shape.



The Coastal Garden Group is pleased to announce that an auction will be held at the Mapua Hall on Saturday 13th September from 10.30am which will run in conjunction with the annual community and social group's fund-raiser stalls outside the hall.

You will have three options for selling any goods—items will be sold either as a donation to the Mapua Hall, a donation to the Hills Community Church, or sold on your behalf with the money raised being returned to you.

Watch for more details in the July *Coastal News* or contact Allan Mulligan (543-2019), Jim Bryse (540-3139) or Owen Milne (540-2298).

Animal Health File

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

The one thing you can be sure of is change

Well, it's coming up three years since all the alterations to the building were done and the Mapua clinic opened in its new, improved format. Much has changed in the intervening period. As the days rush by its easy to forget how far we have come.

Three years ago we were still writing notes on cards, now we have a fully integrated computer system that links over the internet with our server at Motueka in real time. As we get to know our system better we are continually adding new features. Lately we have been playing around with a feature that lets us monitor and graph your pet's weight. So, if you are having trouble with your pet's weight you can bring them in for a weekly weigh-in and we can track their progress.

The surgery is fully operational and we have added some new toys, including a dental machine. The range of retail products in the shop continues to expand. One of the exciting new developments in nutrition has been the introduction of the joint diet for dogs with arthritis.

Of course there have been staff changes as well. Initially we had some of our younger veterinary nurses running the clinic. For the last 2 1/2 years we have had the benefit of Helen's experienced guiding hand. After 20 years with the clinic in Motueka it's fair to say that there's not much that Helen hasn't seen. Her extensive equine knowledge is also invaluable not only to clients that come in for advice but also to the vets! As I said, there's not much that Helen hasn't seen or many products that she hasn't trialled.

Last year we welcomed back Dr Chris McDonald, who helped to found the Mapua clinic and then took some time out from veterinary practice for a little R&R, if that's what you can call jumping out of a plane for a living. It has been good to have him back, in particular he adds to the practice's orthopaedic surgery and large animal skills.

Of course, I am still here, although trying to take it a little bit easy after all the hard work of the last three years. One of the things I love about Mapua is that even though I might only be working three days a week I tend to catch up with patients and their owners out and about in the village and people are great at letting me know how their pets are getting on.

This year we are working hard on continuity of care with our patients. Even though Chris and I share the veterinary work at the clinic we try to see our own patients as much as possible to follow through with their cases, much as your own doctor would try to do. So, you will notice that if we see your pet for a particular complaint and it needs to come back for a recheck we will book you in to see the same vet again. Also if you "bond" with a particular vet or prefer one vet's style over another's (just as with doctors) we will try to book you in with your preferred vet. We have just adjusted our hours as Chris is working one day less a week. Yet more change!

Our hours: Dr Paula Short: Mondays, Tuesdays, Friday mornings, Dr Chris McDonald: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Friday afternoons.

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Hills Community Church

One Thin Thread

Recently visiting friends from the States brought me a little red jacket from one of my favourite shops as a “thank you” present for being their personal tour guide during their New Zealand holiday. The jacket’s style reminds me of Audrey Hepburn in Breakfast at Tiffany’s. Like many jackets it came with side pockets basted shut but the decorative stitching around the pockets made it difficult for me to tell which was which. I anxiously slipped my ‘stitch-ripper’ gadget along what I hoped was the correct seam and gently pulled the pockets open. Success! I had two serviceable pockets and a few red threads to discard.

Those threads got me thinking about life. Recent calamitous events in China and Myanmar and circumstances much closer to home reminded me that our lives truly ‘hang by a thread.’ Life is pretty tenuous and awfully precious. In an instant a phone call from the doctor or the police or an email from a family member or friend can turn what seemed like an ordinary day into a dismaying nightmare. And all that seems to hold us together is a thin, small thread. But it can be a strong thread.

Sometimes that thread is a friend who faithfully stands by and offers support or simply lends a listening ear or shoulder to cry on. Sometimes that thread is a network of resources ready and willing to help.

But what really got me thinking was this: when we find ourselves hanging by that thread what (or who) has hold of the other end? And does it make a difference? For me it makes a great deal of difference to know that the other end of my life-thread is firmly in the hands of the Lord. And the Lord doesn’t tug at it mercilessly to taunt or frighten me but holds it firmly, securely—lovingly. If it sways a bit, that’s only the wind of my fear and a whisper (or a shout) to the String Holder can settle the storm.

Consider the humble thread of your life.

*Hanging by my thread, Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister,
Hills Community Church*

“You, O Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need my future is in your hands....”

And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure...” Psalm 16:5, 9

Regular Happenings @ Hills—

Hills Community Church is a community-based church celebrating a diversity of Christian faith traditions. Our worship settings are both traditional and contemporary, each with an informal and relaxed style.

Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call 540-3848.

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

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

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

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

Church Auction a great success

The Hills Community Church says a big thank you to the Mapua community and district for the support you gave us at our team quiz fund-raising evening on 16 May.

The Mapua Hall was filled to capacity and we were sorry we had to turn six teams away.

Our quizmaster, Nigel Jones, assisted by Francesca Menzies, had both researched their questions well. Alister Rose compered the evening and kept the show running.

It was a real fun evening with raffles and lucky-spot draws. The \$100 prize for the first team with the highest score was generously given back to the church.

The evening concluded with an auction, run by Barry Highsted, of food left over from the well-catered supper.

Our sincere thanks go to our sponsors—Prestige Furniture, Bradley Evans, Tessa Mae’s With Attitude, Mapua Auto Centre, MacMillans Ceramics, Rimu Grove Winery, Vibrant Earth, Bank of New Zealand, Bay Nurseries and Mapua 4 Square.

By popular demand we will run another team quiz night on 17 October. So watch the *Coastal News* for more information.

Pamalene Cuttle

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Mapua School

This term has started with a bang, as always, with the students straight into learning and “Being All they Can” by trying their best, being effective thinkers and participating in every opportunity that is available to them.

This whole school participation was seen in the first week with the House Leaders (Year 8 students) organising our annual ‘Mad Hair Day’. Friday dawned with the majority of the students turning up at school with some very different and unusual hairstyles and colours. The staff participated fully as well, including a ‘worst hairstyle photo’ competition where the students had to guess the teacher from some of the best forgotten hairstyles from their past! There were three categories: most colourful, most bizarre and most hair gel used (the boys definitely liked the latter most), with the house leaders selecting a winner for each category from their house and then the whole school meeting and having a parade to show off their creativity.

Within the first two weeks the senior and middle syndicate have participated in authentic learning opportunities involved with science, which is our topic focus for the term across the school.

The middle syndicate was fortunate to have Constable Grant Heney in these three classes to discuss and show how the police fingerprint and how each fingerprint is unique. The middle syndicate is learning about forensic science and has a suspect that they have to identify through completing a series of experiments

The senior syndicate are looking at developing the students understanding of the scientific process through hands-on experimentation about temporary and permanent changes. They have a series of experiments to conduct at school and were fortunate enough to visit Waimea College and have a college science teacher facilitate a series of experiments with them in a science laboratory – boy, did they come back buzzing!

The junior syndicate are focusing on ‘water, water everywhere’ and have an inquiry-based unit that has experiments the students work through to develop their understanding of key science concepts linked with water. The juniors have been really excited by the experiments so far and have been asking some great questions to develop their understanding further.

With many new families moving into the area, the comment that is always made is how friendly, welcoming and respectful the students in the school are and we saw students being rewarded for this sense of pride and respect for the school and their learning this week in our school assembly hosted by Room 9. Well

done, Room 9 and all the students who received awards, you are definitely “Being All You Can”.

With the students showing respect towards themselves, each other and the school property it is a shame that we have had a series of young people, not from Mapua School, coming into the property and vandalising aspects of the school. This causes the whole school stress, wastes money and human resources on the clean-up and replacement and disadvantages the school. We have allowed people to use the school grounds outside of school hours, but expect them to treat it with respect and if they use resources to make sure they leave them in the excellent working order they found them in. We do not wish to ban people from the school grounds, but cannot sustain these acts of vandalism and will start to serve trespass notices on vandals if they cannot treat the school and property with respect. We ask the wider Mapua Community to assist us with this and if you see people acting in an irresponsible manner in the school please contact the appropriate authorities.

Next month we will report on the results of those sporting events and what the syndicates are learning through their innovative classroom programmes supplied by their hard-working teachers.

Mandy Stephens, Acting Principal

Mapua School PTA **CAR BOOT SALE**

Sunday June 8th 8.30-11.30am

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Mapua Health Centre

We need your help. From time to time we have patients who for one reason or another have difficulty getting to their appointments at the Mapua Health Centre or hospital. We would like to reinstate our Volunteer Driver Service. If you can help by either volunteering your services or donating money towards the cost of petrol, please leave your name and contact details with our receptionists or email your details to sue@mapuahealth.com

We have an increasing number of patients requesting prescriptions (including repeats) by telephone and email. The system is generally working really well for everyone concerned but unfortunately we have noticed a huge increase in overdue prescription charges. To help overcome this trend and cover our ongoing administration costs we will now charge an administration fee of \$10 on any accounts (for prescriptions) not paid within five working days. If you would like to pay your account by internet banking please contact one of our receptionists and they will be able to let you know the details.

We would also like to thank Bob Chignell for his munificent ability to provide fresh flowers throughout the year – these are most appreciated.

In case you are still wanting to make use of the flu vaccine, it is still available for free to those over 65 years or if you have a chronic medical condition such as asthma requiring regular medication, heart disease, diabetes, etc. Also, for those with ongoing mobility problems, wheelchairs are available for loan from the RSA.

This article landed on my desk a few days ago—
"How to stay young"

Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them, that is why you pay them. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

Enjoy the simple things. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle! "An idle mind is the devil's workshop". And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve get help. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next country, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is. Tell the people that you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away.

Waterfront Park Subcommittee

The Draft Mapua Structure Plan proposed by TDC (see picture) and currently being developed, shows commercial, open space and residential areas on the remediated site.

The Waterfront Park proposed on part of the site is one of four recreational spaces in Mapua: Aranui Park, the Domain, Grossis Point and the Waterfront Park. The feedback includes too many proposals for the Waterfront Park alone. These other sites may be suitable for some of the ideas.

In this summary of Community feedback the order of suggestions is by chance. It does not imply any ranking of importance.

General suggestions

The whole chemical site area to be considered in this consultation, not only the east side of Tahī St. To achieve the many good suggestions from the community, the space on the East side of Tahī St is not likely to be sufficient. **WARNING!** The Draft Mapua Structure Plan has already included specific areas for different uses, which may lock in land use that is contrary to the community's interests.

The development of the waterfront park and the rest of the chemical site should not be seen in isolation from other parts of Mapua, e.g. reserve areas like Grossi Point, the Domain, Aranui Park, etc.

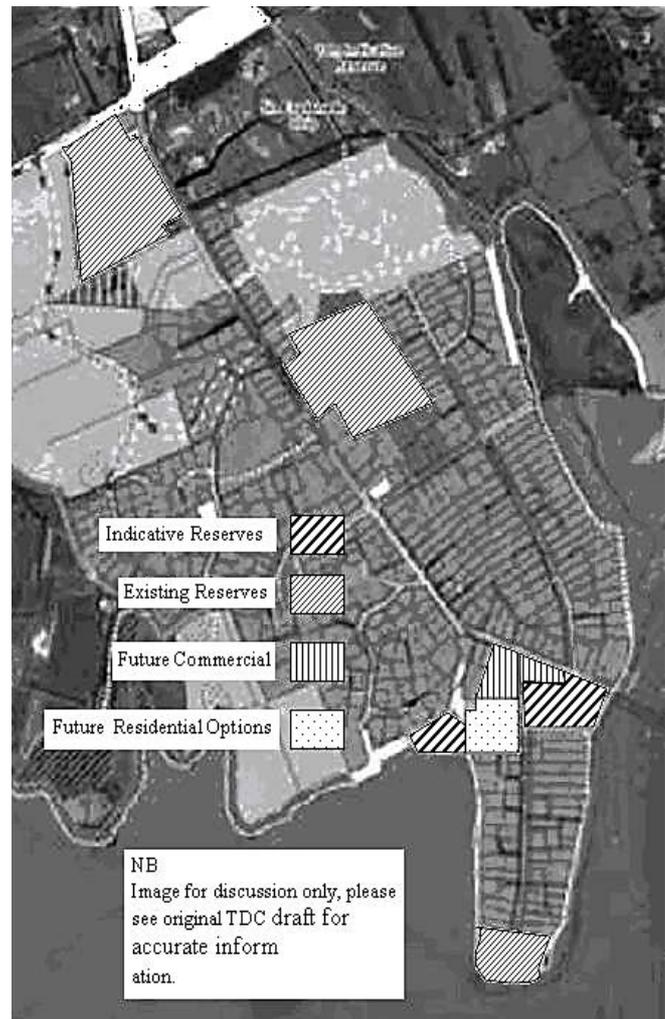
Any land on this site that will be used for residential or commercial purposes should be leasehold, so that TDC retains control over detailed use; maintain and strengthen the recreational character of this land.

As the development of the area may take a long time, temporary planting of suitable trees and scrubs, as well as grass seeding should be carried out to improve the look of the area. Natural ecological systems of this area then need to be considered to make the planting sustainable.

A consultation with local iwi needs to be carried out, in order to identify any significant issues of Maori history relating to this land.

Make all buildings (commercial, residential and public) on the site "carbon-neutral" with modern sustainable technologies. This may make this into a place to visit to see in practice how carbon neutrality can be achieved. Collaboration with university groups may provide part funding for the installation of the technologies.

Create a future vision for Mapua and a new logo (sea connection, tourism, horticulture). "Village by the



sea" ... is it the right slogan? Maybe "Formerly the country's worst polluted site"?

Specific suggestions for physical design.

Conserve coastal margins, gentle edges and water-edge promenade .

Car parking off the park. This may require part of the West side of Tahī St by Aranui Rd, which may be a suitable place for additional parking, a bus turn-around, and the link between a relocated Tahī St and Aranui Rd.

Bus turning place in the vicinity of park and wharf area.

Relocate Tahī St towards the west. This would also open opportunities to make a better proper park and walking link between the East and West waters edge of the chemical site. It would also enable any commercial activities to be next to the actual park, so

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Waterfront Park Subcommittee contd:

that users do not have to cross Tahi St to get to those activities.

Close Iwa St at Fire Station to avoid through traffic

No buildings being higher than 2 stories, and the design to fit in with other buildings in the area.

Seating and fountains; night lighting; water fountains for drinking; picnic area, herb garden, community fruit trees; many trees; much grass; boulders, drift-wood.

Amphitheatre with sound shell.

Interactive playground for children with nautical theme; maze; slides; concrete table tennis tables This may be considered in the context of the existing playground facilities at the domain (the distance is only 500 m). Maybe some of these suggestions could be implemented there and a smaller playground created in the waterfront park.

Small scale amusement park.

Toilets and changing rooms.

Information boards about wildlife, history, etc. Could be linked to existing museum facility on wharf, and information boards in other parts of Mapua, to encourage walking.

Salt water pool (as in Motueka)

BBQs. This may be considered in the context of developments at Grossi point. It is less windy there in summer and maybe more suitable for BBQs.

Boat ramp (and close boat ramp at wharf); relocate current boat ramp at wharf. This suggestion may be achieved by implementing another suggestion to expand boat ramp at Grossis point. Maybe a new boat ramp there facing the main channel (East side)

could serve the same purpose. Another suggestion was “don’t change Grossi point”.

Extend wharf (at least with a board walk) to connect with the park.

Fishing pier. Retirement housing.

Motel in commercial area. Some suggestions supported this and some were against it. Maybe a motel in the Leisure Park would be more logical.

Specific suggestions for physical design in other parts of Mapua

Walkways linking the park to other parts of Mapua. Waters edge promenade; board walk.

Bridge to Rabbit Island; grow molluscs on bridge supports, and water turbines under bridge for electricity generation.

Marina.

Bicycle-ways and walkways around village.

More shops along Aranui Rd on the way to wharf, not in “Mall area”.

No extension of supermarket at Aranui Rd.

Integrate new and old commercial areas.

Streetscaping (info from Heidi?).

Safe, swimmable beach close to park; put in golden sand.

Specific suggestions for activities in the park:

Bicycle hire. Art exhibitions and permanent art features.

Music performances. Other performances. Tai chi outdoors. Chess outdoors.

No dogs! Another suggestion was “dog friendly”.

Sam's Spam

June 2008

Featured Product: Skype

Hi everyone. I am often asked about "free" phone calls so I thought I'd write about Skype. This is a great free tool for making phone calls over the internet. You can make free calls to any other computer that also has Skype. You can also make very cheap (but not entirely free) phone calls to anywhere in the world. For example, it's just \$0.034 per minute to call a phone in the UK or the US or Australia! However, to make Skype calls you need Skype credit and this is bought by credit card over the internet which might put some people off.

Benefits: Skype is jam-packed with great features to help you stay in touch with friends, family and co-workers, share your thoughts and find the information you need. For example, you can instant message with anyone on your contact list or even use group chat to chat with up to a hundred people. You could hold a conference call with up to nine other people to organise a get-together and then use SkypeFind™ to search for the perfect venue to hold it.

There are also really cool video features. All you need is a webcam to make free video calls or even

take photos of yourself to personalise Skype. If you go to the Skype website www.skype.com, the phrases above that are underlined are hyperlinks to pages giving more information.

Drawbacks: Although Skype is a really good service, it can sometimes have voice delay and poor sound quality. Also, as mentioned, you update your Skype credit whenever you need to over the internet but need to do this by credit card.

What equipment is needed: To use Skype, you need:

- a) A computer microphone
- b) A webcam (optional, but recommended)

These things can be purchased at Dick Smith Electronics, Noel Leeming, or any other electronics store. There are also Skype phones you can buy but you can use Skype without them.

Free Download of the month : Skype

Skype is absolutely free to download, join, and use, You can download it from www.skype.com

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MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

Wow, come and see our new look! Wall-to-wall pinboard has been installed for the artwork of all our talented kids, and fabulous new carpet has been laid down in the baby area. We have been enjoying the 101 activities you can do with autumn leaves as well as some inside activities such as baking muffins on those colder mornings.

Did you know that the Playcentre team keeps a “memory book” for each child? They’re displayed at toddlers’ height so the children can access their own books easily. I found my son sitting quietly at a table reading his last week. He’s only two, but he was captivated by the beautiful photos, really gorgeous—him deep in concentration hammering away at some wood, playing with other kids, interacting with other adults. It also includes written details of activities that he is drawn to when he comes to Playcentre, friends he has made, things he has discovered. It’s a wonderful keepsake to have and intriguing to see him through somebody else’s eyes.

Don’t forget we have a new session on Tuesday. It’s growing quickly, but we are always ready to welcome new members! Drop in and I’d be happy to show you around. The hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9.30am to 12 noon.

Natalie Towler, Mapua Playcentre.

More great quotes ...

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.

George Burns (1896 - 1996)

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something.

Jackie Mason (1934 -)

It is always the best policy to speak the truth—unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar.

Jerome K. Jerome (1859 - 1927)

Domain Committee report

We met with the council in the first week of May to present the findings from our survey and to clarify funding propositions for this annual plan.

We expressed our full support for the proposed allocated funding. That is, \$15,000 for soccer lights, \$30,000 for toilet upgrade and \$21,000 for general upgrade.

In the meeting we discussed the use of the \$21,000. During our consultation with the community it was clear that people in Mapua thought that cricket nets would be a good addition to the domain. We talked of this possibility in our meeting with the council staff and Cr Brian Ensor and we are delighted that all agree that this would be a good use of this money.

We also discussed the use of any money left over from the \$21,000. Another priority that the residents of Mapua indicated was shifting the dirt BMX mounds further toward the tennis club. The council staff indicated that it would cost something to put in proper drainage and to move dirt to this location. We asked for the remainder of the cricket money to be used for this purpose. We have also asked for more funds to complete this task if the remainder of the cricket net money is not enough.

We are also very pleased the council will go ahead with bollards, a path around the eastern edge of the domain and an entrance for people in wheelchairs, planting across the back section, some seating (ie by the relocated BMX track), and a vandal-proof water fountain.

Other issues we discussed and will need to consider in the future were:

- The need to consider playground equipment. (Council staff indicated this will be looked at the next annual plan stage).
- Car-parking
- Drainage and irrigation
- Extending the skatepark

We briefly discussed timelines and it sounds like these things (other than the issues to consider in the future) can be achieved within the next 6- 9 months. Fantastic! We look forward to talking with you more in the future.

Rebecca Patchett for the Domain Committee

PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The guest speaker at our May meeting was Maxine Cook. Her talk was about her earlier life, and her present involvement in lobbying the Government to fully subsidise the cancer drug Herceptin.

Some years ago Maxine went to a quiz night in Richmond to raise money for a woman with a virulent form of breast cancer. The funds were to cover the full cost of treatment using Herceptin. It was some three years later, after her return from an extensive motorcycle tour of America, that Maxine felt a strong need to lobby the Government. She set about organising the Herceptin Peaceful Protest Ride that took place about two months ago. The ride took six months to plan and involved 12 motorcyclists setting off from Wellington. They toured the North Island picking up signatures on a petition that was to be presented to Parliament a week later. The petition formally asked the Government to change its money-driven stance to fully fund Herceptin

The protest ride got good press coverage, getting great support from breast cancer survivors and many motorcyclists. Maxine was able to negotiate good discounts for fuel and motel accommodation. A practical timetable had to be organized for the bike riders to attend press conferences, and lunches for the protest riders. All the riders had to raise \$1000 in sponsorship to cover their week's expenses.

The protest ride was a great success with 40 noisy motorcyclists arriving as a group at Parliament. The bikes were dressed up with pink ribbons and bras. The petition was accepted by National MP Dr. Jackie Blue, who is the sponsor and a breast cancer specialist.

The Herceptin Fighting Heroines said it was the most powerful protest yet. As a result of the protest the Government drug agency Pharmac has now been directed by the courts to review its original decision of not funding the full course of the Herceptin treatment.

Maxine's next event is planning a tour of the South Island with another partition if Pharmac continues with its policy of not refunding the full course of treatment.

After a good afternoon tea, club member Pat Sinclair of Motueka gave an interesting talk on her earlier life experiences. Pat was part of a family of five children, four girls and one boy. Pat's father died at the age of 32. It was about that time she started school. Her strict Scottish grandmother had the job of taking her to school. After the death of her grandmother, Pat's mother was able to her get a job managing horses. About that time the family moved into a large spacious house close to the New Plymouth cemetery. Here she spent some of her leisure time around the well-presented gardens.

Pat moved on to the New Plymouth High School. The school had some boarding students, and she given jobs in the school kitchen cooking the boarders' meals. Pat enjoyed her high school experiences, especially the sporting opportunities. Reluctantly she left school at the age of 17, about the time of World War Two, and learnt the skills of tailoring. A year or so later, through a friend, she moved to Motueka having a job picking hops on the farm of Keith Holyoake. Pat enjoyed dancing, spending many evenings dancing at the Brooklands Hall. There she met her husband to be. After several years in Motueka they moved over the hill to Takaka, but soon returned, preferring life in Motueka. Pat's husband was a keen gardener and having the use of two glass houses he was able to grow a good variety of tomatoes. The surplus crop was often traded off at the local RSA.

David Higgs

World Environment Day

On Thursday June 5th international eyes will be on New Zealand as we have the privilege of hosting World Environment Day in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Wellington is the nominated host city for the day which is observed in over 100 countries every year. However, events are taking place all over the country.

The theme for World Environment Day 2008 is climate change, with a focus on moving towards a low carbon economy and lifestyle. "Kick the CO2 Habit" is the international slogan for the event.

World Environment Day is an opportunity to raise awareness and promote action on national environment issues. As far as I am aware there are no events specifically organised in Mapua but there are things happening in Golden Bay, Motueka and Nelson. The Golden Bay Environment Centre Trust is promoting petrol sharing, in Motueka the Keep Motueka Beautiful is holding a planting day at the Estuary Walkway on Old Wharf Road and Nelson and Richmond are putting on free buses to encourage public transport, are organising cycling promotions and car pooling incentives.

So if you can't attend one of these events, what can you do to celebrate World Environment Day? Visit the WED website at www.world.environment.govt.nz for a load of ideas.

Paula Short

Police Update

Greetings to you all. The days are getting shorter and cooler and it is the time of year to be extra vigilant on the road, especially if you are travelling to work early in the morning. We have been pretty lucky accident wise in the Mapua area recently so let's keep up the good record. Interesting to read in the *Nelson Mail* that work may start later this year on the Ruby Bay by-pass...we'll wait and see.

A couple of times over the last six weeks groups of youths have been found drinking alcohol in the Mapua School grounds. About the same time as one of these incidents a key went missing from the school which meant that some locks had to be changed. What a wasteful expense to the school and a worrying trend that we don't want to encourage. Neighbours to the school have been very supportive so thanks to them.

Overnight on 22-23 April the Mapua Pharmacy was burgled and some cold and flu tablets were stolen. The alarm was activated and the offenders took off with nothing else. A shame that this has happened but good to know that all security measures were taken.

The police have also received reports of a yellow Toyota Corolla car racing around the area, being driven by a young male, often with friends as passengers. We are confident we know who this person is but still want any nuisance or dangerous driving reported to us please.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.
Ph 03) 528-1220*

Mapua Occurrences:

Apr 23: Pharmacy burglary

Apr 26: Key stolen from Mapua School. Youths drinking at the school overnight

Apr 26: Non-injury accident at Nile Road/ Main Road intersection

Apr 27: Domestic attended at SH60 Mapua

May 11: Youths found drinking at Mapua School 1.30am. Taken to house where a small party had been held.

May 11: Yellow Toyota doing skids on grass at Mapua Domain

MAPUA RUBY BAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST INC

The following is a copy of the audited accounts of the above-named Trust. During the 2008 financial year grants as listed in Note 4 below were made from the earnings of the Trust. The Trust's capital continues to grow as the result of donations from the Coastal News and the present high interest rates provide a healthy income for disbursement.

John Sharman, treasurer

Mapua Ruby Bay & District Community Trust Inc Notes to the financial statements for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

The Trust was established as an entity on April 16 2004 and a Deed of Trust formally signed on 28 April 2005. The Trust was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act on 5 May 2005.

The *Coastal News* made donations to the Trust during this financial year of \$7900

1. No personal donations were received.
2. No donations from businesses were received.
3. Grants totalling \$1675.00 were made by the Trust to: Kids & Koffee (\$200), Mapua Show Inc. (\$300), Mapua Soccer Club (\$300), Tamaha Sea Scouts (\$350), Moutere Hills RSA (\$125) and the Coastal Garden Group (\$400).
4. All of the Trust's financial assets are held in linked "Now" and "Online Call" accounts at Kiwibank. The "Online Call" account earns in excess of 8% per annum calculated on a daily basis. Account

operations can only be conducted through the "Now" account following internet transfer of money between the two accounts. Any movement of Trust funds out of the account is subject to prior approval and recorded at a Trustees' meeting.

Financial responsibility statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements and ensuring that they comply with generally accepted accounting practice and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2008.

The Trustees consider and are of the belief that they have discharged their duties in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust (# 1631861).

For and on behalf of the Trustees, dated 14 April 2008

Chairman, T R Hamlen-Williams. Treasurer, J R Sharman. Audited by K Darling CA (Ret'd)

Mapua - Ruby Bay & District Community Trust Inc Statement of financial performance for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

		2008		2007	
INCOME	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Coastal News</i> Donations	1	7,900.00		17,800.00	
Personal donations	2			1,335.00	
Business donations	3			150.00	
Interest		1,845.65		1,274.75	
			9,745.65		20,559.75
LESS EXPENSES					
Administration			\$(.)		\$(2.50)
Grants	4	\$(1,675.00)		\$(250.00)	
			\$(1,675.00)		\$(252.50)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD			8,070.65		20,307.25

Note: 2007 figures cover the period 5 May 2005 until 30 March 2007

MAPUA RUBY BAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST INC

MAPUA - RUBY BAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRUST INC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2007 AND ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

		2008		2007	
TRUSTEES' EQUITY	Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital Reserve Fund		27,185.00		19,285.00	
Disbursement Fund		1,192.90		1,022.25	
			28,377.90		20,307.25
REPRESENTED BY					
Current Assets					
Kiwibank "Now" Account	5	1.00		1.00	
Kiwibank "On Line Call" Account	5	28,376.90		20,306.25	
			28,377.90		20,307.25
LESS					
Current Liabilities			Nil		Nil
NET ASSETS			28,377.90		20,307.25

Note: 2007 figures cover the period 5 May 2005 until 30 March 2007

Mapua - Ruby Bay & District Community Trust Inc Statement of cashflows for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 Cashflows from operating activities

		2008	2007
	Notes	\$	\$
Cash was provided from			
Donations	1 - 3	7,900.00	19,285.00
Interest from National Bank			784.83
Interest from Kiwibank		1,845.65	489.92
		9,745.65	20,559.75
Cash was applied to			
Administration		(0.00)	(2.50)
Grant		(1,675.00)	(250.00)
		(1,675.00)	(252.00)
Net cash inflow		8,070.65	20,307.75

Note: 2007 figures cover the period 5 May 2005 until 30 March 2007

Mahana School



A new broom sweeps clean is a tired old cliché, but that's exactly what happened at Mahana School recently.

A working bee comprising of our new principal, new staff and some of the newly elected Board of Trustees members rolled up their sleeves to work alongside parents, sweeping up the fallen leaves autumn has kindly deposited in the school grounds. They then implemented a garden makeover and put some more ticks in boxes on the maintenance schedule.

The input the school seeks from pupils as to how they would like their school to look will be the focus of our ongoing working bees.

A fresh look for Mahana is accompanied by a new set of positive expectations for the children that will assist in the ongoing success of the school.

These are clearly defined and staff and pupils have embraced the establishment of the expectations with each class working on signage detailing them for the classrooms, ensuring consistency throughout the school. You can read more about this initiative by viewing the latest newsletter on www.mahana.school.nz.

Cancer awareness and fund-raising activities for Herceptin treatment have been adopted by many community organisations in recent times. Mahana School will be contributing with a "Wacky Hair Friday". Pupils, teachers and parents are encouraged to wear "wacky hair" for the day and participate in a range of activities to mark the occasion. Featured will be the Wacky Hair Parade, Wacky Races and Games, Wacky Wearable Arts and the Wacky Costumes Show. Donations for participation will go towards fund-raising for Carolyn McPherson.

Mahana, Dovedale and Upper Moutere Schools combined their keen rugby players and entered a team in the Year 7/8 Tackle Rugby Tournament on 20 May in Motueka. The team donned Rangers jerseys on the day and made a name for themselves, battling their way to a 5-4 victory over Parklands School in the final (after trailing 4-0 at halftime) to win the competition. It was a fantastic effort and all at Mahana School are very proud of our player, Indigo Muir, for his contribution to the team.

Small country schools often struggle for numbers for team sports. The initiative of joining forces with

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

April-May call-outs

April 16: Water main burst, Tahurangi Street Mapua.

April 25: Plane crash Kaihoko, Golden Bay. Reached Takaka Hill when turned back.

Safety Tip – Clean your chimney



In the last two months the brigade has had familiarisation visits to the Tasman School, the Mapua Health Centre and Thawley's fruit-packing complex.

On the evening of Friday the 9th the brigade farewelled Kim Inwood, who has left the brigade after 20 years of service. Kim left with the rank of Senior Station Officer and Training Officer. Greg Olsen organised a great night for all.

neighbouring schools for events is rewarding for pupils that don't play team sports outside of school.

Rippa Rugby (non tackle rugby) has become increasingly popular throughout the Tasman region and Mahana School will be participating in two upcoming tournaments. The first is at Rugby Park in Motueka on the 27th May and the second will be held at the Upper Moutere Domain on June 3rd.

Gymnastics is another sport Mahana School will shortly be sending most of our senior students to compete in. The B Grade Gymnastics will be held at the Motueka Rec Centre on 5 June. Six of our senior gymnasts will compete in the A Grade competition.

There's no hibernation for Mahana School as far as sport goes this winter!

If you're new to the area and are considering enrolling a child at Mahana School, please give Jenny in the office a call to arrange a visit, ph 543-2887.

For further information about Mahana School and to view our children's activities, visit us on www.mahana.school.nz – much of the content on the site has been contributed by our pupils.

Tony Brown, Mahana School Parent, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mahana School

MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545

The library AGM was held in May. The committee and the volunteers farewelled Susanne de Fresne, Jenny Marchbanks and Dot Moriarty from the committee, and thanked them for their years of service. Probably a combined effort of around 30 years between the three of them! Dot will continue her general volunteer duties, while Jenny and Susanne will be our “consultants” for a time. Three new committee members were elected: Dennis Emery, who will take on the treasurer role, with Max Cook and Heather Quinn also joining the team. It was very encouraging to see the level of commitment and enthusiasm shown at the AGM to keep our independent library going.

Continuing our Guest Speaker Series, we have Kate De Goldi coming to speak about her life and work as a writer on Thursday 26 June at 7pm at the Mapua Bowling Club rooms. She will be Writer in Residence at Woollaston Estates Winery during June. Having her take part in our Speaker Series is a great opportunity for us, and the community. Mark your calendar now.

Here are a few of the new books available at the library:

Adult Fiction:

Landings by Jenny Patrick, author of the popular Denniston Rose. This novel tells of the challenges of the Whanganui River to the local community at the turn of 20th century.

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. This is a delightful fantasy about the Queen’s reading habits.

Adult Non-fiction:

New Zealand’s Wilderness Heritage, Les Malloy & Craig Potton. This is a large book, beautifully presented, covering many aspects of NZ’s wilderness areas. Well worth borrowing.

The Sixth Man by James McNeish. An intriguing read about the life of Paddy Costello, spy.

Young Adults:

Genesis, a sci-fi thriller by NZ author Bernard Beckett set in renamed New Zealand, isolated from a disease-ridden globe, in 2052.

Children’s Fiction:

The Pony Club Series by Stacy Gregg, an ex fashion editor. We have the first three of this series, and two new picture books by popular authors—That Pesky Rat by Lauren Child and Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson.

In addition, every month generous members of our community provide us with a great selection of books.

Sarah McLeod



International Singing Artist coming to Westdale

International singing artist Dave Stringer is coming to the Nelson region on his international tour. It will be a unique musical experience for this area as Stringer has been widely profiled as one of the most innovative artists of the new American Kirtan in publications as diverse as *Time*, *Billboard* and *Yoga Journal*.

“Dave Stringer has integrated his interest in Kirtan, an Indian tradition of devotional chanting, with his masterful grasp of Western popular music, creating an exciting style of psychedelic pop as informed by traditional Eastern music as the Beatles,” says the *All Music Guide*.

Initially trained as a visual artist, filmmaker and jazz musician, Stringer had his formative experiences with chanting when film editing work brought him to the Siddha Yoga Ashram in Ganeshpuri, India, in 1990.

Since 2000, Stringer and a diverse ensemble of accompanying musicians have toured North America and Europe, expanding the audience for Kirtan. This year Stringer has his first tour to Australia/Bali and New Zealand.

Based in Los Angeles, Stringer has produced varied recordings with other celebrated World musicians such as Azam Ali, Vas, Axiom of Choice, and Rasa. His voice also appears on numerous soundtracks, including the film *Matrix Revolutions* and the video game *Myst*. The CDs he has produced under his own name, “Brink”, “Japa”, “Mala” and “Divas & Devas”, are heard in yoga studios throughout the world.

These local events are Dave Stringer’s only South Island appearances and are brought here by Robin Goette of Ruby Bay Yoga Studio. (rubybayyoga.com)

Details of Events

Dave Stringer – Kirtan concert on Sunday at 7pm, June 15th. The concert will be held at The Playhouse Café and Theatre on Westdale Road between Richmond and Mapua. Tickets are \$30 and booking is essential. Call 03 540-2985 to book.

In addition to the concert, there will also be a three-hour yoga workshop taught by Alanna Kaivalya with Dave Stringer performing. The Yoga Workshop begins at 9am on Monday, June 16th, and will be held at The Playhouse Café and Theatre. Cost is \$50 and booking is essential. For any questions please call Robin Goette at 03 540-2113. Space is limited. Best to book early.

Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

The club has at least one team in every age grade and more than one in some (Midgets, 7th grade, & 8th grade). It's great to see the teams down at the Domain on a Saturday and Sunday. Please go and support the teams in their black and orange.

New Kit. In fact not all the teams are in black and orange. The 11th grade have a new kit in our alternative strip of orange and black. If this doesn't make much sense try and catch one of their games and see if you notice the difference. This new kit was partially funded by the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust. This trust supports local organisations and charities and we at MAD FC would like to thank the Trust for its generous donation to the new kit.

We would like to replace another team's uniform this year so if you would like to sponsor or support the club please contact Shelley Williams on 540-2417.

The teams have also been furnished with new kit bags and some new balls. For the 11 aside games we also have some new corner flags and two new nets. Each year we have a small budget to replace equipment and we would struggle to do so without the support and sponsorship of the community.

Competitions. The senior Men have started the season where they left off last year with a string of wins or draws keeping them well in contention for the 1st place prize.

The Women have retained the enthusiasm they exhibited in their inaugural season last year and the games are really worthwhile watching on a Sunday. A couple of clashes in the last game I saw resulted in a

twisted ankle and some claret to the head so there is no denying the commitment of the team.

The Youth are showing great promise and beginning to find their stride with a few wins under the belt.

It's still early for the junior grades with some of the newer teams aiming to establish a consistent team performance and all showing the true grit of a MAD FC player. The enthusiasm on the side line is as strong, and sometimes more so, as the playing on the field.

The Detox Fashion Show was a huge success and a great entertaining evening out at the Playhouse. All the sponsors, supporters, organisers and volunteers have been thanked individually but on behalf of MAD FC we would like to thank all of you for your time, input and support without which the show could not go on.

Finally the major project for the club, the practice lights at Mapua Domain, have been given a great boost with a draft budget being put in the Tasman District Council annual plan. Thank you TDC this project will be a great asset both to the club and the community.

So get out there and kick, yell, clap and enjoy what is the Beautiful Game.

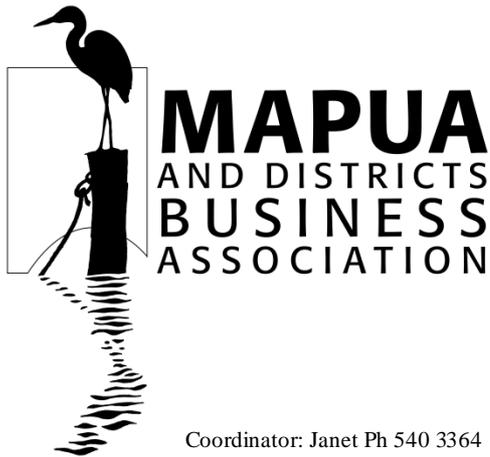
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Coming attractions for the month of June

SUN 1	JESSICA MURPHY	An afternoon of easy listening jazz	12-3	FREE
SUN 1 eve	SALSA	Exotic, Exciting and Thrilling. 6pm FREE lesson. 7pm Dinner. Dancing till 10pm	6-10	FREE
MON-DAYS		Café open 10 - 4pm. CLOSED in the evening		
TUESDAYS	THEATRE SPORTS	Hilarious comedy improvisation show	7.00	FREE
WED 4	ROCK & ROLL NIGHT	Fantastic Rock 'n Roll night with live band	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
THUR 5		To be confirmed		
FRI 6	BARBERSHOP CONCERT	Two national award winning choirs "The Plainsmen" & "The Bays Barbershop Choir" perform together in a wonderful evening of stunning music and humour	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
SAT 7	BRYCE WASTNEY IN CONCERT	Singer/songwriter Bryce, combines beautiful music with amazing video images of NZ, projected on a gigantic digital screen. An awesome show!!!	6.30	Dinner & show \$65 Show only \$25
SUN 8	LOU BRAGG	An afternoon of acoustic Blues	12-3 xxxx	FREE
SUN 8 eve	TANGO	Join us for an exciting evening of TANGO 6pm FREE lesson. 7pm Dinner. Dancing till 10pm	6-10	FREE
WED 11	ROCK & ROLL NIGHT	Fantastic Rock 'n Roll night with live band The Foxhill Stragglers	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
THUR 12	CLINICAL CAPERS	Medical mayhem at the Playhouse hospital. Dress up as your favourite Dr or Nurse and join in the fun. A great night out for parties and groups.	6.30	Dinner & show \$75
FRI 13 & SAT 14	GARY McCORMICK & TIM SHADBOLT	What more can we say about this "dynamic duo?" Always hilarious and always great value. Join us for two nights of frivolous mirth.	6.30	Dinner & show \$75
SUN 15	DANNY BEHRENS	An afternoon of music from this piano virtuoso	12-3 xxxx	FREE
SUN 15 eve	KIRTAN CHANTING CONCERT	Ruby Bay Yoga presents international artists Dave Stringer & Alanna Kaivalya in concert for this amazing blend of East meets West call & response music & chanting	7.00	\$30 cover charge
MON 16	YOGA WORKSHOP	3hr yoga workshop with Alanna Kaivalya + live music	9am	\$50
WED 18	ROCK & ROLL NIGHT	Fantastic Rock 'n Roll night with live band	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
THUR 19	BLUES at the Playhouse	Rocking the house down with live band - BOOGIE TRAIN	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
FRI 20	PLAY	"REVENGE OF THE AMAZONS" Nayland College present this wickedly funny romp. Shakespeare will be turning in his grave - laughing helplessly, as audiences do, when they see this classic rewrite	6.30	Dinner & show \$65 Show only \$25
SAT 21	OPEN FOR LUNCH 10-4pm	SORRY, CLOSED FOR PRIVATE EVENING FUNCTION		
SUN 22	DON'T FRET	An afternoon of classic cover songs	12-3	FREE
WED 25	ROCK & ROLL NIGHT	Fantastic Rock 'n Roll night with live bands	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
THUR 26	DIVAS	Fabulous stage show with a tribute to ABBA and the pop divas of the 70's	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
FRI 27	JAZZ at the PLAYHOUSE	A cabaret style evening of live Jazz!!! Wine & dine to some of New Zealand's finest jazz musicians	6.30	\$10 Cover charge Dinner from 6.30pm
SAT 28	OPEN FOR LUNCH 10-4pm	SORRY, CLOSED FOR PRIVATE EVENING FUNCTION		
SUN 29	JOHN JEFFERIES	Crooning the classic songs from Sinatra & Porter etc	12-3	FREE



Coordinator: Janet Ph 540 3364

Changes at MDBA.....

The recent AGM brought with it several changes to the Association's committee. We farewelled Diane Maisey after 4 years in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and also Marion Satherely from the role of Chairperson. Marion has been involved as a member of the MDBA committee, holding various roles since the Association was first established in 1982. Both have made significant contributions to the running and development of the Association and the Mapua community.

A keen new committee have been elected with Brigid Ryan filling the role of Chairperson, Bob Lancaster as Vice Chairperson, Paul Nankivell as Secretary, and Bernie Kaczon as Treasurer.

MEMBER PRO-

LILLIA'S LACE MUSEUM is situated on the Main Moutere Highway; it is a collection of lace which represents many countries, showing their interpretations and methods used to create their laces.

My Grandmother, Lillia, made lace and her pieces started the fascination for me to see how a simple reel or skein of thread can be made into something so beautiful with a little effort and time.

The collection is a 'step back in time' which brings many memories to mind especially for older people. It includes many items other than lace that are now part of our NZ history. It is simply a chance to share with other people a portion of time, from our past.

For viewing, please phone to make a time, there is a small admission charge. Groups are welcome.

Phone Jean or Brian, 03 5432821.

Meet Jean
Lillia's
Grand daughter
at the
Museum.



MEMBER PRO-

MARION TOWNS AND TASMAN ARTS

Twenty six years ago Marion started painting. After attending many classes and workshops, Marion was encouraged to exhibit; 130 exhibitions and many publications later she is still painting. In the last few years her expertise has been in chalk pastels but with her prior knowledge in other mediums and her new home/gallery in

Tasman she now has the space to work and extend into other areas. Her stylized landscapes and nudes in landscapes are vibrant and colourful, the pure pigment in pastel giving the intense colour in her work.

Her new gallery workshop in **26 Baldwin Rd, Tasman** is large enough to also offer regular workshops for children (7-9 yr olds and 10-12 yr olds) and adults. This excellent viewing area is easily accessible to the public and set amongst beautiful park-like grounds and gardens where Marion would like other artists to feature their sculptures and three dimensional works. Her 2008 classes will be beginners drawing and painting classes life drawing groups.

Any enquiries please ring Marion on **03 5266035** and view her website at **www.mariontowns.co.nz** The official open day will be advised and the gallery will be open most days or by appointment.

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Offices and reception area available to rent at 69, Aranui Road, Mapua. Come and have a look tel 5402705.

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

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

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

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

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

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group. This year our meetings will be 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays, bimonthly on the following dates: June 14; Aug 9; Oct 11; and Dec 13. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686

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

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

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

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

Mapua Hall bookings can be made at Video Ezy Mapua, 69 Aranui Road, 540-3370. Open daily 11am till late. Phone bookings accepted.

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

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