

# Coastal News

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## Does Mapua Have the Best Weather?

Does Mapua/Ruby Bay have a better climate than other parts of the Nelson district? Those who live here like to think so, but can it be demonstrated? That is a question John Stevens of Ruby Bay asked the *Coastal News* to look into.

The short answer is no, it can't. It really relies on "anecdotal evidence," and that itself is a term that I call an oxymoron—what is anecdotal is not properly evidence. When the sun is shining in Mapua and Ruby Bay and we look out across the bay at Nelson city to see it and the foothills to Richmond shrouded in mist we say the weather is much better here.

The same applies when we hear of heavy rain in Nelson or Takaka that causes flooding and we have had only a shower that wets the grass. We decide we have a much better climate. Certainly when we hear on the news that the ferries have stopped running because Wellington has been lashed by gales and there hasn't been a breath of wind here, it is not hard to decide where is the better place to be, but that applies to all the Tasman Bay area.

The problem is the lack of detailed weather information. NIWA has its weather station in an open area between Stoke and Tahunanui, there is one in Motueka and another in Takaka, and the only ones recording sunshine hours are Nelson and Takaka. Motueka stopped recording sunshine some time ago.

Rainfall seems to be the only widely recorded element, and Mapua has been well served here by the Wells family which has kept records since 1922. Peter Wells told the *Coastal News* that his grandfather, Arnold Wells, began growing apples in 1915 on a property they called Mount Hope, because they lived in hope. It is still there on Mapua Drive opposite the Seaton Valley Road intersection, but no longer an apple orchard.

In 1922 Arnold Wells was asked by the Meteorological Department in Wellington to collect rainfall data for Mapua. The original cardboard box housing the glass rain measuring cylinder is still in use today. Every day at 9am the reading is taken for the previous 24 hours and recorded on an official yearly

chart. Each month this information is sent to Wellington's NIWA—the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research.

Originally of course the rainfall was recorded in points, with 100 points being one inch. Now it is millimeters, and for those who have trouble seeing things in decimals, 25mm is close to one inch.

Some highlights from the Wells family records:

- The driest month on record was in February 1973 when only 0.2mm of rain fell. Apples were scorched on the trees that year.
- The highest rainfall for any month was 377mm in April 1929.
- The lowest rainfall total for a year was 595.8mm in 1973.
- The highest total for a year was in 1962 when 1434mm fell. Last year's total of 1415.8mm was only slightly less.
- The heaviest fall recorded was on 31 May 1962 when 104mm fell in 24 hours. This was the only time since records were kept that more than 100mm (4in), in 24 hours has been measured.
- Over the 35 years since 1976 the average rainfall for a year has been 969mm.

As a comparison the average rainfall for Nelson, probably for more than 35 years, is 941mm and for Motueka 1254mm. But that's only rainfall, and weather consists of sunshine, temperature and wind as well as rainfall.

A NIWA spokesman in Nelson said there were many factors that could affect climate in different places—shelter belts, tall trees, hills, proximity to the coast—and it was impossible to say one place was markedly better than another.

So John of Ruby Bay, until you set up your own weather station and are prepared to take daily readings year after year, or automate at great expense, you will have to bask in the self-provided "knowledge" that we have the best climate.

And hats off to the Wells family for their splendid effort in keeping rainfall records for 80 years.

Terry Smith



# Mapua & Districts Soccer Club



The season is well under way now, and players from the age of four to well over 40 are engaged in regular football. The weather has been perfect for the beautiful game so far, with no cancellations to date.

The mighty Mapua men's team has started the season with an unprecedented four wins from four. New coach Jon Williams is drumming positional play and commitment into the side. The men had a minor hiccup in their fifth game, however, against the bottom of the table dwellers from Tahunanui, losing 2-1, but still are top of the table in the third division. The team then made their annual trip to Golden Bay for their usual tight match against this well-performing team, and managed to scrape a well deserved 1-1 draw.

The senior women's team is playing in the first division this year, coached by Debbie Cox. Their season has had some wins and losses, and has the strength of the mother/daughter combination of Bridget and Rosie Wild to both score goals and defend brilliantly against some talented opposition. There is a great team spirit and support for players in the side. They are currently mid-table in their pool of five teams. Good luck to them for the rest of the season.

All junior football is also in full swing, and reports from coaches are that the Mapua football stock continues to shine through in their talents on the field. There are some exciting up-and-coming players in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams, and plenty of representative players in higher junior divisions playing for Mapua. Thanks to all the volunteer coaching and management that goes on in all of the junior grades.

The domain is about to get another set of goal posts, so there can be more shooting practice during these dark winter training nights under the floodlights. Thanks to Toby Wild and Jon Williams for organising these, and lets hope the senior teams can continue to pelt the ball into the back of the net!

## Funds Increasing for Mapua Hall

Things are moving along in more than ways one with groups of people working behind the scenes to make the hall revamp a reality.

The fundometer indicates \$53,000 has been raised to date. Events and other activities are being planned to attain the \$200,000 target, as the community contribution for the renovation.

This Queen's Birthday weekend is the "Jubilee Tea Party" fund-raiser. It is at 1.30pm on 3 June at the Playhouse. There is a line-up of activities to entertain everyone. An itinerary of up and coming events is planned, so look out for the timetable on the noticeboard in the entrance porch to the hall.

The 'Yes to the hall revamp' badges are making steady sales, so make sure you have one, only a \$2 donation (or more if you are feeling generous toward the hall fundometer). Contact Fred Robertson ph 540-

3246 if you want to have a supply of badges to sell to a group you are a member of or just want to purchase one yourself. Great presents!

New noticeboards by the front entrance to the hall have increased information and advertising space for hall developments and events. There is also a monthly calendar of hall usage and events on display. A 'revamp' website is being developed that will hold similar information.

It is a community hall, so we would like to maximise the potential of hall usage and fill the "gaps" we now have. The upgrade will improve the hall as a great venue for family events, celebrations, work functions etc. If you have any ideas/inspirations that could further enhance future hall usage please call Graeme Stradling, phone 540-2050.

Everyone is welcome to the AGM to be held in the supper room at 7:30pm on Monday the 18th of June.

# Mahana School

Mahana School is humming with the sounds of science. If you were to visit at the moment you might hear the popping of balloons, the whoosh of a water rocket, or the bubble of air being placed under pressure inside a sealed water container. You would see groups of kids clustered around hands-on activities, talking and asking questions of each other and the teachers, and you would feel an air excitement and anticipation about what might happen next. This is all because Mahana School is involved in the National Science Week, where our students get to take part in a range of science investigations designed to inspire our kids to greater learning.

We decided to make Science Week at Mahana into two weeks. We wanted to make it extra special for our students because it fits so well with our school value of 'Seek and You Shall Find'. The teaching staff worked hard to set up really engaging and fun science activities that involve a lot of discussion, questioning, experimentation, and trial. The science language and understanding that has resulted has encouraged us to ensure that we always teach a 'discovery and investigation' centred curriculum.

As well as our science theme, we have been learning about Anzac Day and what it means through visiting the WWI trenches at the 'Lest We Forget' exhibition at Founders' Park. We followed this with a visit to the Nelson Museum to learn about the role of the modern armed forces in Afghanistan. These visits made a big impact on the kids as they brought alive some of the experiences and stories from the war that they have read about but may not have completely understood before. We completed this topic by building our own World War 1 trenches in Kotuku class. Our senior students were required to spend one school week in the trenches, trying to find their way around while carrying on with their normal routines. We wanted to make the experience as real as possible, and it will be an experience they will never forget.



*Learning to make trench-periscopes.*



*Lucy, Eylish, Sapphira and Meila check science activities at Mahana School.*

For all those parents with pre-schoolers, we are running a fantastic new music programme at Mahana School. You and your child will get to play, sing, dance, and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social-emotional development, and much more. Our trained Kindermusik educator, Kath Munn, will guide the class as well as help you understand what your child is learning. We will run a free demo class on Thursday 14th June from 9.30am to 10.30am in the Mahana School library. If you would like to learn more or are interested in taking part, contact Kath Munn, 03 528-9685 or ring Justin at Mahana School, 03 543-2887.

Please remember that families are welcome to visit us any time, or check out our new website at [www.mahana.school.nz](http://www.mahana.school.nz), check out our class blogs, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We have an excellent school that is not far away. We have a student-teacher ratio that allows us to put kids' learning first. We have a special place and we are proud of it. Come and take a look.

*Justin Neal, Principal*

## **Mahana School Centennial 1915 – 2015**

*Are you a past pupil, parent,  
grandparent or caregiver?*

*Would you like to be involved in the  
steering committee for the upcoming  
centennial?*

*If so please  
email: [office@mahana.school.nz](mailto:office@mahana.school.nz),  
or ring Jenny on 5432887 at school,  
or text 027 3517931,  
to record your interest!*

# Out and About with Hugh

Last month I ended with the word “away”. Away in two contexts. One referring to our “throw-away society.” The other, that I was “going away” on holiday. Brings me again to our use of words, their definitions and how we mean them when we use them. Words can be nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, used in verb phrases or idioms. The same word can have several definitions and not always mean quite the same thing to you as it might to me. For instance, in his Letter to the Editor in the May *Coastal News*, Keith Darling used the word “opaque” in respect to the “negative impact” of the Ruby Bay by-Pass on local commercial activities etc. Opaque? Want to have some fun? Look up the definition.

I (we) went away to Northland. No need to go overseas to see another part of the world. The historical venues around the Bay of Islands are a world in themselves. Our few days in Northland only scratched the surface. The highlight “away” was Cape Rienga. It’s my understanding that Cape Rienga has a deep and profound spiritual meaning to Maori. The departure point of the spririt after death. This I can well accept. It’s literally as far as a mortal can go. Beyond is the spiritual. The colliding of the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean currents and the vast emptiness of the sea to the north. Being there; experiencing it, is to feel it and believe it.

Getting out of town has interesting advantages. A change in daily routines, the opportunity to detach. A feeling of freedom, the anticipation of what’s in store. No wonder we like to take a holiday. Are you getting the message? We had a good time!

I’ve called myself the “Anticipatory Journalist.” Returning to Mapua, some of the things anticipated had indeed come about.

The 30th Mapua Easter Fair on 8 April was a big success with stunning Easter Sunday weather and the largest attendance ever (16,000+). Stories of a “monumental traffic jam on all roads leading into Mapua!” The financial return to the Mapua Easter Fair Trust just WOW!

Amalgamation of Nelson City and the Tasman District has been rejected. Now a dead issue? Let’s not be too sure about that. The Minister for Local Government David Carter has made it plain that amalgamation of local councils is still very much on the Government’s mind. It’s “rates and rationalisation,” says he. Somewhere down the track

this may again become a live issue for Nelson/Tasman voters.

The upgrading of the Mapua sewage pumping station in full swing. Scheduled for completion on 9 July and to be “commissioned,” I guess that means starting to pump our sewage, on 9 August. Next will be the construction of the new toilet block and amenities, all before Christmas.

A well-attended Wharf Precinct Group met on 9 May. The wide-ranging discussion concerning wharf parking and vehicle access, the wharf replacement pontoon, the former aquarium site and wharf lighting was chaired by Cr Brian Ensor. The DC transportation manager, Gary Clark, announced that as of 1 October there will be changes for private vehicle access and parking. The replacement pontoon has been built off-site and will be installed soon.

The TDC is calling for expressions of interest for the aquarium site. An urban design panel is to be appointed. Please! Not another building. Let’s keep it open space. A great area for innovative activities, many of which could be profitable to the TDC which is worried about “maximising their assets.” Their assets? Who is paying the bills here? I thought it was the ratepayers? Just what do we own?

Hope you’ve got your tickets to the “Coronation Tea Party, a Mapua Hall rebuild fund-raiser at The Playhouse on Sunday, 3 June, 1.30 to 4.30pm. Tickets at \$20 include an afternoon tea platter, tea and coffee, music and entertainment. Tickets are available from Mapua Trading at the wharf or Juggles on Aranui Road across from the Mapua Hall.

Be there! See you there! Please support the Hall project.

“Clean-up Safety Flawed” was the *Nelson Mail* headline on 19 May. Flawed in more ways than one. This Department of Labour report has been denied public exposure for more than two years despite repeated requests from our Community Association and many concerned and affected individuals. No credit here for our Ministries of the Environment, Labour and Health. Sadly, the TDC has had the report and been sitting on it because of a Government embargo and bureaucratise.

The Ruby Bay “Sea Spray Store.” More to come about this local icon. Thanks to the few who have responded. Can anyone tell me about the Jefferys? Any more information much appreciated. Email hush@quik.co.nz or phone 540-3858. Thank you.

*Hugh Gordon*

# Tasman School

## Fizz. Pop and Foam



May has been the month to fizz, pop and foam as Room 3 & 4 perform experiments and trial scientific theories using common substances found in any keen cooks' kitchen. This time of discovery has generated meaningful conversations, predicting results, observing reactions and discussing how and why different chemicals react the way they do. We have grown salt crystals, mould, made butter, yoghurt, soft cheese, and hokey pokey. We have also found out that water can change into the three states of solid, liquid, and gas. This topic is causing great excitement, as it's hands-on and observable.

This term we also celebrated the opening of the new entrance and foyer to the school, with Maori and Celtic blessings. One of our students sang a song (with the help of her friends) she especially wrote for the occasion, which set the tone of the evening. The ribbon was cut by the youngest and oldest student together, and a huge green cake was cut and passed around.

We have two new additions in Room 3 in the form of cuddly, hungry, chattering guinea pigs. (Moca and Coca) These pets have made a huge impression on the class, in terms responsibility, caring, sharing, and sheer enjoyment. I'm glad the turtles didn't eventuate.

Winter sports are under way with two netball teams (including some students from Tasman Bay Christian School), a mini ball team, and a combined Tasman and Mahana tackle rugby team. Country schools certainly are flexible. Gymnastics is also on the 'roll'. At the beginning of the term we continued our focus on the Anzacs and we would like to share some of the haikus we wrote as a result of this work. Anzac is a significant day for our school as the Tasman Cenotaph is on the school grounds and is acknowledged each day as we pass it.

*Fred Robertson.*



*Two girls with science project*

The sea is stained red  
Clouds of smoke suffocate me  
Gunfire cuts off screams.

*Jennifer Guthrie*

Deadly battlefield  
Bullets whistling everywhere  
Poppies red as blood

*Drew Dodson-Cook*

# Animal Health File

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

## Keep (animals) Safe on the Roads

The police will no doubt be focusing on road safety again this Queen's Birthday weekend. As per usual they will implore drivers to keep their speed down and to be alert to road hazards when driving in order to keep the carnage to a minimum over the long holiday weekend.

As vets we see our fair share of carnage on the roads. We have our own acronyms for these events, the most common being the HBC (hit by car) or RTA (road traffic accident). And we all have our stories both heartwarming and heartbreaking of miracle survivals and gut-wrenching deaths, because when a small cat or dog takes on a large motor vehicle the odds are not generally in their favour.

There wouldn't be too many drivers out there who haven't had an animal run across the road in front of them. It is a heart-pounding experience. Most of the time when an animal is hit it is a complete accident and a shocking one for the driver. If this happens to you, you must stop and render assistance to the animal. Sometimes the animal will run away and there is not much you can do, but most of the time you will have an injured and painful animal to deal with.

First of all – don't panic. Secondly – be aware of your own personal safety as an animal in pain may bite. The most important thing to do is to call the vet. We can talk you through some emergency first aid and organise getting the animal in to the clinic. We will come out and pick it up if necessary. If you have someone else in the car with you or there are some helpful by-standers then send them off door-knocking to try to find the owner.

There are, unfortunately, people out there who will hit an animal and just keep driving. We have had a few instances of this in Motueka recently. I can only guess that these people think they will be in some sort of trouble or that they will be responsible for any

veterinary bills incurred. We want to reassure people that this is not the case. The veterinary bill is the responsibility of the owner of the animal. If you cannot locate an owner then the vets and the SPCA will do everything they can to find them and we will always provide appropriate care until such time as the owner is found and can make some decisions.

As always prevention is better than cure. It is not easy to keep cats off the road but do keep them inside at night, as a large percentage of cat HBCs occur at night. Dogs are easier to curtail. Make sure your property is securely fenced and keep them on a lead when out walking unless you are off-road – you never know when they will spy something interesting on the other side of the road and dash off.

## MAPUA Bowling Club

Outdoor bowling has now closed and as we look forward to some indoor carpet bowls during the winter it is also time to take stock and reflect on the highs and lows of the season gone by.

We started and finished our year with sadness, losing two members, Graham Young and May Whittle. Further sadness came mid-season when we were notified of the death of Honorary Member Nancy Thomas. All three will be remembered with great fondness.

The club is indebted to all our sponsors and we were delighted to receive new sponsorship this year from Baku, Holistic Health & Training and Harcourt's. All our home tournaments were successful and well attended.

There have been some notable "firsts". A monthly newsletter now goes out to all members keeping them abreast of events and happenings. We had our first mid-winter lunch and quiz and hopefully this will find a regular place in the club's calendar. For such a small club we can proudly boast two new coaches and a new umpire. Members keenly supported the national "Have A Go Day" and teams of ladies and men entered a newly devised Nelson Centre 5s competition.

An unknown benefactor remains a mystery but we are very grateful to him or her for donating some new garden furniture. As well as being attractive and functional, it inspired a clean-up and we now have a garden area with tubs of flowers and a new barbecue, a welcome place of rest after all the battles on the green.

Yes, it has been a good year.

For any information about bowling please contact the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765) or the president, Dave England (540-2934).

Sue England

## Fire Brigade

### April 12–May 12 call-outs

Apr 25: Large unattended fire on beach at Pine hill Reserve. Put out.

16 calls year to date.

**Safety Tip – Have electric blankets checked by a competent service or registered service person. Turn electric blanket off before going to bed.**

# Police Report

Hi all. The cooler and wetter months are just upon us. It won't be long before it is frosty and the roads are pretty treacherous in places, so plan to take a little more time for your journey when you need to.

I have been working on minor issues with some local youths and doing follow-ups with their families. All fairly positive results and I was thinking how lucky we are that such minor things can be addressed. Certainly in other parts of the country the police wouldn't have the resources or the time to do such work.

I attended an accident between a cyclist and a car at the Ruby Bay Bluffs and the cyclist was very lucky just to have minor injuries. The youth had been biking in the dark with no lights near the centre of the road. He has learnt a big lesson—accidents can happen even in “little old Mapua.”

Also there is the continuing problem of cars doing skids along country roads. If you hear this going on please ring us at the time so at least we have a chance of catching those responsible.

Apart from that a pretty uneventful month.

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

## Mapua Occurrences:

May 15: Car v cycle accident Ruby Bay

# PANZ



The beginning of April heralded the annual PANZ “Purely Pastel” National Art Awards and Convention in Blenheim. This was a 10-year anniversary for the society and a group of 18 members represented the Nelson area. There were workshops before and after the business side of convention, plus demonstrations throughout. Everyone found these stimulating and gave us new techniques to experiment with.

The quality of the works hanging in the Yealands Marlborough Art Gallery was stunning. People came from the top and bottom of New Zealand and a pleasant sense of camaraderie pervaded the social gatherings. Bill Burke won the major prize with his lovely portrait of *The Irishman*.

Tony Allain was honoured with the presentation of Distinguished Member (DPANZ). Bill Burke earned his place as Artist Member (APANZ).

The convention was followed with a weekend workshop in Motueka over Easter on animal eyes, mouths and noses. This was tutored by Maxine Thompson of Rotorua and she got us to finish with a portrait of our animal of choice. I believe we were all pleased with what we produced. All in all, a very enlightening fortnight.

Do feel free to come and join us on a Tuesday morning at the Mapua Hall. You never know, you might really enjoy messing about with pastels. Contact: Glenys Forbes 540-3388

# BOOK REVIEW

*The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins. Reviewed by Tony Small and available in the Mapua Library.

Ten reasons why everyone should read *The Hunger Games*:

1. Exciting
2. Lively, engaging central character
3. Varied, interesting supporting cast
4. Immediate narrative style (first person, present tense)
5. Searing critique of greed, corruption and inequality in a totalitarian society
6. Cinematic description of the action
7. Complexity of the characters clearly depicted
8. Like elimination reality shows? You'll love this one, contestants pay the ultimate price.

9. Hate elimination reality shows? This one depicts the inherent cruelty of the format
10. When you've finished *The Hunger Games* there are two more books—you'll be desperate to get your hands on them.

Five reasons why you should see the movie:

1. Faithful to the book
2. Jennifer Lawrence is wonderful as Katniss
3. Brilliantly contrasts the excesses of the Capitol against the drabness of the Districts
4. The ultimate reality show, see 8 and 9 above
5. May still be running at Motueka State Cinema

# Mapua & District Cycle & Walkways Group

The MDWCG continues to support the development of the Great Taste Trail (GTT) even though there has been recently suggestions from the TDC that it is considering reducing its funding support. The group recommends that planning for the route northwards from Mapua involves consultation with community groups in the hopes of gaining the best possible outcome for the trail and our community.

Group members have been involved in presenting submissions on the TDC's Plan Change 22. While there have been some gains for cycle-walkways in the Mapua area, progress on our goal of a network of walking and cycling routes has been slow and there is concern that access to and along the beach is getting worse.

Our main objectives remain:

- Securing a path that follows the Seaton Valley Stream that would provide a main off-road link for much of our community. NB. If widening of the Seaton Valley Stream is planned, will the work programme include a cycle/walkway alongside the stream?

- The group's preferred route for the GTT, via Higgs Reserve, Dominion Stream Flats and Chaytor Track. If the preferred route is to be changed, this should be done after discussion and consultation with our community (see above).

- The MDCWG and the community need to address the problems of walking access to and along the beach and the Western Entrance. The prescription in the latest plan change will mean more non-notified subdivision on the coastal plain between Mapua and Ruby Bay, greater use of private driveways and private roads for access to properties there and no improvement at all in public walking access to the beach.

The group held a meeting on April 17 in the Boat Club on the wharf. Guest speaker Fiona Newey (Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust) gave an excellent presentation on the GTT, emphasising progress, marketing, and "virtual sales" of individual two-metre stretches of the trail. We are planning another public meeting with a guest speaker in the near future.

For any further information, feedback or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact James Macdonald ([C2Skye@gmail.com](mailto:C2Skye@gmail.com) or phone 540-3520).

# MAPUA LIBRARY

## B E A R—Be Excited About Reading

This is our holiday programme in the library these coming school holiday. Starting on Monday 2nd July it will be from 10am to 11am on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. It is a fun reading time for up to 10-year-olds. Do bring your children along. Older children are welcome to come and help, either reading to, or listening to others reading or just reading yourself.

In the children's fiction section the Easy readers have been identified with a small yellow dot on the spine. These are now shelved separately at the beginning of the children's fiction under O KPB. Hope this helps the younger readers choose their books and move to independent reading.

In the annual report tribute was paid to the work done by the volunteers at the library. We appreciate the work of the desk volunteers and also the workroom workers who each week are doing tasks they have volunteered for and taken ownership of. These are the book buyers and processors, those who cover the books to protect them, enter the books in the computer and put the stickers on, the team that chase up overdue books and the computer team. Thank you all.

At the AGM the office bearers were returned:

Chair, Eileen Dobbie; vice-chair, Hugh Gordon; treasurer, Dennis Emery; secretary, Yvonne Jardine & Penny Brown (shared responsibility); committee, Analee Emery, Sharon Kennedy, Heather Quinn and Vicky Stocker. Dot Moriarty and Burt Youngman retired. We thank them for their valuable input. Dot will still be a desk volunteer and a member of the computer team.

*Eileen Dobbie*

### Library Hours:

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



### **Mapua School Fencing**

Due to the proximity of Mapua School to the Seaton Valley Stream catchment area, the light industrial area associated with Warren Place, and relatively busy Stafford Drive, the school, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, is re-fencing its boundary. The health and safety of students, especially those who are yet to develop a full understanding of risk, is a matter that the Ministry of Education takes very seriously and it is with this in mind that it has come forward with funding to cover this entire project.

We are aware that walkers heading to, or from, the beach are inconvenienced by the blocking off of one or other of the tracks past the school grounds and for this we wish to pass on our sincere apologies. JC Contracting is on target to complete this task by 1 June and is likely to have completed the sections adjacent to the walkways much earlier than this. Please note that at least one access pathway to the beach has been, and will continue to be, open at all times.

We appreciate your patience while we upgrade and believe you will join with us in supporting this proactive move.

*Mapua School Board of Trustees*

### **Anzac Day in Moutere Hills**

I wish to thank the communities of Moutere Hills for their attendance at services in Tasman, Upper Moutere and Mapua. The sunny autumn morning helped to bring families along; we had excellent attendances at each service.

Thank you to the many people who organised and ran these services, the school principals, ministers at each service, the guest speakers, Captain Bernard Redshaw and Jenny Briars, the Celtic Pipe Band who led the parade at Mapua—a champion performance. Thanks too to the many who marched, the Fire Brigade and police at Mapua who controlled the traffic flow throughout, the buglers from Motueka. There were others who gave much-needed help—Tamaha Scouts, Motueka Cadets and schools.

The flyover at Mapua by RNZAF aircraft mid-service was very timely and appreciated. The ladies who made and served morning tea—thank you and all others who helped.

The parade at Mapua grows each year, led by the Celtic Pipe Band with veterans, firemen families, Motueka Cadets, St John Cadets and with Simpson and his horse and wounded Digger in mid-position.

We must not forget the spirit of Anzac.

Our poppy appeal was down a little on previous years but we do appreciate the boost to our Welfare Fund.

Thank you to the editors of the Coastal News.

*Norm Thawley, president Moutere Hills RSA*

### **Books of the RSA**

At the back of Mapua Library is a small shelf of books that been around since the first building went onto that site in 1947.

These books are all about the two World Wars, and they once had pride of place in that RSA hall gifted by a grateful nation. Half a century on, they are still as gripping and nerve-wracking as any modern thriller.

But most of these are true stories, about ordinary people coping with extraordinary times, and because we all know a bit about those times the stories of these real people can still take your breath away.

*Escape From Germany*, by Aidan Crawley, begins with the psychology of prisoners who didn't try to escape, prisoners who did, and guards who tried to stop them. It became a deadly and personal game of hide and seek and often the guards had as much to lose as did the prisoners.

Some prisoners, when told by their captors that for them "ze vorr is over" may well have thought "thank the bejesus for that" and settled down to sit the war out, not realising how long that would be. Others developed what we now call the Stockholm syndrome; and then there were others who felt a duty or urge to escape against (usually) overwhelming odds. It is those odds that make this book a compelling read.

Most of the RSA library books can be taken out. Some official accounts and specially gifted books can be read in the library only.

*Helen Beere*

# Hills Community Church

## What's in a Name?

I was watching an NBA play-off game the other day (NB: US basketball for those whose sports addiction is rugby) and thought I wasn't hearing correctly when the announcer kept referring to a player as "World Peace." "Is that his name?" I asked my sport-savvy husband. "Yes," he replied. Then a day or two later I spotted an actor's name, Leaf Phoenix, while watching a movie. "Parents must have come up with that one at Woodstock." I surmised.

By now we've gotten used to Kim Dotcom but have you heard about the man who changed his name to Tyrannosaurus Rex. Twenty-three-year-old Tyler Gold legally changed his name to the carnivorous dinosaur for business reasons, citing the dinosaur's name as 'cooler.' I wonder what his parents think. They probably thought 'Tyler' was pretty cool when they named him but I wouldn't be surprised if 24 years ago someone in their whanau declared: "You're calling him what?" And have you heard about the guy who is taking bids to pick his middle name on Trade Me? I kid you not.

So what's in a name? Quite a lot actually. For centuries our given names have linked us to family occupations (Cooper, Smith), geographic locations (Hill, Wood, Marsh), even personal characteristics our parents hoped we would have (Faith, Joy). Names with special meanings are not only true for us they are true for God. That's right, God.

In the Old Testament times, a name was not only identification, but an identity as well. Many times a special meaning was attached to the name. Throughout Scripture God is revealed through God's many names. When we study these names we can better understand who God really is. The meanings behind God's names reveal the central personality and nature of the One who bears them. Here are just a few:

El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty, Joshua 5:13-6:2)

Adonai (Lord, Master, appears about 439 times)

Yahweh (Lord, about 6,800 times)

El Olam (The Everlasting God, Isaiah 26:4)

Elohim (God, Genesis 1:1)

Yahweh Jireh (The Lord will provide, Genesis 22:11-14)

Yahweh Nissi (The Lord is my Banner, Exodus 17:16)

Yahweh Shalom (The Lord is Peace, Judges 6:22-24)

Yahweh Ro'i (The One Who Sees, Genesis 16:13-14)

Yahweh Shammah (The Lord is there, Ezekiel 48:35)

The great thing about God—he comes whenever we call upon his name!

*Calling them as I see them, Marilyn Loken,  
Minister, Hills Community Church*

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

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

### **Weekly Calendar:**

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

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

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# Under The Bonnet with Fred

## Fred's Escape, a 1998 BMW Roadster Z3

Fred cycled to work from Ruby Bay to Tasman for five years and always dreamed of driving a BMW Roadster to work. On the fifth year one windy, wet day pushing up the Bluff with water running down his neck he decided to change his image and buy that sports car. Gone was the save-the-planet bicycle. This was a chance to be himself, driving his choice—a BMW Roadster convertible.

Fred and his wife recently spent two weeks cruising from Nelson to Christchurch, State Highway 1, Cromwell, biking the Rail Trail, Queenstown, Crown Range, Wanaka, Haast Pass and home via the West Coast, all with the convertible top down. The right sort of car handling beautifully on the windy mountain roads for a motoring adventure.

The car itself has a long bull nose, a bonnet bulging wider than the back of the front guards. I liked the fairing on the lower guard and nice rise in the centre of the bonnet with everything a little like a Chev Corvette but conservatively European. It does inspire thoughts of speed. The back is nice and tight with eyebrow tail lights.

The four-cylinder engine is fuel-injected with computer management. Not much to say about it except that it is all very efficient-looking as you would expect with a German car. The sealed box to the right I found out later was the engine computer, not the battery.

Automatic transmission, rear-wheel-drive, nice 17in mag wheels with low-profile tyres. It does 0-60mph in 10.6 seconds, fuel consumption 9 litres/100km is a little higher than I expected but it is a go-fast car, weighing 1445kg compared with my 1989 Cadillac Eldorado V8 which was 1553kg, so the Roadster has been designed with a bit of weight to keep it down at high speeds. You can “warm” the engine up by changing the computer chip. Its length of 4.02m makes it a great car to park.

Inside it has all-leather upholstery and black is the colour, with little or no highlighting on the dash. There is a cluster of instruments around the steering wheel. The centre console has the radio/CD player



and there are heated seats which with the top down is the only way to get any heating.

Fred took me for a ride and it was like getting into the sports cars of the 60s with a low, awkward swing, but plenty of leg room once settled. The engine started with a nice brrrm. I was definitely in a sports car, sitting really low with a low windscreen in front. As we accelerated down Stafford Drive there was a nice rumble of tyres and the sensation that something exciting was about to happen. Turning right up the by-pass the Roadster maintained a nice long brrrrrm between gear changes as we passed two vehicles easily going up-hill.

We were dazzled by the afternoon sun but as we slowed a Nissan boy-racer passed with much exhaust noise with the driver and passenger looking at us as if to say, “Hey Dudes, how come you’re not going fast in that BMW Roadster?” I don’t warm to BMWs but I would buy a Z3 Roadster. Maybe my head has been in a V8 cloud too long.

For me the ride in the car was not like being in a modern sports car but in a car of the 60s and I think that’s the way BMW designed it. The driving was the experience.

Fred and neighbours who also have a convertible have a rule you can go out on the Sunday drive only with convertible top down. So the “Tait Street Tops” go cruising every Sunday along with other friends.

If you come across a black BMW Roadster driving slowly on the way to Tasman, and I did like his comment that “if you own a BMW Roadster everyone expects you to drive fast,” it’s Fred cruising to work. Sometimes you might notice he is playing his harmonica with loud classical music playing on the car stereo system. There is nothing like driving your sort of car with your sort of music to give you an escape. Good on you Fred for being you.

*Fred Cassin*

# Mapua School



To do well in a test, you have to be prepared  
During my next trip to the US I have to take my driving test. I've been driving for over 35 years but I still need to sit the written exam to ensure I know the rules of the road. The practical test will show how I do "when I hit the road". I think I'm a good driver, but the State of California needs to agree.

At Mapua School, we believe that we are doing a great job providing a safe and positive learning environment for the children in our care. As our community expects outstanding leadership from our principal and staff and the delivery of high quality education, we too need to "pass the test".

At the beginning of April, two representatives from the Educational Review Office visited our school. It was amazing to think that they would review documents, interview students and syndicate leaders, visit classrooms and make their assessment in two and a half days.

We were prepared.

The board as a team and as individual members, have attended numerous training sessions focusing on board structure, strategic planning and best practice. Over the past year and a half, the board reviewed and rewrote all of the policies and procedures which focused on governance. It conducted a parent survey which in conjunction with the staff survey is being used to prioritise components of the strategic plan and our decisions moving forward.

Our principal and teaching staff have continually reviewed student progress to ensure that they can plan activities to lift achievement and provide a range of opportunities across disciplines for their students to learn and "Be All they Can". Ongoing testing has allowed the school, parents and students to measure individual success against National Standards. These test scores have also allowed the board and staff to measure the improvement of students against school targets in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics.

Paper is great but what about practice?

From the moment the ERO team walked on campus, they came in contact with happy, confident children. They saw the pride in the school grounds and facilities from both the students and the teachers. When they visited classrooms the respect and positive relationship between teacher and student was evident. Most importantly the children were learning and understood what they were learning.

We haven't received the final ERO report, but the initial feedback has been very positive. We look forward to sharing the report with the community so that we can continue to build on our strengths and address any opportunities for the benefit of the children in our care.

Mapua School passed its test, keep your fingers crossed, I'll pass mine!

*Lisa Dunn, Trustee*

## *Tidings from Tasman & Kina*

Since the opening of the Ruby Bay by-pass in October 2010 and the launch of the Ruby Coast, as the new brand for the coastal communities east of the by-pass, a greater opportunity has arisen for us all to work more closely together.

As such we at the Tasman Area Community Association have been invited to provide an update to the *Coastal News* from time to time of our issues, challenges and successes in Tasman and Kina.

Finally, we are going to get our walkway around the blind bend on Kina Beach Road on the edge of the Moutere Inlet for locals and school children to walk that section of road in safety. The Tasman District Council has confirmed work will begin in June or July, after five-plus years of 'badgering' and perseverance.

After failure to get official speed limits on Kina Beach Road reduced to less than 80kmh, we have funding to proceed with the erection of the three Voluntary "Slow Down" signs for the road, designed by Tasman School children.

A further bus shelter for school children will be erected soon opposite the Tasman Store as a result of the kind efforts of the Motueka Community Men's Shed.

We continue to resist the attempts of a landowner on Kina Peninsula Road to lay claim to beach frontage adjoining his property.

On the Baigent Domain issue on the Kina Peninsula, there is ongoing action to support the legality of the original covenant and offering support to those parties resisting the appeal to the Environment Court by Carter Holt Harvey against the Commissioner's decision to reject their sub-division proposal.

Our pump track for BMX riders at Tasman Domain is just about completed for the children of the area – it has been a long haul but we are just waiting for the newly laid grass to strike.

We have been working hard on walkways and cycleways in the Tasman/Kina area, using unformed legal roads (Paper Roads). Thanks to success in gaining funding from the NZ Walking Access Commission, we have managed to create two new tracks. The Dicker Ridge Track is 7.5km long, starts at the corner of Dicker Road and Aporo Road, takes around 1½ - 2 hours and requires easy-moderate fitness. A great walk if you have a few hours in the day and wish to see some magnificent views of the Tasman area, Tasman Bay and the Mt Arthur Ranges and is well signposted. The Dee Ridge Track is an alternative scenic route to Kina Beach, starting 300m from Aporo Road on Kina Beach Road.

Finally, our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm at the Tasman School Multi-purpose Centre. All residents on the Ruby Coast are welcome to attend.

*David Short*

# MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's guest speaker for the May meeting was Dr John Mills, who spoke about his adventures in getting from the UK to New Zealand. As a junior doctor his first practice was in Cheshire in the UK where he spent a cold winter in an old rental property. John was accepted as a junior doctor in the Bahamas through the Overseas Development Service.

The initial experience getting off the plane in Nassau was the intense heat, a great relief from the cold of Cheshire. John worked in various parts of the hospital for just over a year then became involved in the flying doctor service, often using seaplanes to reach various islands. His other jobs were basic dental and veterinary work. John experienced local social problems with the election of two parties, one white and the other black.

He was later sent to one of the southerly islands as a residential doctor. On completion of his contract John was able to get a job as a crewman on a 45ft luxury yacht sailing around the Caribbean for several months. From there it was back to the UK taking on a position as resident doctor, in the Shetland Isles for a year. From there John took on a medical position for four years.

From that practice John moved to Fiji and Samoa and then to Hong Kong as a medical director. There he bought a motorcycle that was more practical driving around congested roads. At the end of his three-year contract he had been in contact with an uncle who had been with the RAF and enjoyed his time in New Zealand. By this time John was 43 and the cut-off age was 45 for immigration. He applied for a position at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland who agreed to let him finish his contract in Hong Kong. When the time came to move to Auckland the hospital had scrapped the position. John was able to get a temporary position at Westport Hospital. From there he moved to Wellington, becoming involved with the World Health Organisation for over 10 years in Vanuatu, Laos and Vietnam. He was moved on to office work in Manila before resigning and becoming superintendent of Nelson Hospital.

John now has enjoyable lifestyle living in Mapua.

The club's mini speaker was Stan Lawn, who continued his talk from last month with his experiences in Bangkok. From his time in Hong Kong he moved on to the UK working in a hospital as a pharmacist for eight months. He returned to New Zealand for the birth of his first grandchild. In Christchurch Stan worked as a pharmacist at the hospitals of Burwood and Sunnyside.

His next move was to Tokoroa to take on an interim pastorship with a local church for 14 months. Stan went back to pharmacy work in Motueka. A visiting couple from Christchurch put an ad in the local church to find someone to go to Bangkok as manager of missions. Stan accepted the position, working with a poor community. He had the use of a retreat house in a suburban area of Bangkok and was given an administration position to support various missionaries in the slums of the city. Stan estimated that there are over 1.2 million people in over 1000 slum areas around the city.

The majority of the people living in the slums often struggled to find work. The part-time jobs that were available to staff paid subsistence wages. Stan and his wife in took on part-time work baby-sitting for two New Zealand couples to give them a break from their stressful lifestyle, dealing with people in poverty. Stan spoke about the intense heat in Bangkok, the vermin such as rats and cockroaches, and the traffic congestion.

*David Higgs*

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# Garden Notes



**J**une. It is officially winter, the days are short and the days are cold so growth has slowed right down. One bright spot is that the shortest day is fast approaching in a matter of days now. So until then we can rest easy, just maybe digging the vege patch and adding compost with the addition of dolomite lime to sweeten the soil and break it down.

Winter pruning of fruit trees can be done, but as stone trees bare on last season's growth it might be better to employ someone who knows what they are doing so as not to lose this season's fruit. Fruit trees can be planted from now on as they come to hand. Put them in a deep hole with plenty of manure added.

Use the push-hoe where ever possible to allow air to reach plant roots..

The need for water or food has diminished now as growth slows down. If you grow asparagus, then continue to feed them one part superphosphate, one part bone dust, scatter quite generously with a thick layer of compost to get a really bumper crop.

The feature plant for June is Hellebores (winter rose), flowering June to November. Many years ago in another lifetime a pure white seedling appeared bred by Mrs Pat Stewart, now of Wanaka, who put out a request for a name to register this lovely specimen. At a meeting Pat and I were attending, the naming came up, so I suggested she call it "White Magic," which was accepted and now this plant is all over the world, and yes, some of you have it in your gardens as well. So maybe I will have left a little mark behind when I'm gone.

Hellebores prefer dappled light, under trees or on the south side. They dislike hot dry conditions but not too wet either. They are very easy to grow from seed and you would get a good variety of colours. They like a little compost and a little peat.

Do enjoy your rest from gardening.

*Barry Highsted*

# Mapua Health Centre

In June each year Men's Health Week is held around the world. Locally, it's a chance for New Zealand men to make a difference to their health for themselves and their families.

Why have an International Men's Health Week?

- Male life expectancy is unnecessarily low.
- Reported male-specific diseases are increasing (especially prostate and testicular cancers)
- Men have higher risk of suicide and yet male depression remains under-diagnosed and under-treated
- Health services have been slow to respond to men's health needs and little has been done to encourage and enable men to access services faster and more efficiently

Over the last four weeks we have been running an Upright & Able Falls Prevention Programme in conjunction with the Nelson Bays Primary Health. This was well attended by some of our older adult members of the community. It was a great chance for the participants to learn some tips on staying safe in the home and out in the community and also understanding the impact of diet and medications on the potential for falls. The sharing of a cup of tea together enabled some good social interaction and opportunity for getting to know others..

If you are still wanting to make use of the flu vaccine, it is available 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. As autumn moves towards winter there can be a sense of viruses and other bugs waiting to settle in the nose and, if the immune system doesn't put up a decent fight, then they may start wreaking havoc

with the sinuses, throat and, if they can get their dastardly way, down into the depths of the bronchi. Well, there are a few things from recent research that seem to help thwart their efforts—probiotics (friendly gut bugs) may help to prevent colds in kids (*Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Sep*), garlic can reduce the length of colds and flu's (*Clin Nutr. 2012 Jan*), green tea may lessen flu (*J Nutr. 2011 Oct*), vitamin C and E may help prevent cold (*J Am Coll Nutr. 2011 Aug*), there is strong evidence that the zinc lozenges significantly decrease the duration of the common cold (*Open Respir Med J. 2011*) and vitamin D seems also to help prevent flu (*Am J Clin Nutr. 2010*).

There are a number of important national and global health promotion events for June, including:

- 1-7 Autism NZ Appeal Week  
[www.autismnz.org.nz](http://www.autismnz.org.nz)
- 4-10 Coeliac Awareness Week [www.coeliac.co.nz](http://www.coeliac.co.nz)
- 5-12 Head Injury Society Awareness Week  
[www.head-injury.org.nz](http://www.head-injury.org.nz)
- 11-17 Men's Health Week  
[www.ageconcern.org.nz/health/healthy-men](http://www.ageconcern.org.nz/health/healthy-men)
- 17-23 Volunteer Awareness Week  
[www.ocvs.govt.nz/news-updates](http://www.ocvs.govt.nz/news-updates)
- 19-24 Order of St Johns Appeal Week  
[www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)
- 20 World Refugee Day  
[www.un.org/depts/dhl/refugee](http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/refugee)
- 24-30 Continence Awareness Week  
[www.continence.org.nz](http://www.continence.org.nz)
- 29 Term 2 Ends



While I am sitting here thinking what there is to report, the first thing that comes to mind is 'playing together' – not only in the sense of children playing together though. I am also referring to adults being invited to play with children, teachers being actively engaged in play with children and genuinely sharing the fun and learning. Let me explain:

Lately our children choose to stay indoors a lot longer in the mornings...it is nice and cozy there while the outdoors remain cooler and damper for longer. In co-operation and with the assistance of the children we adapted the inside environment accordingly and now use the large heated floor area of the foyer to create long windy car and train tracks as well as for block-building structures and other 'busy' play.

A glimpse in the play room shows it has a lot of "quieter" activity going on...while a few children are expressing themselves in the art studio, one small group of children and an adult are sitting around a table playing a new board game with the focus on environmental issues that at the same time introduces a lot of te reo Māori, the "action" component adds a lot of fun and laughter. Two more tables are occupied by small groups of children and adults engaged in board games—one with a learning outcome around "time and clock" and another focusing on colour recognition, perception and quick reaction. Exploring the world of electronics with the "Brainbox" is chosen by a small group of children as well.

Our children just love playing board games at the moment—and we know that board games offer such valuable learning opportunities that we as educators (and you as parents/grandparents and friends) are wise to take up the opportunity when invited to join. It is so much fun too!

From early childhood, board games can be beneficial in helping a child learn such basics as colour recognition, reading, spelling, vocabulary, number recognition and counting. They also teach children to think ahead, to be alert and observant and to take note of ways to win—and how not to fall prey to those who

## Motueka arts council's Winter Workshops 2012

1. "Goodnight Irene" Live theatre
2. Watercolours. Exploring light and form
3. Felt hats, juggling balls and other things
4. Screen printing and fabric design.
5. Fun with Fondant
6. Machine Mania
7. Soap-making
- 8.a. Lip balm and lip tints
- . b. Natural skin care products
9. Cheese Making (Feta, paneer & yoghurt)
10. Oamaru stone carving (a) for children  
(b) for adults
11. Singing for pleasure.
12. Three days, three Mono printing techniques
13. Picture framing.
14. Fun with flax, weaving for beginners
15. Terracotta garden art
16. Culinary World Tour Banquet.
17. Photography Weekend
18. Joe Bennett's Writing workshop
19. Shirt Change
20. The Art of Bicycle Maintenance

*Brochures available from Westrupp Jewellers,  
[www.motuekaonline.org.nz](http://www.motuekaonline.org.nz) or from  
coordinator [patandjane@xtra.co.nz](mailto:patandjane@xtra.co.nz)*

are scheming to their disadvantage. Some games also encourage children to develop their memory—and some will require them to think and respond as quickly as possible. The old card game 'Snap' is of course a classic example of this. Then there is the social education children gain while playing these games. They are learning to relate to other people, to play alongside them and to just have fun through participation, regardless of who wins. It also fires them with a desire to do their best. The flip-side of this is that they must also learn how to accept defeat graciously and be good sports."

Ka kite and snuggle up, play games and stay well.

*Your Harakeke team*

# The Inaugural Hamish's Ice-cream Challenge

It's not something you normally see early in the morning outside Hamish's Ice-cream Parlour – two lycra-clad adults fighting as they shovel down ice-creams. It's also not normal to see a group of local paparazzi frantically jostling for position, shutters whirring. You could even be forgiven for thinking that Mapua had finally made it big time onto world's cycling event stage, what with Lisa Mann, Northern Ireland's celebrity track and road cycling champion, being one of the shovellers.

Born of a wine-induced casual comment, you wouldn't have thought that Lisa, co-partner of Wheelie Fantastic Cycle Hire, and Roger, co-partner of Corru Gate Accommodation and Corru Gate Cycles, would be taking the challenge seriously. In fact, how could anyone take a challenge seriously that involved consuming an ice-cream at speed after hurtling downhill from the heady heights of Seaton Valley – one on a whopping 25kg electric-assisted bike and one on a lean, mean, lightweight racing machine?

This challenge could only be a win-win for Lisa and a lose-lose for Roger. If Lisa beat Roger, his masculinity would be in tatters – beaten by a short, slight female on an ordinary bike, albeit that she's nearly a decade and a half younger, and a cycling celebrity. If Roger beat Lisa, his masculinity would still be in tatters – beating a short, slight female pushing hard on a normal bike, whilst he had the absolute advantage of power to the pedals.

Those in the know wait at the wharf, fully expectant that Lisa will be the first to round the corner. Chocolate Dog paparazzi have only just skidded to a halt outside Hamish's when the leading challenger rounds the corner, flings their bike to the ground and races to the front entrance of Hamish's grabbing their ready and waiting ice-cream from the ready and waiting waitress. A few hurried and painful mouthfuls later, the second challenger arrives, grabs their ice-cream, shoves the other contestant's ice-cream in their face, and drops their own in the process. The challenge is getting tough; it's time to get down and get dirty.



It's back on the bikes, undigested ice-cream cramping their style as they shoot up Aranui Road, round the corner, shoulders almost touching the ground, and crest the first of the Seaton Valley switchbacks. Three cars full of shutter-happy paparazzi, hooting support crew and captivated onlookers nearly drive off the road when they too top the hill and see a swarm of genuine racing cyclists ahead. Lycra blends with lycra, wheels with wheels and initially the challengers and club cyclists merge. Two quickly pull off from the crowd and the Hamish's Ice-cream Challenge is back in business.

The pace slows as the incline increases. One is slipstreaming; the other tries a slalom-style distraction technique. It doesn't work. Onlookers expect the trailing challenger to whip out and overtake at any second. It doesn't happen. Bit by bit the margin increases. By the time the lead reaches Corru Gate Accommodation's koru sculpture at the bottom of the drive, the challenge is pretty much decided. Still, others before have made a comeback, and it's not over till the winner crosses an improvised finish line that the kids have made from sticks and gum leaves at the top of the drive.

Within seconds it's decided and both valiant cyclists have dumped their bikes and are rolling on the ground clutching their tummies and rubbing their calves in agony. What a race! Paparazzi, support crew and onlookers all moan that they've lost their bets. No one thought for a moment that Roger would have beaten the "wheelie fantastic" Irish cycling legend – electrically assisted bike or not!

*Adele Smith*

*Thanks to Chocolate Dog, Hamish's Ice Cream Parlour and Cafe, Wheelie Fantastic Cycles, Corru Gate Accommodation and Corru Gate Cycles.*

*You can view more photos on Chocolate Dog's Portrait Mapua site [www.chocolatedog.co.nz](http://www.chocolatedog.co.nz) or on Corru Gate Accommodation's Blog site. [www.corrugateaccommodation.blogspot.com](http://www.corrugateaccommodation.blogspot.com)*

# Sam's Spam

The rise of social networking sites means it is so easy to keep in touch with friends and family. Unfortunately it also means that people who you might want to keep away from might also be able to find you.

I read a disturbing article recently that told how this is being done. Although most of us don't have to worry about hiding from the private detectives mentioned in the article, it is good to know how you can take some steps to stop your privacy potentially being invaded.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/6888084/How-web-detectives-find-out-where-you-live>

Cyber stalkers can track people using geolocation applications that are attached to freely available open-source software. You may unwittingly be providing geolocation data about where you are when you use a mobile phone to post a tweet on Twitter or upload a photo to the image-hosting website Flickr.

There is an aptly named programme called "Creepy" which at times has been used by private detectives etc. This free app collates geolocation data attached to a person's tweets and pictures to figure out where people work

etc. As yet, these programmes do not seem to be actually breaking privacy laws as many people knowingly publicly post updates of where they are.

If you do not want to be tracked, some of these websites allow users to disable geolocation, but those like Foursquare and Gowalla depend on it. Twitter users can choose to enable it when they join and Facebook says it strips off the location data on photos.

Is there a "good" side to tracking? Well, for some parents, mobile apps that use geolocation can also be a source of reassurance, for example Family Track and Life360 are apps parents can buy to show where their children are on a map.

## **Free Stuff**

This month's free stuff is <http://littlebirdtales.com>

This website allows you to create online books using a child's own art work, and/or photographs, which you then add words and voices to. The books can then be emailed to family and friends. The online book can be an imaginary story, or perhaps narrated photographs of a family holiday etc. It is a "green" alternative to how parents share and distribute keepsakes.

# Mapua Big Night Out Clothes Swap

Second-hand fashion fervour is mounting yet again! We're looking at running the 3rd great Mapua Big Night Out Clothes Swap in August—date/place to be confirmed.

Firstly, a reminder of what it's all about. The clothes swap came about after a group of concerned people met in Mapua to discuss ways of making the village and surroundings a more sustainable place to live, and formed 'Transition Town Mapua'. What better way to practice and encourage recycling than to have a fun social event where women can do what most love to do – go clothes=shopping with friends!

The Mapua Big Night Out Clothes Swap was Nelson/Tasman's first formal clothes swapping event. Feedback from the previous two events was overwhelmingly positive. Great pieces of clothing were swapped and a few hundred dollars were raised for Mahana School and for Transition Town Mapua, an incorporated society, which has its share safeguarded in a trust fund, earmarked for community environmental projects.

So, start sorting through your clothes for those pre-loved quality items—fashionable, clean, good quality women's clothes in great condition with no marks, missing buttons, pills, pulls, rips, missing zips etc. Items can include scarves, bags and shoes, BUT PLEASE, no underwear, sleepwear, swimwear or jewelry.

More details will follow in the next newsletter, but if you need to know more at this stage, feel free to contact Adele Smith on 540-2793 or Paula Short on 540-3394.



Here at Bounce we are finding that time is flying by fast. It seems like only yesterday we were at the Mapua Fair selling our grass heads, Dutch cocoa, balloons, and play dough. We still have Dutch cocoa for sale at Bounce so if you are interested in buying high quality cocoa pop in during open hours. We hope anyone that brought a grass head has had success and their personalities are growing with their hair. As for the balloons, they looked very pretty as we noticed the odd escapee floating over Mapua.

Recently out and about, in our unique environment, we visited Mike Perry Ceramics where the children had the chance to see pottery in action. The children have since been creating in clay and thanks to Mike Perry, Clare (one of our parents) and the Hope Craft Potter Studio have had the opportunity to see their work through to completion including firing. This is an on-going learning experience for our children.

We are now under way with our pre-enrolment visits. If you are interested in spending regular time with your child in a fantastic child-centred environment give us a call or come on in and talk to us. This applies to under and over two-year-olds and is a great way to introduce your child and yourself to the world of Early Childhood Education.

We can be contacted any time between 8.30am and 4pm at 86 Aranui Road, Mapua. Phone 540-3330.



# Phone Woes, a Cautionary Tale

You've seen those great deals where for just \$75 a month you can get phone service, free calls around the top of the south, and all the broadband you can eat? Sounds great. But let me tell you a story...

That deal looked like just what I wanted. So I called the phone outfit—let's call them Teleobscure—and got a man whose English was so bad that I had to give up and end the call.

I should have been warned. But I wasn't, and rang again.

This time I got a man with good English, and although he had trouble with words like Motueka and Nelson and Upper Moutere, and admitted he was in Delhi, we got on fine.

After a long session of checking details and identities, and giving my driver's licence details among other things, I was assured all would be well and connected on the ordained day, at the right phone number, and so on.

Then two days later, an evening phone call from the Delhi call centre again. Need to check the identity details. Went through all that again. More assurances that all would be well.

Two weeks later, a call from Teleobscure in New Zealand. We tried to do a credit check, but it seems you do not exist. That was explained by the Delhi gentlemen getting the name and details wrong. It was put right, with more assurances.

Two weeks later again, a letter arrives asking for more proof of identity, library cards and passports and things. All scanned and emailed off.

Four days from the ordained date, calls over a couple of days to the Teleobscure help number to find what was going on. Every time, any time, the automated response was that "we are having a very heavy call volume" and the wait was up to half an hour. But if you select the option to sign up as a new customer, the answer is almost instant. But from Delhi. Oh dear...

So I tried an email. Within 24 hours I was assured "all your services are now fully connected." A couple of days later the promised "welcome" pack arrived, along with the modem which I had said I did not need, and had opted for more free time instead.

Now to connect up.

No joy. Internet connection, done according to all the instructions on the Teleobscure website, had been followed.

After a couple of hours, a call to the help centre. Twenty-minute wait. Indian gentleman, very patient, went through the modem settings and pointed out three

new settings, not mentioned on the website or elsewhere. Still problems.

Man says he will call back in five minutes, and is never heard from again.

Another hour or so of tinkering, and I lock

onto an appropriate setting,

and we have internet. Good. Now to set up the mail...that looks dead simple.

Not quite—following all the instructions I end up able to receive, but not to send. I try a different mail program and a wide variety of settings—same result.

Call the help centre again. Twenty-minute wait. Young Kiwi voice answers, abrupt. Hears the problem. "Can't be us," he says. "Must be your computer. Call the agents." Ends call.

Thanks a million.

Spend next few hours trying every imaginable setting for the smtp server. No joy.

Yet my existing email service works just fine. So I decide to stick to that. But I also sign up with Gmail as a precaution. It turns out later that was just as well.

Then there's the phone. Suddenly, it is no longer connected. The Telecom account has indeed been closed, but where is the Teleobscure service?

Call help line using my cellphone. Twenty-minute wait. It seems your application for service was rejected.

Nonsense, I reply. I have before me your email saying all services are fully connected, and your service manager's letter welcoming me to your service and enclosing the terms of service booklet, debit form, and associated gubbins.

Oh, comes the answer. I can't deal with that. Another wait, nearly 30 minutes this time. Finally, after explaining the problem for the third time, I am told it's not Teleobscure's fault, their contractor has failed to make the connection, and they will get back within 24 or 48 hours.

So we remain phoneless. The communication and service to this point has been abysmal. But it may not all be Teleobscure's fault. After more phone calls, with the usual long waits, and several times being told that because of overloading we would have to call again later, we finally get someone who can explain what has happened.

Because we told Telecom we would be closing our account and changing to another provider, they did not merely note the charges should stop – they closed the line completely. That killed phone and broadband.



Why did we tell Telecom that? Teleobscure's booklet says: "You will need to ensure that your account with your previous service provider has been closed."

Straightforward enough.

What should have happened is that the service should have been transferred, along with the phone number, to Teleobscure. But with the line closed completely, Teleobscure was left dangling too.

So, we were told we had to get a new line, with a new phone number, and new broadband connection, and it would take five to eight business days.

Meantime we have our cellphone, getting more use than it has had in years, and using a neighbour's Macbook and internet connection, Gmail lets us check our emails, and I tell friends and family that our silence is not caused by a fit of pique.

Then, two weeks after we were first told all was connected and ready, a nice man from Chorus comes to hook up the phone line again. With a new number.

And the broadband? Oh, sorry, they did not give me an order to do that. Can't do it without the piece of paper. You'll have to ring them...

So we do. On our new, working phone line. We're told it will take another couple of days... Three days later, we got our internet back.

So if you change your phone and broadband provider, be aware that you can expect dramas. And if you need to call the phone company, expect a very long wait...

*Anton Petre*

# Noticeboard

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

**The Great Taste Trail.** Show your support - you can 'virtually own' a piece of the MDBA's 1km of cycle trail. \$40 will purchase 2mtrs of 'virtual trail'. We have a 1000m for sale! Call into Perry's Auto Services or call Janet on 540 3364 for more information.

**Coastal Connections Social Group.** The mid-winter feast will be held at "Up the Garden Path", 473 High Street, Motueka, on 14 June. Look forward to seeing you all - Julie, 540 3533

**Rose Lovers** – are you interested in rose pruning? Members of Moutere Hills Rose Soc. will be pruning the Mapua Hall roses 10am Saturday 7 July (Sunday if wet) and welcome anyone interested in learning more about the maintenance of roses, practical help and advice for free!

**House sitter:** Experienced, respectful prof female. Quality care, incl pets. Glowing refs. Avail 30 Aug - 8 Oct Ph 021 145 3027

**STOLEN** from Mapua Friendship Club (est 1975). Sadly we have to report our first theft from equipment stored in the Mapua Hall. Between 19 Apr & 17 May, a brass padlock was taken from our indoor bowls storage box in the Supper Room. We would like to have the padlock returned to the hall - no questions asked. The lock is useless to anyone without the key, which we still have in our possession. Netta.Perry.

**Zoom Salon** celebrates 10 years in business this June. Join us at The Tap on Friday 29 June for a celebratory drink.

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. John Sharman; 540 3642, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

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

**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:** RSA room, Mapua Library, 2pm, second Mondays, refreshments served at the close.

**Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group:** come and meet new people and make new friends. 10am last Friday of every month, Jester House Café, Tasman. Info: Fiona, 526 6840, fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz or just turn up. Everyone is very welcome.

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

**Skye Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil** 2011 harvest available fresh from the producer. 750ml \$20. Ph 540 2698, email mcleodsarah@xtra.co.nz. Orders delivered or call in 113 Seaton Valley Rd Mapua.

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

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

**Women's Recreation Group** - meets outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Leaves 9.15am for 1½ hour walk. Route varies. Join us whenever you can. Some members may cycle. Info Lynley 540 2292.

**Zhineng-Qigong:** an effective system for self-healing, now in Mapua. For obligation free introduction session and further information phone Marianne 540 3058

**Sewing:** Don't put it in the clothing bin yet! Sewing repairs & alterations. Phone Marijke Lups: 03 5403498, 5 Perry Way, Mapua

**Children's Gymnastics:** 1-9yrs. improves a child's strength, balance, coordination, spatial awareness & eye tracking using hand apparatus, songs, and gym equipment. Thursdays @ Mapua. Fridays @ Upper Moutere. Ring Sam, 5432512

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

**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, 544 0737. – sambennett@live.jp

**Friendship Club** meets third Thursdays 2pm, Supper room at the Hall. Indoor bowls followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$2 door charge and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers). We welcome new members. Val Roche 540-3685

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

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

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