

Coastal News

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Rebuilding of Mapua Hall Well Under Way

As will be evident to all, construction on the rebuild of the Mapua Hall is now under way. According to Graeme Stradling in the Project Control Group February report, "...groundwork is laid out, concrete on the way and demolition of internal linings complete. Many construction and trades contracts are now let and progress picks up speed from here."

Colin Anderson, the project manager, notes the tentative finish date for the build as being late July with the committee hoping that the hall may then be available for bookings and events again in September/October.

Moving along...Colours for the aluminium window surrounds and roof have been selected. The focus for exterior colours is likely to be natural tones round the apple tree theme.

Discussions and decisions are being made on the type and installation of a fire alarm heat and smoke detector system. The committee is particularly mindful of the importance of this after the unfortunate recent fire at the Moutere Community Hall.

Final layout and choice of equipment for the all-important kitchen are being determined with the need to ensure a user-friendly design foremost in committee members' minds.

Colin Anderson has appointed an alternative construction manager on site from Onus Construction but will continue to maintain oversight and report back to the project control subgroup.

Fitting out and funding: With the inevitable variations in costs there is still a shortfall in the actual building costs as well as a projected budget of around \$100,000 for fixed fittings and equipment.

The committee will be undertaking a major focus on seeking donations and support from individuals and companies as well as making applications to other sources of funding from grants and trusts. Any offers of or suggestions for potential funding sources will be gratefully received and should be given to Margaret Cotter at mcotter@ts.net

Examples of the types of fittings and equipment which are needed to ensure an appropriate and well-resourced hall are:

- a modular stage
- sound equipment including microphones and stands
- projection equipment
- kitchen and cooking equipment such as a commercial espresso machine
- outdoor furniture and shade sails

Offers from those able to either donate or fund such specific requirements will also be gratefully received and should also be directed to Margaret Cotter.

Bookings: The committee is fully aware of the need to keep present and future users of the hall informed of timelines, especially in relation to re-opening bookings.

With the new extended layout of the hall complex, a wider array of spaces to hire will be available. We are working on a new schedule of these spaces and related hire costs which will reflect the increased hall costs of insurance and maintenance.

As noted above, our hope is that the hall will be available for regular user groups and specific events from September/October onwards. Present user groups will be contacted first to confirm their own ongoing requirements. No bookings are being taken at present but future major events such as exhibitions, weddings etc could be conveyed to Trish Smith at smiffsnz@hotmail.com so they can be included when bookings do reopen. We are all looking forward to that time! Meantime, a reminder that the tables and chairs are still available for hire. Contact Trish.

Fund-raising: As noted above, the major focus for fund-raising will be on seeking significant donations and funding grants.

To recognise those who have already made donations and record the anticipated donations, work



has continued with an artists' group on the apple-tree mural. The hope is that in about six weeks' time, this can be available in digital form on the website with leaves, apples and branches indicating the level of donations. Eventually this will also be portrayed as a 5.5 metre long mural in a series of panels occupying a whole wall of the main hall complex.

Meantime, fund-raising continues.

1. The Fun-Run will have finished by the time of print so details next month.

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

For further information contact Martyn Barlow on 021 31 41 61

We plan to set up an information sign outside the construction site as well as get the intended photo-blog on the website up and running. Any related queries please contact Elena elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz

The committee thanks everyone for the community support, understanding and patience during this stage of our hall's rebuild and refurbishment. Maintaining the momentum is really important at this stage.

Elena Meredith – Information and Liaison Subcommittee

Vehicle-Free Wharf Area

The Mapua Wharf Advisory Committee met and discussed the closing of the wharf area to vehicles that ran for a trial period from 21 December last year to 7 February this year.

The feedback from various groups and local residents is that they are in favour of continuing the pedestrian-friendly atmosphere at the wharf and plaza.

It was agreed at the meeting to close off the wharf and plaza to cars and parking over the Easter weekend—from Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April inclusive.

The Tasman District Council has agreed to look at better signage so there is less confusion.

It was also agreed that the wharf businesses would trial no-parking on the wharf and plaza on the remaining Sundays between now and Easter, with the last being on Easter Sunday. This would depend on the weather.

Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning, TDC

Under The Bonnet with Fred

The Cadillac Came Before the House

In 1975 while working in Greymouth we stopped to get fuel and in the garage workshop was a monster of a car. I knew exactly what it was—a 1962 Cadillac. One of the cars from my childhood dreams.

The garage owner asked me if I wanted it as no one could fix the transmission; he had had it out twice. After much thought I found the owner, Neil Cook, but he didn't want sell then. Two years later, now living in Nelson, I got a call from Neil Cook, "Did I want the Cadillac?"

At the age of 26 without my first house I went and bought a 1962 Cadillac coupe still with transmission problems. My poor dad was furious. I promised myself I wouldn't touch it until I had the house. PS: The laundry in the new house was shortened to make the garage longer for the Cadillac.

In 1979 no transmission shop in Nelson wanted to have a go at a four-speed Hydromatic with a problem. A local garage tried to fix it but the problem of losing drive as it warmed up continued. It would have cost \$5000 to import a replacement, plus freight and duty, and I had just got a mortgage. So I got hold of a 62 Cadillac workshop manual which was as thick as the tyres on the Cadillac but I will say it had everything in it. I spent six months pulling the transmission apart, nothing was wrong! As I assembled it I found the reverse clutch bearing was mixed with the main thrust washer.

By 1981 my Cadillac, 18ft 6in (5.64m) long, 2.030m wide, after a full paint job (cream), re-chromed and a new set of 800x15 white-wall tyres, was still stunning whether people liked it or not. A reflection of flamboyance in American society in 1962.

There were two Cadillacs in conservative Nelson in the seventies and one was mine. Scruffy builders shouldn't have owned Cadillac's and there were some incidents to reflect this.

I booked the car in to Wright Cars for a wheel alignment and at the reception they laughed when I said it was a Cadillac but took the booking. I turned up for the wheel alignment and the old mechanic's eyes just about popped out of his head. "How am I going to do any alignment on that piece of American junk?" he asked. I told him not to worry, I had the workshop manual. When I went to pick the car up the old mechanic blurted, "Why don't you buy a house?"



I decided to join a car club. The first contact was a prominent person in the vintage car scene who's comment was, "Cadillac, ah, well, the club members have mostly British cars so I don't think it would be suitable." So as it was American and had a 6.4 litre V8 the Nelson Rod & Custom Club let me roll with them for outings.

The first time I booked the Cadillac on the Cook Strait ferry they had a job trying to give me a price. I gave them the length and weight 2,120kg (fuel tank empty) but the office girl could find no reference of the car. Pre-internet, of course. So it was shipped at a three-ton Ford truck rate.

Nelson liked the Cadillac for weddings, so I have chauffeured many brides to the church. The best one: I was at the pick-up address early, waited 30 minutes past the leaving time, the bride appeared in tears supported by her dad and brother and got in the car, more tears, everyone out, half-hour wait, bride appeared in tears again, sat in car for 20 minutes then I got the nod from Dad. I looked at the father in the rear vision mirror and said, "Church?" and there was an unsure nod to go. We were now two hours late and sadly the marriage lasted three weeks.

But how much petrol did it use? It did 15mpg (19litres/100km) around town. On a long trip the 6.4 litre engine with 325hp gave 21mpg (14 litres/100km). Parking was a problem with the swing of the 1.5m-wide coupe doors but it had excellent power steering for parallel parking.

There was nothing like cruising in my 62 coupe. I had the Cadillac for 19years.

Fred Cassin

Out and About with Hugh

Moving On: Mapua is surely moving on in several directions. Population is expanding as new houses keep appearing on vacant sections. And, sections are being split into smaller lots as the TDC recognises that expanding boundaries isn't maybe such a good idea when "urbanisation" encroaches into rural land.

Going back to *Out & About* from last month, there's been progress at the Waterfront Park and we now have two public toilets operational! Hooray, no more trekking to the end of the Mapua wharf. Trekking is defined as a long, arduous journey. Going to that only toilet was very inconvenient at times if you were coming from the waterfront park.

The new toilet block is convenient and is the "high spot" in the wharf/park area. Some people have remarked it looks like a Shell gas station. Well, it is a gas station in one way, isn't it, if you'll excuse the pun. However, it's there and it's useable and a most welcome amenity. I imagine the two restaurants won't mind less the custom, just to use their loo.

The orange fencing remains, a necessary eyesore to protect the public from itself. Don Roberts, the project manager, said "the work on the park will be finished by the end of the month (February) but the landscaping will be deferred until autumn". Being past the so-called completion dates, just take that with a grain of salt.

The Wharf Precinct Advisory Group met on 20 February. The good news is that the vast majority of those attending liked and approved the "wharf zone" being set aside for pedestrians only. They also approved the "zone" being pedestrians-only for the Easter weekend and the closing of the wharf area on the Sundays up to Easter, to be called "Summer Sundays". Public Holidays right throughout the year will be included in the mix.

The general feeling is if the closure is to be continued next year, better signage is needed and enforcement of the "no parking" when applicable (requires a change in the TDC by-laws).

Lighting at the wharf is under consideration and will be discussed at the next precinct meeting scheduled for the 8 April.

Unfortunately the long-delayed establishment of the TDC commercial sub-committee is further delayed and the committee will probably not be up and running before June. The bottom line here? The ex-aquarium site is most likely to be in limbo for a while longer.

Final note: A petition is reported to be circulating to make the wharf plaza area vehicle-free permanently.

I haven't seen it. Have you? Over-all, not such a bad idea.

Aranui Road Upgrade: I hope you had a look at the plans in our Mapua Library or elsewhere and made a submission either for or against the Plan or a suggestion. The Community Association submission approved the plan in essence. Widening the footpath will not entail digging up the road or the curbing. There is mostly council-owned verge to widen the walk/cycleway and Aranui Road isn't the only route for cyclists through the Village.

Speed Limit Changes: At long last the TDC is addressing vehicle speed limits throughout the Tasman District. Changes and reductions are on track for Mapua Drive, Stafford Drive, Seaton Valley Road and a few others in our area. There will be good publicity in the *TDC News Line* and local papers so you can have your say yea or nay

Cycle & Walkways: Lots happening in this area. Mostly all positive. The bridge across the Waimea River is amazingly wonderful. Rough spots still around but basically Nelson to Mapua on a bike a very acceptable reality. The Mapua ferry? 400 patrons on New Year's Day! Just released on 21 February is the "Ruby Coast" Mapua/Ruby Bay/Tasman/Kina "Walking and Cycling pathways Map. Copies are available in our Mapua library.

Dominion Flats: Walkway/cycleway, planting programmes, the Gateway entry structure etc. A special thank you to the owners of private property involved in granting rights of way.

Further thanks to the many dedicated volunteers helping to make it happen.

Mail deliveries: NZ Post wants to reduce mail deliveries in Mapua to three days a week. We're not alone. NZ Post wants to do it all over the country. Seems that we're not writing and mailing letters like we used to. Are we writing less? No, we're writing more, a great deal more, but in a different way. Emails, Face Book, Twitter, blogs etc. Over the last 40 years or so the price of a postage stamp has risen from 5 cents to 70. Do you like this? I don't. "Write" to NZ Post. (pun).

Paraprosookian: Ha! You thought I had forgotten, didn't you? The word comes from the Greek meaning "against" and "expectation" and has been in use by Greek rhetorical writers since the first century BCE and 1st & 2nd centuries CE. It's a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected and causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. Frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect by humorists and

the like and not unheard of in Parliament from time to time. "If I could just say a few words....I'd be a better public speaker". "For every complex problem, there is an answer that is short, simple...and wrong"... "I sleep eight hours a day...and ten at night". "Take my wife...please!" Those are all quotes by famous people, not mine. You don't have to be famous to have fun with this.

Hugh Gordon

PANZ

Like many groups using the Mapua Hall we have found an alternative venue. The Tasman Bible Church has kindly offered its hall to use. We had a good number of enthusiastic members ready to start a new year of pastel art on 12 February. The Christmas summer challenge resulted in some clever work.

On 23 March we will spend the morning outside with David Freedman from Australia who will tutor us in en pleine air. April has two workshops; the first with Maxine Thompson doing portraits in pastel then Grace Paleg and "The Passage of Light in still Life". Plenty for us to absorb and learn.

For further inquiries contact Glenys Forbes on 540-3388

Letters to the Editor...



Article Criticised

I eagerly anticipate the latest instalment of the *Coastal News* every month. I'm also appreciative of all the hard work put in by volunteers, who meticulously give us as members of this community, a sense of unity, useful information and local news.

I was curious when I came across the article in the February issue: *Business Stung by Being Too Trusting*. Initially this article appears to be an informative and useful case study about the perils of the business world, written by a reputable employment agency.

Upon closer scrutiny it is apparent that this is only a guise for a mud-slinging attempt at defamation of character that perhaps is one-sided. Within our small, close-knit community the attempt at anonymity in this article is futile.

I have no personal gain or investment with either party in this situation. I only hope that the decision to include this article was made with ethical responsibility.

If local businesses stoop to wash their dirty linen in public, I urge you as editor of the *Coastal News* to refrain from providing the soap.

Heledd Restall, Dominion Road

BOOK REVIEW

Life Skills, by Katie Fforde. Reviewed by Barbaara Hosie. Available in the Mapua Community Library

My choice of book to review for the Mapua Library was made after much consideration, and it was the sight of the cover looking very well used that decided me.

Katie Fforde has written a satisfying number of books, and if you enjoy her style of chic lit, then you will love every one of them.

In my opinion, this is probably not her best effort, but when I reached the end I was full of warm fuzzies, a pleasant place to be. It was a delightful read all the way there.

The storyline is predictable; maybe that is why we read this type of book. But along the way there are insights and humour in lives that enrich our own. Fiction it may be, but believable fiction.

This story focuses on the narrow boats that travel the canals of Britain and extends our comprehension of this form of travel. My view of canal boating has been from the banks watching the locks being worked, and wondering how anyone could enjoy being in such a confined environment for any length of time. Water strewn with rubbish and the smell of stale water does not appeal, but for many others it is a most enjoyable holiday. Whatever, this story provides a human face to it.

Busy lives sometimes leave little time for reading; lives full of stress require spaces of enjoyment. Whatever the excuse, read this book. The reading is easy, and it is lovely to feel good when you have read it.

Animal Health File

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

Putting the cat amongst the (wood) pigeons

As I muse over Gareth Morgan's recent rant on cats, my old tabby moggy lazes on my desk. Much like the rest of New Zealand, I don't want to believe she is the sadistic wildlife killer that Morgan makes her out to be. Currently the only mouse she is interested in is the computerised version, which is making typing a tad tricky! In fact during a mouse plague in my garden shed last year she was next to useless. My husband performed what became known as a "moussacre" with three mouse traps, no feline help was rendered.

After having a good read of Gareth Morgan's website Cats To Go, I decided to check out how Gareth friendly my cat might be. Here are the results:

? Desexed, yes—did it myself!

? Microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Registry.

? Wears a collar with a bell (used to – must get another one from work)

? Kept indoors at night (I definitely would do this but my former feral cat will shred any door that gets in her way!)

Right, so I could do better and I am guessing most Kiwi cat owners would say the same. Although many are up in arms about Gareth's comments he does make some salient points, many of which vets have been advocating for years. Desexing is essential; it not only reduces unwanted pets (leading to fewer feral cats and fewer birds munched), it also reduces fighting and thus the risk of life-threatening abscesses and transmission of fatal diseases such as Feline AIDs and Feline Leukaemia Virus.

Keeping your cat indoors at night also reduces fighting and disease transmission. Vets also lobbied for microchipping of cats when it was first introduced for dogs back in 2006. Following the Christchurch

earthquakes 81% of cats with microchips were repatriated back to their families, compared with only 15% of non-microchipped cats. We are regularly microchipping cats now as more owners become aware of the benefits.

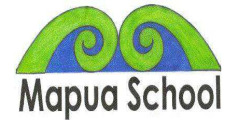
Gareth is completely right when he says that feral cats are a big problem and we do need to do something about this. Our region has a large feral cat population which has led to a big problem with feline AIDs spreading to domestic cats. Feral cats also transmit toxoplasma to sheep, causing abortions and a real economic impact for sheep farmers. That's before we even talk about their impact on wildlife.

Very few vets agree with the SPCA's Trap/Neuter/Release programme as it simply fosters colonies of feral cats which do not receive veterinary care and spread disease to domestic cats, as well as eating our native wildlife. The Motueka SPCA is not involved in any TNR programmes.

Gareth advocates making this cat your last. Given that I'm a vet and make a living out of looking after cats it's hard for me to support this! Although cats clearly take from our environment they also give us back a lot in terms of companionship through the good and bad times in our lives and our children learn a lot about caring and compassion from growing up with pets.

New Zealand is a nation of cat lovers and I cannot see that changing anytime soon. We also love our native wildlife and we should do what we can and what we feel comfortable with personally to help the two coexist more successfully. For some people that will truly mean making this cat their last but for the majority of kiwis it is about minimising the impact of their cats on the environment.

Mapua School



The 31st annual Mapua Easter Fair will take place on Easter Sunday, the 31st of March. The gates to the domain will open at 9am—an hour earlier than in the past.

We look forward to welcoming the many guests who will enjoy the wonderful hospitality of Mapua. Last year more than 16,000 visitors attended the fair and there were more than 330 stalls. This year looks as though it will be as successful and, fingers crossed, we will have sunny, warm, beautiful weather.

We need your help!

The fair's success is due to the many volunteers who help plan, organise, set up and clean up. More than 120 individuals from throughout Mapua contribute their time and efforts to ensure that the fair runs as smoothly as possible. On the Saturday before we need help setting up marquees, wheelie bins and other stations. On fair day we need assistance with set-up, placing hay bales, moving raffles and chocolate wheel prizes and other small jobs. And of course there is the clean-up which takes minimal time – especially with all the child helpers.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Jackie Hall at 540-2770

We also appreciate the donation of ingredients for baking or finished baked goods. If you can help with these items, please contact Leigh Rodd at 540-2073

Chocolate wheel, silent auction and raffle contributions are also welcomed. If you or your

company have services or items that you would like to donate contact Becks Rodd at 540-3750

A new way to travel to the fair

The Easter Fair Committee is working with TDC and NZ Transit authorities to reduce the traffic delays and ease the travel to and from the fair. This year cyclists from throughout the region will be encouraged to ride to Rabbit Island and take the ferry or use the new cycle trail. Please encourage your friends and guests to the area to consider this option.

Local performers with potential and talent

Plan to visit the main stage and the youth stage to enjoy the performances of many talented young people from Mapua. The fair programme will list performers and performance times – so take note and don't miss out.

The youth of Mapua benefit

Monies raised from the Mapua Easter Fair support the youth of our community – specifically the Playcentre and Mapua School. Over 90% of the Playcentre's operating budget comes from the fair. For Mapua School, the proceeds ensure that we have lower class sizes, resources not funded by the Ministry and facilities that support our fantastic teachers, staff and students.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Mapua Easter Fair.

Lisa Dunn, Mapua School Trustee



School Trip: Ken Matches (back row left) is shown with pupils who went on a trip to Christchurch in 1962. Many of our readers will recognise themselves or their classmates. They are (back row from left): Mr Matches, Gregory Scott, Andy Brown, David Sparrow, Graeme Satherley, John Wakefield, Tom Dufresne, Adrian Parlane and David Binns. Middle row: Garry Bevan, Murray Sutton, Edith Abbott, Jenny Beere, Christine Campbell, Allison Dufresne, Grame Wards and Bill Dodds. Front row: Linley Wells, Sally Brown, Cushla Cosgrove, Marion Povall, Rosemary Heal, Stephanie McKee, Deralee Buschl, Shirley Abbott and Elizabeth Allan.

MAPUA LIBRARY



Great news! The library has received a grant from the Canterbury Community Trust for \$3000. We really appreciate their generosity as it allows us to continue to buy books – both new and requested. We are able to add a good many books to the library shelves each month including some of the newest bestsellers.

We have also replenished our Large Print section by borrowing books from the Richmond library to supplement our own stock. We thank them for this service.

The ‘Be Excited About Reading’ (BEAR) programme was run again recently as part of our community outreach service. It was well supported, particularly in the first week of the programme – several children went on holiday during the second week. A lively group of 17 children enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a reading programme on a one-to-one basis with library volunteers, and some parents who helped out. Thank you all those who participated. Without your involvement we could not offer programmes such as this to the community.

At present on display in the library is an exhibition of watercolours by local artist Helen Bibby. Later in March Mike Howell’s paintings of godwits will be on display to coincide with the departure of the birds to warmer climes. We are very lucky to live in an area so abundant with talent.

Please note that the library will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (29 March and 1 April).

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

Major sponsors of the Mapua Community Library are: Canterbury Community Trust, The Lion Foundation, Tasman District Council

Ruby Blu Studio

The recently renovated Ruby Blu Studio reopened on the 18th February. The vision is to provide a teaching space where people can share their wisdom and skills with one another ; encouraging all to find their natural style and balance through fun and creative expression. We hope to see the studio being used by those working with young people and adults alike, including counselling facilities and youth workshops (with certified counsellors and social workers). We hope to share and encourage home grown food and sustainability.

We would be interested in hearing from you if you have some wisdom or a skill to share, or hiring the studios yourself. Please email the site coordinator Kerri

Bainbridge (at [rubyblustudio@gmail.com](mailto:rubbyblustudio@gmail.com)) for a list of classes offered or to express your interest in teaching a modality.

This term we are already offering classes in Art, Textiles, Pottery and Brain Gym for ages 5-13 years. Chi gong classes are commencing Tuesday 26th and will run weekly from then. Please contact Carl Chapman: steppingstone4@gmail.com for Chi Gong details.

The journey of the shed (and all that went with it) has taught me many things, and I am very excited to see what else will naturally unfold.

Seija Mcintosh

Tasman School

School to Celebrate 100 Years This Month



Yes the school is 100 years old, but never has it been so youthful and vigorous as it is now, with the school roll into the 80s, four teachers and principal, and with such a supportive talented parent community. The celebrations have begun already with the opening of the Tasman School Art Auction on Friday 15th February, with 30 supporting artists. The art will be auctioned during the centenary weekend. (16th March).

Art McKee, Art McKee plant your apple tree,
All along down along out the estuary,
For I want to live in the Moutere hills,
Wi' Alf Alport, Eric Rush, Ben Benzies,
Jack Thorp, Jack Goodyer,
Old Uncle Fred Nottage and all,
Old Uncle Fred Nottage and all. (Sung to the tune
of *Widcombe Fair*)

This is the first verse of the song that will start the play...*The School that Grew From an Apple Tree*, written for the centenary and performed on Saturday 16th March for the community, past and present. The school really did spring out of the growth of the settlers who planted the apple orchards, and the first school room was in Fred Nottage's barn/shed, followed by a "real classroom" officially opened a year later. What better way to endorse our school motto (whakatauki), "May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees."

The centenary becomes a huge significant topic for the children to focus

on for term 1, which is being taught in integrated lessons, which include, family trees, writing our Mihi's, statistics, social sciences including identity, geography and culture, also including the visual arts, drama, and written expression.

The celebrations will begin with an official opening at the school on Friday evening for old friends to meet and greet over wine and nibbles, and will end on the Sunday morning with the annual MUDDY BUDDYS event. For more details and registration, see the school website or phone the school office.

Fred Robertson



MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

February already and only three open tournaments remaining before closing day on Sunday 21 April. Without the generous sponsorship of local people and businesses there would be no tournaments and no opportunities for raising much-welcomed funds. We are very grateful to them all for their support.

Two events on our annual bowls calendar are always popular and both have been played in recent weeks. The first is a friendly rivalry with the Ngatimoti Club where the "Rose Bowl" is contested by teams of triples. Ngatimoti was the host this year but Mapua came away with the trophy ... just. It really was decided on the last bowl and we are enjoying the victory while it lasts. Ngatimoti will be looking for revenge next year.

In memory of Elston Blain, a former member of our club, we hold a drawn pairs event every year and the winners get their names engraved on a very splendid cup. It is fun and as always, was well supported on Saturday 9 February. Only two pairs won all three of their matches, Les McAlwee and

Joan Gibbison, Maurie Daubney and Sue England. The result was decided on the number of ends won. Maurie and Sue were delighted to win by 15 ends to 13 but very well done to everyone who supported the occasion played with good spirit and a great sense of camaraderie.

We would like to invite any prospective bowlers to join us free of charge to "have a go" during these last few weeks of the season. Roll-up days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays all starting at 1.15pm. Come on any of the days, or all three and we would be delighted to see you and provide equipment and tuition.

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

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

Sue England

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Thanks to reader Mark Forward for this month's superb photographs

Coastal Garden Group



The Coastal Garden Group's meeting on Thursday 7th February was held at the Tasman Bible Church, on the corner of Williams Road and Aporo oad, Tasman. This is the venue for our meetings while the Mapua Hall is upgraded.

Stephen McCarthy was the guest speaker. With Imogen managing the computer he showed us the tropical pitcher plants (Nepenthes) he saw while in Borneo (not Papua New Guinea as stated in the last newsletter). The Nepenthes are striking-looking plants that have adapted to growing in poor soils by elongating their leaves to form a pitcher-shaped container. This container holds water and trap insects, small frogs and other small creatures to provide nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that the plant can't get from the soil.

Stephen travelled to the tropical highlands of Borneo to find Nepenthes growing at elevations of 3000 to 10,000 feet (1000 to 3000m) above sea level. The most notable Nepenthes was named rajah and found on Mt Kinabalu. Nepenthes were very popular as house plants in Victorian times. Thank you to Stephen and Imogen for showing us these most unusual plants.

Afternoon tea was enjoyed by members before our president, Adrian, showed us how he propagates

cuttings of hydrangeas in a perlite, pumice mix. Members were encouraged to give it a go so they could have a saleable plant for our Flower and Plant Stall on September 21st.

The Exhibit Table had some colourful Australian flowering shrubs, bought in by Margaret who remarked that grevilleas grown here have more flowers on a tidier bush than grevilleas she had seen in growing in Australia. Many different forms of blue and white agapanthus flowers, which have flowered well this year, were exhibited. Do be responsible gardeners and cut off agapantha seed heads and dispose of carefully before the seed ripens and spreads alongside ditches and roads.

Brian brought back the orchid that was 'Queen of the Exhibit Table' in September, and still had one flower five months later. A tray of over 20 different-coloured begonia flowers was a lovely sight. The usual plant and produce auction was held before meeting finished at 4.20pm. A big thank you to members who so willingly helped us clear the hall after the meeting.

The Coastal Group's March meeting will be Thursday 7th at 1.30pm at the Tasman Bible Church. The topic will be daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. New members most welcome.

Rachael Stringer

Obituary—Ken Matches

Those of us who attended Mapua School in 1962 and 1963 will be sorry to learn of the death last month of Ken Matches, a charismatic headmaster of the school at that time.

He swept into Mapua in his black Citroen in the midst of a drought and, as he told us in the first of his morning talks that became a hallmark, nearly swept out again. For he and his wife were gardeners from verdant Redan (a farming district 30km east of Edendale, Southland). Despite those dry summers they did create a colourful frontispiece garden at the school.

Helen's uncle Mr Aitchison came along too. Very Scottish and, we thought, as old as Methuselah; he was probably only in his sixties.

I think we all found Mr Matches an exciting teacher. Some of us were so mesmerised by this new broom it had older siblings' eyes rolling. He was modern and progressive for those times, taking several classes at once to Christchurch and accompanied only by Helen. The Christchurch trip, including the pursuit of villains over the People's Palace rooftops, he described in Mapua School's jubilee book. Such trips on that adult/child ratio would today be seen as Armageddon. In 1962/3 they were wonderful.

In the classroom miscreants were tried and sentenced by their peers, the radio was turned on for the Cuban crisis, he had us making hats in the broom forest at the end of the playground, and warned the more rustic of us not to go barefoot or we'd never fit into shoes.

The Citroen was replaced by a trendy Vanguard and kept in the garage between the pool and the



murderhouse. He went on to indulge a huge passion for cars by acquiring a great number of them. Four days before he died he was driving his new 4WD on the hairy roads of the Macrae goldmine area. He was 89.

The Matches left Mapua School to find an area more suited to Helen's asthma. They went first to Wakefield, where

his pupils (apparently less in awe of him than we were) nicknamed him Strikealight. He then progressed up the educational ladder at schools in Clutha Valley, Oamaru, Raetihi and Belfast until retirement in 1987. Sadly, two days after he retired Helen died from a brain aneurism.

Mr Matches married again in 1989. He married another teacher, Alannah, who had been brought up in Nelson and with whom he had worked in schools over the years.

During their retirement Alannah introduced him to overseas travel and he also became involved with the Weka Pass Heritage Railway in North Canterbury. His interest in this historic railway was mentioned in *The Press* death notice. Perhaps railways were in his system already for his father had been an engine-driver.

He died very suddenly from pneumonia; an active and alert 89-year-old who didn't possess a computer and continued to take a keen interest in today's school.

It would have been great to see Mr Matches at Mapua School's centenary, coming up in 2015. He would have been using a stick, his legs weakened by a muscle-wasting condition. He might have frowned a bit to find how some of his pupils have spent the last five decades; but to know he is no longer out there somewhere and no longer cares, makes the passing of our headmaster Ken Matches a poignant loss indeed.

Helen Beere

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Thurs 14th March at 7 pm

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Mapua Health Centre

We are 23 years old! And it's our birthday this month. That is, the Mapua and Districts Health Centre came into being in the middle of March 1990 after an amazing effort by the local community in collaboration with the Nelson Area Health Board, who had just bought the site of the old post office. It has gone through various metamorphoses and changes over the intervening years, with the latest being the addition of two further rooms at the back of the building to allow for the hyperbaric oxygen unit and extra staff. Many thanks to all the volunteer help that we have had over recent years and to the health committee who generously give their time and energy to looking after the building and equipment.

The committee that oversees the building is actively looking at how we can plan for the future and cope with the increasing population and changes in health provision (with some services likely to be devolved from the hospital to primary care). Ideally we would like to build a new purpose-designed centre that also incorporated other services such as physiotherapy, pharmacy, dentist and other health professionals. If you have any ideas for achieving this or wish to help the committee please contact the chairperson, Derek Craze (info@mapuahealth.com).

We would like to welcome Helen Abbot (a sixth year medical student) to the practice. Helen will be with us until the 23rd March as part of her training. During her time with us Helen will be sitting in on consults (with the patient consent) as well as consulting patients under supervision of our doctors. This is a great opportunity for medical students to obtain a greater understanding of primary healthcare in the rural community.

This year's flu vaccines will be available early March and we will be contacting those who are on our computer recall system when they arrive. However, if you would like to receive a vaccination against the flu and have not had one previously from our centre please call the practice nurse, as we need to order sufficient supplies in advance.

Just a reminder that we normally require 24 hours notice for preparing prescriptions and if you have internet access you can re-order routine prescriptions

by emailing prescription@mapuahealth.com (you will need to give your details re name and exact medication required). Unfortunately, due to the high demand for same-day prescriptions we will now be charging an additional fee for urgent, same-day scripts. The charges are \$10 for routine prescriptions for next day pick-up, an additional \$10 if not paid within five working days, and \$20 for a same-day prescription.

Some of the events for the month:

- 1-31 Child Cancer Appeal month
www.childcancer.org.nz
- 1-31 Epilepsy Appeal month
www.epilepsy.org.nz
- 3 National Children's Day
www.childrensday.org.nz
- 4-11 Plunkett Awareness week
www.plunket.org.nz
- 4-11 WellChild /Tamariki Ora week
www.wellchild.org.nz
- 7 World Book Day
www.worldbookday.com
- 8 International Women's Day
www.internationalwomensday.com
- 11-18 Kidney Health Awareness week
www.kidneys.co.nz
- 11-18 Brain Awareness Week
www.neurological.org.nz/brainweek/index.php
- 13 Walk to Work Day
www.livingstreets.org.nz
- 14 World Kidney Day
www.worldkidneyday.org
- 16-23 Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Week
www.mda.org.nz
- 24 World Tuberculosis Day
www.stoptb.org
- 24-31 Hearing week
www.nfd.org.nz

Gateway Sculpture

It is pleasing to report significant progress on the Gateway Sculptures project. At a recent meeting of the Ruby Coast Initiative Group, it was decided to focus attention on a first sculpture at the Tasman entry to the Ruby Coast and as such the following outcomes have been achieved:

- To have a maquette (a scale model) of the sculpture constructed by the artists' group, which can be used as a fund-raising resource, offering a 3D replica of what the eventual sculpture will look like.



- To raise the funds to construct the maquette, which have been kindly underwritten by the Tasman Area Community Association up to \$1000.

- To approach Nelson Pine Industries who have kindly agreed to supply the high tensile stainless steel for the construction of the sculptures.

It is expected that over the coming months we will reveal further outcomes as the fund-raising exercise gathers momentum.

David Short

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

The start of the new Harakeke year already saw a lot of action and fun activities for our children and families to experience together – a great way of induction for our new families too.

When one of our girls left to start 'big school' at the beginning of term 1, she asked for a Wheels Day, because "I never came to one at Harakeke". All the other children got excited too and being committed to follow our children's interest whenever possible, that's what we decided to do. Previous Wheels Days were always held at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, but after the recent fire and with the organisers being fully occupied with much more important matters, we decided to look for another suitable venue.

Thank you Mahana School for making us feel so welcome and even opening the school pool for us to cool off on such a beautiful hot, sunny summer day and thank you also to all our parents for their hands on support always given so generously.

A couple of weeks later, coinciding this year with Valentine's Day we held a "Wear RED for HEALTHY HEARTS" day as part of the National Heart Foundation's Heart Week. As holder of the top Early Childhood Healthy Heart Award we wanted to celebrate our commitment to creating an environment that promotes nutritional health and physical activity.



Everybody embraced the idea and arrived dressed in red/where, the place was decorated red and so was every available paint ranging from face paint to finger paint to coloured water play. We made red home-made pasta for a shared lunch and cooked a delicious tomato sauce with products from the garden. Red velvet cupcakes finished off our meal eaten al fresco under the shade of the trees. It was a fantastic day with the children being fully involved in every step

Burning Calories on UK Cycle Tour

More than 70 people attended the February meeting of the Mapua & Districts Cycle and Walkways Group which included a talk from John and Linley Taylor about their cycle trip from Land's End to John O'Groats in the UK, and Sarah McLeod who launched the Ruby Coast cycle and walkways map. Both presentations recounted long journeys with different challenges along the way and completed with much satisfaction.

John and Linley's adventure took them from New York where they bought their trusty Trek 520s (touring bicycles) and planned a lot of their trip. They recounted their route from south-west England to north-east Scotland, along B roads which followed every steep contour, but also got them to a pub at the end of every day where they rewarded themselves with a beer and a shandy. They spent the evening at the pub before setting off the next morning at 8am.

As Linley pointed out, "The notion of wandering around quaint little villages after our cycle each day, quickly disappeared." So the routine for the 24 days was established, with an average of 38 miles covered a day (plus one train journey due to rain). The total effort required John to burn 50,100 calories! This short account cannot do their trip justice, but Linley's daily blog, written as they did their trip, is available at www.bikingendtoend.blogspot.co.nz.

Sarah McLeod then recounted another journey. Starting in 2001, "or thereabouts", when Kate Hine and she started a group called the Mapua and Districts Cycle and Walkway Group. This stemmed from their bemoaning the lack of provision for a future walkway linking Pamona Road to Seaton Valley, when the Crusader Drive subdivision was created.

The TDC had said in response to their enquiries that no-one had thought of it at the time. Sarah and

Kate called a meeting to see if there was enough interest to form a group and 40 people turned up. They inherited a map that had been drawn up by an earlier group called Friends of the Walkways, led by Bill Williams in the 1980s. Sarah explained how "it was a simple thing, we thought, to build on this map, update it, and expand it as the subdivision boom exploded in all directions. Many subdivisions, many meetings and about five years later we began to see results and had the sense of satisfaction of seeing routes being formed and links being made."

She went on to say how they developed good working relationships with TDC councillors and staff, who offered huge amounts of support to some of the projects. Sarah also acknowledged the generous-hearted landowners who gracefully allowed walkways to be developed on, or adjacent to their properties.

Sarah went on to describe how the construction of the Ruby Bay by-pass enclosed Mapua and Tasman, and through more community action the Ruby Coast was born. Under-passes along the by-pass are tangible results of a community joining to enhance the place they live in.

Sarah finished by thanking the TDC for its assistance in producing the new map which she said "is both a culmination of community effort over the years past, and a benchmark living document from which we can develop in the future".

The Ruby Coast Walking and Cycling Pathways Map is free and is available in paper copy from the information area in the Boat Club's museum, the Mapua mall, Tasman store, as well as being available online on TDC's website or the local business association's website, www.rubycoastmouterehills.co.nz

Nicky McBride

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's first meeting of the year was held on the 1st of February at the temporary meeting venue of the Mapua Scout hut. The guest speaker was Andreas Niemann with a talk entitled "Working with Wood". Andreas who was born in Germany, set up his first business in Aranui Drive about six years ago. As the business developed he found the premises too restrictive so moved to an old packing shed on the main road (Mapua Drive), near the intersection of Seaton Valley Road.

Andreas believes in preserving the old shed and enhancing it by recladding, as it has a historic value to him. The remaining area is used as his workshop. For all his hand-made furniture he uses hard woods such as walnut and maple. Andreas also repairs furniture, which can be time-consuming. Parts of the original furniture have to be stripped down and cleaned of the original glue before the new and original parts are reassembled with specialised glue.

Andreas became aware that the derelict apple shed was available but it took two years to get a purchase contract signed with the new property developer, John Davies, as all the land was to be used for houses. The owner and Andreas each drew up a valuation for the property and came to an agreed price. Andreas's initial work was to upgrade the old shed, with 350 square metres of the building to be renovated for displaying his furniture and children's toys

Andreas's other part of his business is producing children's wooden toys. He showed the meeting some of the toys, such as a golfer swinging a club, a model strumming a guitar, and another model playing drums. He had a model of the Rialto Bridge in Venice that

moved a small wooden ball up and down the bridge. The toys were only a few centimetres high, and most of them Andreas hand-painted. The time to make these toys varied from an hour up to 30 hours with prices varying from \$70 to \$200.

Andreas aimed to encourage teenagers and children to have a go at making their own wooden toys by running special classes. Part of his gallery is used as a showcase for the wooden toys so visiting children can play with them without them being damaged.

The club's mini speaker was Janice Higgs. Her subject was reviewing her childhood years in Appleby. She was born during the war, and was brought up on her parent's dairy farm. Her family consisted of four brothers and one sister.. Her first school was at Appleby to the age of 12. Toys were hard to come by in those days. Janice's favourite toy was a rag doll made by her mother.

Her family and friends enjoyed picnics at Rabbit Island, with the use of a horse and cart as their form of transport. By the age of 12 Janice had learnt to cook, which included peeling pots of potatoes each day. She was able to bake cakes and biscuits for school lunches. Some of her holidays were spent with her grandparents at their batch in Monaco. There she enjoyed collecting shellfish. From the Appleby School Janice moved on to Nelson Girl's College, going by bus. During the holidays she worked in the local tomatoes gardens. Over the Christmas holidays Janice made enough money to buy a bike. At the age of 16 her parents sold the farm and moved into Tahunanui where she was able to get a job in a drapery business in Nelson.

David Higgs

Sam's Spam

This month I have received an alarming number of calls from customers concerned about their email accounts. Many subscribers of Yahoo!Xtra have complained about their accounts being hacked into, sending spam emails on behalf of them.

Telecom has now acknowledged its email service has been compromised despite previously blaming customers for the massive spam invasion (see below)

Please bear in mind that this concerns only Telecom internet customers, but my advice for anybody concerned that they have been affected by this is to change their email account password. To do this, visit the link below:

<https://selfservice.xtra.co.nz/live/selfservice/ChgPwd/>

It's a simple process; all that you need is your Telecom user name and current password. If you have forgotten either of these, you must call Telecom in order to retrieve these details on 0800 22 55 98

From Stuff.co.nz:

Hundreds of thousands of emails—blank apart from a generic greeting and a link to a website asking for personal details, including

credit card numbers—could possibly have been sent from YahooXtra accounts to anyone in the users' contacts lists.

Clicking on the link gives hackers access to the recipient's contacts, meaning the scam has the potential to affect all 450,000 YahooXtra users.

Internet safety organisation Netsafe said it looked "like the single biggest email takeover event that we have seen".

(<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/8290058>)

Free software

Although this security breach was unavoidable, one way you can protect your computer is to regularly scan your computer for viruses, spyware, and other malicious software.

Telecom has recommended the use of Microsoft Security Essentials, which can be downloaded at the following address: <http://is.gd/microsecure>

Microsoft Security Essentials provides real-time protection for your home or small business PCs. It runs quietly and efficiently in the background so you don't have to worry about interruptions or making updates.

Fire Brigade



January 13- February 13 call-outs

Jan 20: Fire on side off road, not found.

Jan 22: Upper Moutere community complex, building fire, assist to put out.

Jan 25: Fire on Westdale Road. Out on arrival.

Jan 31: False alarm Upper Moutere School.

Feb 3: Smouldering bark in Moutere forest, tanker assisted.

Feb 11: Beach fire Cliff Road, extinguished by brigade,

Feb 14: Tree across road SH60 near Research Orchard Road, Appleby. High winds.

Feb 14: Car in ditch Redwood Valley. Called back, not needed.

11 calls this year.

Safety Tip – Make sure your drive is clear so a fire engine can get to your house. It needs four metres width and four metres overhead clearance. Do you know where the nearest water is?

Ray Bolderson has decided to leave the brigade; Ray has been with us for 11 years with a further four years at Newlands volunteer fire brigade. We will miss Ray with his day-time availability and design work.

We are pleased that Katrina and Mark have passed their driver's course, so we have two more drivers that can drive using lights and sirens

Police Report

Great to be having a long spell of hot and summery weather. The big influx of tourists to the area has dropped away, but there are still some New Zealanders on holiday and some foreign tourists around. It won't be long before the fruit season is starting again for another year. Foreign tourists seem to be filling some of the fruit jobs more and more in the last few years.

There is a proposal to approach the council for funding to put in a village security camera. In January there was a spate of graffiti in the village and we suspect it was some youths from Christchurch, but with no proof we can't go any further.

Thankfully we don't have this type of thing happening very often, but when something does go on overnight, footage of vehicles and who is walking around in the small hours could be very valuable .

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

Mapua Occurrences:

Jan 23: Lost: Bait and crab pot net with weight attached. Weight has name of "T K Robinson" written on it.

Jan 25-26: Minor damage at Aranui Road address

Jan 27-29: Attempt made to enter a shed in Aporo Road

Jan 27: Domestic argument Seaton Valley Road. Female taken to Nelson.

Jan 31: Assist mental health matter with a Mapua male.

Feb 9: Attempt made to cut padlock on gate on Pinehill Road

Feb 12: BMX bike stolen from "We The People Trust." 2009 model. White with red handlebars and stem covered in stickers with two front foot pegs.

Feb 14: Panasonic Lumix digital camera (brand new), black in black case with neck strap, lost by tourist at Mapua Wharf.

Hills Community Church

Change can be Unsettling to Us

Someone once said that “the only constant in life is change”. This saying is in fact attributed to an ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus, who lived in the 5th century BC. It is a wonderful irony that the saying is still as true today as it was then. Change is a constant companion in life, and yet it is something that often unsettles and disturbs us.

For me, this summer has been one of those times of significant change that life brings. My wife Connie and I, along with our two boys, Jesse and Finlay, have recently moved from the deep south (Dunedin) to be welcomed as the minister at Hills Community Church. It is a real blessing and privilege to be here.

The process of leaving a life in Dunedin and moving here has been one that has prompted me to learn again the need for us to trust in God for all things in life. I think my default setting tends more to anxious thought and worry in life. I know, though, that contentment in life comes not from us eliminating uncertainty, but rather by learning to let go, and learning to trust in God.

In Luke’s gospel Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes... Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to their life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?’ (Luke 12:22-26)

Change comes to each and everyone of us in life, some changes will be welcome and longed for, but others we won’t see coming, and may cause us much distress. In all situations, whatever our circumstances—

change is always an opportunity for us to grow, to learn to let go, and to learn to trust in God who has us in the palms of his hands.

Blessings in Christ, Rev John Sherlock

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

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

Weekly Calendar:

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

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided. Drop-off for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week.

Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries.

Welcome to another busy year ahead at Bounce. Recently we set our goals for the year and re-affirmed our centre vision and philosophy. These are included below for your perusal.

We are filling our lovely warm (verging on very hot at times) summer days with soothing water activities. This is always great fun as we often end up with some very happy, wet children who have explored colour mixing, evaporation, water flow and direction, measuring along with other mathematical concepts and then recycling and conservation as we water the gardens after our play.

We are aware that at present the lack of hall has left a gap in the community. Here at Bounce we have a building that is vacant after 4.30pm on week days and all day on weekends. This can be available for your use if you are feeling the loss of venue for meetings or any other activities that may be suitable. Suitability and availability of the premises can be discussed by calling LJ on 540-3330 during week days.

Bounce will have a stall at the Mapua Easter Fair again this year, so look out for our orange Bouncey Man as you enjoy the fair. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bounce Vision

To inspire our children to be life-long learners in an environment that is committed to the Mana Atua, Well-being and Mana Whenua, Belonging of ALL

Bounce Philosophy: Te Whāriki, our New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum, is the basis of who we are, what we believe, and our everyday practice. We:

- Provide a safe, caring, warm environment, respecting the uniqueness of all children, teachers, families, whānau and their cultures.
- Promote independence and positive, healthy, reciprocal, tuakana/teina relationships in a social environment which is fun, stimulating, encouraging and educational.
- Believe in families, whānau, children and teachers working, playing, and growing together as life-long learners.
- Have experienced and qualified staff with a focus on continual Professional Development.
- Are an integrated part of the local community, utilising the unique opportunities in the Mapua Village.
- Teach our children to treasure Papatuanuku, our natural resources and environment, while promoting sustainability.

Church Tree Felled

On Waitangi Day the big tree in the front of the Hills Community Church grounds decided that it had reached the end of its useful life and dropped a very heavy branch onto our grounds, next door's driveway, and in to the adjacent property. When those with experience looked at the tree more closely they realised another branch needed to be taken out straightaway, and the main trunks had vertical splits in them. An arborist was consulted and very quickly the area was roped off and the tree felled.

The tree (which was not a Lebanese cedar as some thought but was related to the macrocarpa family), was probably presented to the church by the Mapua/Mahana Women's Division in about 1950.

The timber from this is being stored at present with the thought that it will be sold for some nice warm fires in the winter. Our thanks must go to the hard-working crew of Alastair Rose, Ted Theobald and Nev



Bibby who, with Ted's friend and his equipment, and the team from Lian Polak's tree-felling business, the site was cleared in record time.

Helen Bibby

Noticeboard

Rangers Rugby Football Club will hold their AGM on Tuesday 5 March, 7.30pm at Moutere Hills Community Complex. JAB registration Saturday 16 March 9.30 - 11.30 at the complex, and Senior registration Thursday 14th 6pm at the complex.

Coastal Connections Social Group: This month's luncheon will be held at the Fossil Ridge Cafe, 72 Harts Road, Richmond, on 14 March. Look forward to seeing you all. Julie H.

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

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

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zoom Salon hours: Mon through Sat, late nights Tue & Thur. www.zoomhair.co.nz 540 2333

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

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

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

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

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

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

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