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Council puts brakes on housing growth

The Tasman District Council is putting the brakes on new housing in Mapua-Ruby Bay through a combination of changes in the local plan and delays in installing water, stormwater and sewerage systems.

The latest moves affecting residential growth in Mapua are contained in final decisions of the TDC on the major planning change for the district, the Mapua-Ruby Bay Plan Change 22.

A main thrust of the plan was to limit new housing in hazardous areas of the coastal plain while allowing new housing on higher land in north-western Mapua.

The main decision affecting the future shape of Mapua is that the council decided to retain its restriction on new subdivisions on the coastal plain between Broadsea Avenue in Ruby Bay and the Mapua Leisure Park. This has been zoned Rural 1 land, with a special coastal zoning.

In its latest decision, the council rejected submissions from many landowners against recent subdivision restrictions it had imposed.

The only concession the council made was to reduce the minimum lot size for any subdivision from 3.6ha to 3ha. It is understood that the effect of this is minor and will benefit only one or two landowners.

A closed zone preventing subdivision has been retained at Ruby Bay, affecting 166 landowners in the coastal area. A rural 1 closed zone also preventing subdivision in the lower part of Seaton Valley affecting 35 landowners has also been confirmed.

In Tahī Street and part of Iwa Street, closed zone restrictions which were also contested by some residents have been slightly modified in the latest decisions. Under the change, subdivision of one lot of 650sq metres would be permitted in that area, but only if there is a balance area of the same size. It is not clear how many properties this will affect.

Where will new housing go then? The council plan change wants to new housing only to be built on higher land, where it will not be threatened.

Its decisions in Plan Change 22, the council confirmed deferred residential zonings for the Thawley, Brown, Freilich and Mt Hope orchard blocks in north-west Mapua. These account for about 48ha and would eventually accommodate about 500 houses.

However, the shortage of sewerage, stormwater and water infrastructure in Mapua and problems in financing the necessary pipes and pumping stations have meant that a longer deferment of the residential zoning in this area is almost certain. Draft decisions in the council's recently-released Ten Year Plan mean the draft residential zone is likely to remain deferred until some time in the 2020s.

It is not clear how much new infrastructure is needed, but a range of sewerage and stormwater projects in Mapua have been deferred in the Ten Year Plan as the council struggles to cope with new demands and a period of what appears to be over-spending in the past decade.

Projects deferred include two replacement sewerage pumping stations in Higgs Road which were to be replaced in 2015, but have now been delayed till 2018-2019. An upgrade of one of the stormwater culverts draining north-western Mapua has also been delayed till 2020-21.

A planned new water supply for Mapua via the proposed Coastal Tasman Water Pipeline from Motueka has been retained in the draft Ten Year Plan, but work on it is not projected to start till 2018 and it is not expected to be finished until 2022. There must also be some council concerns about the projected cost of this planned water supply. It has risen since earlier estimates to an estimated cost now of \$38.3 million. For the township of Mapua and other coastal areas to be served by the pipeline, it looks a very expensive source of water.

The council assessment of what is needed has been based on projections from past growth. Residential growth in Mapua in the period from 2001 to 2006 was more than 3 percent and in that period it exceeded the



growth rate in Richmond (just over 2 percent) and Motueka (less than 1 percent).

The growth in demand for community services, such as the school, health centre and library, has also been very high, with additional demand coming from Rural 3 housing near Mapua, which is regarded by the authorities as being outside the Mapua-Ruby Bay district.

The deferment for services will also affect an iconic and potentially attractive housing site, the restored Fruitgrowers Chemical Company land on the western side of Tahi Street, opposite the Waterfront Park. This will delay council plans for development of what it was hoped might be an example of innovative design of the Tasman District.

With the combined effect of the new planning changes and further delays with infrastructure, growth in Mapua-Ruby Bay looks likely to fall behind the rates in the bigger towns, Motueka and Richmond.

However, the latest council planning changes are subject to any challenges from residents through the Environment Court, while the draft decisions on infrastructure delays may be affected by council decisions this month on residents' submissions made as part of the annual planning process.

David Mitchell.

(Opinions in the article are those of the author, who was a submitter on several of the issues discussed. Assistance for the article was provided by staff at the TDC.)

Cycle Trail Trust sets out its funding plans

The executive officer for the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trail Trust, Fiona Newey, has written:

In a response to recent press and letters to various editors, as there's been some lack of clarity regards our current position: here are the facts:

Stage One funding is secure—Nelson-Mapua and Nelson-Wakefield, although there is talk of downgrading the Brightwater to Wakefield route to "On Road Grade 3" to save \$400,000. Due to open December 2012.

Stage Two funding—Mapua-Motueka-Kaiteriteri has not been allocated by the TDC at this stage in the LTP, however, out of the 900 submissions the TDC received for the LTP, 10 percent was cycle-related, a huge amount of feedback on one topic. So watch this space.

\$1.2 million is required to complete an interim trail from Mapua to Kaiteriteri to Grade 3 standard, reduced to \$800,000 if \$400,000 is transferred from the Brightwater to Wakefield route. This should be considered the minimum initial stage as it uses Seaton Valley Road rather than the desired off-road route shown in the trust's ultimate plan.

The trust's submission to TDC was for this interim \$1.2 million to complete Stage Two to a national "Great Ride" Grade 3 standard in the next 12 months. In order to retain a NZ Great Ride status, we must achieve a loop ride in Tasman. Work and funding should then be sought from the TDC and through sponsorship over the next 10 years to bring the Great Taste Trail to the planned Grade 1-2 design.

To this end a "Motueka \$800K Group" has been formed, lead by Milnes Beatson, accountants in Motueka, to raise the funds to develop Stage 2. Along with funding applications and sponsorships, one initiative is to sell "Virtual Trail," two metres of trail for \$40. Blocks of trail can be reserved and bought over time. The buyer receives a GPS certificate and can "virtually own" and really visit their "spot" for all time. These spots can be bought on the Mapua Flat Bottom Fairy, at Mapua Village or on line off www.heartofbiking.org.nz

Of the \$7.8 million project, NTCTT need to raise a further \$3.8 million to complete the 175k loop off-road. Selling all 175,000 metres of Great Taste "Virtual" trail over four years will achieve this.

There's a lot of good will around this. By 2016 we hope to have attracted 28,000 riders a year, which is estimated to bring \$20 million into the region, based on what the Otago Rail Trail generates.

Fiona Newey

Toru St residents win one, lose one

Toru Street residents wanting to protect the residential character of their historic street won one battle when the Tasman District Council decided recently that three properties near the Mapua shopping centre should not be zoned commercial.

However, they lost another fight to gain better protection for all home owners in Tasman District from what they call “commercial creep” in urban areas throughout the district.

The two matters were issues recently determined by the council after it had listened to submissions on its major planning change for Mapua-Ruby Bay, known as Plan Change 22.

The Toru Street residents’ group successfully argued against what the council called “three small additions to the Commercial Zone” when it gave a draft commercial zone to three residential properties at 7, 7A and 8 Toru Street.

In their submissions, the residents questioned the need for more commercial development of Mapua Village and said most Mapua people did the majority of their shopping in Richmond or Motueka. They pointed to overseas trends, particularly in the United States, where bigger malls in larger centres are the main areas of retail growth.

They also said current “commercial creep” in Richmond’s Oxford Street was destroying property values for home owners in the area and they did not want to see that happening in their attractive Mapua residential area.

Toru Street, they said was “100 per cent Pure New Zealand”, with its tall trees, grass verges, and older-style character homes. They invited councillors to walk down the street and enjoy its attractive and friendly character, as many Leisure Park visitors do regularly.

In its decision reported back last month, the council struck out the proposed Toru Street commercial designations, saying the land was “unlikely to become available for some considerable time given the residential buildings on the site”.

The council also conceded the residents’ argument about the lack of demand for commercial zoned land, saying “changes in retail trends means this land would not be required for many years, if at all”.

In their argument over “commercial creep”, the Toru Street residents sought two changes to the current rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Firstly, the residents argued that applications from businesses seeking to operate a full commercial operation in a residential zone needed more careful scrutiny. They said that, if a fully commercial

operation wanted to set up in a residential zone, it should be a “non-complying” activity rather than a “discretionary activity”.

Secondly, they argued that residents should be advised of applications for fully commercial operations setting up in a residential area.

However, their arguments were rejected by the council, which said that the change in definition went beyond the scope of the plan change and would have to be part of a separate plan change. Its decision against notification of commercial zone applications to residents “was also a separate matter that is outside the scope of the plan change”, the council said.

Other decisions made by the council included:

- After hearing submissions, the council decided against an earlier proposal for a one-section commercial zoning in Seaton Valley Road. The zone was intended for a dairy or similar store designed to meet “the day-to-day needs” of residents. In its decision last month, the council said the Seaton Valley area was “expected to be serviced from Mapua”.

- Efforts by the Mapua Cycle Walkways Group to see improved access to and along Mapua Beach have largely been disallowed. The council says it will retain esplanade reserves that now apply in parts along the 1km long rock wall that stretches along the beach from the western entrance of the Waimea Inlet to the Talley’s wall. However, there is no provision in the plan to create access to these reserves or to identify where they are. Access for beach walkers at present would involve climbing up the walls.

Since the plan was promulgated, mid to high tide access along the beach has been further limited by the building of a substantial rock wall along the beach frontage of the Mapua Leisure Park near the western entrance of the estuary.

- Requests to have the Regional Cycle Trail route incorporated into the Mapua District Plan have been declined. Instead, the council has inserted a new policy clause saying it will “facilitate a regional cycle trail”.

- The former Mt Hope Orchard packing shed in Mapua Drive near Seaton Valley Road has had its draft heritage status cancelled.

David Mitchell.

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Out and About with Hugh

Anticipation: So much of our day-to-day life is wrapped up in that word. It starts even before we're born. Is it a girl? Is it a boy? And it goes on. Anticipating this, anticipating that. By now you're asking. "What's he on about?"

Remember? Last month I woke up to the fact that I was a "journalist," because I write material for a periodical. This month I woke up to the fact that when you are a "journalist" you have to run the gauntlet of the editor. In other words, if you are too wordy, write too much "stuff," the editor edits. I read my column for the April *Coastal News* with some dismay. I quote from part of the bit that was so callously edited out: "Next month 'the anticipatory journalist' and more stuff."

Why "anticipatory journalist?" Because I was going away and will still be away after the dreaded deadline had passed for this month's column. Yep, you got it. Some of this was written "in anticipation." Of what? Well, you know, what's coming, might come or has already come.

The postal voting on the amalgamation proposal closed on 21 April. I was still away. I don't know the result; I'm not indulging in any anticipating. It's April Fool's day as I write this but the result, whatever it may, be will be far from foolishness.

David Mitchell's report in the April *Coastal News* on the TDC's proposed cycle trail budget cuts in the

Draft Long Term Plan deserves our attention. The economic benefits alone that could stem from this project are enough to warrant the TDC biting the bullet and completing it. Why does the council spend our money (a lot of it) on this project and then scrub it? This is not the first time the TDC has done this sort of thing. Hopefully some of you made a submission to the TDC to reinstate this funding that has been cut from the TDC draft 10-year Plan. If you didn't at least make your displeasure felt and heard wherever and however..

I see that Plan Change 22 has now been formally adopted. One coastal property owner was overheard saying again, "Legislation without facts." Draw your own conclusions.

Please, any of you out there, I am still compiling information on the Ruby Bay (Sea Spray Store), which has closed. An end to an era and a Ruby Bay institution. It is an interesting story that I want to tell you. Help me please. Email is hush@quik.co.nz Thank you

As I have said, I wrote this column on April Fool's Day. A month before you read it. The anticipatory journalist beats the deadline big time!

I've made some pointed remarks about our TDC's fiscal policies and seemingly inability or unwillingness see some projects through to completion. If amalgamation has been adopted there will be a new and perhaps different approach. If it has not, we need to take another look at how our money is being spent.

This morning I am away. A holiday, an OE to Northland at the top end. "Away." Just what does that mean? Australian environmentalist Tim Flannery commented recently on our "throwaway society." "There's no 'away. Just a relocation and sometimes change of form of the same thing." Gosh! That's a bit of food for thought.

Hugh Gordon

Advance warning!

There's three months of fun looming!

The Motueka Arts Council's winter workshops are on in June, July and August.

Amongst the array of things to learn there'll be:- Making Felt Hats, Joe Bennett's Writers' Workshop, Stone Carving, Singing for Pleasure with Barbie Cole, Picture Framing, an Advanced Photography weekend, Cheese Making, Soap Making, The Art of Bicycle Maintenance, A Culinary World Tour (a banquet) , Water Colours for beginners And more.

If you've taken part in our annual workshops before you'll already be on the mailing list. If you haven't and you'd like to receive the latest brochure, in May, please email the coordinator: Jane Wells, patandjane@xtra.co.nz a.s.a.p.

Tasman School



It is hard to believe that term one is already behind us.

And what a busy term it was! We welcomed several new families to our school and community at the end of term one. It is great to see our new students taking advantage of the family atmosphere and experiencing the benefits of a country school.

Term two has begun with continuing work on Anzac remembrance. As a school and community we take pride in honouring those affected by war in gathering for a service outside the school at the cenotaph. Our teachers and students take the time in their classrooms each year to recognize what Anzac Day means. Many thanks to all those who make this a special occasion and help to educate younger members of our community about the day's significance and importance.

Another day that is well attended by our school community is the annual school forum. It is a valuable

time to celebrate recent successes as a school and to set goals and aspirations for the future. It had additional importance this year as it gave us the opportunity to formally open our new school entrance. This bright and welcoming space has quickly become the heart of our school.

Check out some of our photos from Marahau camp.

Wishing you all a fabulous term ahead.

Sue Shand



Animal Health File

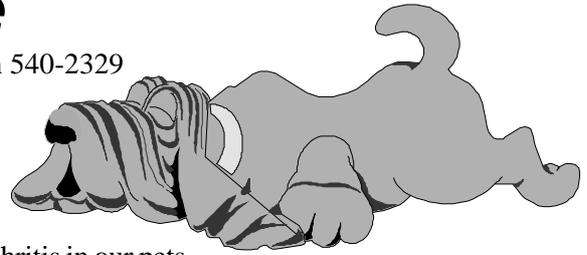
Dr. Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Road, Mapua, ph 540-2329

Winter aches and pains

What a stunning autumn we have had. But, despite the balmy autumn days the nights are getting colder and the pets are beginning to feel it. It is about this time of year that we get our annual influx of creaky old dogs and cats. Old joints that were coping just fine through the warm summer months are now stiffening up with the onset of winter.

Arthritis is very common in our furry companions. It can be easy to diagnose in dogs as they show overt signs of joint pain such as limping, slowness to rise from a sitting position, reluctance to jump in the car and unwillingness to exercise at their normal levels. Cats, as per usual, don't show such obvious signs. Usually they sleep more, but as they sleep so much anyway people often don't notice this. Sometimes they limp, but again, they are good at hiding this. The most common signs of arthritis that cat owners notice are that they don't jump on the bed, the couch or the kitchen bench top quite as often!

A tentative diagnosis of arthritis can be made from these behavioural changes but a complete diagnosis requires a set of X-rays of the joints that are suspected to be arthritic. There are other causes of lameness and joint pain that should be ruled out by X-ray, in particular osteosarcoma or bone cancer.



Arthritis in our pets is quite treatable. In moderate cases nutraceuticals such as green lipped mussel extracts and fish oils can be very helpful. There is also a fabulous food called Hills Joint Diet which is available for both cats and dogs now. We have many very happy pets eating this food!

In severe cases medication with non steroidal anti inflammatory is necessary. As this medication has the potential to cause side-effects its use must be carefully monitored with regular check-ups, and ideally blood tests, but it does generally provide exceptionally good pain relief. There are numerous medication options available including tasty pills, a liquid that goes on food and now a long acting injection called Trocoxil.

Book your pet in for a check-up if you suspect he/she may be showing some signs of arthritis. Our vets can do a thorough physical examination and discuss your diagnostic and treatment options with you. We also have a very good hand-out available from our reception staff at both clinics that discusses arthritis in further detail including environmental changes you can make to help your pet. It is also available by email by contacting us on office@tasmanbayvets.co.nz

BOOK REVIEW

Speaking for Myself: My life from Liverpool to Downing Street by *Cherie Blair*. Reviewed by *Barbara Hosie*. Available in the *Mapua Community Library*.

What an insight this book gives us into what it is like to live as the wife of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Cherie Blair takes us on a journey from the time of her birth in Liverpool to the last day of office at No. 10 Downing Street.

I have to believe it is honestly presented—the good, the bad and the ugly. The Cherie Blair that we came to know or not know from the media reports, is certainly not the very intelligent, caring young woman who during the 10 years of her husband in office, becomes the mother of four children, while continuing with her own high-powered career.

Tony Blair became Prime Minister in an outpouring of excitement and hope after the reign of Margaret Thatcher and her successor, John Major. Cherie became the scapegoat of the media, and it was an eye-opener to read of the restrictions that are brought to bear by the Party through which they came to power, the seriously restrictive government servants and the removal of personal freedom because of security measures.

After reading this book I promise to try to not condemn anybody in high office until I know the facts. Cherie was always 100 percent supportive of her husband. She had misgivings at times, for

example the support of America during the invasion of Iraq, but she understood that Tony was much better informed than she and that his decisions were always made after much consideration and work.

The demands on a senior politician are beyond what a human should have to deal with, but Cherie, too, had a very demanding life. Her involvement and backing of many charities eventually won the support of the Government and media, but her reasons for doing the work were always genuine. Her love and commitment to her children, her family and her friends are a reoccurring theme. Her educated, qualified fight for the betterment of women and children reached out to all.

The following of history in the making as you read this book is so very interesting; this is a book written well. It is very easy to read whichever way you lean politically, or even if you don't lean in any direction. In my opinion it is a story frankly told, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn about people I will never know or meet, but who have shaped the world we now live in.

I hope that many others will read this book; it certainly has much for discussion within its covers.

Fire Brigade

March 12 - April 12 call-outs

Apr 9: Twenty small fires on beach at Pine hill Reserve. No action taken, had a permit.

15 calls year to date.

Safety Tip – check and clean chimneys.



Police Report

The fantastic autumn just keeps going on and the great weather is certainly helping reduce accidents on the road—keep your speed down and drive to the conditions when it does turn wet and nasty and you will have a much better chance of making it home unscathed.

The new traffic rules that came in last month appear to be working well. As I write it is almost the last week of the school holidays and there haven't been any real issues in the Mapua area so far, just one burglary that is probably young people.

Another fantastic Mapua Fair for the district. Well done to all the organisers and many volunteers who ensured the day ran very smoothly under such busy conditions.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.
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Mapua Occurrences:

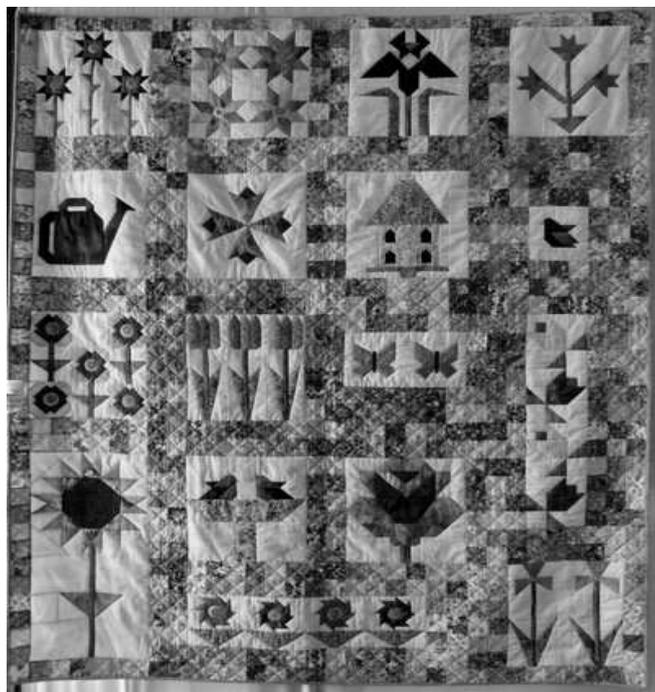
Mar 30: 200 litres diesel stolen from tractor off Te Mamaku Drive

Apr 1: Domestic incident Jessie Street. Police safety order issued.

Apr 16: Rental van drives off without paying for at Perry's Autos. Enquiries continuing.

Apr 17: Burglary Tahī Street address. Hula hoops and a pumpkin stolen, all recovered nearby.

Apr 18: Minor assault Tahī Street address



Applications for Grants

Voluntary organisations are invited to apply to the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant. Applications will be considered in May and should be in by 11 May. Application forms can be obtained from the secretary (ph 540-3203) or the treasurer (ph 540-2845) and returned to PO Box 19, Mapua 7048.

Grants will usually be less than \$300 but this may be varied at the discretion of the trustees.

Quilts on Show

The Motueka Quilting Connection Quilt Show 2012 is being held at the Moutere Hills Community Centre over three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 19-21 May. This fabulous annual event showcases our members' work

Chris Kenna, well known quilt maker and quilt teacher from Wellington, will be our Guest Exhibitor. This year's show will also have on display the 'Hoffman Challenge Quilts' from quilters around New Zealand, and the Members' Challenge, themed "a view through a window".

The public attending the show have a chance to vote for their favourite quilt, along with the challenge quilts.

Anyone interested in seeing just what can be achieved with needle and thread will not be disappointed. The show runs from 10am to 4pm, Saturday 19 May until and including Monday 21 May. Admission is \$3 – complimentary tea and coffee. Raffle \$2 (four prize draws with the 1st prize being a Bernette sewing machine donated by Bernina Sewing Centre). Dave and Margaret Prebble from the Bernina Sewing Centre, Nelson, will have a stand at the show and will be available to help with any machine issues.

This year part of the proceeds of the raffle will be supporting the hospice and SPCA.

MAPUA LIBRARY



April has been a busy month in the library. Not only have the volunteers kept the library open each day for borrowers and new books have been bought, processed and put on the new-arrival shelves; but after a very successful "Soar Again" Literary Festival, we had a profitable book sale on Easter Sunday on the library front lawn. Our thanks go to Annalee and her helpers.

In April there has been an interesting display of watercolour paintings by Marian Painter. This will

change for May to a Queen's Jubilee memorabilia display by Barbara Halse.

May is our annual meeting. It is on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the library. This is your chance to show your support for and become more involved with the library, or air your gripes or ideas about the library.

There will be nibbles and refreshments served during a social hour after the meeting.

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



The sense of adventure of two good mates gave Mapua some favourable national publicity after this photo featured on national TV news at prime time recently.

Jack Munro, 9, of Nelson and Tate Wayman, 11, of Mapua, were navigating round the wharf area in the late afternoon sun when Flat Bottom Fairy skipper Paul Nankivell took this photo of the boys on their home-made raft.

The raft was made of discarded freezer panels and bits of timber all nailed and tied together to make a craft strong enough for them both to stand on. They had been helped by Jack's older bother, Benjamin, 10. Over the two-week holidays, the boys had ideal weather for their adventures, their families are familiar with the channel tides and the boys were careful to wear life-jackets.

Paul sent his photo to TV1, and it turned up on the evening weather news spot, with favourable comment about the boys' enterprise and the beautiful Mapua scene.



“Port Mapua, Ruby Bay”

Of increasing concern to many long-term residents of this once rural community is the dilution of the district name to the lazy and convenient abbreviation of “Mapua”.

Acceptance of evolutionary change may suit some, but on the other hand there is a growing social conscience to maintain the historic identity of the place in which people have selected to live. It is meaningful to honour those who created the community. Specifically, the Ruby Bay and Mahana landowners whose enterprise created the Port Mapua facility.

Urbanisation may have fragmented the Ruby Bay community, certainly the demographics have changed over recent years, but governmental agencies (which should be democratically sensitive) do more than their share to divide and confuse. For example, NZ Post, which dictates addresses, has determined my property is in both Mapua and Upper Moutere zip code districts, a case for Ruby Bay (or, Coastal Moutere) recognition.

To the Hugh Gordons of this world who remain opaque through accusations of retributive justice, when their support for a Ruby Bay by-pass would knowingly have a negative impact on local commercial activities relying on through traffic, I/we say “thanks a lot.”

I certainly hope there are some remaining Ruby Bay residents to preserve their identity and ability to pay increasing rates against falling property values. I’ve yet to sell and file a few final tax returns before I regretfully leave the district. Sure I’ll be back after my tour (Europe and North America), but would appreciate to learn that there are others who share my/our sentiments, and can take up the challenge (with a new Provincial Council?).

W K Darling, Ruby Bay

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

Well, we made it! Another successful season tucked under our belts with just the final tournament, sponsored by Tessa Mae, to play on Closing Day. By the end of April the green will have closed and we will move into our indoor “winter season”.

Every first and third Friday of each month, members meet in the bowling club for carpet bowls, pool, table tennis and cards plus of course a gossip and some supper. This starts at 5pm. and closes about 8pm. If you have been tempted to try bowls but haven’t quite made it this year, you will be made very welcome at the Friday socials. Come along and make some new friends and try Nancy’s pea and ham soup ... trust me, it’s unbeatable! And then we can persuade you that lawn bowls is not dull, it’s not just a game for the elderly and actually, it’s not that easy, but it is challenging and it is fun.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 1 June at 3.30pm when a new committee will be elected and ideas for developing and enhancing the club will be open to the floor. Again, any prospective new members are welcome to come along.

The AGM will be followed by the presentation of cups and trophies won by members who have battled throughout the year in various club competitions and championships. Well done to the winners and everyone who took part; there have been some unbelievably close contests.

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

Sue England

Hills Community Church

Finding God in the Meagre

This month I'd like to share with you a devotional taken from *Disciplines 2008* (The Upper Room publisher). It spoke to me at a time when I didn't feel I was "enough." Perhaps you have been there too or are there today.

"Throughout our entire lives we come face-to-face with our limitations. No sooner do we arrive on the scene than we are sized up and sorted out. We are weighed and measured, compared and contrasted. Once we begin to notice that we are an object of scrutiny, we may also notice that we are not strong enough, tall enough, slender enough, or smart enough.

"When faced with feeding the multitudes (Matthew 14:13-21) the disciples of Jesus find themselves faced with limitations. As they look upon a crowd of hungry people far from home, they anticipate a looming crisis. When Jesus orders them to feed the crowds, they say what seems so sensible to say at the time: 'We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish.'

"Only. It is a word that puts boundaries on the limitless possibility. It fences in our vision to what is practical and reasonable. It pays attention to the obvious. To the untrained eye, Moses was only a simple man with an unskilled tongue, not a mighty liberator of his people; David was only a shepherd boy, not the future king of Israel; the woman washing Jesus' feet was only a sinner, not a model for how we ought to love and worship. And to the stunted imagination of the disciples, the bread and fish could only go so far.

"Where do you find yourself 'not enough'? Where do you feel limited? Limited by circumstance, by opportunity, by the hurts and mistakes of the past? Recognise that God is able to feed multitudes with all

that seems meagre and insufficient in your life." (Travis Tamerius, Pastor, Christ Our King Presbyterian Church, Missouri).

*Always enough for God, 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.

Drop-off For Area Food Bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am and noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week. Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries.

Under The Bonnet with Fred

The Pumpkin Report

(Under the Bonnet is supposed to be about cars. Fred obviously had something else under his bonnet this month. We didn't have the heart to tell him a pumpkin is not a car, no matter how big the pumpkin, so we have let it run. Editors.)

The Club Mapua held the 7th Pumpkin-Growing Competition weigh-in at the Mapua Tavern on Saturday 14 April. If you didn't come along you missed an afternoon of entertainment and some big pumpkins.

The forecourt was set out with a country theme with a perimeter of hay bales and I must say the smell of the hay added to the theme. A scaffold stage faced north so it did not shade people in the autumn afternoon. There was a nice bustle of people around the weigh-in scales as the pumpkins arrived. The 15-member Plinkers Ukulele Band played and sang some easy-listening music. The event was hosted by More FM with a well organised sound system.

The event is also about how you deliver your pumpkin with a helicopter dropping off a 200kg+ pumpkin. Most pumpkins required the Hiab crane to lift them on the scales. Only two years ago we all thought no one could grow a pumpkin bigger then 200kg. How wrong we were!

Thirty pumpkins were weighed, fewer then previous years but the combined weight of all pumpkins was 2206kg. Most put the lower entry down to their pumpkins exploding after the heavy rain in November. Yes, pumpkins explode or burst with too much water after a day in the hot sun. The trick is to cover them with a shade cloth and if the skin is getting too hot cool them down with the hose.

Results—Biggest Pumpkin: John McKay, 616kg (1358lbs): Closest to average: Marjo van Dyk; Prettiest: Samuel James: Ugly Fugly: Rex Dasler; Arty



Farty: Benny B; Over 50kg: Anika McKay; Under 50kg: Jacob Hodgkinson; Children's Best Dressed: Debbie Taffe.

Thanks for to Martyn Barlow, chairman of the Pumpkin Committee, for all the effort to organise the event and Club Mapua members who got the Tavern forecourt ready within three hours for the weigh-in. Thanks also to all the pumpkin fans and especially to all the local sponsors for their gifts which were used in prizes and gifts to the children there. Major sponsors were Mitre 10, Speight's and More FM.

Special thanks to Wendy Walker for letting us use the Tavern for the weigh-in again. Big pumpkins are cool. John McKay's 616kg pumpkin is a serious pumpkin!

Fred Cassin



Mapua School

It is More than the Money



In the next few weeks, the Mapua School Board of Trustees will gratefully accept a generous donation from the Mapua Easter Fair Trust. The funds, the largest single amount received outside Ministry contributions, enable the BOT to reduce the student-teacher ratio and invest in equipment and materials that will enhance the learning experience of our students.

Let's be honest, the money is fantastic and we couldn't do without it. But it's more than the dollars. Each dollar represents:

- Hours of planning, consultation and coordination with local authorities, community organisations, entertainers and stall holders.

- The financial and in-kind support of our major sponsors NBS and Ray White Mapua. Whose marquees, face-painters, banners, balloons and burgers not only add to the day, but are much needed to enhance the fair's atmosphere.

- The generosity of local and regional businesses who donate goods, services and in-kind. Businesses that are often struggling in these economic times and are asked weekly by every organisation in the region – businesses that continue to give, give, give.

- The ongoing support of stall-holders, several who have attended every fair over the last 30 years.

- The time and energy of nearly 100 volunteers who bake, approach businesses, erect signage, manage parking, sort pre loved items, coordinate the cafe and other vital fair activities.

- Contractors, who give up their Easter weekends to ensure that there is power, water, fencing, toilets and wheelie bins.

- Members of the Mapua community, who assist in set-up and clean-up, doing so in some cases, not because they have children at school, but because they want to help.

- Parents and past parents who greet visitors at the gates with smiles and buckets A Shaking.

- The 16,000 + visitors who kindly donate a gold coin to enjoy a fun, safe family day in Mapua.

So when we accept the cheque from the Mapua Easter Fair Trust, we humbly do so and with great appreciation of all who make the day possible. We are grateful for the generosity of time, spirit and support which makes the Mapua Easter Fair an annual success.

Lisa Dunn, Trustee

Mapua Community Hall Update

The concept plans for the Mapua Community Hall revamp were produced by David de Gray to the group of regular hall users as part of an ongoing update. The consent process has not begun at this stage, but it is envisaged the project will commence in the second half of this year and completion later in 2013. Hall users were asked for input that would help meet their needs for the various activities they run. Storage was a common theme and changes for the internal structure are still possible and these can be taken into consideration.

The plan is to develop a community asset that has functionality and flexibility for the diverse groups of users incorporate sporting activities as an integral part of the community and hall.

Our hall is one of the very few that is community-owned, hence we are fund-raising to realise the dream of the revamp. We need to raise \$200,000 and the Tasman District Council has earmarked making a contribution in the Draft Annual 10-Year Plan. Outside the hall is a "Fundometer" kindly constructed by Bill Williams and we are recording our progress with vigour. As our commitment to the council we need to keep on fund-raising to raise the above amount. Check out the "Fundometer" when passing by the hall.

As part of the ongoing fund-raising there is to be a very special event on Sunday 3 June at 1:30pm so get your diaries out and pencil it in. It will be an old-fashioned tea party to celebrate the coronation of the Queen with an exciting programme of activities to keep you entertained. The tickets will be available from the Mapua Country Trading Company store and Juggles. Look out for the flyers and posters coming soon. There are a number of other events in the pipeline so watch this space.

Garden Notes

As this is the last month of autumn temperatures are dropping fast, especially at night. Dismal weather is not too far off, but we have had the most warm, calm two months which helps a lot. In most regions it is time to stop planting and start planning for the coming spring season.

Readers often hear me talk about putting my garden to sleep for the winter. The autumn colour will soon be gone and the garden stripped bare, so now is the time to put your feet up. We are fortunate to be able to grow the protea family in this area as they give us our winter colour as well flowers for picking, and long-lasting as a cut flower.

May is liliu month. If you need to shift or plant new bulbs the do so now as liliu have a very short resting period, there is always much going on underground. So get them in post-haste. Those readers who have not planted your daffodils or tulips yet then get it done.

Here are tips on buying bulbs: Choose medium to large bulbs. They should be plump and firm, should feel heavy, not shrivelled at all, no sign of growth, no sign of crushing or damage, and no spots or mould on them.

Very soon one needs to think of frost protection for the next three months at least. There are some really good cloths on the market now. John De Jong from Bay Nurseries displayed a new introduction which was light and versatile. I have mine like a blind which can be rolled up or left down as I choose.

I now have only two precious climbers which need protection. They are worth the trouble as they give me a great display in the spring and one right through summer as well.

The main task for May is still the autumn clean-up and the eternal weeding, I find if you get on top of the weeding now then you can enjoy spring so much more.

For those who enjoy asparagus, now is the time to plant out. The secret to growing fine asparagus is manure, mulch and water. Feed with blood and bone every two weeks and sprinkle the surface of the bed with salt and potash from time to time. Mulching keeps moisture in, making them more tender and less bitter.

Well, enjoy each day given to us.

Barry Highsted

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's guest speaker was Gillian Pollock, who talked about her involvement with the Royal Forest and Bird Society. It began through two friends she met at Mt Ruapehu in the Tongariro National Park 51 years ago.

The organisation started in 1923 with the concern of a group of immigrants through the loss of natural habitat due to the introduction of farm animals and wild life by the early settlers. Just after World War One Captain Val Sanderson visited Kapiti Island to find it overrun with wild goats and sheep. Rats, mice, possums and stoats also devastated the natural vegetation. The captain organised a public meeting and that was the start of the Royal Forest and Bird Society.

Today Kapiti Island, managed by DOC, has been restored to its former glory with the support of Forest & Bird members over recent years. The organisation has more than 70,000 members with six main centers including Nelson. Many of the members are involved in a wide range of conservation work which can involve such things as planting of native shrubs, caring for injured birds and lobbying government departments to stop any development of mining of the natural bush such as the Denniston area near Westport.

Forest & Bird also encourages children to become aware of the needs of conservation, by the development of the Kiwi Conservation Club. Club members are allowed discounts on their magazine, *Wild Things*, that is available to schools and various youth groups. The local branch of F&B has about 1000 members covering the Nelson/Tasman districts. They organise two or three trips a year for members to visit various conservation areas around the country, as well as holding monthly meetings. A large area north of the beginning of the Motueka sand spit has been transplanted with native plants by club members. Titoki Nursery at Brightwater is able to supply native seedlings to F&B through local grants.

Gillian finished by talking about a recent walk she had over the Heaphy Track where she was able to see the Powelliphanta, a rare large black snail. That gave her satisfaction and purpose in being involved with the Forest and Bird Society.

The mini-speaker was club member Stan Lawns, covering his time in Hong Kong. Stan went back to 1951, when he became a registered pharmacist. By 1953 Stan took on a partnership in a pharmacy business that he eventually took over. In 1983 he sold the business, somewhat disillusioned with the vandalism and break-ins at his shop.

Stan and his wife took on a six-month course at a Bible college in Tauranga. The college principal suggested that they take on a trip to Hong Kong to promote their Bible studies. They went to Lamma Island, the third largest island off the coast of Hong Kong. The ferries between Hong Kong and Lamma Island carried freight, including produce and animals, as well as passengers. The lifestyle on the island was very basic, with tractors being the main form of public transport. Farmers would spend up to 10 hours a day watering their crops using buckets. Stan had a variety of trips to Hong Kong. One of the main forms of public transport was trams, which were always full with passengers, bags and freight. There were a lot of Chinese immigrants surviving in very basic living conditions. Heroin and other drugs were a major social issue. Stan and his wife managed a home to help addicts to help break their addiction. Many had criminal convictions and little opportunity in getting work.

Later Stan was able to distribute Bibles to people living in Canton in China, although the local authorities were very much against the ownership of Bibles, which could result in punishment by death.

David Higgs

Mapua Health Centre

We are very pleased to welcome Caroline to our team. Caroline lives locally and has previously been working as a receptionist at the Stoke Medical Centre. She brings with her a great set of skills and we hope you will have an opportunity to greet her when you next pop into the centre.

The Nelson PHO is now allowing GP practices to offer free smoking cessation sessions and medication costs (including Champix tablets) to beneficiaries and CSC (community services card) holders. We have staff trained to help patients in giving up cigarette smoking, so please consider making an appointment if you'd like to have a look at the programme (5402211).

The PHO is also supporting the routine prescribing of vitamin D to people over the age of 65, which simply means taking a tablet every month. This has come out of numerous research articles showing the high incidence of vitamin D deficiency and the importance that this vitamin has to our health in terms of strong bones, fighting infection, cancer prevention,

and decreasing heart disease and diabetes (*BMJ* 2010, 340:b5664).

It's been suggested that Mapua should have its very own "good sort of the week" (as on TV1). Our choice is Bob Chignall who has been delivering flowers to the Mapua Health Centre for the last two decades. The flowers are out of his garden and just never cease to amaze us. Bob always comes in on a Monday morning come rain, hail or shine with his arms full of fabulous blooms. The fragrance is a delight and the comments we receive from patients show their true appreciation for his generous gesture. His beaming smile is always a welcome sight. Thank you Bob from all of the grateful staff and patients.

This year's flu vaccine is now available. The vaccine is free for those over 65 years and for anyone with respiratory problems requiring regular use of inhalers, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, certain neurological conditions and vised to have their health checked by a health practitioner before beginning training. Please note, ACC does not cover the cost of these visits.

This month's health and school events include:

1-7	Rape awareness week	www.rapecrisis.org.nz
2	Balloon Day - asthma awareness	www.asthmanz.co.nz
5	International Midwives Day	www.midwiferycouncil.org.nz
8	World Red Cross Day	www.redcross.org.nz
12	ME Awareness Day	www.anzmes.org.nz
12	International Nurses Day	www.nursingcouncil.org.nz
19-26	Youth Week	www.nzaahd.co.nz
25	World Vision 40-hour Famine	www.famine.org.nz
31	World Smoke-Free Day	www.who.int
31-6	Infant Gastric Awareness Week	www.cryingoverspiltmilk.co.nz

And on the subject of cyberspace, ACC now has some websites aimed at helping more kiwis who play sport or enjoy physical activities to stay injury-free.

- www.activesmart.co.nz (aimed at runners, walkers and cyclists)
- www.snowsmart.co.nz (for skiers and snowboarders)
- www.netballsmart.co.nz
- www.soccersmart.co.nz

Anyone can visit the websites and access a range of fitness and injury-prevention information. In some instances, people may be advised to have their health checked by a health practitioner before beginning training. Please note, ACC does not cover the cost of these visits.

Sam's Spam

I'm sure most of you use Google as a search engine, but many people don't realise that Google's capabilities are far more than just searching for information. I have summarised some interesting features below:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/6621648/More-than-just-a-search-engine>

Google calculator

If you do not have enough fingers to count on, you can type any mathematical equation in Google's search bar and it will instantly show you the correct answer! It can be anything from a simple sum "3+7" to something a lot more complex " $12*9+(\text{sqrt } 10)^3$ " (easy as pi)

Dictionary

Google also has an inbuilt dictionary and it couldn't be easier to use. Simply type in the word you would like to know and the word "definition", for example typing in "conundrum definition" returns with the correct pronunciation of the word, two definitions, and several synonyms.

World time + weather

Another great feature is the ability to check the weather and time in any place in the world. For example if you type in "Time in Brisbane, Australia" it will return with the time in Queensland, but if you type "Time in Australia" it will show you all the time zones in the country. Also entering "Weather in Los Angeles" will display the weather today and predictions for the next week.

Currency conversion

Last but not least, it's a great time for Kiwis to travel as the New Zealand dollar is so high! To see how much your money equates to in another currency, simply type it into Google's search bar, for example type "25 NZD in GBP" to see how much \$25 is in British pounds, and Google will instantly tell you the conversion (in this case £12.66)

Free Stuff: TeuxDeux

If you like making to-do lists, you will love TeuxDeux. You can use the free browser-based TeuxDeux at work/home and then take your to-dos on the road with you if you have an iPhone as they provide an app for it.

TeuxDeux can be downloaded for free from: <http://www.teuxdeux.com/>

Harakeke

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

Tena koutou. We hope all of you had such a fantastic Easter celebration as we had here at Harakeke. Again the turnout of families, present and past, was just great. So was the spread of food on the table for our shared dinner and luckily the Easter bunny hid a large number of both chocolate and decorated eggs for us in the bush. So much fun going egg hunting and a massive thank you from the team and all our families for their fantastic support.

April blessed us with mostly gorgeous weather which gave us a lot of opportunity to make the most of the outdoors. With beautiful autumn colours slowly taking over the landscape we had plenty of collecting to do to add interesting natural materials to our collage table. Acorns and their caps, horse chestnuts, rose petals and colourful leaves of different forms and sizes are being made in to fabulous works of art.

Nature's treasures and recycled 'junk' materials are always available for our children to be creative with. Sculpture and construction encourages children to think and experiment three-dimensionally and provides opportunities to express great individuality through choice of design and colour. Children develop skills in handling tools like warm glue guns and hand drills and learn about problem-solving by discovering what works best.

Autumn is also the time for harvesting and gathering food for the coming winter. We picked our last tomatoes and raspberries and began to prepare the garden for its well-deserved rest. We are planning to increase our orchard with more fruit trees and berry plants very soon with the help of willing helpers at a working bee in anticipation of a plentiful harvest next season.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to visit a hazelnut plantation and collect plenty of hazelnuts with the children...what a wonderful experience to learn more about where our food comes from and to stock up on a healthy morning tea snack. The children just love cracking and eating—there is something very satisfying about having to “work” for your food.

Spending time outside, experiencing and living within the natural environment is part of who we are and what we do at Harakeke. We would love to stock up on our own wardrobe for the outdoors – there is no “bad weather,” just “wrong clothes,” and we are wondering if anyone out there in the community has good quality raincoats, waterproof pants and gumboots for three to five-year-olds they are ready to part with. Please call 543-2119 or just pop in for a visit to drop any items off.

Ka kite, your Harakeke team

Quotable quotes

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

A day without sunshine is like, well... night!

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done. – Andy Rooney.

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Noticeboard

Artists work shop space to let/share in established workshop/gallery. \$50/week plus share of power. Ph Peter - 5442847 or 027 5259327

Wanted: good quality second hand waterproof, wet weather gear for 3-5yr olds to stay at Harakeke so that we can enjoy the outdoors all the time. Ph. 5432119

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.

Coastal Connections Social Group: The next lunch-time gathering is at the "Moutere Inn Cafe & Bar", Moutere Hwy, Upper Moutere, on 10 May. Look forward to seeing you all. Julie Haliday, 540 3533

Fill: Mapua Leisure Park are looking for HARD FILL (definitely no domestic or garden rubbish) Call June (03) 540 2666, or 0275 130 422

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.

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. John Sharman; 540 3642, Sec. 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.

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

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