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## *New guard for Community Association*

The outgoing chairman of the Mapua and Districts Community Association, Jim Bryse, was thanked at its annual general meeting last month for his work in leading the group for the last three years.

A vote of appreciation was moved by the new chairman, Devlin Gallagher, and the Mayor of Tasman District, John Hurley, also thanked Jim for his work. Mr Hurley also thanked officers and committee members for their efforts on behalf of the community and hoped for continued good communication with Tasman District councillors and staff.

As well as Mr Gallagher being elected chairman, Helen Bibby was elected vice-chair, Pam Stinton Whetnell as secretary and David Wilson as treasurer. Committee members are Bridget Wilde, Nadine Cookson, Sali Randall, Liz Lock and Hugh Gordon. Elena Ilalio will continue to head the clean-up site sub-committee.

Jim Cuthbertson and David Stevenson, TDC Engineering Services engineers, were in attendance. Mr Stevenson reported that Stage 1 (150metres) of the Mill Walkway Seawall was completed, The remaining 550 metres requires resource consent and further TDC, residents' and targeted ratepayers' funding commitments. He also reported on the TDC's upgrading of the Seaton Valley Stream drainage system from the Leisure Park Causeway to State Highway 60. A public open day setting out the project and its ramifications will be held in late September at the Mapua Community Hall.

Mr Cuthbertson discussed the Mapua water and sewage status. A new water main is being installed up Seaton Valley Road which will connect to the storage tanks. The stormwater drainage problem on low ground in Iwa Street is being addressed. Redundant PVC pipes under the Estuary channel are being located and cleaned out for use as liners for water and sewage mains to save the expense of installing new mains under the channel. This is part of the programme of upgrading of sewage mains to Bells Island.

There was an extensive discussion on the present and future use of the Mapua Domain with widespread and enthusiastic participation by those in attendance, with

particular reference to the children's playground and the BMX track and general overall use.

There will be a Domain sub-committee which will establish a liaison with Beryl Wilkes of the TDC's Parks & Reserves. It was also noted that the TDC is working on a structure plan for Mapua. A notice to this effect was in the August edition of the *Coastal News* on Page 10. The association will ask Rose Biss, TDC policy planner, to keep the association advised.

John Sharman advised that the Mapua Hall Committee was seeking funding for a Mapua Hall feasibility study. It was hoped such a study would reflect not only the hall upgrading but also an extended use involving the Mapua Domain.

The September meeting of the Community Association will be held on 10 September. The agenda will be for community groups to attend and express opinions with the intent of establishing a management group to oversee and provide direction for the betterment of the Mapua community. Also on display at the meeting will be a detailed route map of the Ruby Bay by-pass.

In anticipation of the October local body elections, a candidates' night will be held at the Mapua Hall on Monday 17 September beginning at 7pm.

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# *FCC clean-up nearing the end*



*The FCC site with the last remnants of the decontamination plant—some poles and concrete.*

After more than 2½ years the EDL plant has finished its work of processing contaminated soil at the former FCC Mapua site, and the machinery has been removed.

According to Susan Rodgers of the site clean-up team in a report to the Community Association, the last soil infeed (soil going into the decontamination machinery) occurred on the 19th of July, and the last soil outfeed (processed soil coming out) was on the 21st of July. In all the plant processed about 8000 cubic metres of soil.

The winding down of the plant began in June and was in full force during July and August. The large infeed shed was dismantled and the concrete pad will be broken up and hauled away. Sampling will continue underneath the pad.

There are 21 areas of excavation on FCC West; 11 have been back-filled, four have been partially back-filled, six are working subgrades with results or further excavation pending, and all are working towards validation

The programme will depend on the validation of the West and one last excavation on the East.

As to health and safety requirements, there are various specialised reports that are being worked on including: a report on the groundwater after a series

of new wells were installed and sampled; a report on the marine sediments; a report on the air test; and a review from the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment.

The Site Team of John Roosen and Susan Rogers expressed their thanks to the neighbours who provided great support and encouragement during the course of the project, as well as a thanks to Mayor John Hurley, Jim Bryse, and Jenny Easton who were in attendance at the meeting

**Footnote:** A government investigation into how the clean-up was handled is not expected until the end of the year, the *Nelson Mail* reported, quoting a spokesman for the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment, as results of site tests were still to be included in the report.

The issue was also much more complex than originally thought, and the investigation had taken longer. Staffing changes within the commission had also led to delays.

The Ministry of Health is also to investigate whether the health of the public or workers has been affected.

## Coastal Garden Group

Fifty-two members and guests kept warm in the Supper Room at the Mapua Hall for our August meeting. There were a few notices about upcoming events and Barry thanked all those who had helping with planting sessions in McIndoe Reserve and Dawson Road. Progress on the garden club's exhibit at the Mapua Village Fair in November was reported and members were asked to help the Mapua Show committee with their plans to decorate the Hall.

Our speaker, Ron Richards, spoke about grafting. Whilst Ron dealt mainly with apples the principles applied are true for all grafting. He advised that any variety within the same family group can be grafted on to one tree but care should be taken not to mix strong growing varieties with weaker ones as the more vigorous variety will take over. He recommended one-year-old wood for the graft and stressed the importance of matching the cambium layer just inside the bark on both stock and scion to ensure the flow of sap would continue into the newly grafted wood. His success rate is more than 90%. Many thanks to you Ron for sharing your expertise with us.

In our 'tips for the month' we were urged not to jump the gun in thinking spring has arrived along with the few warmer days we are having, and hold off sowing and planting until the danger of frost is past. Studying seed catalogues and planning our summer dinners is a rewarding pastime. Not so rewarding perhaps but just as important is giving the lawnmower an overhaul and cleaning tools etc for the busy months ahead.

The Bloom, Cluster and Shrub competition resumed and so did our plant auction. Our thanks to all those who prepared afternoon tea and helped clean up the Hall after our activities: it is much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th September at 1.30 pm in the Supper Room at Mapua Hall. Guests and visitors are always welcome to come along and if you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

### Garden Clean Ups.

Lawns mowed - any size lawn.

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## Plant Stall

The Coastal Garden Group is pleased to announce they are holding a plant sale outside the Village Hall on

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30 am.**

Other community Groups also holding a sale that morning will be the Hills Community Church, Moutere Hills Rose Society and Mapua Library. On sale will be a selection of plants, books, cakes and other goodies so be in quick for the best choice and bag a bargain.

## Garden Notes

Spring has arrived at last, by date at least. A few warmer days would not go amiss, as this is a busy month ahead. This is the time for general seed-sowing.

In the vege garden, potatoes should be continued to be planted, and parsnips planted while the ground is still cool, as well as carrots of all varieties, and beans, celery, onions, and spinach, with tomatoes later in the month.

In the flower garden plant a succession of gladioli a few weeks apart to keep a continued display. As polyantheses and primroses finish flowering, lift and divide then replant. Shorten back the rope-like roots and take care to keep the crowns just above the ground, otherwise they may rot.

Complete the planting of hedges, ornamental trees and shrubs, as this is the last opportunity. Give the rose bed a good mulch of well-rotted manure.

September is grafting time, just as the sap is starting to rise. This is a fascinating operation and it is quite simple. Find a friend and give it a go; the rewards are great. This is also the month to prune old citrus trees.

Tomato time has arrived again. New varieties are always arriving so try some new ones, or some old.

Seeds germinate quite quickly. Watch out for those sap-sucking nasties, though. They just love those tender, soft and tiny seedlings.

Enjoy the longer days ahead. Spring brings those wonderful perfumes—boronia, daphne, daffodils, primroses, and many more. The season is short so drink in the beauty God has given to us, the humble gardener.

*Barry Highsted*

## Coastal Connections

On the 9th of August we welcomed Jenny who had returned home again. Four ladies had “escaped” overseas from the rain and hail this month – how did they know?

Our monthly meal out was at the Village Inn in Mapua, where that wonderful log fire warmed us. We were made most welcome and all our meals arrived together so no-one had to wait for others to be served. We gave a high rating for all the chosen dishes and some of us indulged in delicious desserts. All this, together with GreyPower discounts, will encourage return visits!

The usual exchange of magazines took place; there were nine different publications including National Geographic, monthly Readers’ Digests and the Nelson Tasman lifestyle periodical, “Wild Tomato”.

The next meeting will be at The Alchemy Café, 92 Bateup Road, Richmond at 11:45am on the 13th of September. Please phone Dot on 540-2323 so that a reservation may be made and car-pooling arranged. Any ladies wishing to join our happy group will be made most welcome.

*Reported by Barbara Halse.*

## Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

The season is nearly over and boots packed away for another year. What a great season for the club. All our teams played well and a couple of teams which started slowly have finished the season extremely strongly.

At the time of writing with a couple of games to go no Mapua Team is sitting on the bottom of their tables and I have just heard the Mapua Autocentre Women’s Team have won their grade in the first year of competition. Well done ladies!

The club prize-giving and picnic will be held on Saturday 8 September. There is a youth team game starting at 10am and prize-giving will start at 11.30am followed by a picnic and fun games. There will be a bouncy castle and a chance to beat your coach in a game of footy, all at the Mapua Domain. Please come along with the family and picnic to support and thank the players and volunteers for a great season.

**Mapua Domain Lighting Project.** With the fashion show earlier this year the club got off to a good start for the cost of practise lights at the Domain. The council has confirmed it is happy for lights to be erected (provided we fund them!) and we are confirming costs and locations. They will not be Jade Stadium flood lights

## VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

### July-August call-outs

August 12: Smoke in house, ventilated with Motueka’s fan. Candle sitting on wood burner that was going.

August 17: Alarm activation at Upper Moutere School, turned back.

August 17: 111 call to Upper Moutere School, smoke in staff room, turned back by Upper Moutere Brigade



**Safety Tip – take all objects off wood burners, fire places & heaters before lighting or turning on.**

but simpler lighting to assist a number of teams practice over the winter periods. The club will continue to fund-raise over the spring/summer season and we really need your support if we are to reach our target of lights for next season.

That’s all for now and see you at the prize-giving.

### Club contacts

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# Animal Health File

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## Preventing unplanned pregnancies

Well, spring is here again at last. There are plenty of baby lambs and calves frolicking in the paddocks, an event planned a good nine months ago when the rams and the bulls were put out. Unfortunately with the majority of our patients, dogs and cats, things are often not so well planned. With the weather beginning to warm up pets are coming into season and it won't be long before we have a lot of new puppies and kittens on our hands!

Last summer was a bumper season for kittens and pups and the local SPCAs were inundated with young ones to find new homes for, which is not always an easy task. Both vets and the SPCA recommend desexing as the best option for preventing unwanted pregnancies and reducing the pressure on animal shelters. All cats and dogs should be desexed at around six months of age. There are both health reasons and population-control reasons for this.

### Desexing Female Cats and Dogs

In both cats and dogs a full ovario-hysterectomy is performed. This involves surgical removal of the ovaries and uterus. This surgery can be performed at any age but we recommend that it is done at 5 ½ to 6 months, at which time the cat or dog will not have had a first season.

#### The main reasons for spaying are:

- Eliminates the possibility of unwanted kittens or pups
- Removes the risk of potentially life-threatening uterine infections (pyometra).
- Reduces the chances of mammary (breast) cancer.

As a bitch that has been spayed will not come into season there is none of the mess associated with the bleeding that occurs when a bitch is on heat, and none of the inconvenience of having to keep male dogs away.

#### The down side:

Spaying can increase the chances of a bitch developing urinary incontinence later in life. However, this problem can usually be easily treated with hormone replacement therapy.

### Desexing Male Cats and Dogs

Males undergo a castration which involves surgical removal of the testicles. Again we generally perform this surgery at 5-6 months of age.

#### Reasons for castrating:

- A reduction in roaming behaviour (less chasing the girls!) and thus a reduced likelihood of road traffic accidents.
- A reduction in aggressive behaviour and territorial fighting and thus less chance of abscesses and wounds and, in cats, less spread of unwanted diseases such as Feline Aids Virus (FIV), which is spread through bites.
- Prevention of unwanted litters of kittens and pups.
- The potential for conditions such as testicular tumours, prostate problems and hernias can be reduced or removed.
- Reduced urine-spraying in cats

If you have an unneutered pet, please give some thought over the next month or so to getting them desexed.

### The Mapua and Districts Football Club

#### Prizegiving and Family Picnic

**Venue:** The Mapua Domain

(Alternative venue to be advised if wet)

**Date:** Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 11.30am for Prizegiving,  
Picnic 12.30 to 2.00pm

Come early to support the ApricuMapuaYouth,  
Kick off 10.00am

- Prizegiving for each team -
- Bar-b-que food available -
- BYO picnic foods and drinks -
- Bouncy Castle (for the small ones) -
- Fun games

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# Digital Photography Group

We met at the Community Library on the 7th of August to discuss the forthcoming display of our work to be exhibited in November on the new feature wall next to the book indexes. We also spent some time browsing through the library's holding of many new and recently purchased books on photography in general and digital camera work in particular. Our members were surprised at the coverage of these subjects and there should be quite a few books borrowed over the next few weeks!

Our meeting in September will be at Dot's house on Tuesday the 4th, starting at 1.30pm. This meeting will concentrate on the selection of members' photos for the forthcoming library display. Please bring your "best" picture for consideration. Once our final selection has been made, appropriate titles with the members' names will be printed in label form to accompany the pictures for the display.

Last month's "Mystery Picture" of a plaque inscribed with the words "In Memory of Ben and Gladys Dennison late of Ruby Bay" can be found outside the Mapua Fire Station under the mail box, attached to an old fire siren. The story goes that there was a serious fire in Ruby Bay where a life was lost, despite the efforts of our local brigade in putting out the fire. Subsequently, the Dennison family made a generous donation to the brigade and after a prolonged period it was decided to spend the money on installing a siren in Ruby Bay. The reasoning behind this was that a large proportion of the brigade's members lived in the Bay and they couldn't always hear the siren at the wharf. It was installed atop a high pole in Korepo Road. The siren was originally used on the Boulder Bank to warn shipping when heavy fog covered the harbour entrance.



After several years and the advent of pagers, together with growing complaints of Ruby Bay residents about the siren going off in the night, it was removed and placed at the station with the above mentioned plaque. The writer would like to thank Ted Perry, Greg Olsen and Eileen Thawley for this information. Full details of this story are held in scrapbooks at the fire station. They may be viewed by prior arrangement with Eileen Thawley.

Our mystery photo this month is local again. The story behind it will appear in next month's *Coastal News*.

*Reported by Mike Halse.*

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## Playcentre

84 Aranui Road

(down the drive between the tennis courts and bowling club)

We are beginning to see the influence of the government's 20-hour-a-week free childcare policy. With carrots such as this dangling in front of parents, it's understandable that we might see a move by parents towards subsidised centres. As Playcentre is not part of the 20-hour free care, sadly the number of families committing to us is reflected in a downturn of numbers each session.

We are therefore consolidating our resources and changing our session days. As of now our sessions are Monday and Friday mornings only.

We are regenerating our great little centre to ensure those two sessions continue to thrive in a warm, supportive environment, both for children and their parents. Work is afoot also to develop a cool programme for under two's.

Our AGM is coming up shortly, so jobs are being reallocated. It has been great to see our newer parents taking on roles relinquished by a few of the 'oldies'. It will be refreshing to see new energy being brought to the centre. We're hoping too that eventually demand may increase enough to open sessions again on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In the meantime we continue to extend a warm invitation to those families in our community who value the Playcentre philosophy, who want close and memorable times playing with their children, and being fully involved in their childhood education.

We'd love to see you, Mondays and Fridays between 9.30am and noon.

# Sam's Spam

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Hello readers! The big gaming news this month is that Microsoft in New Zealand has agreed to cut the price of the XBOX 360 by \$100, making it cheaper than the Nintendo Wii. You can now buy the standard version for just \$450 NZD, as Microsoft seeks to expand its market. But Microsoft isn't just attacking Nintendo on the price front—later this year it plans to release a number of titles that allow for more social gaming experiences, a market that the Wii and its intuitive motion-sensitive controllers has taken by storm. The new titles include Guitar Hero III: Rock Legends, Rock Band, and Dance Dance Revolution Universe.

## Game of the month: Heroes of Mana (for NDS)

Heroes of Mana takes the RTS series into an entirely new dimension. Generals will plan, plot and strategize their way to victory on the battlefield. Command an army of heroes, creatures and rabbits with the use of the Nintendo DS Touch Screen, and experience an all-new perspective on the ever-evolving battle for the world of Fa'Diel. Skilled players can see how they rank among other players around the world through the Nintendo Wi-Fi ranking system.

Platform: Nintendo DS / RRP: \$99.99 NZD / Released: August 14<sup>th</sup>

## Free download of the month

[www.free-games.com.au/](http://www.free-games.com.au/)

This is a directory of Free Games for all ages available on the Internet. Game categories include: Kids, sports, board, card, online, word, adventure etc. Below are 2 game examples:

### 1. Agatha Christie: Death on the Nile

Assume the role of renowned detective Hercule Poirot, seeking clues to a mysterious murder aboard a ship, cruising the River Nile.

### 2. Lemonade Tycoon

This game serves up a cool lemony twist on business simulation games. Test your entrepreneurial skills to find out if you have what it takes to build a little stand into a big business.

That's all for this month! Remember, I have my Whiz Kid Sam advert in the Noticeboard section of the *Coastal News* for anyone out there needing help with computers, designing websites, setting up DVD players etc (03-540-2804). Bye for now!

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# *An escape to Australia's Hunter Valley*

It's 4.30am and I am in Wellington Airport with a coffee waiting to meet two other women, part of the group heading for New South Wales on a familiarisation trip.

The itinerary looks great and weather forecast favourable. This was the start of what proved to be an extremely enjoyable trip taking us to the Hunter Valley, Nelson Bay and Port Stephens. All new territory for me and I was looking forward to sampling that part of NSW. Tourism New South Wales sponsored the trip for 10 travel agents with a tour leader.

Our first stop in the gently rolling hills that make up the Hunter Valley region was a delightful lunch at Elizabeth's in the McWilliams Mount Pleasant Estate, then an informative tour of the winery, founded in 1921 and part of one of the largest family owned Australian wine companies.

We checked in to the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley for a two-night stay. The hotel, which opened last year, has 150 deluxe king or twin rooms including 12 suites plus, 72 two-bedroom villas. They have purpose-built facilities for conferences and exhibitions. There is also an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, spa pool and three restaurants on site.

After some quiet 'time out' we drove to the Tuscany Wine Estate. The four-star hotel is a 38-room boutique-style hotel set on 26 acres in the heart of the vineyards and the backdrop of the Brokenback Range. This is a lovely, well appointed place to retreat to after a busy day.

Dinner was at the San Martino Restaurant at the Hunter Resort. It was a great evening where we were treated to wonderful food, exquisite wine and lots of laughter.

The morning dawned with a chill in the air and glancing over the balcony I saw three hot air balloons gliding quietly up into the sky above the early morning mist from the resort's lake.

After a breakfast we explored the Hunter Valley gardens. Covering 25 acres they have 12 different themes ranging from a formal Italian garden, an Indian garden and a fun Storybook garden which has the children entranced with its recognisable themes. We looked around the shopping complex with its galleries and boutique shops before heading off to Harrigans Irish Pub to check out the facilities and more wonderful food. Harrigans has accommodation that caters for the middle-of-the-road range. This site is very clean and tidy and located well for sightseeing.

In the afternoon we visited the elegant Peppers Guest House and the romantic Peppers Convent. Both have a serenity and intimacy to appeal to those looking for

something luxurious and 'olde worlde'. A tour of the Cypress Lakes Resort was a delight with its 18-hole championship golf course, Golden Door spa and luxury accommodation.

Tyrells Vineyard, one of the oldest vineyards in the Hunter Valley is on a delightful site under the Brokenback Ridge. The original cottage still stands in the middle of the car park. We enjoyed an extensive tour and wine-tasting while watching the kangaroos feeding nearby.

Dinner was at the award-winning Il Cacciatore at the four star boutique-style Hermitage Lodge. The rooms are large, comfortable and tastefully decorated with decks overlooking the property's own Shiraz vineyard. This is an ideal venue for a conference, meeting or corporate training for up to 30 people.

Sunday morning, down to the coast to Nelson Bay for some family fun with Moonshadow 4WD Tours. They provide a range of experiences for sand-boarding through to a three-hour Shipwreck tour. This area stretches for 32km and covers 2500 hectares; the dunes rise up to 30 metres with slopes up to 60 degrees! We were taken to some of the best dunes available and given instruction and encouragement to 'go for it' on sand-boards! It was a great deal of fun and a great treat for all the family.

Port Stephens Parasailing took us out one afternoon. I had offered to be the 'photographer' for all but with a lot of encouragement I went up! Not the bravest, I must admit I am glad I gave it a go. Soaring 150 metres into the air below a ballooning parachute behind a speed boat is such a thrill. The minimum age is 10 years old and children 10-15 years must ride tandem. This is a great family or group afternoon out.

The night was spent at Salamander Shores at Soldiers Point peninsula, only minutes from Nelson Bay. It has sensational views of Port Stephens. Peppers Anchorage was the perfect site for breakfast the next morning. This retreat has a distinctly nautical theme with a waterfront site; a beautiful, elegant escape nestled between rugged bush and sparkling sea.

After a 2 ½ hour journey back to Sydney we had time for the one-hour JetCruiser trip on the harbour - a must for gaining a sense of the historic and beautiful sights of Sydney Harbour.

This was a well managed and thoughtful insight to some of the wonders and treats in store for those who want a brief break only a short jump from Wellington to Sydney.

Whether it's a winter break to Australia or the South Pacific or a great adventure in Asia, South America or some other exciting destination, give me a call on 03 540-2623 or 027 367 1771 to arrange a time to discuss your travel requirements.

*Alison Winter, your local travel consultant*

# PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The main speaker at the Mapua Probus meeting on 3 August was Penny MacKay, the owner and chief flying instructor at the Nelson Aviation College in Motueka. Penny said that she had lived in the Mapua district and had done orchard work to get enough funds to go flying.

She also said that the college appreciated all the support it got from the community, especially when its aircraft were flying over Mapua and Ruby Bay.

The college trains new pilots, some with no previous flight experience, to fly both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. There is also a high degree of classroom study involved, and when the students leave the college they will have a minimum of 200 hours flying time, a commercial pilot's licence and an instrument rating

One thing that the students do learn is how to handle stress, fear and pressure.

Penny said that one of her greatest pleasures was in taking older people up for scenic flights, and if they wished, allowing them to operate the controls of the aircraft.

The college receives very few noise complaints, but any complaints that are received are taken very seriously.

The safety record of the college is regarded as excellent within the industry, and this has recently been reflected in Penny being awarded a Safety Award, judged not only by Civil Aviation, but also by her peers. Safety requirements are all-important, and any possible infringement is dealt with immediately by Penny.

Political correctness has become part of the way in which lectures are presented, and the 16 staff members at the college are well aware of this aspect, particularly when considering the international mix of students who study there. Not only Kiwis, but Japanese and Middle Eastern countries are all part of the mix.

Another aspect of college life is the interaction with agencies such as police, Security Intelligence Service, Interpol, and Department of Conservation.

Penny completed her talk by telling us of some humorous, and not so humorous, incidents with students.

The mini speaker was Probus member Nancy MacAlwee, who told members of her early childhood

days in and around the Timaru area, of being the youngest daughter, with four older brothers and an older sister, and numerous house moves her parents made as she grew up.

Nancy's family eventually moved north to Nelson where she completed her schooling, before deciding to take up nursing training in Waimate. It was while with a group of fellow nursing trainees that she met Les, her husband to be.

The early part of their married life was farming in and around Timaru, but again Nelson beckoned, so they headed north and bought a milk round which they ran for some 17 years.

Nancy and Les both obtained private pilot licences, and Nancy's main interests were in many outdoor sports, including representing Nelson at a number of them.

Now retired, Nancy's main sporting interest is outdoor bowls.

**Footnote:** By chance the meeting was quite "aviation-related". Not only did we have Penny MacKay from the Nelson Aviation College speaking, Nancy and Les MacAlwee both gained their private pilot's licence, and Ian Stephens who was a visitor to the meeting flew bombers during World War 2 and was also the first British Airways captain to fly the Boeing 747 Jumbo when they entered service some 40 years ago. For those interested in aviation, all good stuff!

*Peter Butchart*

# Property News

No matter what the situation, selling a home is stressful. It is also very time-consuming, unless you have loads of time and patience. It is far better and prudent to pay a professional Real Estate agent to deal with your property than to go down the DIY sales path. They are the experts and you are a rank amateur.

By using a licensed Real Estate Agent, you are far more likely to achieve a better price. Your reward should be peace of mind and a satisfactory sale result.



## Some recent sales are:-

6 July	Stafford Dr	3 B/R House	809m2	\$415,000
13 July	Brabant Dr	3 B/R House	3495m2	\$955,000
13 July	Brabant Dr	=4 B/RHouse	2760m2	\$720,000
20 July	Korepo Rd	4 B/RHouse	4216m2	\$645,000
31 July	Tahi Stl	1 B/R House	453m2	\$225,000
6 Aug	Brabant Dr	3 B/R House	2626m2	\$575,000
17 July	Maisey Rd	LSB	6.2 ha	\$900,000
26 Jun	Permin Rd	LSB	1.2 ha	\$295,000
1 July	Maisey Rd	LSB	6060m2	\$465,000

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# MAPUA LIBRARY

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The library volunteers will be holding a book and jigsaw stall as part of the Community Stall Day outside the Mapua Hall on 15 September 9am. We welcome donations from the community to enhance our sales table. All proceeds will go towards library administration and new books. If you have any pre-loved jigsaws (with all their pieces present!) or any books of recent publication and in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the library during open hours any time up to the 14th of September. Your support of the library is very much appreciated.

Susanne has noted some of the new non-fiction books at the library. They include travel—Josie Dew cycles through New Zealand, the Morgans motorcycle through America, and *Twisting Throttles* is a motorcycle trip through Australia; biographies with a foodie theme—Mrs Beeton's life, and Barbara Kingsolver's family lives the good life for a year. And on a more serious note—Noam Chomsky's take on how government works, or doesn't.

Our volunteers have told us the list of people with overdue books that need phone reminders is growing slightly out of hand. Please remember that a volunteer has to spend time tracking every overdue book, then phoning around. Also there will be others who will want to enjoy reading that book too. Although our donations pig does get nice and fat if we have overdues, the library operates much better when the books come back on time.

*Sarah McLeod*

## Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 2pm – 4.30pm  
 Wednesday 5pm – 7 pm  
 Thursday 10am – 12.30pm

# *Bob Dylan – nearly forty years ago*

No – not a review of his concert, it reminded me of my trip to see him at the first Isle of Wight concert in 1969, at my friend Nigel's suggestion. I was able to borrow the Ford Cortina from home (it was slow), drove down to Wylie, Wilts, to stay with Nigel, and the next day on to Bournemouth to pick up his cousin and catch the ferry over to the IoW.

We crossed early so we were not immediately aware of the hordes making their way to the venue. It was a couple of miles walk (I think) to the site and as we grew close it became evident how large this was going to be. Woodstock had already happened and this was going to be England's version. There was a long list of artists playing but the main attraction was going to be the man himself, Bob Dylan.

We made our way into the venue – it was huge. Should we push our way to the front and squeeze in between established spots or be satisfied with plenty of space with the stage a mere speck in the distance – we compromised and went halfway. Throughout the afternoon there was either music or long periods of nothing, when all you could do was watch other people – entertaining enough. Our immediate neighbours were from the USA and had come to see The Man.

As the long day drew on, there was a problem with nature calling and the loos being about a mile and several thousand people away. Some people we saw passing bottles of yellow liquid over to the fence, or

throwing them over the people who were trying to get in free, and Nigel tried with the empty drink bottle – but he couldn't – well, several thousand people were looking! Luckily I had a long-haul bladder. He eventually succumbed to the pressure and went off to the loo – I thought that would be the last I would see of him, but no, in an hour he was back!

As the night wore on the better acts started to appear and it might have been around midnight (hey, you know what they say, if you can remember the 60s you weren't there!) that Dylan finally appeared. One of the neighbours was fast asleep by this time, and this is the act he had come for. We tried to wake him but he was out to it!

The Dylan we wanted to hear was the one we heard on our stereos (well – monos), but that wasn't what he was going to play, and really, he was rubbish! I know Mark Raffills (see review in the *Nelson Mail* 18 August) will disagree with me – and anyway I think he has improved since then.

After that there didn't seem much point in hanging around, so we walked back to the ferry, now several miles away it felt, only to find there were NO extra ferries running at all and the first one was in the morning at 7am. We tried to catch some zeds in some draughty doorway before queuing again for the journey home. It's the experience that counts though – and certainly Jimi Hendrix was one who did put on a good show that night.

*Andrew Earlam*

# New Café and Bar for Mapua

From mid-July, part of the cool store buildings down near the wharf have been covered up, keeping the refurbishment works of the restaurant, which was the Pukeko, behind closed curtains. New owners, married couple Vicki & Alan Bryson, were busy changing the restaurant into their new business, Monte E Mare, Café & Bar.

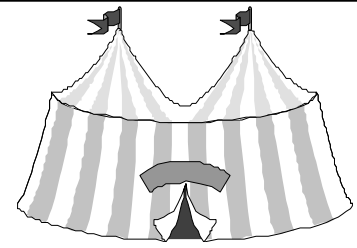
“Monte E Mare” literally translated means Mountain and Sea – the name is Corsican, from the Mediterranean island of Corsica, situated 160km south west of France and 82km west of the Italian Tuscany coastline. Vicki and Alan have spent the last decade living and working around the Mediterranean and Europe, sampling the local traditions and savouring the local delicacies. They have recently moved to Mapua, choosing the village due to its prime location near the sea, but with mountains easily accessible.

Monte E Mare, Café & Bar, is a relaxed restaurant specialising in Mediterranean style food and drinks, starting from 10am for a selection of home-baked cakes, pastries and biscuits along with a traditional Italian-style coffee menu as well as organic teas and other drinks. Lunch offers a range of homemade pastas, pizzas and salads as well as a variety of Mediterranean specialities such as Tajine (spicy Moroccan stew), Fougasse (baked sandwiches) and Crème Catalana (creamy Spanish dessert). Dinner continues along the same lines, with a menu that is updated weekly depending on the seasonal availability and conditions.

The newly styled terrace now incorporates a wide range of herbs to invigorate the senses, as you sample the food and drinks available all day. Plans to increase the range to include takeaway pizzas etc are under way. Vicki and Alan hope to get to know the Mapua residents before the busy season is upon them, so pop in to try some new tastes and enjoy the relaxed surroundings.

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*Mapua Village Fair –  
Oklahoma  
Saturday and Sunday 17 and  
18 November.*

The last few weeks have seen a few more groups sign up to take part in the event of the year and plans are now well advanced. The committee has been busy preparing the bits and pieces that will transform the humble village hall into a slice of mid-west America circa 1900.

A veritable feast of art and craft work in china, glass, fabric, pastels and paint will be on display and with chocolates and popcorn to tempt the taste buds who could resist?

In true Oklahoma style there will be an auction of hampers and there will be music and songs from the show to entertain you.

A showcase for all the talent this unique area has to offer.

If you have any queries or want further information about the event please do not hesitate to contact either Diana Furlong (03) 540-2080 or Anne-Marie Giddens (03) 540-2335, who will be happy to help.

*Mapua Village Fair – Oklahoma is sponsored by Ray White – Mapua, Real Estate.*

**MAPUA SHOW**

# Mapua Women's Recreation Group

Our designated charity, Relay for Life (fund-raising for cancer research and support services), is front of mind again. The third Nelson edition of this event is scheduled for March and rather than seek sponsors for the dozen members who make the walk, we have again decided to organise fund-raising as a whole group.

This time we are making EcoBags from donated fabric and webbing and incorporating a reinforced base. Working bees for cutting and sewing are already taking place and our objective is to have a range of bags to start selling on September 15 at the market outside the Mapua Hall. Individual and hand-made as well as supporting a great cause, they are a treasure at only \$10 each. We have been thrilled with all the donations and offers of support and will publish a full list of those who have contributed

at a later date, but in the meantime we must thank our co-ordinators Rinny, Sharon and Maree.

In between cutting, ironing, sewing and finishing, we enjoy regular Thursday morning walks leaving from outside Mapua Mall at 9.15am. It is great to see the preservation work finally occurring along the Old Mill Walkway as we all enjoy this walkway during both group and individual walks. Mixing some gentle climbs into our walks and seeking a change of scenery has taken us up Pinehill Heights recently, as well as round Mahana where we have a perfectly timed loop walk that we all enjoy.

We continue to put \$2 in 'the tin' each week we walk to fund our special activity of the term with any surplus reserved for Relay for Life. This term's activity is being co-ordinated by Chris and we are off to Lower Moutere to the mini golf and driving range which we



*Our thanks to Hills Community Church who provided the venue for our working bee*

plan to enhance with a wonderful pot-luck BBQ lunch on the BBQs provided.

Our group welcomes new members and there is no expectation to come every week – just whenever you have the chance. We find that members are off doing interesting work projects, helping out others or enjoying some fascinating overseas adventures, eg Max, who is away motorbiking across the States, so we love welcoming them back and hearing about what they have been up to.

We walk for at least 1½ hours and enjoy a group coffee afterwards. With an average of about 15 walkers each week, we cater for moderate to faster walkers, and we have a little core group of cyclists as well. See the Noticeboard in the *Coastal News* for contact details for both this group and a gentler walking group or ring Janet, 540-3364, to find out the latest on the cycling group.

# MAPUA Bowling Club

The long cold winter is noticeably coming to an end with the daylight hours becoming longer. Saturday the 22nd of September is the club's official opening day for the new season, with a 1pm start. The club welcomes visitors and prospective new members. The club can provide sets of bowls for anyone wanting to learn the sport. Coaching will also be available at the beginning of the season. The club's social days, starting at 1pm, are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Although outdoor bowls was not played during the winter, the club held social evenings on the first and third Fridays of each month. There has been a good response with an average of 20 members enjoying table tennis, pool, and indoor bowls, with a light supper being available. The final social evening will be held on the 7th of September.

The club house was also used for several functions during the winter including the Nelson region annual green keeper's seminar held on the 7th and 8th of August. The seminar involved club green keepers from around the Nelson district.

After the start of daylight saving in October, the club will hold its Monday evening League bowls. The club has held this competition for anyone who enjoys a social

evening playing bowls without becoming a club member. The starting date to be advised.

This year the club will be organising a social to mark the club's 80th birthday in October. Further details will be advised at a later date.

For further information of club activities please phone Nancy on 540-2834 or Margaret on 544-6325.

David Higgs

## Mapua School PTA **CAR BOOT SALE**

**Sunday 9th September, 8:30-11:30am**

Venue – Mapua School Car Park

**\$10 per space**

- limited spaces - no traders -

- no animals - no drop-offs -

**Lots of Stalls!**

**Find** that **TREASURE** you have been looking for

**Sell** that **TREASURE** sitting in the garage

Have a coffee and bacon sandwich whilst you browse!

**Bookings and payments to**

**Sue Neal 540 2353**

Come and have a chat and meet the locals

## *For Low Back Pain, Look to Chiropractic*

By Dr Ron Howard, Coast & Country Chiropractic Centre: Mapua 03 540-2068 105a Aranui Road  
Motueka 03 528-8880 2 Wilkinson Street

It's estimated that eight out of 10 people suffer from back pain at some point in their lives. A recent study on the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders in the US estimated that 40 million Americans aged 20-64 will experience "frequent" low back pain (LBP), with 15% suffering from LBP lasting up to two weeks at a time!

There's no clear-cut way to resolve back pain, but chiropractic offers the most promise. Witness the results of a recent study comparing one-month outcomes for 93 chiropractic patients and 45 medical patients with chronic, recurrent low back pain. Chiropractic care included spinal adjustments averaging four patient visits. Medical care averaged one visit and frequently included the prescription of anti-inflammatory drugs.

Patients treated by chiropractors showed better overall improvement and satisfaction after one month than patients treated by family physicians for their low back pain. Chiropractic patients showed substantial decreases in pain severity, functional disability, and pain quality, while medical patients showed only minimal improvements with regard to the first two measures, and deterioration in the third.

If you're suffering from low back pain, the road to recovery may not be an easy one, but it begins with chiropractic! Schedule a consultation with us today. We have to live in our bodies, it's not as though we can move out when it starts falling to bits. How your spine was working 10 years ago will be affecting how your spine is working right now. How your spine is working right now will also affect you 10 years down the track. Give one of our friendly staff either in our Mapua or Motueka offices a call to see if we can help you with your health goals or your back and neck pain. We operate out of Mapua every Tuesday. Appointments are essential.

*Reference: Nyiendo J, Haas M, Goodwin P. Patient characteristics, practice activities, and one-month outcomes for chronic, recurrent low-back pain treated by chiropractors and family medical physicians: a practice-based feasibility study. Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, May 2000: Vol. 23, No. 4, pp239-45.*



It's all happening at Mahana School this term! Builders started work on the administration upgrade during the holidays and the new area is starting to take shape. Aside from a (yet to be applied) stunning new colour scheme, everything is now more commodious, including the Principal's office, the sick bay and main office area. Work should be completed by the end of the next school holidays. In the meantime the school secretary and Principal are 'camping out' in the staffroom with the photocopier (at least the coffee is only an arm's length away). The children don't seem to be bothered by the changes, with a good number turning out to watch the trucks unload their building supplies, while still others consider carpentry apprenticeships!

The Aviation Day at Nelson Airport in July was a huge success, with senior students having a 20-minute flight in a small plane with an instructor, and touring the control tower, engineering and fire and rescue departments. The children were capably hosted by Air Nelson Ltd supported by Airways Corp and Nelson Airport Rescue Fire. The *Motueka-Golden Bay News* and *Guardian* each featured some of the photographs taken on the day. Another senior room trip is planned for this term, this time to Rainbow ski field.

The new Mahana School sports uniforms had their first outing at the seven-aside tournament recently; proving that sometimes red really does go faster! We were able to put forward several teams this year, unlike last year when our teams were decimated by the winter lurgy.

The big item on the calendar for this term is the Mahana School production – "The Mahana Whakapapa"...preparations at this stage are top-secret, but there is much singing and reciting of poems in the playground, and various homes around Mahana! A whole-school production, it promises to be an entertaining night (or two, or three) out at the term's end. See you there!

*Jacqueline Brown, Deputy Chairperson, Mahana School Board of Trustees*

## Postal Delivery

We can post you the Coastal News. To take advantage of this post \$10 with your name and address to Coastal News, PO Box 19, Mapua Store, 7048. Include your new postal code for rapid delivery. Existing subscribers can also send their new code in by email [coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz) or by post.

As I write this, I realise that the term is now half over. As always, the classes are, and have been, very busy with many exciting topics and learning taking place.

This term the senior school has been looking at the "Good, Bad and Ugly of Mapua". They are looking at the interactions of people on the environment, past, present and future, with a special focus on environmental consciousness.

The junior school has had a "Rocky Shore" focus. Part of the topic involved the whole syndicate travelling to McKee Domain on two occasions to look at the rocky shore there. The trips were a huge success and the children are able to articulate and show so many interesting things about this topic.

The Senior Syndicate travelled to Takaka for our annual sports fixture during week 4. We were very warmly welcomed to Takaka Primary School on a fairly chilly day. Children played soccer, rugby, miniball, netball and hockey and the results were very good.

During week 5, children were involved in another sports tournament in Motueka. With the exception of miniball, all the sports above were played and I'm very pleased to say that Mapua children competed extremely well with great results.

This term, the children have been training for our annual cross-country race which took place on Wednesday 29 August at Aranui Park. Some competitors will be asked to compete in the Interschool Cross Country later in the term.

You may have seen our famous "Kidsline" competition winner in the local papers. "Kidsline" is an organisation that children can ring when they have problems and need to talk to someone. They hold an annual competition to design the poster which will be used to promote the service for that year. Ngaio Richards won the competition drawn from entries from all over the country. Well done Ngaio.

The school and community are in the process of revisiting our "Vision" for the school. This is a very important part of our school and requires "buy-in" from all parties to ensure that our vision is shared. We are nearly at the point where we return the draft back to the school community to ensure that all parties are happy with the direction that the school is to go.

*Rob Wemyss, Principal, Mapua School*



# Mapua Health Centre

We are sad to report that our long-time practice nurse Judy has left for work overseas and her great skills, caring nature and constant smile will be hugely missed. We wish her really well for her new adventure and know that she will continue providing an excellent service wherever she works. At the same time we are very fortunate to be able to welcome Rachel who comes from the deep South of the South Island as Judy's replacement. Rachel has a wealth of experience in practice nursing and is perfectly skilled for the job, including smear-taking.

We are also hoping to get building under way to add on two new rooms at the back of the Health Centre which we need for extra staff and equipment. This will also give us the option of expanding the waiting room into the nursing office at the front of the centre, creating some more space for seating and a separate kids' play area.

As we start emerging from the frosts and flus of winter into the new life of spring, it is good to become aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The main factors that can lessen our risk for heart disease (the number-one cause of death in our society) are: Stress management, Exercise, Nutrition, Social/Spiritual interaction, Education (including non-smoking, etc). Ref: (Ornish, D. *et al.* (1998) JAMA, 280(23): 2001-7)

So what is happening in Mapua to help develop our common SENSE? You might be surprised to know that the

following activities and classes are available:  
exercise - pilates-tennis-walking groups-yoga  
tai chi-meditation-aqua aerobics - Richmond  
stop smoking (MHC)-healthy lifestyles (MHC)

The practice nurses at the Health Centre can help you find out more about any of these. Please let us know if you are aware of other healthy lifestyle activities or groups happening in the area.

Here are some of the local and world health initiatives for September;

- 1-30 Cervical Screening Awareness Month
- 2-8 Continence Awareness Week
- 3-9 Multiple Sclerosis Appeal
- 3-9 ADD/ADHD Awareness Week
- 3-9 Epilepsy NZ Awareness Week
- 11-17 Stroke Foundation Awareness & Appeal Week
- 14 Maori Language Day
- 15 World Lymphoma Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 24-30 Deaf Awareness Week
- 28/9 - 5/10 Arthritis Foundation Annual street Appeal

## A sorry tale

*The following is a shortened version of a letter printed in the recent Probus magazine, "Active".*

Bob, an aircraft engineer from the UK, received a letter from his ex-flat mate Jim.

Jim was living in a boarding house owned by a very fastidious landlady. One of her main concerns was stains in the toilet, caused by corroded water pipes. After receiving some advice she decided to pour mentholated spirits down the sides of the toilet bowl. This was done while the boarders were at work.

Jim returned early to the boarding house that day. This gave him time to use the toilet before the landlady served afternoon tea. Jim was a routine smoker, lighting up once on the toilet. As usual he extinguished the match by dropping it down the toilet. Much to his surprise there was an almighty WHROOMP. He leapt from the toilet seat with a hot and painful posterior. Jim staggered towards the locked door knocking his head on it. He rebounded onto the flaming toilet bowl, setting his shirttail on fire. This time he was able to unlock the door. Tripping over his trousers he landed face-down in the hallway. At the same time the landlady was walking towards the lounge with the afternoon teas. Her immediate concern was Jim's flaming shirttail. Without further thought she poured the boiling water from the teapot over his burning shirt. Jim was yelling from the soreness of his bottom. With the application of the boiling water, he screamed with pain. The landlady, kneeling close to Jim's head, concerned at the noise, stuffed her pinafore in his mouth. Other boarders had phoned for an ambulance, while another poured cold milk over the burning area. This helped to sooth the pain.

With a knock at the front door the landlady quickly got up. As she did so she jerked the pinafore out of Jim's mouth loosening four teeth, and hit his chin causing him to bite his tongue. The ambulance men carried Jim face down on the stretcher. As they were carrying him down the boarding-house steps to the ambulance, they were laughing so much from Jim's account of events, they tipped him off the stretcher, spraining his right wrist. The conclusion of the letter read:

"So Bob, because you decided to emigrate to New Zealand, I am lying face-down in a hospital bed with a swollen tongue, four loose teeth, a sore jaw, sprained wrist, and a burnt and scolded posterior. This is now exposed through a surgical sheet, while two giggling nurses with tweezers are plucking tea leaves from my bottom. I have had to have this letter dictated."

Yours in agony and ignominy

*Jim*

# Letters to the Editor...



## **By-pass route on display**

At long last the route map for the Ruby Bay by-pass is to hand. Hopefully, by the time you read this letter, it will be on display at the Mapua Library. It will also be presented and on display to those attending the next meeting of the Mapua & Districts Community Association meeting on 10 September. Come and take a look. This is a large aerial photograph with the by-pass superimposed upon it. Every detail of the roadway and rights-of-way easy to see. You can even pick out your house and other items of interest.

As of today (20 August) the By-Pass Project Engineer Andrew Adams reports that progress on the project is much as I reported last month. Mainly, Opus Consultants working on the "construction documents". This portion of the work will continue until October. Transit is also finalising two property purchases. Regular liaison meetings with the TDC are continuing.

No doubt some of you will have read the notice for Submissions for the Rural 3 Residential Proposal that appeared in the August edition of the *Coastal News*. This has been put forth by Ruby Bay Developments Ltd. They are seeking resource consent for 115 houses on 147 hectares of land which lies between Awa Awa Road and Dicker Road. The proposal also includes community centre, swimming pool and tennis courts. In addition two recreation reserves, and a 15-hectare wetland which would be protected by a QE II National Trust Covenant.

I mention this proposal because of its potential impact upon our local roading system. I say local, because although the south-west boundary of the subdivision is adjacent to the route of the Ruby Bay by-pass, Transit NZ has denied the subdivision developer access to the by-pass. This means that if the proposal is approved by the TDC, Awa Awa and Marriages roads will be carrying the main traffic flow from the subdivision down to the existing route of State Highway 60. Using traffic projection figures from the TDC, it would appear that there could be 800 to 900 vehicle movements per day generated from the subdivision. Currently, there are 155 or so vehicle movements a day now using Awa Awa Road. Combined with Marriages Road it comes to some 355 vehicle movements a day.. Add in the projected 800 to 900 from the subdivision and a total of over 1200 vehicle movements a day could well be involved in the near future. With such a projected increase in vehicular traffic the existing road widths of both Awa Awa Road and Marriages Road are very marginal from both a road safety and road user aspect.

The existing intersections also come into this equation. In particular the intersection of Marriages Road and State

Highway 60 which is already very dangerous for turning traffic. The intersection of Marriages Road and Awa Awa Road is far from acceptable from a safety standpoint. The TDC will have to be intimately involved if this project is ultimately approved. I'm not saying that this is a good thing or bad thing. Just that we all should be aware of the growing demands and the costs involved on our TDC roading systems. I have put in a submission to the Ruby Bay Developments Ltd Application for Resource Consent in order to air my concerns as a resident and ratepayer.

The by-pass is going to remove a large volume of through traffic from the Mapua/Ruby Bay area. However, new developments and an increasing local population are going to add to local traffic. It's happening, and we have to get used to it. Let's make the effort to make sure it happens in an orderly and efficient manner. Our TDC will only know this if we let them know that we expect commonsense decisions and fiscal efficiency from our council and its staff..

In the meanwhile please consider coming to the Community Association's "Candidates' Night" meeting on 17 September at 7pm at the Mapua Hall. Please ask those seeking election what their views are on the Ruby Bay by-pass and the growing traffic burden on our local roads.

*Hugh Gordon*

## **Whareama celebration**

On 16, 17 and 18 November 2007 the Whareama Rest Home will be celebrating 50 years of care and service to the elderly.

Former employees and volunteers are invited to register their interest by contacting the Whareama Rest Home, 81 Neale Avenue, Stoke.

Phone 03) 547-7786, fax 03) 547-6174, or email [admin.whareama@eldercarenz.co.nz](mailto:admin.whareama@eldercarenz.co.nz).

## **Grant money use**

The Kids n Coffee programme at Hills Community Church was recently granted \$200 by the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust and we wish to report on how we have used this grant.

We have purchased several new dress-up outfits to replace the ones that have seen better days. Also we are buying a couple of walking planks designed to connect to outdoor play equipment we already own.

Many parents and their preschool parents benefit from this programme and we are most grateful for the community support.

*Tressa Wayman*

## Letters to the Editor...



### Can you help?

We live at 38 Stafford Drive, Ruby Bay. On Saturday July 7th we had a problem with a dog coming onto our property and attacking and killing approximately 12 chickens. The dog was seen by Peter Morris and the owner was seen to be standing at our front fence calling what is believed to be "Tyler" or something similar. The owner was a young lady, dressed in black clothing. Possibly blonde. She must have been aware of the problem as Peter fired a shot over the dog's head and it ran to her with feathers in its mouth. We are not sure of the number of chickens killed as some ran and hid although injured, and died later. Some die of shock and it affects the whole flock so production is down.

We phoned the Dog Ranger of the TDC but they have not been able to locate an owner. We believe from information we have gained that the lady may have been staying with someone at Broadsea Avenue.

We are seeking information. The dog is a black labrador, a fully grown young dog, possibly with some pointer or similar mix.

Any help would be appreciated. Most people using our property as a walkway at the present time have been very courteous and appreciate that we have free-range chickens.

*Nina Morris, phone 540-9300*

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## Police Update

Hello all. Great to see the days are starting to get longer, spring isn't far away.

Talking to some local shopkeepers over the last month they tell me that things are pretty quiet in the village. It is good to be able to report no major crime trends in the area either, so long may that last.

Local people have been very good at contacting me with information and updates about a new group of people who have recently moved into the village and the police appreciate this good feedback. Keep it up as we can't be on every street corner 24 hours a day and as locals you will see a lot that we don't.

Recently in Riwaka we had a spate of unlocked cars being broken into. We have arrested a 17-year-old youth for those thefts and a house burglary. Very frustrating to find out that a person caught a youth in her car a few weeks before and let him go and didn't even contact the

### Preserving the "unique character

As a frequent visitor to the Ruby Bay/Coastal Mouere district, I enjoy catching up on the community activities through the *Coastal News*.

I must admit bemusement over the concern to destroy some of the unique character of the district...namely the coastline with unsightly rock walls, and the possible diversion of the Coastal Highway away from the coast. I, like many visitor/users really enjoy, as the highlight of driving along the coast at Ruby Bay. It would be a great loss and waste of money to build a road inland. We have the Mouere Highway already. Wouldn't it be better to extend this coastal "corridor" and create a continuous esplanade through Rabbit Island to Nelson?

Sorry for you Port Mapua, Ruby Bay district...you used to have an idyllic environment but so-called "progress" and ad hoc development has stuffed it up for you.

Case in point, on reading the issue of finding an "emergency services base"...it makes sense if sited in the Mapua Tavern corner. It certainly would improve community safety in more ways than one, so make it happen!

And yes, I did digest the diatribe of Hugh Gordon, a persistent campaigner and continually reminiscent of a resident with a selfish agenda, reflective of someone living on the main road in Ruby Bay with shoreline erosion issues who can't wait to sell and off-load his problems.

For the team of volunteers at the *Coastal News* ...keep up the good work.

*Pru Murraine, Port Mapua, Ruby Bay District.*

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police! I know it is easy to leave your car unlocked when it's parked up the driveway, but please don't.

#### Mapua Occurrences:

July 23: Abandoned vehicle at Grossi point  
July 30: Psychiatric patient taken to hospital from McKee Domain  
August 1: Domestic attended in Dawson Road  
August 8: Psychiatric patient taken to hospital from Mapua  
August 9: Male arrested at Mapua Tavern for disorderly behaviour  
August 12: Petrol drive-off from Perry's Auto Services. Four-door car registration PG6024  
August 16: Person reported climbing in house window in Aranui Road. All OK.

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

# Open Day for Mapua Wetland

An open day will be held at Mapua Wetland so those interested can see progress after three years of work. Signs pointing to the wetland will be out on Aranui Road (on the village side of the Mapua Community Church) and the gates will be open from 1pm to 3pm. There is ample off-road parking and visitors will be very welcome. Strategically placed posters will help explain the project and members of Friends of Mapua Wetland will be available to answer questions.

This follows a similar Open Day in June last year and a community planting day in 2005. In addition, Mapua Wetland has hosted a number of groups on arranged visits and has been contributing to environment education at Mapua School.

Recent new developments in the wetland include plantings of more than 100 kahikatea, rimu, and black beech trees and the planting by Mapua School pupils of a grove of more than 30 totara trees. Mapua Cubs have also contributed by planting more than 100 grasses lining the main driveway.

The Friends organisation has recently expanded its plantings of rare and endangered plants, including the narrow-leaved maire tree, a rare reed and a rare grass. The wetland has a pond and special area set aside for endangered plants. The wetland now has more than 5000 trees, shrubs, and grasses.

In addition, this month Mapua Wetland is featuring on the internet for the first time. This comes after the wetland was selected by a national organisation to feature in a YouTube presentation promoting conservation programmes to regional councils. A film team from the organisation, Biodiversity Action, was in Mapua late in August to film comments about assistance given to the project by the Tasman

District Council and other organisations. The short film clip focuses on a “hot tip” for encouragement of similar projects.

It is not known when the Mapua clip will be available. The web address is [www.biocommunity.org.nz](http://www.biocommunity.org.nz)

Mapua Wetland was also one of the projects featured in a Tasman District Council presentation to a recent international Conser-Vision Conference held in July at the University of Waikato in Hamilton.

Although the wetland is only 1ha in size, it adjoins the much bigger Aranui Park and is designed to be complementary to it. The Beere family, who own the wetland site, and the Friends of Mapua Wetland Incorporated are hoping the wetland will attract a Queen Elizabeth II National Trust covenant so that it becomes a permanent reserve near Mapua’s centre.

Grants from the Department of Conservation’s Biodiversity Funds have helped fund the development, and DoC staff have closely monitored progress.

Friends of Mapua Wetland were pleasantly surprised to be nominated again by the Mapua Ruby Bay Community Association for a Trustpower Volunteers in the Community Award. The Friends, and other volunteer groups, greatly appreciate this support from the Community Association.

*David Mitchell*



*Toni Rogan and Sarah Wilson of Wellington were in Mapua Wetland to film a “hot tip” from Mapua Wetland to encourage other similar biodiversity projects.*

# Noticeboard

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

**House For Sale:** 6A Moreland Place Mapua. Owner has purchased! Fronts onto Reserve on Mapua Estuary RV\$460,000. View at [www.trademe.co.nz](http://www.trademe.co.nz) (Hidden Gem) Enquiries: Maree (03)528 9602.

**Therapy room** or office to rent in village centre. Shared reception with 3 others. Enquiries: Julie, 540 2705 or [julie@inhealth.co.nz](mailto:julie@inhealth.co.nz)

**House Needed to Rent:** Sunny, warm tidy & long term house needed in the Mapua Ruby Bay area for a 5-star-plus tenant. Brilliant local references. Please contact Zjan, 540 3494 or 027 286 9940

**Wanted:** Large dog kennel suitable for Labrador. Please phone 5402873.

**Mapua Toy Library:** AGM Tuesday 18th September, 7.30pm @ Mapua Hall – Toy Library.

**Genealogy Computer Discussion Group:** meets 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays bimonthly, on the following dates: 13 Oct and 8 Dec. For information phone Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays 1.30pm, supper room of Mapua Hall. All retirees most welcome. If interested please ring Pres. Margaret Butchart, 540 2686, Secr. Thelma Mathieson, 540 3132.

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

**PANZ** (pastel artists of NZ) meet each Tuesday, Mapua Hall, 9am-noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 03 540-3388.

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

**Photocopying** at Mapua Auto Centre, 7 Warren Place.  
**Need Help?** Can't connect your DVD / Video player/ Lost your computer work? Can't download your digital photos? Need help setting up an email account? Average job price only \$10! Basic web design, average price \$25/page, including advice on domain registration. Call **Whiz-kid Sam!** 540 2804. [sambobuk@hotmail.com](mailto:sambobuk@hotmail.com) - <http://whizkid.awardspace.com/>

**Digital Photography Group:** Anyone with an interest in anything to do with digital photography/digital imaging is welcome to join our expanding group. Meetings first Tuesdays, 1.30pm. Phone Dot Siddle for more info, 540 2323

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

**Coastal Garden Group** meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Enquiries: Barry Highsted (540 3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540 2335).

**Mapua Friendship club** welcomes old and new members. We meet on third Thursdays and enjoy a game of indoor bowls followed by afternoon tea (bring a plate). We also have cards Euchre, crib etc, if you prefer a seated activity. \$1 door donation & 20¢ raffle for a mystery prize. We are a group of friendly people who get together for a good laugh (some of us are not very good bowlers!) Come along and enjoy some good company. Enquiries: Val Roche 540-3685.

**Kidz n' Koffee Playgroup** every Wednesday (in school term) 10am-noon at Hills Community Church. Ages 0-5yrs. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend, there is no cost. Morning tea is provided, a donation is appreciated. Come and relax and meet some new neighbours. Enquiries to Sara Pumphrey 540-3889, and Sharon De Jong 543-2486.

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