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TDC approves controversial subdivision

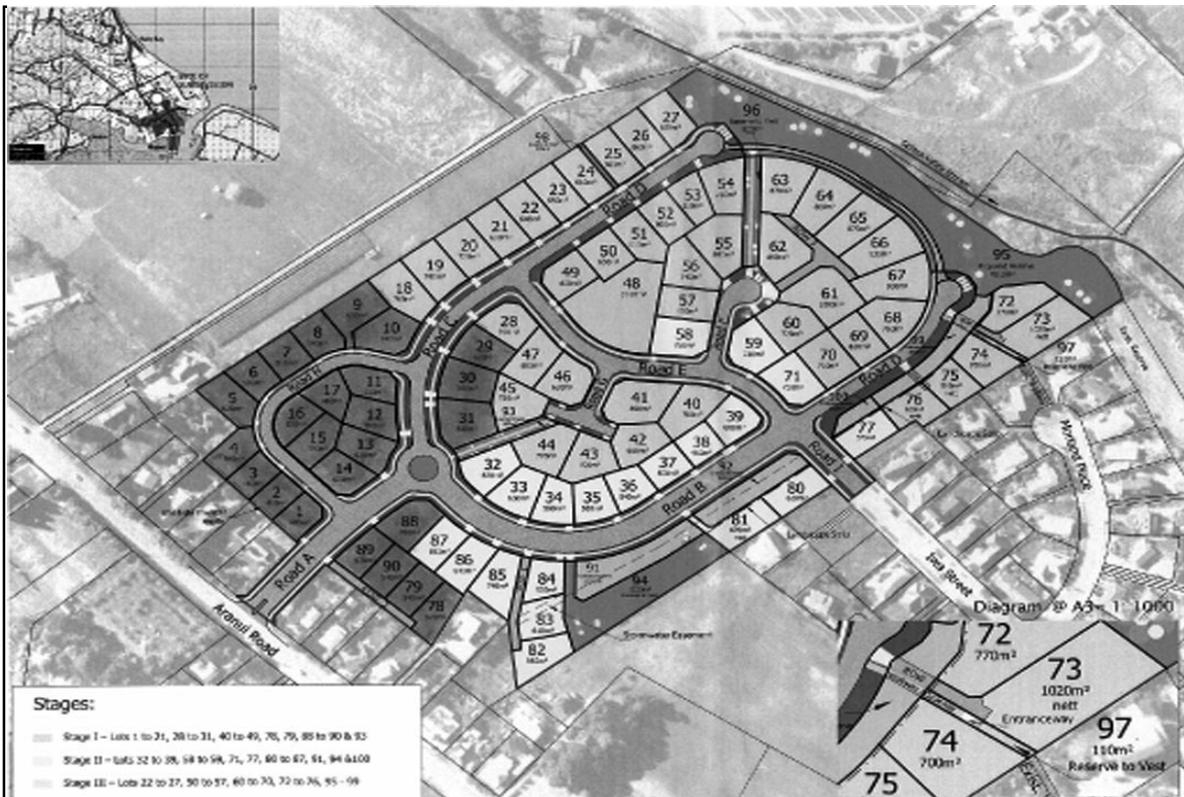
Tasman District Council adopted a “suck it and see” approach to water supply for a new 89 residential section subdivision recently approved for Mapua. The subdivision off Aranui Rd will have an interim private water supply, with most of the water coming from an aquifer previously regarded as inadequate in quality and quantity for residential supply. However, the development will be staged in a way that the council hopes will ensure certainty of water supply for the households involved.

During the hearing, the council’s hearing committee allowed a range of changes to the plan originally lodged for the Aranui Rd Trust subdivision, including a new

stormwater system. It also seems likely that the council will look favourably on a proposal for work on Mapua’s proposed sewerage upgrade to be speeded up within its long term plan, in return for a commitment by the developers to pay part of the cost.

Consent for the Aranui Rd Trust subdivision on 10.2ha of land lying north of the Mapua Domain was given by a hearing committee, comprising Councillors Michael Higgins, Stuart Bryan and Stuart Borlase, in early March. This followed two days of public hearing on December 19 and January 21. The developers sought approval for a total of six consents for the subdivision

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The amended subdivision plan as accepted by the committee, with the development of 89 residential lots in stages. These are, Stage 1: 25 residential lots comprising lots 1-17, lots 29-31, lots 78 and 79 and 88-90; Stage 1b: 14 residential lots comprising lots 18-21, lots 41-47, and lot 49; Stage 2: 20 residential lots comprising lots 32-39, lots 80-87, lots 58 and 59 and lots 71 and 77; Stage 3: 30 residential lots comprising lots 22-27, lots 50-57, lots 60-70, and lots 72-76.

on land currently zoned Rural 1, but with an underlying zone of Deferred Residential (with a requirement for stormwater servicing).

Faced with a lack of council capacity to supply sewerage and water services for such a large subdivision, the developers applied for a range of alternative systems. An improved water supply via a new pipeline for Motueka is at least seven years away according to council plans. So the trust proposed, and the council accepted, an unusual plan for an “interim water supply” that would rely for 20 per cent on roof rainwater and 80 per cent on bore water from a shallow aquifer that underlies most of Mapua, the Rabbit Island and Tahunanui Sand Aquifer.

Council staff evidence to the committee by consent planner Neil Tyson was that this aquifer was of limited supply and poor quality. It was also subject to contamination from seawater intrusion, local land use and septic tanks in the area, he said.

However, the consultant employed by the developers, Tony Hewitt of the firm Envirolink, told the hearing that the water could be treated to conform to New Zealand Drinking Water standards. The hearing committee agreed with this. It also said that “the combined water availability has been considered to be of sufficient quantity to provide a satisfactory water supply for proposed stages one and two of the development at least”.

The committee imposed conditions that allowed the development to go ahead in four stages and at each stage the developers would have to demonstrate that the bores used could sustain the level of pumping before the next stage could be approved.

As further protection for the householders, the hearing committee also required that the developers would have to prepare a water rationing plan with triggers for matters such as possible saltwater intrusion and minimum groundwater levels in the bores. The condition required that the developer would be responsible for identifying alternative water supplies for the householders if the groundwater supply had to be rationed.

These “suck it and see” provisions were one of the results from a complex planning hearing that at the outset looked as if the big development in the heart of Mapua stood little chance of success with their proposal. When the hearing opened just before Christmas 2007, the subdivision was strongly opposed

by public submissions, with 62 (85 per cent) of the 73 submissions opposing the plan, only two supporting it and nine neutral.

The development was also unanimously opposed by council staff members assessing it. The hearing was presented with a damning report by five council planning and engineering staff members headed by consents co-ordinator Mark Morris. He said that the proposed subdivision was “contrary to the proposed policies and objectives” of the council’s Resource Management Plan.

In their report, the staff members set out their concerns, including:

- The co-ordinator for natural resources consents, Dr Michael Durand, said the applicants’ proposal for stormwater was “unacceptable”,
- The staff members responsible for water supply, Neil Tyson and Dugald Ley, said that there were “serious concerns over the viability and sustainability of the proposed water supply”.
- As the engineer responsible for sewerage services, Mr Ley, also concluded that there was no additional capacity in the Mapua sewerage system to service the additional sections and there were problems over the location of a sewerage pump station. Mr Ley also criticised the lack of a road connection to Iwa St in the plan.
- Mr Morris concluded that because of the problems with stormwater, water and sewerage servicing, “which are fundamental to any serviced residential subdivision, I am unable to provide conditions that would adequately mitigate the adverse effects on the environment of the proposed allotments and housing”.

However, the lawyer acting for the trust, Mr Nigel McFadden, subsequently introduced a series of amendments to the trust’s subdivision plan to make it more acceptable. He also said that in response to the council staff’s objections to the proposed stormwater disposal system, the developers had undertaken a complete redesign of the system. The developers also proposed making a financial contribution which would enable a planned sewerage system upgrade for Mapua to be brought forward under the Long Term Council Community Plan.

The new proposals were referred back to the council staff, together with a series of questions for the developers from the consent committee for consideration over the New Year break.

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At the reconvened hearing in mid-January, council staff members accepted with qualifications most of the changes. Mr Morris told the hearing that:

- The revised plan for stormwater disposal involving an open drain had been accepted by the engineering department.
- In response to a commitment from the developers over funding that would bring forward the sewerage upgrade programme (set down for 2009-12 under the council's plan), "the engineering department had agreed to allow a maximum of 25 lots as a first stage to be connected to the council's reticulation system, with the completion of subsequent stages dependent on the completion of the Mapua sewerage upgrade".
- The plan had changed to include a connection from the subdivision to Iwa St. A further plan change made during the hearing period was to close off a road at the eastern end of the subdivision (near the Seaton Valley stream).
- However, the council staff retained concerns about the "long term viability and sustainability of the proposed groundwater take". Mr Morris said the only way he could see the subdivision being serviced for water was for the applicant to accept a limitation on the subdivision. It would need to show it could provide a reliable, potable water supply for each stage before it could proceed. The staff then suggested a series of conditions which the hearing committee could apply.

Submissions from twelve of the objectors followed, including a submission from the Mapua and District Community Association.

Chairperson Devin Gallagher expressed concern that there was insufficient infrastructure to support a subdivision of the size planned by the Aranui Rd Trust. He also said that the increase of traffic on Aranui Rd would be significant and the association criticised what it called the inadequacy of the area set aside for reserves.

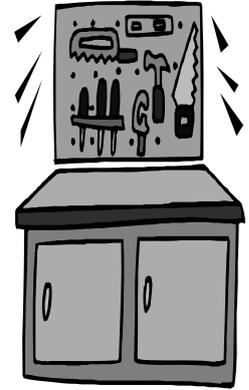
The council's decision on the subdivision is subject to any appeals to the Environment Court, with the period for lodging an appeal closing in the first week of April.

David Mitchell

(The author was a submitter opposing the subdivision plan)

The ShedLight Blokes

Our visit last month was to Graham Cox's shed (Karpaintz workshop) in Warren Place where he repairs and paints damaged vehicles. It was interesting to see how he has overcome the requirements of OSH inspectors as regarding the problems of solvent fumes, isocyanates and other assorted toxic products. The whole area is pressurised to stop the build-up of fumes when he is spraying paint. Graham's equipment includes a MIG welder, dry sander, various jacks and infrared heaters to speed up the drying process.



Brian Holbrook brought in his Triumph motorbike, which Graham is repairing after Brian's crash. It is looking very good and almost completed. Graham had pinned on the walls photographs of his places in England and here where he has had his workshops.

We then walked across the road to Ruby Bay Joinery where Barry Roberts showed us the latest Eurovision double-glazed windows and doors they build and assemble. These are very impressive and appear superb. The windows can be turned and tilted depending on requirements. Also 180deg opening allows easy window cleaning. Extra security is achieved with extra locks around the perimeters of the doors and windows.

About us

- We go to someone's shed, about once a month, about 7pm
- We take a mate (or some young person who may have an interest) some nibbles and a drink (if you want any of these)
- The bloke shows us what's in his shed, or what he's done, doing, or wants to do
- We talk to the bloke about his shed and what's in it
- We decide whose shed we visit next month
- We go home about 9pm

To advise people of our shed visits we rely on emails, if you are interested in coming along to any visits please advise your email address to Tim at collegial@xtra.co.nz, Kerry at mitchplace@xtra.co.nz, Brian at Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz or Graham at grahamcox@xtra.co.nz.

Draft Structure Plan for Mapua Released

The Tasman District Council has approved the release of a draft structure plan for Mapua and Ruby Bay for public consultation. The structure plan covers the area from Pinehill Rd/Brabant Drive in the north to Grossi Point in the south and Seaton Valley Road in the west.

The structure plan includes several possible residential development areas, generally north-west of the present township, while retaining a rural buffer between the township and the Waimea Inlet as well as to the open coastline. One of the aims is to maintain the village culture of Mapua while enabling moderate growth to occur.

The council's Environment and Policy chair, Cr Michael Higgins, said a feature of the structure plan was a strong network of future reserves and walkways

to link into the existing network. An extension to land available for commercial and industrial purposes is provided to enable new businesses to establish in the area.

The structure plan identified two stages of development to ensure an orderly provision of services. Until progress is made to improve services within Mapua, the development areas will be deferred.

There will be an Open Day for the public to consider the plan and provide feedback on Friday 4 April at the Mapua Bowling Club from 2pm to 7pm.

After comments have been received the council will translate the structure plan into statutory documents. The public will then have a further opportunity to make formal submissions on the proposals.

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As the map will not reproduce well in B&W, a colour map will be on show at the Open Day and also on the TDC website www.tdc.govt.nz

Draft Mapua Structure Plan
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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The association's guest speaker was David Stephenson, Tasman District Council Utilities Asset Engineer, who spoke on the status of the Old Mill Walkway Seawall Project.

The first stage having been completed under urgency, the second stage will require new consents (already applied for) and TDC budget funding. All things being considered, it would appear that construction of Stage 2 is at least a year away.

Various persons in attendance expressed serious concern that with the amount of erosion of the walkway that occurs with each storm sequence, ie, there will be very little remaining of the Walkway Reserve by the time Stage 2 can be in place. Both Mr. Stephenson and Cr Trevor Norriss expressed regret that this was the case, but under the TDC Resource Management Plan regulations a certain legal process has to be undertaken. There is no alternative to enable a more timely start to putting the Stage 2 seawall in place.

Waterfront Park Sub-Committee Report

Elena Meredith reported on the public meeting attended by 63 people that was held on 18 February. Ms Meredith reminded those present that the "E-2" adopted by the TDC several years ago is still in effect. The worksheets of the six workshop groups at that meeting were put up along the walls for inspection. It was agreed that the ideas that came out of the 18 February meeting would be further distilled into a document for community perusal and that this information would be displayed at the Mapua Community Library.

Andreas Neimann, David Kemp and Tord Kjelstrom were elected to join the Waterfront Park Sub-Committee.

Considerable concern was expressed at the delay by the Ministry of Environment in turning the treated Fruitgrowers Chemical site back to the TDC. It was agreed that Ms Meredith would write to the Ministry of Environment regarding the delay and also inviting a representative of the Ministry and our local MPs to the association's April meeting.

Ruby Bay by-pass

Hugh Gordon reported that the project is on schedule with final design and costings due to be completed by the end of February for submission to the Transit NZ Board in Wellington. He urged those present to contact the local and national representatives as outlined in his letter to the *Coastal News* March issue.

Mill Walk sea wall

David Stephenson gave an up-date on the status of the Mill Walk after the two heavy storms in February. An average of 4.5 metres has been further eroded, regarding this a special paper has been prepared for council. Previous estimates to complete the sea-wall project of \$172,000 have now revised to \$1.5 million. Private owners adjoining the reserve have re-affirmed their financial commitment to the project. Iwi recently completed a Cultural Impact Assessment for the erosion and are looking forward to presenting their findings at a Community meeting in the very near future.

Annual Plan roll-out

The Annual Plan process would begin on 29 April when TDC staff will present the Draft Budget to the Mapua Community at a public meeting in the Mapua Hall. This would be the best time to raise issues in regard to proposed funding or the lack thereof for certain community efforts. Public submissions will be due approximately five weeks after the draft budget is released.

Mapua youth

The chair introduced Steven Roberts who was responsible for a questionnaire recently put to the community in regard to establishing recreational facilities for our village youth.

Steven spoke to the meeting to raise this issue from a youth point of view. There was discussion in terms of how this could be linked into existing sub-committee projects, eg, domain, strengthening our village, etc. A number of those attending congratulated Steven for standing up and presenting his views and ideas to the group.

Coastal Garden Group

After welcoming everyone to the March meeting there were a few notices and discussion of upcoming events before Olwyn, who is one of our members, spoke to us about some of her favourite herbs and their uses. Rather than talk about herbs we are all familiar with such as parsley, sage, mint, etc, Olwyn introduced herbs not so commonly known but ones she would not be without such as lovage, sweet cicely, salad burnet and costmary. She recommended French tarragon in preference to Russian as more flavourful and gave tips for where and when her choices could be used in cooking, including adding lemon verbena to apricot jam and adding sweet cicely to acid fruits, thereby reducing the amount of sugar needed in the dish.

Stevia was a revelation to many of us as the leaves are very sweet. Herbs are known from ancient times for their medicinal uses but Olwyn advised caution as natural cures can react with prescribed medication with negative results, so it always best to consult your doctor before taking them. Now is the time to dry herbs for use throughout winter and also time to propagate them either by saving seed or taking softwood cuttings.

When dried the flavour intensifies so approximately 1 tablespoon of fresh herb equals ½ -1 teaspoon dried. If you aren't used to flavouring food with herbs make sure they are finely chopped and only use small quantities so you don't overpower the dish or your taste buds. Thank you Olwyn for sharing your knowledge and inspiring us in the kitchen as well as the garden.

Max's notes for the month ahead included starting sowing seed for spring annuals and to plant out the winter vegetable crops. For those who enjoy salads year-round try a tub of pickable leaf lettuce. There are many varieties available which don't form a heart and they are ideal for growing this way. To help prevent moss in lawns it is important to get the grass growing healthily so feed it well now the rains have arrived.

Our Bloom, Cluster and Shrub competition was dominated by a huge hibiscus and some very impressive dahlias. Roses still graced the table and were accompanied by a confused polyanthus and crocus flower.

As usual our afternoon ended with a delicious afternoon tea and our plant auction.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 April at 1.30pm in the Supper Room of the Mapua Hall. Guests and visitors are welcome to come along and if you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

Garden Notes

April is upon us and longer, cooler nights leave shorter days and less time to do all those jobs in the garden. However, it is an important time for planting trees and shrubs and for pruning of evergreens. It is also time to start planting out iceland poppies, pansies, violas, stocks, polyanthus and primrose for spring flower.

In the vege garden the tomatoes will be finishing and it is important to remember not to compost the spent plants, as this spreads disease. Pumpkins and marrows need to be dried off in the sun before storing. This hardens the skins and they will keep longer. Continue to sow cabbages and cauliflowers for a spring supply and remember to earth up your leeks and celery.

Keep the grass fed and healthy as this will help stop moss growing and don't forget to gather up leaves as they start to fall. April is the last month recommended for sowing new lawns, which should be kept well watered while the young grass is establishing itself.

If you have a fruit tree that doesn't bear much fruit this is a good season to root-prune, the check to growth will often bring them into bearing. The easiest way to do this is to chop around the tree with a sharp spade. It is also the season to start planting strawberries.

If you haven't already done so feed any of last year's spring bulbs that are still in the ground with blood and bone and lime.

Happy gardening everyone!

Coastal Garden Group.

Sustainability key focus for Mapua brewer

Months of work are showing results for a brewing project taking place on a converted warehouse on the Mapua wharf area which is scheduled to open this winter.

Golden Bear Brewing's new brewery bar and restaurant at Mapua's waterfront precinct will employ solar heating in its brew house operations, a first in New Zealand.

Brewery Director Jim Matranga said he could not pass up the opportunity to take advantage of the Tasman district's annual 2500 hours of sunlight. His state-of-the-art brew house, converted from a former warehouse, is employing innovative technology to utilise this sustainable natural energy source.

"We've put a lot of thought into how we can minimise our environmental impact," said Mr Matranga. "It's not just about being green or organic; it's about things like making sure we got our insulation right and using dual-glazing. We also thought using heat recovery from the brewing process could be used for under-floor heating, so we built that in too. If we can reduce our operating costs while increasing our customers' comfort, that's good for the environment and for our business."

Innovative design is not new territory to Mr Matranga who, as an artisan carpenter in his native California, created to-order cabinetry that combined modern materials with traditional craftsmanship. This approach found his work keenly sought after by local architects

for inclusion in numerous landmark buildings, public spaces and venues across Los Angeles.

A passionate brewer, Jim Matranga's vision for his new enterprise is to make great beer matched to a unique food offering based on local produce and raw ingredients.

The venue concept loosely mirrors the successful American Brewpub model which, after 25 years, is still enjoying strong growth. "The offering is quality focused and threefold: it's about beer, food and hospitality," Mr Matranga said. "If we can do that successfully, incorporating sustainability both in our and our suppliers' businesses while meeting our customers' expectations, we will have achieved our goal."

Golden Bear Brewing Company will open its first New Zealand brewery, restaurant and bar this winter.

Coastal Connections

Our venue for lunch in March was Monte E Mare at Mapua wharf. The popularity of our monthly lunches is increasing, with ladies attending from Stoke, Motueka, Ruby Bay and Mapua. At the café, tables were formed into a tee shape so that we were all seated together. The manager welcomed us, introduced the waitresses Jane and Jess, and explained the menu and Specials of the Day. Menus and water were already on the tables for us; there was a wide choice and food, drinks and wines were very reasonably priced. Many of us had not dined here previously and by popular vote, we decided to return in the future.

We exchanged magazines, reference was made to the forthcoming new postal charges and three ladies were congratulated on birthdays this month. We were pleased to see that Joy is progressing well after her recent operation. Netta showed us photographs of her latest knitting for the Motueka Hospice. She has now completed 26 suitcases full of items! We congratulated her on such a marvellous contribution. Several other ladies (Olive, Colleen, Joy and Barbara) are taking up their knitting needles to produce squares for blankets for orphans in Moldavia.

Our next luncheon will be on the 10th of April at The Playhouse (formerly Silkwood) at 11.45am. Please contact Dot on 540-2323 if you are unable to attend.

Reported by Barbara Halse.

Animal Health File

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



Who's a Good Dog then?

Having been a vet now for nearly eight years it's almost embarrassing to admit that I have only just got my first dog. For years clients have asked me whether I have pets and seem almost surprised that I had no hound of my own. My puppy acquisition was totally unplanned. One of our local breeders had a litter of pups being born and one just flatly refused to come out. So a few drugs and a couple of tugs later and I had my baby! One look and he was all mine!

Even though I had passed dog behaviour 101 at uni, it was more about treating major behavioural conditions than basic training. The present thinking is that most of these conditions can be prevented by adequate socialisation of puppies between the ages of 8 and 20 weeks. So I forked out rather a large amount of money and sent my nurse, Ren, off on a course on dog behaviour – now she can answer all my questions and some. Trouble is, I don't always like the answers. Some of these things I have been rabbiting off to my clients for years and now I am having a taste of my own medicine. The classic is the "just ignore him, when he (insert barks, bites, chews favourite pair of shoes, steals TV remote control)" line. Turns out it's not so easy!

Attending the puppy school that Ren has been running has been as much about training us dog owners as it is about training the dogs! We are covering the basics of good dog manners, stay, sit, come, heel etc. and are on our way to having a model canine citizen. Watching the pups of all sizes interact has been great fun and is good learning for them in communicating with their fellow canines.

Some of the other things we have been trying to expose him to are the sights and sounds of every day life, cue vacuum cleaner, boy racer, fire engine, screaming baby, thunder, fireworks etc. A CD available for hire from the clinic called "Sounds Sociable" has been very helpful in this. The CD has all sorts of great sounds on it should you happen to not have a crying baby or whizzing fireworks to hand at the appropriate puppy age. It is now well understood that most major noise phobias in dogs occur because of lack of exposure to the "scary" noises as a puppy.

We are continuing our socialising mission on our walks around town. We haven't quite mastered the art of not jumping up on people but we are getting well socialised to the sights, sounds and smells of the Naked Bun. Although, my canine prodigy still has a slight tendency to lick the feet of unsuspecting passer's by! So, be on your guard Mapua and if you have any questions about dog behaviour or want to attend a puppy school ring our Motueka clinic and speak to Ren.

Gecko Theatre

We have moved.

The Gecko, Motueka's independent cinema, is now located at 23b Wallace Street. If you are unsure where that is, maybe across from the Bakehouse and the back of Books and More, close to the information centre might give you a clearer idea.

The Gecko will now have two screening rooms, fully air conditioned as well as a proper little cafe. We are also applying for a beer and wine licence, to compliment our relaxed atmosphere.

Films we will be opening with:

INTERVIEW

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/movie.php?movieid=1007>

RED ROAD

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/movie.php?movieid=999>

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/movie.php?movieid=994>

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/movie.php?movieid=1009>

I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND

<http://www.flicks.co.nz/movie.php?movieid=1029>

BONNEVILLE... and more

The Gecko would like to thank you for your support during our first five years, and we look forward to seeing you in our bigger, better new location. Our new phone number is 03-528 9996.

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Wharf / Waterfront Park

The 18 Feb meeting was attended by 63 people and facilitated by Waterfront Sub-committee convener Elena Meredith.

This meeting recognised, valued and appreciated all the work which had gone before and was intended to be the second part of a process ensuring informed and consultative input from the community to TDC's plans for the wharf/waterfront area and wider Mapua township

It was agreed to integrate all interest groups and this was evident in the group feedback. It was noted that the suggestions should be considered in terms of how they would fit into and expand/develop the currently agreed E2 plan.

Various interest groups put forward many suggestions, mostly included here, but a full list will be displayed at the works site and possibly at the Library. The committee are very interested in more feedback.

Any future development must reflect the character of the village and be pedestrian friendly, developed for those who live here.

Future visions: what do people want for the area – tourism, commercial, residential? Should public ownership of land be retained? Could the present commercial area be linked with walkways to wharf; shops and future commercial development? Provide parking and turning for public transport. Tourism needs include recreation, restaurants, boating, galleries, aquarium, wine, olive oil. Motels were not thought to be the best use of land.

Pedestrians: make Mapua a “walk town”; pedestrian precinct around commercial waterfront areas but consider buses, conserve coastal margins (for DOC).

Roading: relocate Tahi St round the west side to join Aranui Rd, with car park on SE side. Close Iwa St - make it a cul-de-sac at the Fire Station. Water turbines under a pedestrian friendly road bridge to Rabbit Island and Airport.

Retail: has to be versatile, e.g. cycle hire, coffee places with lots of green around. More shops and businesses

along Aranui Rd for pedestrians. No larger supermarket development in the village, but maybe move supermarket away from village between Main Rd & Seaton Valley Rd.

Wharf area & boating: Make a connection between the village and the wharf; close off and move boat ramp south with parking. Keep the wharf recreational and if boat ramp is moved, create a safe swimming beach. Link both sides of wharf from seaward side with decking. Retain character of wharf buildings - new buildings to blend, maintain historical look. Create a golden beach on west side of Tahi St - plenty of seat benches between commercial activities and water fountains.

Ecology: Keep it sustainable and eco-friendly; information boards on the Waimea Inlet – birds, marine life, history etc; multi-use – e.g. car park/park, herb garden/fruit trees, pathways with flaxes and native plants. Could be carbon neutral, a showpiece of sustainability.

Creative: Amphitheatre with a sound-shell, day music performances, sculpture symposiums, plinths for displaying art etc. Creative interactive playground with a nautical theme for children with a big swing/flying fox, slides, fountains, toddlers pool, ferris wheel, roller-coaster; games – chess, noughts & crosses, table tennis, petanque, maze, tai chi/yoga area, mini-golf.

Grossi Point: leave as natural as possible - grade road & boat ramp but don't change it - kids & dogs use it a lot as a safe, sheltered, peaceful area. Possibly widen ramp access and organize boat & trailer parking.

Wharf links: Extend wharf on “Smokehouse” side [log jams]; “T” wharf out from waterfront park area; build a marina instead of a waterfront park? Can we make a beach with golden sand and a safe swimming area with diving boards, rope swings and lifeguards? Or build saltwater baths?

Overall the park must be family-oriented with lots of grass and a water promenade with a dual-use car park with grass, trees & walkway, a pedestrian cobblestone area with no dogs, but also a dog friendly area with hitching posts and doggy-do bag dispensers.

Toilets/changing area: Vandal proof & self-cleaning, uni-sex with changing facilities for small children, basins, hooks, bench seats, stainless steel mirrors, cold shower & tap outside for rinsing off.

Picnic area: seating & picnic tables, grass, electric(no pay) BBQs

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Fishing: fishing pier with tap, sink and block for cleaning fish & chopping bait etc, separate from children's water activities.

Other facilities: Gardens, Historical buildings,

Big picture: reveal the history of contamination, consider different wildlife eco-systems, reflect the history of Maori and pakeha activity – fish nets, aquaculture, flax industry,

Site edge: realign with more gentle edge, roosting platforms, access to the water, wide edge to Aranui Rd., grow molluscs on bridge supports, temporary plantings while waiting for projects.

Please send feedback by the end of April to Elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz or drop off to the Mapua Four Square Feedback box.

This feedback process is to identify community visions and values, and collect a wide range of responses for the development of the Waterfront Park and Mapua Wharf area. This material can then go forward as input into the next stage of development.

A Mapua character/vision

- waterfront in context of rest of the area

B Commercial/retail

- possibilities and character

C Creative activities

- performance & other

D Water activities

- wharf/ boating

E Social & leisure activities

- including for children

F Ecological structure

- values of area and function of park

G Other Comments

Mapua & Districts Soccer Club



Thank you all for registering on (or around) our registration day and special thanks to Gill and Debbie for manning (or womaning) the registration desk at Mapua School. We currently have approximately **115 players** with a few stragglers still to come. If you have fees outstanding please could you pay these. The clubs main costs occur at the start of the season with competition fees and equipment purchases so we need the fees to get things started.

By time of print the Senior Men's will have played their first game and shaken (or scraped) off the summer tans. This year the Senior Men's are playing in the 3rd division. The divisions will get readjusted half way through the season. If the Senior Men's continue the performance from last year a move up is quite likely. The **Apricus** Mapua Women's Team will also be about to kick off (first game 13 April). The team is looking stronger, fitter, more skilled, and more determined to get off to a good start. Go Girls.

The Junior Competition starts on the 10 May, however preseason practice will start shortly so you should be out kicking a ball around to recapture the skills of last year. The club has a number of new players and supporters including Doug Smith. Doug and a number of lads and lasses from the Upper Moutere Club have joined us as between the two clubs we can field a fairly strong 12th grade team. Doug is an experienced coach and will be putting the team through their paces. A big welcome to Doug and all new players and supporters.

Finally following the success of last year's show the club is holding another show in April. The Playhouse Detox Fashion Show on the 12 April will be a great event. This time we have been kindly offered the use of The Playhouse so there is a limitation on seating. Tickets are \$35 per person and available from the Mapua Pharmacy, The Play House, Bridget Wild, Shelley Williams, or Sian Potts. Get in quick for this interesting and fun event.

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“ICE,” or, In case of Emergency

(This article is reprinted from Paramedics, USA)

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know whom to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) campaign.

The concept of ICE is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergencies. As cellphones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name ICE (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

Please tell your friends and relatives about this idea and persuade them to enter their 'ICE' in their mobile phone address book.

Easter 2008

A once in a lifetime experience!

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Here's the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Sam's Spam

April 2008

I might call myself Sam Spam for this column but really “spam,” ie, junk, un-requested emails, is no joking matter. Even worse is “Scam Spam” that tries to get money out of the recipients. Never reply to emails like these for any reason – once you do, they will know your email address is ‘live’ and you will get many more.

I thought I would give you some more information on ones doing the rounds:

‘Nigerian’ scams and other similar ones tell you the person has several million dollars they want you to help them get from an unclaimed bank account. These have been around for a while but do come out in many variations of the same theme. If it sounds too good to be true then it probably is!

Other ones that are more “believable” are those claiming to be from various NZ banks, Trade Me, Paypal, etc and work on the assumption you will probably be a customer of one of them. The emails have realistic company logos, plausible sounding email addresses and links to (what looks like) the authentic website. They are supposedly telling you about some breach of your security or some problem with a transaction and that you need to reply to them by clicking on the link. DO NOT reply to them, and above all NEVER give them any information about your bank accounts or passwords as they may then be able to access your account.

Last but not least, a really sinister “hit man scam” has now appeared in New Zealand. The police are warning people to ignore these emails

– they have already been sent to thousands of email addresses in the USA and Australia. The email scam threatens to kill the recipient unless they gave in to demands and pay thousands of dollars. It suggests a “friend” wants the recipient dead and has hired the writer to kill the recipient. If the recipient makes contact and pays the writer, then the “contract” will be postponed or cancelled. The recipients are told not to contact the police or tell anyone for if they do, then the writer will “extend” the threat to the recipient’s family.

There are various versions of the scam email demanding from \$1000 to more than \$100,000. Again, DO NOT reply to them, and certainly DO NOT send them any money.

Free download of the month

As I have been talking about Spam, this month’s download is a free Spam filter. BullGuard Spamfilter plugs into Outlook, Outlook Express and Mozilla Thunderbird to filter spam quite effectively and without much effort on your part. However, you may need to white-list (opposite of blacklist) known senders to keep their emails from being blocked (friends and family etc.) www.bullguard.com

That’s all for this month! Remember, I have my Whiz Kid Sam advert in the Noticeboard section of *Coastal News* for anyone out there needing help with computers, designing websites, setting up DVD players etc (540-2804). Average job price only \$15. Bye for now!

Sustainable Living Mapua Health Centre

Counting the cost of petrol

With petrol prices soaring (is that an understatement?) in the last year it's not just the environment feeling the pinch from our addiction to fossil fuels. While the increased petrol prices can only be a good thing for our embattled climate, they are hardly good for our wallets. So what can you do to cut your fuel usage and save a few dollars?

1) Don't drive at all!

Yep, you could walk to work, bike to school or just take the bus! Apparently around 80% of car trips are for journeys of less than 2km. The average person can walk that distance in about 20 minutes and bike it in about 5 minutes.

2) Drive less

Plan your time and your car trips so you can get the most amount done with the minimum possible driving

3) Carpool.

The Nelson City Council has a website www.clickcarpool.co.nz to help coordinate people in the whole district who want to carpool. You simply join up and then you can contact people who are offering rides or list a ride that you can offer.

4) Drive smarter

The government has a fantastic website, www.fuelsaver.govt.nz, on which you can take a quiz to see how eco-friendly and wallet-friendly your driving habits are. It's amazing what influence your tyre pressure, air-conditioning and roof racks can have. Did you know that simply by dropping your speed from 110kmh to 100kmh can reduce your fuel bill by 13%?

5) Buy a new car

OK, we're not all going to rush out and buy a new car tomorrow, but a significant number of people will buy a new car this year. Again, check out www.fuelsaver.govt.nz for fuel economy comparisons for cars born since 2005. Interestingly sales of SUVs have dropped significantly this year!

6) Innovate

Yes, we are finally catching up with the rest of the world, one day these ideas will reach Nelson, when they do, support them. Check out these websites Cityhop, only in Auckland at this stage but you can now car share. You simply hire a car from certain spots in the CBD for the time you need it, www.cityhop.co.nz In Auckland, Wellington and little old Matakana you can catch a green cab, www.greencabs.co.nz, www.matakabs.co.nz

7) Educate

Educate yourself; there are lots more resources on the internet but this is my favourite, the Petrolius habit www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLPaVsB8DgA

Dr Tim Ewer will be attending a hyperbaric medicine course at the Prince of Wales hospital in Sydney during the first 2 weeks of this month. Elizabeth Wood, Sally Harris and Richard Thomas will be covering his clinic times.

We are coming up to Autumn and the likelihood of various viruses starting to creep in and test our immune systems. The cold viruses tend to cause a runny nose, head congestion, cough and general feeling of being under the weather. A full blown influenza attack is a much more severe illness with some of the 'cold' features plus generalised aches, temperature and sweats, often a severe headache and feeling very unwell. This can be quite difficult to diagnose as it shares some of the symptoms of meningitis and therefore it is important to seek medical help if you are at all unsure.

This year's flu vaccines are now available. If you would like more information about the vaccine or to book an appointment for immunisation please contact the practice nurse on 540 2211. Patients who have had immunisation in previous years will be contacted by the practice nurses about appointment times.

A reminder that we have set up a 'Prescription' email address site – prescription@mapuahealth.com to give another way to get hold of repeat prescriptions. You simply need to send an email and you will receive a return email with instructions about the details we need to organise your prescription. Its as simple as that.

This months health events include:

- April 4-6 Red Puppy Appeal (guide-dogs for the blind)
- April 7 World Health Day - protecting health from climate change
- April 11 Parkinson's' Disease Day
- April 25 Anzac Day
- April 30 Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

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PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The club's AGM was held on Friday 6 March. The guest speaker was Motueka's Salvation Army Chaplin, Matt Beech, a community minister coordinator, representing two denominations as an ordained Anglican priest for over 30 years, and now into his third year with the Salvation Army in Motueka. In 1984 he was Anglican priest in Tapawera when there was a major downturn in the New Zealand economy. The Forestry Department closed down, with many redundant staff having to move away from the village. Matt was able to set up a food bank to support many of the local residents.

Today the Motueka Salvation Army runs a second-hand shop at Greenwood Street. Matt runs a food bank from an office behind the shop with a volunteer staff of 14 that work from the office three days a week. Gifts to the foodbank include personal donations of food or money left at the supermarkets, also food from local bakeries. Using donated money, Matt will shop once a week at the supermarkets to stock up the foodbank. Besides food, beneficiaries can also be supported with donated clothing and furniture accessible from Nelson. Other beneficiary support that Matt can help with are legal matters at the courthouse, or to refer them to the budget advisory service. Support is also available when dealing with the Work and Income Department.

Most of the food at the foodbank has a reasonable shelf life, such as tinned food, fruit, bread, cakes. Frozen

foods and eggs are not practical to store. They also have books and magazines on cooking recipes.

The club's mini speaker was Audrey Kitto's sister, Doreen Blundell, who lives in Auckland and spent some time with Audrey and Ray to promote her book, "The Amazing Apple," at the Taste Tasman fair. Doreen was brought up in the district and her parents were orchardists. Over several years she was able to research the history and development of many varieties of apples. Her book shows a variety of historical photos that related to the apple industry. The book also has a chapter on various apple recipes and several humorous stories.

On completion of an enjoyable afternoon tea, the 2008 AGM proceeded with Athol Churchman standing in for the president, Margaret Butchart. Thelma Matheson read out the minutes of the 2007 AGM. Athol then read out the president's report and Glenys Forbes read the treasurer's report. The incoming president, Laurie Metcalf, was initiated by Athol.

Officers elected were: President, Laurie Metcalf; vice-president, Rosalie Waterreus; treasurer, Peter Butchart; secretary, Margaret Butchart; newsletter, Audrey Kitto; almoner, Margaret Churchman, auditor, John Sharman, social convenor, Ray Kitto; Graeme Mathieson; speakers convenor, Peter Butchart

David Higgs

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Mapua drought was broken on the 10 February. It was good for the gardens, but badly timed for the club's open triples competition. The Brabant Triples, sponsored by Wilma Van Beek, had a delayed start to 10.30am. Several club members were down at the green sweeping off the excess rain water at about 7.30am.

Vice-president Arnie Ahnfeldt welcomed the 42 bowlers and advised that the day's competition would be reduced to 3 games of 10 ends. By the time most teams had played 5 ends the rain returned. On completion of the first game the majority of the green was under water and the rest of the day's bowling had to be cancelled. The final result on the only game was: 1st the Mapua team of Frank & Joan Gibbison and John Trotter with 9 ends and 17 pts. 2nd the Richmond team of Herman Van Roosen, Cath Graham and Cliff Walker with 9 ends and 15 pts. 3rd the Ngatimoti team of Nancy Benseman, Marie Batt and Madaline Rogers with 7 ends and 14 pts. The lucky draw team went to Les Tregoning, Vickie Sixtus and David Higgs. It was an interesting two hours bowling with water spinning off the bowls. One member suggested it could be the beginning of a new sport, "aquabowls"

The Pat Day triples was held on Sunday 2 March. It was an early start for the greenkeepers, who were sweeping off excess water on the green at 7am to enable the tournament to start at 9am. There was good team representation including a team from Murchison. The day's bowling consisted of 4 games of 10 ends. The results were: 1st Mat Thwates, Don Quayle and Don Bass with 4 games, 24 ends, and 56pts from Motueka. 2nd Frank Gibbison, John Trotter and Dick Heathman with 4 games, 23 ends and 56 pts from Mapua. 3rd Don Wadsworth, Larry Sutherland and Charlie Quintal, with 3 games, 27 ends, and 61 pts from Richmond.

Arnie Ahnfeldt introduced the club patron, Murray Welsh, who presented the prizes. The tournament and the prizes were sponsored by Marsden House Funeral Services.

Thursday the 6 March the club hosted the Swiss Bakery open women's triples. The weather was cold and overcast for most of the day. The tournament was able to start on time at 9am. The day's bowling consisted of 4 games of 10 ends. A local men's team was invited to play to complete the 18 teams. The results were: 1st Nora Harvey, Helen Moesley and Kath Newths with 4 wins, 23 ends and 56 pts from Stoke. 2nd Rosalie Waterreus, Bev Hunt and Beril Cameron with 3 wins, 1 draw, 22 ends and 50pts from Riwaka.

Team co-ordinator Sylvia Peter gave out the prizes, with the lucky prize going to the team of Joy Scott, Marie Batt and Nancy Benseman. Thanks also went to Frank Gibbison for kitchen duties, and thanks to the men's triples team for standing in.

The league bowls finished on the 10 March with 10 teams of triples giving a very pleasant evening of bowls. The results were: 1st Mapua Tavern, 2nd Silver Bullets, and 3rd FWG. Vicky and Don Sixtus would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the League bowls: Touch of the Sea Gift Shop at the Mapua wharf, Video Ezey, Mapua Tavern, Hamish's Ice Cream Parlour & Café, Coastal Real Estate Mapua, Mapua 4 Square, Graham Originals Mapua, and the Naked Bun, Mapua.

We enjoyed running the league bowls, and look forward to seeing you all again next season with even more bowlers. The league bowlers are always welcome to join in on club days, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays starting at 1pm. We wish the bowlers all best for the coming winter months.

Sunday the 16 March the club held its annual social bowling afternoon with players from the Moutere Inn Hotel, League bowls, and club members. There were 36 bowlers using 6 rinks. It was a fun event substituting the conventional kitty for blue balloons that were pegged to the green. The afternoon bowling was of 3 games of triples ending up with a BBQ tea. It was an enjoyable social afternoon played in ideal conditions.

David Higgs

Police Update

Hi all. The fruit season is in full swing and last month HI had hoped that the number of traffic crashes and drink drivers wouldn't go up, but unfortunately they have; regular accidents most during the day and drink drivers at night. So be extra careful out there.

There was a recent burglary at Kina Beach during the day that we think may be connected to a male that we caught for stealing a purse from a car parked at the Mapua School during the afternoon. Just an opportunist that made the most of someone leaving their window down and handbag on view—even if for “only a minute”.

On 19 March a 15-year-old youth was arrested for damaging property on Iwa Street. He is from the North Island and lives in the village and hopefully he won't create problems, but watch this space.

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

Occurrences:

Feb 22: Domestic at Stafford Drive

Feb 22: Slide damaged at Mapua Playcentre Aranui Domain

Feb 29: Theft from vehicle at Mapua School. Offender arrested.

Feb 29: Domestic argument at hotel

Mar 8-9: Several mailboxes damaged on Iwa Street overnight

Mar 8-9: Shop sign damaged at Mapua Wharf

Feb 9: Van window smashed cnr Iwa Street and Aranui Road

Mar 19: 15-year-old youth arrested for damage on Iwa Street

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Feb-Mar call-outs

Feb 16: Hedge fire off SH60 near Maiseys Rd. Teenagers playing with petrol bomb

Feb 22: Bonfire on beach behind Mapua School

Feb 25: Controlled fire at Senior's farm, no action taken

Mar 3: Vegetation fire Permin Rd, out of control, put out

Mar 8: Tanker to Wairoa Valley, out-of-control burn

Mar 8: Bonfires at McKee Domain, put out

Mar 15: Bonfires at McKee Domain, out on arrival

Safety Tip – outside fires by permit only – permits free. Rural Fire network, Ph 544-2441



PANZ Exhibition a Success

The “Top of the South” pastel art exhibition held in the Mapua Hall on 22, 23 and 24 February, received rave reviews from those who attended and viewed the paintings presented. A big thanks to all those people who attended, bought paintings and/or raffle tickets and voted for the “People's Choice Prize”. You made all our hard work worth while.

The People's Choice Prize—kindly donated by “Impressions” of Richmond—was won by Vicky Jackson of Blenheim, with her painting “Banded Dotteril. The raffle for \$100 towards the painting of choice, drawn on opening night, was Kari Hodges. The hamper raffle was won by Francis Neumann of Motueka

The next event on the calendar is the National Convention and Art Awards, which is being held in Stratford this year. Six of our group members will be attending and we look forward to learning and sharing new ideas, meeting like-minded people with the same love of using pastel as a painting medium, and old friends.

Don't forget to come and visit us on a Tuesday morning between 9am and noon at the Mapua Hall. We have a busy year ahead of us.

Glenys Forbes

Hills Community Church

A Day to Remember

Years ago I started the practice of writing down important dates on the family calendar at the beginning of each year—birthdays, anniversaries, scheduled holidays, etc, with the hope that by having these dates marked on the calendar I wouldn't forget to send off the appropriate greeting card to friends and family—most of whom lived a great distance from us.

I kept this calendar in a prominent location—by the telephone. I looked at it almost daily. I would see a birthday coming up and think, “Oh, yes, I must remember to send a card next week.” Then I'd look

again, “Oh, yes, I must remember to send a card tomorrow.” Then finally, “Hmm, I didn't get that card sent last week—better send a belated one.” You get the drift. There's a huge difference between a reminder to do something and actually remembering to do it.

On those calendars were also dates of national or social significance: New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Labour Day and so on. These too were important to remember because they meant long holiday weekends or sending (or getting) a bouquet of flowers or box of chocolates.

Since moving to New Zealand I've learned a whole new set of important dates and have discovered that some days are not universally recognized or celebrated on the same date. In the US Father's Day is the second Sunday in June whereas here in New Zealand it's the first Sunday in September. July 4 and Thanksgiving Day were a big deal in the US but certainly of no significance here. The Queen's birthday hardly gets a mention in the States but here it does, though I still find it odd that it's celebrated in June when her actual birthday is 21 April—something she and I share in common.

Most of these days on our calendar are celebratory but some are commemorative like ANZAC Day. However, over time these commemorative days can lose their impact. When the horrible reality of war is not on our doorstep, the memory of battles fought begin to dim in our collective memory and it is easy to overlook these days or simply regard them as an opportunity for a day off from our routine and labour.

So, I'm glad we will have a service in Mapua at 11am at the RSA Memorial this coming ANZAC Day, 25 April, to remember those dark days of war and to recall the lives which were sadly sacrificed in battle. It is important we still gather on such occasions to show our respect and appreciation for what others have done for home and country—lest we forget.

Peace in the name of Christ,

Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)

TEAM QUIZ NIGHT

FUND-RAISER for Hills Community Church building

7.30pm Friday 16 May at Mapua Hall

Organisations and Groups can make up a team of six members

Entry fee \$36 per team

This promises to be a fun evening

First prize—\$100 cash

Lucky draws & raffles

Tea & Coffee provided

Entries to be left at Mapua Pharmacy by 12 May please in an envelope with team leader's name and phone number

For further inquiries phone:

Pamelene Cuttle 540-2466

Helen Bibby 540-3830

Mahana School



MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

March has been another happening month at Mahana School. We have just appointed a new middle room teacher, Carolyn Scorrer, to replace our much-loved teacher Megan Godfrey, who leaves us at the end of the term. Jane Bosecke, who is teaching in the senior room, will continue on in term two.

Parent-teacher conferences were held recently and provided a great opportunity for parents to get up to speed with how their children are doing, and to set new goals.

The whole school visited the Staying Alive Expo at the A&P show grounds in Richmond and came home brimming with useful safety tips! Many returned at the weekend to watch the fire brigade burn the house.

An autumn clean-up of the school grounds was undertaken by PD workers and gave the school a much needed spruce-up.

The middle room have started a weekly Water Safety Challenge at the Aquatic Centre in Richmond. Judging by the excitement and chatter after their first session recently it is clear they are going to have a great time. The Mahana School pool has cooled significantly and will soon close for the winter – it has been much used over the summer months – thanks go to Jill Kennedy and her band of volunteers for taking care of the technical aspects so that the pool could be enjoyed by children and their families outside of school hours.

On a sad note, the middle room at Mahana School was burgled on the night of 17 March. If anyone offers a digital camera or Mac PC on the cheap, or skites about their illicit activities, please contact the police. Many of the children lost work and photographs that were saved on the PC. Cowardly and selfish are words that spring to mind. On the positive side, the children got a buzz out of watching the police conduct their investigation and fingerprint the classroom. The police had to answer some pretty tricky questions from middle-roomers.

Rural schools are easy targets for thieves, and it is a shame to have to put funds that could be used to purchase learning resources into security. Please don't hesitate to call the police or a board of trustees' member if you see anything suspicious after hours in or around any of the local schools.

We look forward to another busy month (have we ever had a quiet one?) in April. If you or someone you know is moving to the Mahana area give Jenny a call in the office ph 543-2887 to organise a visit, or to mail out enrolment information.

Jacqueline Brown, Mahana School Board of Trustees

It's been a busy month at Mapua Playcentre, getting to know all of our very welcome new members - kids, babies, Mums, Dads and Grandparents! In fact we have become so busy that starting in Term 2 we will be opening a Tuesday Playcentre session, in addition to Mondays and Fridays.

This month's activities included a rather glamorous fancy dress parade, preparations for the Easter Fair, and you may have seen our littlies engaged in a BIG PARK CLEAN UP when we all took a turn around the domain in order to clear the park of litter. There were people diving behind park benches for pie packets, others fearlessly tackling wayward wrappers, arms and legs extending from various bushes.....you would have been proud of Mapua's youngest generation! Then it was back to basecamp for more painting, hammering and sawing...there's never a dull moment at Playcentre.

We hope you had a Happy Easter, safe holidays, and if you have a baby, toddler or pre-schooler that needs to GET MESSY!!, we'd like to invite you to come and spend some time with us at Mapua Playcentre!

Remainder of Term 1 - Monday and Friday 9.30am - 12 noon. Term 2 - Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9.30am - 12 noon.

MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545

The big news this month is that we have received another grant from the Canterbury Community Trust for purchasing new books for 2008. The money will be spent on replacing and replenishing children's picture books, children's fiction and general adult books. This is the third year we have received funding from the Canterbury Community Trust, and their generosity and support has allowed us to keep up the high standard of book stock that we are becoming known for in the community.



Last year we bought more than 15 Large Print books with a grant we received from the Springhill Charitable Trust/Frimley Foundation. It's great to have these new books available for our avid Large Print readers. The Richmond Public Library provides a further boost to our Large Print collection. We are fortunate to have available in the Mapua Community Library Large Print books as they come off the Richmond Library's rental system. This works out at 15 to 20 books coming to us per month that are just two years old and we will have them for about six months before they go back into the Tasman District Libraries circulation system.

Our book hamper raffles at Taste Tasman in March proved very popular and we raised \$180 which will be used to cover administration costs. A big thank you to the community for your support, and thanks to Page and Blackmore for supporting the raffle by donating books. The lucky winners were Tony Pearson and Shirley Lunn. Our volunteers took the opportunity on the day to promote our library to the wider Tasman community, so there was a double benefit gained.

Here is a list of the magazines the library subscribes to that may be borrowed: NZ Net Guide, NZ PC World, Top Gear, Wild Tomato, NZ Geographic, Taste, The Shed, NZ Art News, NZ Wilderness, Urbis. The magazines will be held on the "recent arrivals" shelf for a month before becoming available for borrowing. Come in, put your feet up and have a read!

April exhibitor: Barbara Ingram Monk – photographic exhibition on Belgian war graves.

Sarah McLeod

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 2pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 5pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 10am – 12.30pm

Mapua Hall feasibility study

As readers of the *Coastal News* will be aware a feasibility study to identify the needs and wants of the Mapua-Ruby Bay community in relation to the Mapua Hall is being conducted on behalf of the Mapua Hall Society Inc.

For those of you who have asked, this is a legitimate study and is paid for by funds granted specifically for this purpose by a major funder.

If you are part of a group for which a survey form is being completed, you are still able to forward an individual reply and you are requested to do that.

The Hall Committee wishes to get as wide a range of feedback as possible so that individuals and groups within the community can have their opinions and desires considered when the document for public discussion is prepared. We know that the hall needs some major improvements and we are addressing this issue, but we also need to hear first-hand what your thoughts are.

Areas such as the kitchen and the toilets are at the top of the list, but obviously, once we start on those, other things will crop up and will need to be considered.

These include some form of interaction with Domain users such as the possibility of changing rooms and toilets, maybe sports clubrooms – the list is endless, but unless we get your input, we will not know what you want.

Any development will have to be tempered by the dollars available, but these are issues have yet to be worked through.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything you might like to discuss about the Mapua Hall – it is there for the use of the community – that is you and me. Alternatively you may wish to contact Judene Edgar on 021 541 1927 to discuss the feasibility study. A copy of the survey form for individual responses is printed in this copy of the *Coastal News*.

At the last meeting of the Hall Society the chairman, David Murray, resigned. I wish to thank Dave for the work he did throughout the year and wish him well for the future.

John Sharman, chairman. Phone 540-3642

Motoring with Mapua Auto

The Importance of Anti-Freeze in your vehicles cooling system!

Do you know whether the anti-freeze in your vehicle is in good condition? Do you understand the importance of keeping anti-freeze at an optimum level?

Or do you simply think because you keep your vehicle in a garage there is no need for anti-freeze?

Some people think like this, and unfortunately this way of thinking eventually leads to very expensive damage occurring.

So... Why use Anti-freeze in you vehicles cooling system?

It is the glycol and inhibitors within most anti-freezes which enable the following five protection tasks to take place.

- **Anti-freeze** – lowers the freezing point, which is necessary during the winter months.
- **Anti-boil** – raises the boiling point, which is necessary during summer.
- **Inhibitor** – prevents rust build up, mineral deposits, cavitation erosion, electrolysis and pitting.
- **Stabilises pH level to Neutral** – when the pH balance is out, corrosion sets in eating away cooling system components e.g. soldered joints, radiator, water canals, pipes etc. This corrosion also results in more metal particles floating within the coolant, increasing the risk of blockages.
- **Lubricate** – Lubricates the thermostat, water pump, seal and heater controls.

Therefore, without anti-freeze your vehicle will have a cooling system failure. It will not be a matter of if, it is more a matter of when. The worst case scenario could mean your vehicles engine will overheat to a point where the resulting damage could mean repairs are so expensive it is not economic to repair.

We recommend the following cooling system maintenance program.

- Have your anti-freeze glycol/inhibitor levels checked regularly by an Automotive Workshop who have the specialized testing equipment.
- If you have to top up your radiator with water, make sure you have the coolant levels checked by an Automotive Workshop who have the specialized testing equipment as soon as possible.
- At least once a year get the anti-freeze within your vehicles cooling system completely flushed and replaced, rather than just having it drained and topped up. Flushing, thoroughly cleans the entire cooling system by pushing all the old coolant out, by forcing new coolant in. This can only be done using specialized equipment.

Buyer Beware!!!! Not all anti-freeze products are equal. If you are buying anti-freeze off the shelf, take care to read the label thoroughly to ensure all five protective properties are being catered for.

**The staff at Mapua Auto Centre
Wish you Happy, Safe Motoring**

Letters to the Editor...



By-Pass up-date

The information from Andrew Adams, the by-pass project engineer, is much the same as last month's. Further progress along the tedious procedures leading to the eventual award of a construction contract late this year which will complete the final link of the "Coastal Highway Project" which began over 20 years ago.

The project's design details are now finalised as are the funding details. The final draft plans have been submitted to Transit NZ and to the TDC. Final services re-location agreements (power, phone etc.) are being negotiated. Arrangements with local Iwi are under way. Final cost estimates have been made and applications being made for funding with the Transit NZ Board in Wellington. In short: The Ruby Bay By-Pass Project is on schedule as projected in December 2006. This is very good news indeed.

I am repeating below a portion of my by-pass letter that appeared in the March *Coastal News*. Please read this again and do consider making contact with those persons listed. I cannot emphasise strongly enough the importance of individuals making these contacts with our local and central government politicians. Their input may well make the difference. It's politics and money, politics and money every time. So, I repeat:

In regard to funding, it is well to remember where it is coming from. In transport terms, we are a part of Transit NZ's Region 10, which consists of the Tasman District, the Marlborough District and Nelson City. Transport funds are created by a 5 cent per litre tax on all petrol sold in New Zealand. As of 2006, the Region 10 share of this tax was about \$74 million. These three

regional transport authorities have agreed to split this money three ways. The Tasman share is about \$24.5 million and is to be applied to the by-pass funding. In 2006 \$24.5 million was probably enough to fund the project. It is now 2008. Construction costs have risen and are still rising. Is \$24.5 going to fund the project in today's terms? Transport NZ administers the roading funds and will have to make the final decision.

The central government has made a commitment of over \$900 million to fund current roading projects. The government administers the petrol tax. Think about it. The Ruby Bay by-pass was a part of that commitment. If you want the by-pass to become a reality, we must make sure that Transport NZ has enough of that petrol tax to fund it. Public support will materially help that to happen. So, please indicate your support by contacting our elected representatives—Cr Trevor Norriss (526-2526) or email Trevor.Norriss@xtra.co.nz; Annette King, Minister of Transport at aking@ministers.govt.nz; our MP, Damien O'Connor at doconnor@ministers.govt.nz; and our list MP at chris.auchinvole@parliament.co.nz. Remind these people of the government's commitment and that you expect it to be honoured and actioned. The Transit NZ Board meets on 2 of April and the Transport NZ Board meets in early May. Decisions critical to the progress of the by-pass will be made at these meetings

Thank you for reading the above two paragraphs again. Please, let's all do our part to help move this project to a point where a construction contract is awarded and we do have an actual "START DATE".

Hugh Gordon

Noticeboard

Mapua Boat Club Clubrooms re-opening. The Mapua community is cordially invited to the Re-opening Celebration, Saturday 5 April 2.30pm on the wharf.

Manuka Firewood: Dry, can deliver 1-3 cords with a generous discount of \$50 on three cords. Ph 5403575

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Women's Move'n'Groove Dance Classes resume Monday 28 April, Mapua Hall, 11am-midday. Short, lowimpact, funky, latin routines with a touch of Pacifica. Increase your mind/body coordination, balance, memory, flexibility, poise & grace while having fun. Contact: DanceMoves, Catherine Callaghan, 548 8046, 027 323 2098, learn@dancemoves.co.nz for enquiries and to enroll.

Probus Club meets first Fridays 1.30pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to 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 540-3388.

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

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

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group. This year our meetings will be 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays, bimonthly on the following dates: April 12; June 14; Aug 9; Oct 11; and Dec 13. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686

Cancer Society Umbrella Scheme: If you are having a function or event and would like extra shade, please contact me to use the Cancer Society Sun Smart umbrellas - Sue 5402 090. Don't forget to: Slip into a shirt and shade; Slop on sunscreen; Slap on a hat; Wrap on sunnies.

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

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

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

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

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