

Coastal News

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Cycle trail cutback will hurt Mapua

A Tasman District Council decision to stop funding for the planned Nelson “Great Ride” cycle trail will be a major blow for Mapua-Ruby Bay and our district. The decision is contained in the TDC’s draft 10-year plan, which is open for submissions.

If carried through, it would mean completion of only two minor parts of the 175km Great Taste Tasman trail—from Richmond to Mapua and Richmond to Wakefield. This would amount to 44km of trail, only a quarter of the distance planned.

The fact that the two relatively short trail sections are not connected and that the trail would not include the disused Spooner rail tunnel as planned would combine to destroy much of the attraction of the planned trail..

Almost certainly it will mean that the sections of the trail will not be marketed as one of the country’s 18 Great Ride Trails. Some of the Great Ride trails in places like Taranaki, Hamilton and Hawkes Bay are already up and operating and generating visitors and business for communities on the routes.

The decision would be a setback for Mapua’s efforts to reinvent itself as a tourist destination to counter the decline of orcharding in the area, and the loss of some visitors because of the by-pass.

The Mapua community has embraced the idea of the Great Taste Trail and worked hard to make it a success. This was evident when a supportive crowd gathered at the wharf last October to see Olympic champion Sarah Ulmer launch the new ferry service. Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne was there to speak for the council and if he had any doubts about the trail’s future, he did not voice them then.

He told the crowd that the trail would be “a great drawcard for the Nelson-Tasman Region and a great asset for us all”. Since that day, support for the trail has been evident in the numbers of residents and visitors supporting the new ferry service and the trail through Rabbit Island.

The council’s decision particularly threatens the new Mapua-Rabbit Island ferry service. The 12-metre Flat-

bottomed Fairy provides quick and efficient transport for residents, visitors and their bikes. It was designed and built locally, drew on local expertise and is the sort of outstanding local initiative that the trails programme was designed to encourage.

Other impacts of the decision would be:

- Two cycle-walkway underpasses incorporated into what is now Te Mamaku Drive would be wasted assets. The underpasses, at Dominion Road and Chaytor Road, are understood to have cost about \$1m each.

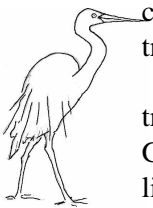
- Businesses in the area which have geared up for an influx of cycle tourists would suffer. These include new cycle hire businesses already in operation and some accommodation businesses aiming to cater for cycle-tourists.

- It would be a big disappointment for the pupils of Mapua School. They have worked hard over the past three years to create an attractive cycleway route through part of the village. Their Tâne’s Ark project features native trees of the Moutere area and is designed to be of special interest for visitors. The route through Aranui Park would also serve as a safe and attractive cycle and walking route between western Mapua and the school area.

- Efforts locally to create a Mapua and District network of cycleways that would serve our communities and visiting tourists would be partly wasted. Already the Tasman community has completed a cycle route linking Mapua and Tasman. Also a private land owner has offered to build a 13km public trail through his property that could link the main tourist trail to the Moutere Highway area, with potential destinations in Upper Moutere and Neudorf.

About \$3m has so far been spent on the great Taste Tasman Trail, and the estimated total cost is about \$7m. While that sounds an expensive project, an analysis of returns concluded that the completed trail could return up to \$30m a year in new business for the Nelson-Tasman region.

The Tasman District Council has so far paid about \$1m for the project. The bulk of the funding for stage



one of the Great Taste Trail came from the government's Great Rides programme, a subsidy of \$2.14m.

One of the significant benefits of the Great Rides cycle trails is the project is supported and co-ordinated by the government. The trails are of a uniform standard and they are being marketed internationally under the brand Nga Haerenga (the journeys).

Unless the Tasman District Council can be persuaded to reverse its decision, Nelson seems likely to lose the benefits of one of these trails in our province. Submissions to the TDC's 10-year plan could help to persuade them to save the Great Taste trail. Submissions close only shortly after publication of this *Coastal News* edition, on Tuesday April 3. Forms for online submissions are available from the TDC website.

David Mitchell

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

League bowls takes place on Monday evenings and there has been some wonderful bowling this season with all eight rinks filled on most nights. Sadly it is now over until the end of October when we hope to be able to start the sessions yet again.

Without Don and Vickie Sixtus League Bowls at Mapua would not happen. They deserve a very big thank you. They have been ably supported by a small team of helpers and in particular, Colin Pryke. Well done to all of them.

Our club is also indebted to the sponsors of League Bowls: Rapahoe Hotel, Greymouth; Mapua Smokehouse; Video Ezy, Mapua; Mapua 4 Square; Mapua Trading Company; Wobbly's Bar & Restaurant, Mapua; Le Havre Collections, Mapua.

Even at this late stage in the bowling season we are pleased to welcome three new bowlers to our bowling club and look forward to their progress when we restart in September. If you would like to give bowls a try before the doors shut for winter we would be very happy to see you.

For any information about bowling please contact the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765) or president,

BOOK REVIEWS

A Time To Kill, by John Grisham, reviewed by Terry Smith. Available in the Mapua Community Library.

Having just read a book where the main character got only a few lines before dozens more characters were introduced and getting halfway through it before I could figure out what was happening, it was a relief to read a book where the character is concentrated on for more than a few paragraphs at a time.

John Grisham's *A Time To Kill* is an account of a trial conducted by lawyer Jake Brigance in the southern (fictitious) town of Clanton, Mississippi, the setting for other Grisham books. A 10-year-old black girl is raped and badly beaten by two drunken white racists who are shot and killed by the girl's father—he feared they would have got off if tried by a jury of mainly white jurors. Jake has the job of keeping the girl's father, Carl Lee Hailey, out of the electric chair.

I had promised I would not read another Grisham book after struggling through *The Chamber*, which someone reckoned read as though a word processor had been turned on and just let run. However, *A Time To Kill* has a gripping if cruel story and a constant tension that keeps you reading though all its 500-plus pages of small type in the paperback

version I read. It was Grisham's first book and I am surprised I hadn't read it before. It took him three years to write and it attracted little success at first. In fact it took the publication of his second book, *The Firm*, before his writing career took off and *A Time To Kill* hit the big numbers.

It has been made into a film which altered the ending; that may have been a good thing as I found it a little weak. But as Grisham says in an author's note, "This one came from the heart. It is a first novel, and at times it rambles, but I wouldn't change a word if given the chance."

Three niggles: one was his treatment of his long-suffering inherited secretary, Ethel Twitty, who endured the most unlikely rudeness on the part of her boss, and two, his seeming attraction with the American practice of jury selection. It goes on for pages and is surely of little interest outside of the legal profession, even in the US. A third is his rudeness to some of the legal fraternity. Even in the privacy of chambers it is beyond belief that he would get away with some of the language he uses with colleagues.

Out and About with Hugh

Eccedentia: One who fakes a smile. Oh boy. We could get a lot of mileage out of that word. By saying 'we' I am right away practicing 'Nosism' meaning referring to oneself as 'we'. Hark back to Queen Victoria's "we are not amused." A bit pompous about the use of the first person plural. I could get on dangerous ground here and become a 'wegotist' which is the excessive use of 'we' in writing. One word leads on to another so where does it end? That's easy. Just fall back on 'Loganamnosis'. That's the frustration we feel when we can't remember that word and it stops us from giving our attention to the conversation. Meanwhile the conversation proceeds without us quite "being there" and sure enough someone says to you, "Isn't that so Hugh?"

I went to a friend's birthday party last week. One of the guests approached me and said, "I've been reading your stuff in the *Coastal News*." "Stuff?" I thought to myself. And here I had some idea I was writing (reporting) something meaningful for the paper's readers.

She went on, "Why don't you ever say anything about Ruby Bay?" "What would you suggest?" I innocently asked. "Don't ask me" she replied rather indignantly, you're the journalist."

Well that really stopped me. Journalist? Who? Me? It really got me to thinking. So back to the dictionary. Journalist: "One who writes material for publication in a periodical." OK, I thought, that's what I'm doing with *Out & About*. Writing material for a publication. I decided I would steer clear of 'Journalese' which is the "slick superficial style of writing often held to be the characteristic of newspapers and magazines

Ruby Bay 'Stuff'. Two items. First, a farewell to Keith Darling. Often my nemesis in the Letters to the Editor. He didn't like the Ruby Bay by-pass. However, his interesting and poignant remarks will be missed. He's off on an OE. Second, a farewell to the Sea Spray Store, a Ruby Bay icon. History there going back to the 1920s? Somebody help me out please.

Back to Words: "Eccedentia" and faking a smile; I don't have far to go to pick out a few candidates from the political scene locally, without going nationwide, for examples. Being an eccedentia is the politician's most important tool. Plenty of that around as the amalgamation issue continues to heat up and the postal voting has just begun.

The word is definitely out. Amalgamation is a big and important issue for all of us. The voters in both Nelson and Tasman appear to be waking up to that fact. All voters are ratepayers one way or another.

Postal ballots were in the mail on 30 March. Now comes the hard part, the actual voting. I don't mean the for or against—I mean the voting. That's you, me and all the rest of us. No matter whether you are for or against it, VOTE!

Voting on local issues is at an all time low, way under 50%. Why are we so apathetic and uninterested in our local issues? We had better be interested this time. To not be could cost us dearly. Voting closes on April 21st. Don't wait! Mail your vote!

For my part it isn't about rates, it's about representation. If we amalgamate, the rural ratepayers of the two amalgamated districts are going to suffer from a serious lack of representative governance. The same goes for the small communities like Mapua, Tasman, Wakefield etc. We have three councillors now. Under amalgamation we have only two.

Pump Station: The long delayed and awaited Mapua Sewage Pump Station upgrade is under way and scheduled for completion in June.

Dominion Flats: Last month I said there would be more. Good news. The TDC is purchasing the first block of land. The second is under negotiation with the NZ Transport Agency. Maybe now the original well laid-out plans for this environmental conservation area can be actioned.

Did you know the NZ Transport Agency put an underpass for pedestrians under the Ruby Bay by-pass at Dominion Flats near Mapua Drive? Well, they did and it has been sitting there for the last 16 months unavailable for use. Why? Because the NZ Transport Agency and our TDC couldn't seem to get together over who was going to put in the access walkways. A project unfinished through lack of communication between responsible parties? The NZ Transport Agency, Opus Consultants and TDC, where have you been?

Meanwhile, if you are a pedestrian or a cyclist, crossing the State Highway at Mapua Drive it is a very hazardous manoeuvre. I hear things might be happening soon. Not before time. Thank you Stuart Hodgkiss for your picture and story in the *Nelson Mail* for bringing this neglectful situation to public attention.

Hugh Gordon

Tasman School



March has certainly been the month for action at Tasman School with two school camps and the third highly successful 'Muddy Buddy' event.

Room 3 kicked the month off with fun and challenge during their three-day camp at Quinney's Bush. The students put up and slept in tents, cooked their own dinners, sang around the camp fire in the evening, while spending their days taking on the physical challenges that Quinney's has to offer.

Room 4 was quick to follow suit in heading out to Marahau and the Abel Tasman National Park to face challenges of their own. This involved abseiling, tramping, camping, biscuiting and snorkeling at Tonga Island Marine Reserve. Gorgeous weather, supportive parents, exciting programme and motivated, enthusiastic students meant for a week of fabulous memories and opportunities. Two examples are:

Voices bounce between the buildings. A lone beam of light shines through the bleak darkness. Feet hit the wet, soft, dewy ground. I dive for cover into a bush. The light flickers then switches off. Footsteps resound on the concrete. A shadow looms above me... it

crouches down. Silence. A runner charges through, feet pounding. The light hits him. One word hangs in the air, 'Spotlight'.

Theo Gabites, Room 4

Staring down into the deep blue waters I see the shimmer of the waves as we fly past. Wind sweeps my hair up out of my face as water throttles behind us. I love the feel of the engine's power under me. Like a giant water beast we zoom past islands to come to a silent standstill. My biscuiting trip is over.

Connor Rogers-Hill, Room 4

Sunday 18 March saw a record crowd attend Tasman School for the annual Muddy Buddy fundraiser. People flocked from all corners of our region to join in the mud fest and fun. Many thanks to Jodie and the team of helpers that turned out to make this another highly successful day. Thanks go out also to DOC and Megan Wilson for their support in developing Muddy Buddies as a more environmentally aware and sustainable event.

PANZ

Our annual "Top of the South" pastel art exhibition this year was the best yet with record numbers attending, some coming back more than once.

The exhibition was officially opened by Damien O'Connor, MP for West Coast Tasman, who made a short, entertaining speech.

The night was buzzing right from the start with sales coming in hot and the raffles selling fast. Entries were down a little this year for several reasons, but the quality is improving according to some wonderful feedback from viewers.

Members demonstrated the use of pastel as a painting medium throughout the weekend and this created a lot of interest from visitors. As we had only a short time to get the event set up and looking good, members worked very hard from an early hour on the Friday morning. With such happy and tireless workers, the job was completed by early afternoon and we were all able to go home and have a spell before returning for the opening.

Impressions art supplies and framing of Richmond were again our sponsors for the only prize contested, the "People's Choice" voted by the public. This year's winner was "Ai Sleep" (the tiger cub) by Karen Neal of Blenheim, a runaway result. Thanks to everyone who voted.

Raffles: \$100 towards the painting of choice - Barbara Simpson. Hamper: Draw one - Trevor Rogers, Ngatimoti. Draw two - Helen Atkinson, Tahunanui

A large group of our members have entered works into the annual National Art Awards and registered for the Convention being held at Blenheim at the end of March. This is a prestige event with works coming from all over New Zealand. It is also our 10th anniversary. If you are going to Blenheim from 30 March to 15 April visit the Marlborough Art Gallery in High Street, it will be worth the stop.

Do remember to call in to the Mapua Hall on a Tuesday morning and see what we are doing there. Visitors are always welcome.

Glenys Forbes, 540-3388

Animal Health File

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

No Fleas Please!

I'm sure you have all noticed that the people who make flea products have been flat out advertising lately! That's because the March-April period is the worst time of the year for fleas. This April we are having Flea and Worm month at the clinic to try to increase awareness amongst our clients of the problems that fleas and worm create. Most people will be aware of the basics of the flea problem already so I thought I would give you some pointers on things that are not so commonly known.

While fleas on dogs are usually obvious because they will scratch at an itch, cats often don't scratch, instead they lick. Many cats are what we call "closet lickers" so they may be itchy but you will never see them lick themselves. We often see cats that are losing big patches of hair, usually around their tail base or the back of their hind legs. Their owners swear they have never seen any fleas on them (that's because they lick them off and swallow them when they groom) and they don't see them licking themselves because they like to groom in private, so they are a bit dubious when we tell them these bald patches are caused by fleas. However, after an application of Frontline or Advantage flea control, the hair grows back!

Many people are unaware that dogs and cats can get tapeworms from fleas. So any cat or dog that has a flea problem should be wormed. We always recommend a Drontal pill for killing tapeworms. Many people mistakenly believe (and unfortunately the

advertising is not very clear) that a product called Advocate kills all worms. Advocate kills all worms except tapeworms. In theory if you give your pet a worm tablet and then apply Advocate every month without fail so that they never get fleas then your pet will remain free of tapeworms as well. But, you must start the programme with a worm pill and continue it like clockwork every month.

Many people are unaware of the human health risks of dog and cat worms. The worms that are most likely to spread from pets to humans are roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms. Most of these worms settle in a host's intestines and cause gastrointestinal problems but some can migrate through other parts of the body. Transmission often occurs when a person handles soil or sand that contains aged, contaminated faeces, and there's hand-to-mouth contact. Children are most susceptible to worm infestations because they are more likely to put soiled hands in their mouths or eat before washing.

Good hygiene is the most important thing in reducing transmission of pet's worms to humans but, as we live in such close contact with our pet's these days, worming your pet regularly is also important. We recommend that all adult dogs and cats are wormed every three months. If you have trouble remembering when your pet is due then jump onto our website at www.tasmanbayvets.co.nz. Go to the page called "Do you need a reminder" and you can set up a reminder to come to you via email every three months to remind you to worm your pet.

Police Report

Greetings all. Hope you are all enjoying a mild autumn so far. I have been relieving on the main policing roster for the last month in Motueka as we have a stack of staff on leave catching up from the World Cup Rugby period when police couldn't take any holidays.

There have been a fair amount of rural thefts and burglaries in the wider Motueka area over the last month—we have caught several groups coming out from Nelson to steal.

I am also aware that local Mapua youths are going to the Mapua Domain at night to drink alcohol. We would appreciate a call at the time if anybody who lives nearby sees any of this going on.

Be careful out there—especially with the new road rule changes.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable,
Motueka. Ph 528-1226 (Direct)*

Mapua Occurrences:

Feb 22: Car crashed into parked vehicle on Pomona Rd. Male driver 2.5 times over the legal breath-alcohol limit

Feb 23: Nelson male arrested for theft and unlawfully being on property in Permin Road

Feb 25: Petrol drive-off by a driver of a grey/light blue Toyota Carib from Perrys Autos

Feb 26: Bike crashed into car on Crusader Drive. No injury

Feb 28: Attend to 17-year-old suicidal girl.

Mar 8: Female warned for possession of cannabis, Aranui Road.

Mapua Easter Fair celebrates 30 years

On the 10th of April 1982, members of the Moutre Hills Progressive League, the Mapua Hall Committee and community volunteers welcomed the public to the Mapua Domain for the first annual Mapua Easter Fair.

Baked goods, fresh vegetables, preserves, games of chance, children's activities and a community picnic were on offer. The Mapua Woolgatherers showed off their spinning and weaving talents, the Boomerang Maker had product demonstrations; even the Volunteer Fire Brigade was there to teach fire safety. There were about 30 stalls, entry was free and parking wasn't a problem.

This year, the Mapua Easter Fair will welcome 15,000 to 16,000 visitors who will enjoy entertainment on the Main Stage, Children's activities in the Kids' Corner, food offerings from around the world combined with more than 320 tempting craft, retail and food stalls. There will be raffles, the famous chocolate wheel, games of chance, bouncy castles, water walkers, hip hop artists and more.

Entry is a gold coin donation per person and there is still plenty of parking – just follow the signs.

The Mapua Easter Fair is the major fund-raiser for the Mapua School and Mapua Playcentre. The monies are used to provide smaller class sizes, specialist teachers, improved equipment and facilities, enhanced educational opportunities and resources not provided by the Ministry of Education.

The Easter Fair Trust, Mapua School and Mapua Playcentre wish to thank the many businesses who support us through their donations of product, vouchers and financial support. Also to all the community members who give of their time to volunteer, bake, preserve, set up, clean up and generally lend a hand, we thank you and we couldn't have such a successful day without you!

In each of its 30 years, the Easter Fair has always been a place for Mapua to welcome visitors to enjoy a fun, safe, family day. This year will be no exception! We look forward to seeing you there.

Mapua Easter Fair—Easter Sunday, 8 April 10am – 4pm. Gold coin donation per person No dogs please.

Playcentre

If you have ever thought about coming along and checking out Mapua Playcentre now is a fantastic time and we urge you to open the door to our friendly environment of fun and play, play, play.

The resources that Mapua Playcentre can offer children between 0-6 years and parents are amazing. We are an extremely well-resourced centre; our outside area, building and two sheds are packed full of equipment designed to help children learn through free play. Our outside wooden fort has just had some exciting renovations and is now a favourite for adventures to be had.

We have also just been lucky enough to have had new insulation to our building to keep things extra cosy for the winter months, so a huge thanks to the Batt Man for doing this for our centre.

Our numbers have been increasing as we have been blessed with many great new families over the last few terms and those who have joined and that are new to the area all agree that the Playcentre has been a great

way to meet new families, make great friends and that it is a well equipped facility for children right in the centre of our community.

If you have children between the ages 0-6 years we would love to see you at our centre, please pop in for a look or a play, we are open Monday 9.30 to 12 noon and Friday 9.30 to 12 noon, or call 540-2386 with any enquiries. We are also looking at opening for other sessions in the week so please contact the centre if you are keen to join but the existing times do not suit, as this will give us an indication of what hours we could also be open.

Under 2s are free! Only \$50 per term per family.

Mahana School

It seems like the term just started yesterday and as I write we are already in week 7! Although it has flown by, the first term is going fantastically well. As always, our focus is on learning in a fun and creative environment. Schools our size can deliver special learning experiences that include everyone, and due to our flexible structure and brilliant teachers, our school is buzzing at the moment.

Our whole-school learning theme for the term is 'Heroes.' We decided on this because we really wanted to reinforce our school values. These are:

Respect and Care—treat others how you would like to be treated.

Environment—look after the Earth, it's the only one we've got.

Curiosity—seek and you will find.

Resilience—kiakaha, stay strong, stay positive.

Diversity—everyone together makes life better.

Perseverance—be the little engine that could.

Honesty—do the right thing, even when no-one is looking.

With the students we are talking about who their heroes are, and how these heroes reflect the values that we consider to be important at Mahana School and for life. It is cool to hear the kids talking about heroes that include not only sporting stars and world-famous people, but also family and community members. Our next step is to help the students use these heroic attributes to make changes in their own lives. We think that it is vital for schools to encourage values education.

Our students experienced success in the pool recently, with great results in the Moutere Hills and Motueka Swimming Sports. Our relay team placed fourth in the Motueka event, which is a great result for a school of our size. We love to get out and compete and we make a point of giving our students every opportunity to do so.

We are looking forward to our Mahana School Trolley Derby entry 'Velociraptor' racing in the Nelson Trolley Derby on 17 March. The boys made the trolley themselves completely out of recycled materials

including an old bike, an office chair, and a sack barrow. It has been a popular project and you can check out the trial outside Mahana School at www.facebook.com/MahanaSchool, it is very cool.

For all those parents of pre-schoolers, we are running music sessions in April using the Kindermusikprogramme. You and your child will get to play, sing (no talent required!), dance, and giggle together. Your child will learn and grow through activities that stimulate brain growth, build motor skills, enhance social-emotional development, and much more. Our trained KinderMusik educator, Kath Munn, will guide the class as well as help you understand what your child is learning. If you would like to learn more or are interested in taking part, contact Kath at Serendipity Studio, 543-2941 or ring Justin at Mahana School.

Please remember that families are welcome to visit us any time, or check out our new website at

www.mahana.school.nz, check out our class blogs, or follow us on Facebook. We have an excellent school that is not far away. We have a student-teacher ratio that allows us to put kids learning first. We are a special place. Come and take a look!

Justin Neal, Principal



MAPUA LIBRARY



“**Soar Again**”, the Mapua Literary Festival, organised by the Mapua Community Library, was held on 23-25 March. The Short Story Competition for adults and children attracted authors from all over the country who were asked to write on the theme of “A Mystery in the Library”.

The adult category winner was June Bowen from Blenheim for her story *Seeking Sanctuary*, a story full of suspense with a surprise ending. Other close contenders for this category included the winner of the 2010 Festival Short Story Competition.

Another person from out of town, Bella Goode from Wairarapa, won the Older Children category (age 10-13). The Young Children category (5-9 years) was won by Max Francis of Mapua.

The children’s categories had a high number of entries and it was good to see the participation of local schools in the competition. However, there were only three stories submitted in the Young Adult category (14-18 years) and the judges decided that they were not of sufficient quality to award a prize.

The judges for all categories were Jeanette Cook, Ro Cambridge and Adrienne Taylor, who also judged the 2010 competition.

Adrienne Taylor

The Library Committee gives a heartfelt thank you to this panel for a job well done. Not an easy task!

The results of other competitions are;

Literary Quiz: 1 Colleen Shipley, Blenheim; 2 Justine Thompson, Mapua; 3 Katie Trickett, Wellington;

Limerick: 1 Barbara Mercer, Ruby Bay; 2 Jill Wipou, Motueka; 3 Kendall Spark, age 13, Motueka. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for all the entries.

Our thanks and admiration also go to the organising committee—Sue England, Dot Moriarty, Catherine Butchard and the many volunteers who took responsibility for the many tasks that made the fun programme such a success.

It was such an interesting and diversely talented group of New Zealand authors. They were Joe Bennett, Jenny Patrick, Vanda Symonds, David Young, Melanie Drury, Craig Smith and Anna Crosbie. Thank you

Without our sponsors we could not have “Soared Again.” Our thanks go to; Nelson Pine Industries, Mapua Auto centre, The Apple Shed, NBS, The Mapua Club, Kina Wines (new owners) Take Note (Motueka), Hire Quip, Neudorf Wines, Creative NZ, NZ Book Month and Brackenbrook Wines.

To support the Easter Fair the library will have a book sale in their grounds on the corner of Aranui Road and Toru Street, on Easter Sunday. Do come and browse and buy.

Eileen Dobbie

Library Hours:

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

SEEKING SANCTUARY

*Mapua Literary Festival winning short story
by June Bowen -Blenheim*

My heart was pounding with fear as I frantically searched for a new place to hide. He knew all my usual places under the house, the topmost branches of the cherry tree, and every nook and cranny in the downstairs room. My only hope was to try upstairs, although the thought of being dragged from underneath a bed made me shiver down my spine. I crept up the staircase, silent as a mouse, keeping close to the wall and avoiding stairs that creaked. I knew he had finished searching the garden when I heard his footsteps on the porch. Already I could hear him calling my name as slowly and methodically he picked his way through the laundry and kitchen peering into the most unlikely places. He didn't have to hurry. He would find me, he always did. I was only five years old and small for my age, perhaps I could hide in one of the chest of drawers. No, that was no good, how would I pull it closed after me? He finished his search downstairs and paused at the foot of the staircase, pondering his next move. Hurry, hurry, the thought of the abuse he would inflict upon me yet again lent wings to my feet and, with a quick glance in each room, I scurried along the passage desperately seeking a safe hiding place.

At the last door I stopped in surprise. The library door was never left open but today it was ajar by a few inches. It was forbidden for me to enter the library so naturally I'd always been curious to see it. I would have disobeyed him and risked a look if I could have, but the door handle was too high for me to reach. Without a moment's hesitation, I slipped through the gap and pushed the door shut behind me.

It was pitch dark, the heavy drapes were closed across the windows and it was several seconds before my eyes adjusted to the gloom. Every wall was filled with books from floor to ceiling and the room was filled with the dusty smell of long disuse. In the centre of the plush red and gold axminster stood an enormous oak table, the heavy velvet covering trimmed with gold tassels, reached the floor on all sides. He was in the bedrooms now, his sibilant whispers reached my ears like the hissing of a serpent, 'S-i-s-s-y, S-i-s-s-y, come out come out wherever you are.'

In horror I realized my terrified concealment only fuelled his excitement, to him it was all a sick and fiendish

game. There was no time left. I dived below the table cover and curled up into a ball with my eyes tightly shut. My whole body remained motionless, only my mind stayed active, racing through the reality of my nightmare existence. My mother would never have left me in his care if she had known the torment that would be inflicted on me. I made my decision. I would endure it no longer. No matter what, tomorrow I would leave, run away as far as I could go and hope to find a kind somebody who would take me in.

The footsteps stopped outside the door. My hopes leapt as a thought crossed my mind. As usual the library door was shut, he would never suspect I was in here. I held my breath and waited, hoping to hear his footsteps recede back along the hall.

Finally the handle turned, the door opened slowly, there was a long pause and it closed again. Had he merely looked in and left or was he still in the room with me? I agonized with the suspense. All my senses were tuned to discern his presence. I tried to detect his breathing, his heartbeat, the smell of his perspiration. The long moments were measured only by the ticking of the grandfather clock. At last he spoke.

'Not clever enough Sissy,' he whispered. 'I win again.'

With one deft swoop he reached beneath the table cover and dragged me out by my neck. I howled at the top of my voice and sank my teeth into his wrist.

'Ouch, that's enough Sissy,' he shouted, 'Why do we always have to go through this ridiculous nonsense. I've run the bath water, your shampoo, combs and brushes are ready. Now be a good cat and come and get ready for the show.'

Winning Limerick - Barbara Mercer, Ruby Bay

Jim came from a family of crooks,
But his in-laws were world famous cooks
So with peer pressure mounting
he took up accounting
and compromised - cooking the books.

Hills Community Church

Heard Any Good Jokes Lately?

Here's one I recently found on the Internet:
A man was coming out of church one day and the preacher was standing at the door as he always did to shake hands. The pastor grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside and said: "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." The pastor questioned, "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" The man whispered back, "I'm in the SIS."

During the late middle ages in Bavaria there was a custom in many Catholic churches that was quite unusual. At the end of the Easter church service the priest would leave the altar and come down among the people and lead the congregation in what was called the "Risus Paschalis" which is Latin for "the Easter laughter." The priest would tell funny stories and sing comical songs, and the church would ring with laughter. Of course the point was obvious, the laughter echoing through the church was a tangible testimony to the merriment born out of the tidings of Easter—Jesus Christ alive and loose among us.

Do you get it? It's a thing to ponder: the laughter of God and the laughter of God's people rolling out into the world from doors and windows of churches where the story is told on an Easter day. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Even today in the Greek Orthodox tradition, the Easter Monday is still devoted to telling jokes.

Perhaps we should reclaim this tradition of laughter here in Mapua. This Easter Sunday at 9am, join me down at the Mapua Wharf for a service of celebration and laughter. Let us rejoice together with the ancient words of faith: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

With giggles, Marilyn Loken, Minister Hills Community Church

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24:5

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

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children's programme including crèche 10:30am and morning tea between services. Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. On the 1st Sunday of each month there is one service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

- Palm Sunday 10:30am** Recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and mark the beginning of Holy Week
- Good Friday 7:30pm Holy Communion & Tenebrae Service** Come and remember the last hours of Christ.
- Easter Sunday 9am Worship on the Wharf!** Join us down at the Mapua Wharf for a special, family-friendly Communion Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.

Weekly Calendar:

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

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

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

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

..... and one from your Editor

Wife by text to husband at work: Windows at home frozen. What should I do?

Husband: Spray with de-icer or pour on some hot water.

Wife a few minutes later: Done that. Now computer won't work at all!

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Reliant—A three-wheeler that makes you smile

We were unloading the truck at the Bluff Sheds when around the corner came a little blue car with no front wheels. I braced myself for an emergency dash when a third wheel came into view and I settled down. Phew! You have to be able to steer it. It zipped past in a wobbly, forward motion. Had I just seen a 'Jetsons' look-alike trike motorcycle?

While on holiday in England Murray's wife Mary was fascinated by the Reliant Robins still used in the narrow streets of Yorkshire. Mary's sister was relocating back to New Zealand and Murray asked her to find a good Robin and put it in the container. It arrived in mint condition but during the VTNZ inspection they could not decide whether it was a car or a motorbike. Although it had three wheels it had a steering wheel and hand brake, not handle bars, so was registered as a car. Murray's car has all the original owner's manuals and paperwork.

Murray's is a 1992 Robin LX with only 14,932 miles on the clock and is in near mint condition. The all-fibreglass body is a functional shape with the long nose providing space for your legs as you sit beside the engine and front wheel. The back is box-like but again it is functional as it provides a back seat and space under the hatch for two good lots of groceries. No wasted space; the shape makes this small body useful to its owners.

Under the bonnet is the large snorkel-like heater and hard back against the fire wall is the engine with only the radiator and oil filler on show. The rest is inside beside the driver.

Murray's car has an 850cc Morris Mini engine design that was manufactured by Reliant using an aluminium block with an SU carburettor. It has a four-speed manual gear box, a differential and is on 145x10 tyres with nice original hub caps. The blue body colour has nice contrasting black and red strips along the door sill line to smarten it up. The bonus with this car is its chassis which has been galvanised as the early models were prone to rust because of the salt on the roads. With the Robin LX you get a heated rear window, wiper and washer so things have moved on from when Del Boy had one. Inside is plain but neatly set out. The velour seats are small but comfortable. There is carpet but no wood-grain dash, just grey fibreglass with instrumentation to match a



Mini Minor—heater, fuel, amp, oil pressure and speedo—but do we really need all the bells and whistles? There is plenty of leg room up front but the back seat is a bit tight.

The appeal of the Robin is its looks and ride. Murray took us for a ride which was a new sensation in motoring. As we rolled down the gravel driveway the single front wheel was slipping on the loose stones in the middle, giving the Robin its signature wobbly movement. There is no published information on acceleration so we did our own—0-60mph in 12seconds with three people in the car and that's fair dinkum.

As we drove past Marriages Road on the way to Motueka there are some humps and hollows before Hortons Road. We rounded Marriages Road corner with all of us leaning right saying, "Wooh!" The next corner with the hollow we were leaning left saying "Wooh!" But as we straightened up the front wheel and back wheels were on two different angles, so we got the Robin roll where it suddenly rolled between the front wheel and the left back wheel and that was "Wooh!" It recovers really quickly and I guess it's something you get used to. Murray says it pays not to take it in a strong wind as it can change lanes.

What a great car. Looks distinctive, makes everyone smile and does have the "wooh" factor. If you pick up your new girlfriend in the Robin and she doesn't like it she's not your sort of girl. This car was not designed to go fast, rather to be useful, but it has character. The Robin will always turn more heads than any sports car.

Fred Cassin

Mapua School



At Mapua School our Vision is - "To Be All I Can".
Our Mission is that Mapua School Children will:

- Be responsible community members
- Have high academic success
- Be competent in communication
- Be active
- Be creative, and
- Be effective thinkers

One Friday, the class responsible for the school assembly asked each teacher and group to use their presentation to highlight the successes and actions of students to reinforce each of these objectives.

The opening song was beautifully sung in Te Reo followed by translation. Classes explained the creative process behind artwork, while others again shared their knowledge of Te Reo through presentation of their family history.

As the certificates were awarded, the audience listened as students were acknowledged for their determination, their willingness to try new things, and their encouragement and support of others. Listening skills were as celebrated and as valuable as speaking skills. One young man was honoured for his honesty and individual perspective as well as his courage for his House Leadership speech.

Perseverance was recognized when students grappling with new math concepts and strategies were now successful and enjoying their learning via mathematics. Completion of the reading recovery programme gave not only the tools but also the personal satisfaction to one group of children, hopefully leading to a lifetime of reading for pleasure and enjoyment.

Swimmers who represented the school at the Motueka District Primary Schools' championship not only competed individually, but as a team, showed that having a "can do" attitude not only helps win races but keeps you fit.

Many times vision statements, values and beliefs remain on the page they were written. But here at Mapua School, the children, teachers, staff and parents are embracing them and bringing them to life every day.

One of our school songs, *Couldn't be Done*, written by Tim Finn says it best:

"We had no idea that it couldn't be done and we needed to find a like-minded someone... Who had no idea that it couldn't be done..."

Believing that It Can be Done, Lisa Dunn, Trustee

SWING MAPUA – Aspire Big Band visit - MAPUA HALL FUNDRAISING

THUMBS UP! to all residents and business's involved in helping make 'Swing Mapua' Aspire Big Band weekend such a great success. 'Swing Mapua' raised \$5,589 towards the hall development. Aspire Big Band have asked me to pass on their thanks for the wonderful hospitality they received over the weekend. They had a great time and are itching to return! A further \$738 was also raised for the hall on the Sunday at Keith Darling's Summerfest. The Hall Committee appreciates everyone's involvement and enthusiasm and is grateful for additional donations continuing to be received. Check at the hall for a flyer, highlighting information about the hall development and an account number for donations! If you missed this music weekend and want to know what you missed – google Aspire Big Band and check them out!

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Aspire Big Band for offering to come down from Wellington, for providing fantastic music and entertainment. They paid for ferry crossing for two vehicles and petrol and their lunches.
Mapua Hall Fundraising Committee for supporting the idea of Swing Mapua and helping to make it happen!
Mapua Auto Centre - photocopying / \$ / tickets / flyers / posters
Lino Architecture – V Fay - photocopying / \$ / tickets / flyers + donation for costs
D. Patterson - Iwa Street Resident - donation towards costs and hall donation
Eyebright - donation for costs and staff social group for dance
Dynea Social Club – group booking for dance.
Nic Roland (Playhouse) Free use of the premises for Sat night and Fresh FM interview
Hills Community Church for the comfortable venue and wonderful kitchen to work in
Golden Bear Brewery – Jim thanks for the fantastic stage on Saturday afternoon
Golden Bear Brewery – donation to hall – gratefully received.
Juggles Boutique / Mapua Country Trading / Placemakers Motueka for selling tickets.
Motueka Market – Judy Roper – thanks for your enthusiasm and the generous donation!
Motueka Guardian – for being interested in the Mapua Hall's development and related events
Mapua School – Marquees + flyers and distributing information
Lisa Dunn – Admin / posters / copying / catering / ticket promotion around region
Pip Day - distributing flyers + hall committee and teams / accommodation
H Gregory, N Chandler - signage / catering / hosting and organising event
M Cotter – Catering + M Garner, D Moriarty, L Dunn, A Rudd, R Gregory, H & N Chandler, N Aerakis,
Barbecue - Tim and Ashleigh / Sunday kitchen hands – E Watts, Ben Gregory
M Cotter – thanks you letters on behalf of the Hall Fundraising Committee
Transporting chairs/marquees/wind shelter etc at different places – N Chandler & Sean Stinton
Hamish's, Wharfside then and JellyFish + Naked Bun for putting up with our planning meetings!
Motueka Baptist Church – Power for Sound System for Aspire Big Band
Coastal News advertising / on line event sites / Rubycoastmouterehills contacts – thanks for all your support!
Rental Car New Zealand (Picton) discounted van hire
Toyota – loaned a van for the band from Wellington return
Sober Drivers for dance night! – T Kjellstrom / V Fay / H Gregory
Gordon Gregory – Violin busking at wharf and market donations, promoting and advertising at Motueka
Video Ezy – thanks for the great donation from your month's new release promotion.
Photos over weekend - Tord Kjellstrom, John Beckham, Hillary Gregory.



Aspire Big Band Members were kindly hosted by:

M & M Garner – Kereru House / Aporo Road (2)
H & N Chandler – Mapua (1)
Pete Walker – Mapua (3)
Tord and Adrienne Kjellstrom – Ruby Bay (2)
K & M Toll – Mapua (3)
M & R Cotter - Ruby Bay (1)
D & T Moriarty – Mapua (1)
P & I Day – Mapua (3)
N & M Aerakis – Mapua (2)
Heather & Andrew / 'The Peninsular' + Loan Car! (2)



Thank you everyone who helped make this event happen and for buying tickets and/or giving donations. It was a fun weekend. If we have missed you off this list we apologise and thank you for your contribution!! (Feel free to Ph 5402661 to be acknowledged in the next Coastal News Hall update if we missed you!)

Hillary Gregory & Nick Chandler ... Swing Mapua Event Co-ordinators

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's guest speaker for March was Greg Olsen, aka Sir Greg, the proprietor of The Station House in Mapua. Greg's subject was his lifestyle and his experiences in creating historical replicas. These included service uniforms, models and replicas of various items.

His interest started at an early age working with his father Frank Olsen, making model items such as cars and trains. He enjoyed his time at the Nelson Collage as a training cadet. In the early days of the World of Wearable Arts (WOW), he had the job of assistant stage manager. Greg was involved in several humorous stage shows with other actors dressed as a nun. He had two years with WOW before the show moved to Wellington.

Greg has worked at the Nelson Leisure Park for about 30 years, using with a wide variety of skills such as bread-making, building huts and making puppets. He spent many hours teaching groups of children some of his skills. Another enterprise was his involvement in making WW1 Air Force uniforms for the annual Blenheim Air Show.

Other Nelson business he has been involved with included Naulder and Biddle where he worked with polystyrene. He also worked with Bernie Byers using sewing machines for various repairs. Some of his work experiences were on farms learning basic mechanics with the farm tractors. Greg also spent several years in Australia as a spray painter. here he worked with

some Italian immigrants and was able to learn some basics of the Italian language.

Another enterprise was working with Pat Perry of Mapua setting up the re-enactment of the landing of the early pioneers in Nelson. This was to celebrate Nelson City's 150th anniversary. The two-hour show was put on a video and shown at the Wellington Airport.

He has also been involved in working with Bruce Stewart of Auckland making and setting up historical uniforms that were shown at Te Papa Museum in Wellington. Greg has a great interest in looking through antique shops. He has developed a knowledge of where to look for items of historical value and what to look for.

The second half of the meeting was the club's AGM.. Reports were given from secretary Margaret Butchart and treasurer Peter Butchart. An audited financial statement was distributed around the meeting. Chair Anne Evans gave her report outlining a busy year. She thanked the members of the committee for their various contributions in managing the various club activities. The new chair is John Sharman, and vice-chair is Letty Thawley. To conclude the afternoon's meeting Ivan Wells invited club members to compose and read out their own limericks. The members responded with over a dozen humorous poems.

David .Higgs

Garden Notes



April is the month where we notice cooler night temperatures bringing those lovely autumn colours to our trees, noticeably the liquid ambers and maples. Further south they are already experiencing light frosts. Protection of tropical and sub-tropical plants is necessary from now on. If you can grow the likes of hibiscus, pyrostegia and the red Mandevilla, they need watching.

Any watering is best done in the morning as evening watering can cause many plants to suffer shock and become susceptible to disease.

Tasks for April—Plant all spring flowering bulbs as they come to hand, chrysanthemums should be fed and disbudded to produce the best flowers and dahlias that are still flowering should be dead-headed to encourage ongoing flowering. Start a new compost heap, make the most of the extra material available from the big clean-up during autumn. Avoid diseased material getting into your compost bin.

Plant new fruit trees now. I notice Bay Nurseries have a good discount on all fruit trees right now. Collect any remaining vegetable crops and store for winter use. Pumpkins are a good example.

April is the time to repair lawn damage; turf or ready lawn is ideal for those worn or thin areas. Sowing seed may blend more naturally. In the vege patch the variety of plants are much less, but cabbage, cauliflower and winter lettuce where frost are not too hard can be successful.

The April feature is the sweet pea. These planted now will give you a good display around October, and the colour range is quite wide with good perfumes. They make a good cut flower as well.

If you need to move a tree or shrub within your garden to another site then now is the time to wrench. What I mean is to take a spade and dig right round the plant and lift it slightly free but not out, then let it stay in the hole. Cover up and water then leave until late winter and then remove to the new site. This gives the plant more time to grow new roots and your shift for the plant less stressful.

A great number of people enjoy autumn with its colour display and calm days, so gardeners, enjoy each day, winter is far away. Happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

Fire Brigade



Feb 12–March 12 call-outs

Feb 11: Bonfire at Pine Hill Reserve on beach. No permit, burning after dark. Fire put out.

Mar 5: Tanker to Moutere for a small bonfire, turn backed.

Mar 6: House fire in Riwaka. Assisted with second house

Mar 8: Light fitting burning in class room at Mapua School. No crew for tanker.

Mar 16: Call to toilet block fire at Pine Hill Reserve, bonfire on beach, put out. No permit and after dark.

Mar 17: Alarm activation at house on Awa Awa Road caused by cooking. No action taken.

14 calls year to date.

Safety Tip – check and clean smoke alarms

Last month the brigade held its awards night at the Mapua Bowling Club. Grant Bessant and Gavin Lambert received the “Queen’s Medal,” the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for 14 years’ service in the NZ Fire Service. Peter Wood received a bar for his LSGC medal for 21 years’ service.

Ian Goaten, Ged Stephens and Jochen Lenfert received five-year medals for service in the Brigade.

The 5 Common Misconceptions about Hypnotherapy

1. Misconception: I will lose control if I enter a “trance” and cluck like a chicken.

Hypnotherapy is very different from stage hypnosis. A stage hypnotist is very careful to select people in the audience who generally have a hidden desire to be the centre of attention but just need a bit of an excuse to let go.

When you are hypnotised, you can’t be forced to do something against your will. Your sub-conscious mind has built in safeguards that protect you from doing or revealing more than you can handle. If during hypnosis, a suggestion is given that went against your belief system, you would automatically reject it or it would awaken you from the hypnotic state.

The state of “trance” is a very natural, normal and powerful state. We all enter this state when we are day dreaming, watching a movie or having a fantasy. When you enter this state in a therapeutic setting, you can eradicate unwanted thoughts and beliefs which are causing unwanted habits, behaviours and illnesses.

2. Misconception: I have a strong will and can’t be hypnotised.

Reports say that 97% of the population can be hypnotised. As long as you have an ability to follow simple instructions, and a willingness to be hypnotised, you can be hypnotised.

It is a fallacy that strong minded people cannot be hypnotised. In fact, strong minded people often have some of the greatest success due to their strong desire for change.

3. Misconception: The patient will be totally exposed in hypnotherapy.

The subconscious mind has the built in safeguard of never revealing more than it can handle to anyone, at the time. After you have been guided into your subconscious mind by the hypnotherapist, you are free to remain completely silent to what you are experiencing during the session and ask the hypnotherapist for help if you so desire.

4. Misconception: I would never allow any therapist to mess with my mind.

The hypnotherapist is only a guide and essentially works like the navigation system of your subconscious mind. You are the driver. The navigation system may tell you to go one way, but you have the ultimate power to drive yourself where you want to go.

The hypnotherapist doesn’t provide answers. They guide you to access your sub-conscious mind, which can access the genius part of you that can provide inspired answers to solve most problems.

5. Misconception: Hypnotherapy is a magic bullet for all my problems and habits.

Although hypnotherapy is highly effective for many medical and mental health conditions, it can only help if you are willing. Because hypnotherapy can not force you to do anything against your will, it can also not force you to make positive changes in your life until you are ready for them. For this reason, please do not call our office to schedule an appointment until you are ready to change your life.

For more information about how medical hypnotherapy can help you with weight loss, smoking cessation, phobias, pain or some medical conditions that are not responsive to traditional medicine, please call Dr. Mitchell J. Bloom at 03-526-7725. 69 Aranui Road, Mapua.

Mapua Health Centre **Mapua & Districts Soccer Club**

Our deepest thanks and appreciation go to Sharon who has finished at the health centre after eight years of much-appreciated work as a receptionist. She has provided a great service that will be missed by our community and we wish her well as she consolidates her life in Motueka.

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 and we have been sending out reminders to those who have previously been immunised. If you would like more information about the vaccine or to book an appointment for immunisation please contact the practice nurse on 540-2211.

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. It's as simple as that, although still important to give 24 hours notice.

This month's health/school events include:

- April 1 Red puppy appeal (Foundation for Blind) www.rnzfb.org.nz
- April 2 World Autism Day www.autismnz.org.nz
- April 5 Term 1 ends www.minedu.govt.nz
- April 7 World Health Day www.who.int/en
- April 20 Anzac Day www.rsa.org.nz/
- April 23 Term 2 begins
- April 27 International Noise Awareness Day www.nfd.org.nz
- April 30-6/5 Asthma Awareness Week www.asthmanz.org.nz

Registrations for 2012 have been rolling in with lots of new members from midgets through to seniors, and we still welcome any new players at any level into our fantastic club. If you are interested in playing or if your child is interested we still have spaces in some grades so please contact the following people: Senior Men's manager, Frank Wigger, wigger_nater@xtra.co.nz Senior Women's co-ordinator, Bridget Wild, wildfamily@snap.co.nz Junior co-ordinator, Sian Potts, sianpotts@gmail.com.

We are always looking for willing parents/guardians/grandparents to help within the club. If you are able to help in any way or would be interested in coaching or refereeing, please get in touch.

The club is looking to have a get-together of all junior football teams on Saturday 31 March or Sunday 1 April, so teams can get to know each other, meet their coaches and have a few friendly games. A notice will go out in the school newsletter and will also be posted on the 4 Square noticeboard for the day and the meeting time. Football for all juniors starts on 28 April—the first weekend back after the holidays.

As part of New Zealand's Whole of Football plan, the midgets, 7th and 8th grade football will be playing together on Saturday mornings. We will be rotating grounds between here, Upper Moutere, and Motueka. Teams of five will play other teams in their grade. More information will be distributed to coaches and parents as it comes to hand.

Men's and women's football will start on the weekend of the 14th of April.

Fund-raising ideas so far for 2012 include some quiz nights at The Tap. We would also like to thank Andy and The Tap for providing uniforms for the Senior Men's and Womens's teams.

President, Sian Potts, sianpotts@gmail.com
Secretary, Anna Caswell, annacaswell@callsouth.net.nz
Treasurer, Phil Jones, home@vibrantearth.co.nz

Local artist off to international conference

When Ruby Bay artist Lisa Chandler spotted a news item about an international conference on “Affected Landscapes” late last year she didn’t think for a minute that she would be invited to be a part of it.

Having recently completed her MFA from Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design, and set a new path and style for her paintings, Lisa put forward a proposal based on an urban wandering project which she will undertake in Kuala Lumpur this April. Her paper and her paintings caught the eye of the conference managers and an invitation followed to attend and present a short paper as part of a panel.

The conference, to be held in Derby, England, will include 72 international speakers, by invitation, and the theme has attracted strong academic and general interest on the interaction between place, or non-place, and the psyche of the individual. Speakers will include specialists from the fields of cultural studies, literary studies, cultural politics/history, creative writing, film and media studies, photography and fine art.

Lisa will be the only participant from New Zealand. She looks forward to broadening and challenging her artist’s view of society and to learning more about the sociology and psycho-geography that underpins these concepts. While in the UK for this conference Lisa will also hold an exhibition of her work.

Before this Lisa will explore the complexities of the city of Kuala Lumpur, a city she chose for the urban wandering which inspires her art. She comments:

“This is a very busy time for me as an artist. I have an exciting creative project to embark on next month in Malaysia, and then the opportunity to share and test my thoughts and concepts at the Affected Landscapes conference and exhibition in England. I feel my work has really turned a corner and I am buoyed by the support I have received from the local arts community.”

Lisa is at present exhibiting her large-scale works at Reflections Art Gallery with photographer Cindy Flook until 22 April in Cadillac Way, Nelson. Open daily 10am-5pm, free



Tçna koutou, As usual small and big people at Harakeke have been very busy. A large group of girls (and boys) have been occupied with child-bearing and rearing, including all the chores of running a household. Socio-dramatic play scenarios have seen pregnant ‘mums-to-be’ waiting for midwife and doctor, breast-feeding mums, babies enjoying lovely baths and mums taking their babies for walks in slings and prams, organising picnics and mixing up the yummiest dishes in their tipi house.

Children often engage in dramatic play to elaborate and explore daily scenarios and make sense of the world around them; it permits children to fit the reality of the world into their own interests and knowledge and provides them with a sense of control over their environment.

Needless to say that we have a considerable number of families with young babies or expecting an additional family member in the near future.

Births and lifecycles have been explored in other areas as well by observing the miraculous process of incubating, hatching and growing up of seven “so cute” ducklings (all called Patrick to make life easier) and the ongoing magic metamorphosis from caterpillar to

monarch butterfly. Our swan plants provide us with a steady supply of caterpillars that put on their show by going through the stages right in front of our eyes on our nature table. A preferred place for the caterpillar to shed its skin for the last time and become a chrysalis seems to be the rubber plant in the centre of the room.

Trips also kept us busy with a visit to Ngâtimoto School where a large number of our children will soon continue their learning journey. We also had a fun wheels day at the Moutere Hills Community Centre – thanks for letting us use the facility’s car park area.

As part of our community of learners the teaching team is constantly extending their knowledge base as well by attending interesting professional development opportunities including the recent courses, “Understand and foster boys’ and girls’ early childhood development” and, “Safeguarding children and young people,” a seminar explaining issues around abuse and neglect. Enviroschool and Early Childhood Centre network meetings are regularly attended by us as well.

Ka kite, your Harakeke team

Noticeboard

Mapua Show Committee AGM to be held Thursday 3 May, 7:30 pm. We welcome anyone interested in helping to promote Mapua and in particular the art community through the Mapua Show. Contact Debbi on 540 2942.

Dance @ Mapua Hall Saturday 21 April, 7:30 - 11pm. Live Music. \$6 and a small plate please. All welcome. Motueka Social Dance Group

RSA: The Moutere Hills branch will be holding memorial services at Upper Moutere and Tasman at 1000; and at Mapua at 1100 on Wednesday April 25. All members of the public and Services are invited to attend.

Mapua & Districts Cycle & Walkways Group will meet at the Boat Club, Mapua Wharf, Tuesday 17 April, 7.30pm. Fiona Newey, Executive Director, Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust, will speak on The Great Taste Trail. Gold coin requested (to cover club rental). Info: James Macdonald 526 6192 or C2Skye @gmail.com

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

Car Pool: anyone interested in sharing daily trips to Nelson for 8am - 5 pm please contact Paula, 035402266

Coastal Connections Social Group: The next lunch-time gathering is at the "Jellyfish Cafe", Mapua Wharf, on 12 April. Look forward to seeing you all. Julie Haliday, 540 3533

With Thanks: Mapua Community Toy Library Inc would like to sincerely thank the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust for their generous \$250 grant to purchase a Radio Flyer Red Wagon. This will be enjoyed by many children and families for years to come. Thank you!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fair Exchange: We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at the Smokehouse to exchange

homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Anne Evans; 540 3070, Sec. Margaret Butchart 5402686

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

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

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

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

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

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

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