

# Coastal News

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covering Mapua & Ruby Bay,  
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## *Waterfront park for public discussion*

**M**apua Waterfront Park and wharf area—the “jewel in our crown”? A chance for community input into future development—be part of “what next?”

After the informative public meeting in December where Tasman District Council staff updated 50 residents on the status of and progress on the potential waterfront park (the area east from Tahī Street to the water) a second public meeting and workshop is being planned by a sub-committee of the Mapua and Districts’ Community Association.

This meeting is to be held on Monday 18 February in the supper room of the public hall at 7pm (note the time). All residents, commercial and retail owners/operators, artists and any other interested people are encouraged to come and participate.

The focus of the meeting is to identify community visions and collect a wide range of responses for the development of the waterfront park and Mapua wharf area. This material can then become input into the next stage of development.



### *Mapua & Districts Community Association*

**T**he regular meeting of the association will be held in the Supper Room of the Mapua Hall on Monday, 11 February, beginning at 7.30pm. Association chairman Devin Gallagher extends a cordial invitation to members to attend and help get the 2008 year off to a good start. He also extends a special invitation to non-member residents, in particular new residents of the district. The meetings are open to any and all who might wish to attend.

This is an opportune time to remind everyone that the objects of the association are to initiate and organize community actions that:

1. Promote and foster interest in the social, environmental, cultural and economic life of Mapua and the surrounding districts.
2. To encourage public discussion of the development of Mapua and districts with the aim of preserving its unique qualities and the desired lifestyle of its residents.
3. To serve as a channel of communication with the Tasman District Council and any other statutory or interested organizations.
4. To collect and disseminate information on matters pertaining to the above.

.Sub-committee members would encourage people to re-familiarise themselves with the site before the meeting.

Suggested areas to consider in terms of ideas are:

- 1) The present and future character of and vision for Mapua and how the park will fit into this
- 2) Commercial and retail possibilities
- 3) Creative activities such as performance
- 4) Water-focused activities
- 5) Social and leisure activities (including those for children), and
- 6) The ecological structure and function of the park.

For those unable to attend or wanting to contribute ideas privately, there will be a suggestion box at the meeting and also at a local retail venue to be notified.

For further information contact sub-committee member Elena Meredith at 540-3338.

The February meeting will pick up from where we left off at the December meeting with a brief review of items under consideration and discussion. These include the waterfront park, Mapua Domain, Tasman District Council Structure Plan for Mapua, Seaton Valley Stream up-date, cycleways and walkways progress and the Ruby Bay by-pass update.

The Aranui Road Trust sub-division resource consent hearing was held on 19 December and again on 21 January. The association made a written and verbal submission. Concerned individuals made some 70 written submissions with several people taking two full days out to appear and speak. There is a great deal of community interest in this proposal. If approved it will have considerable long-term effects on the character of Mapua.

Again a reminder—the next regular meeting will be on Monday, 11 February at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of the Mapua Hall. We hope to see you there.

# Appeal by Community Trust

The Mapua-Ruby Bay Community Trust was formed in early 2006 and is approved as a charitable trust by the Ministry of Development, Wellington.

The Trust is constituted so that any capital is protected from disbursement or other use except under exceptional circumstances and subject to a very open and formal process of approval. To date we have accumulated a capital base of nearly \$26,000 which is continuing to grow thanks to donations received; primarily from the *Coastal News* (90%) and from community donations. This capital is invested with Kiwi Bank and earns monthly interest. This is available for disbursement.

Using the interest earned, the Trust supports projects being run by voluntary groups within the Mapua and Ruby Bay communities to the limit of its available resources, provided the groups' proposed projects meet the Trust criteria.

In the two years since its inception, the Trust has contributed to the following:

2006	A youth event in the Mapua Domain	\$250
2007	Kids and Koffee at the church	\$200
	Mapua Show (Oklahoma)	\$300
	Mapua Soccer Club (First Aid Kits)	\$300
	Tamaha Sea Scouts (Galvanise trailer)	\$350
	Moutere Hills RSA (Display cabinets)	\$125

Coastal Garden Group (Sound system) \$400

The trustees examine requests carefully before making donations to ensure that disbursements fit within the Trust's mandate.

The Trust is keen to increase its support for community groups and now seeks further community input to increase its capital base so that a greater amount of interest can be earned. This will lead to increased donations to groups within the community.

The Trust will support community activities, the purchase of goods associated with those activities, advertising or other associated purposes but not wages, salaries or gratuities.

Grants are disbursed in May and November each year and are usually (but not always) up to \$300. The amount granted at any one time depends on the amount of interest earned on the capital.

The Trust will be grateful for donations received which may be made by cheque, payable to the Mapua-Ruby Bay Community Trust and sent to PO Box 19, Mapua. Alternatively, donations may be direct-credited to a/c 38 9005 0849389-00. Donations are tax-deductible.

*Signed by Bill Williams (Chairman) and John Sharman (Treasurer).*

## Council Activities

### Environment & Planning

A tender for an aerial mapping project in Mapua/Ruby Bay will be let in February. The detailed contour information will be used to review the Coastal Hazard Area for inclusion in the Mapua Structure Plan and to assist in council infrastructure projects.

### Old Mill Walkway

Engineering staff have started the work required for the preparation of a Resource Consent application for the completion of the Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection works. The application will be publicly notified, meaning all interested parties will be able to make submissions to

the application. Further information regarding the timing of the application will be made available shortly.

### Seaton Valley Stream

At the time of writing, a consent application for these stream works is about to be submitted. Council appreciates the input of attendees and affected landowners at the public open day last year.

### Seaton Valley water main

Pipe installation will commence in Seaton Valley Rd from mid-February and progress to the State Highway, between Higgs and Aranui roads. The project is expected to be completed in four months, weather permitting.

## Coastal Garden Group

The club took a bus trip instead of our usual pre Christmas meeting in 2007 in which 47 members, partners and friends travelled to Blenheim and Seddon to visit the lovely gardens of Woodend and Barewood. For some it was a return visit but many saw the gardens for the first time. We enjoyed a picnic lunch, courtesy of Hamish's, and at Woodend where in spite of a cold wind we wandered amongst the well-planted borders and graceful pergolas. After lunch we headed for Barewood, star of many Hunter's garden trail tours, and admired the subtle colours of well-planted borders and flower beds. We were able to take afternoon tea on the croquet lawn where we cut the wonderful Christmas cake made for us by our very own Netta.

We hope all our members have enjoyed the festive season and their summer holiday and would remind everyone that club meetings start again on Thursday 7 February at 1.30pm in the Supper Room of the Mapua Village Hall. We are delighted that Phillipa Foes-Lamb (gardening correspondent for the *Nelson Mail*) will be our guest speaker and she will talk to us about perennials.

As always we welcome guests, visitors and new members to join us every month with all enquiries to either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

## Garden Notes

February, the last month of summer, and how warm it has been. Mulching, mulching and more mulching—the only way to retain moisture, and it is not easy.

This month usually sees settled weather, with the start of morning dew, which eventually does help to restore the lawn to its former green state.

During the last two weeks I have been gathering flower seeds from sweet william, french marigold, love in a mist, etc. Do remember to do this as there is nothing better than freshly gathered seed as the germination is nigh on 100 percent. So give it a go.

This month is feeding time. Roses, other flowers and vege plants require good amounts of fertiliser right now.

February is the month to take heel cuttings from hydrangeas, camellias, carnations, daphne, fuchsias and rhododendrons.

Tall-growing plants like delphiniums and lilies will need staking.

In the edible garden, one can plant most salad veges now, and by doing so you can provide greens for the table well into winter. Land cress is easy to grow and is a good substitute for water cress. It has a peppery-hot flavour. Chicory has been bred into a whole range of leaf forms and colours, some looking like butter crunch lettuces.

Now is the best time for major pruning on stone-fruit trees. As soon as the crop is picked many trees begin to produce lush strong growth, which rarely fruits well. Pruning either early or late summer helps fruiting spurs to form.

Pumpkins can be lifted and stored. They should be picked when the skin is dry and hard. Do make the most of seed harvesting—this can be fun and rewarding.

Happy gardening.

*Barry Highsted*

## Coastal Connections

Our last lunch for 2007 was at Smugglers in Tahunanui. Most of our members were able to attend, making it a very pleasant finishing event for the year. In party mood, we pulled crackers, wore festive hats and shared an ever-increasing variety of magazines and books. Dot and Barbara were presented with posies, for which we thank you.

Mention was made of the "SuperGold" card that will eventually provide more discounts in our area. Nelson and district has over 13,000 GreyPower members who enjoy many discounts, including the Smugglers restaurant.

On the 3rd of February, Moutere Hills Community Centre will host a "Sarau Festival" including a Blackcurrant Festival, local products, wares and curios, and a mountain bike race. For full details, watch for articles in the local press. This is to be a late afternoon and early evening event – we hope that you will be able to enjoy this. More information is available at [www.saraufestival.co.nz](http://www.saraufestival.co.nz).

After lunch, several of us visited Eyebright and made festive purchases. Some ventured to the old Silkwood site on the way home to view the impressive Playhouse Theatre, gardens, and the new café where we hope to feast during 2008.

Our next lunch will be on Thursday 4 February at Stoneridge Café on the Moutere Highway in Redwoods Valley, meeting there at 11.30am. Please contact Dot on 540-2323 if you cannot attend so that an appropriate number can be booked in. New members are welcome; there are no fees or committee, just friends sharing experiences, ideas, patterns, recipes and enjoying good food. Retail therapy and bargain-hunting often feature on the return drive to Mapua!

*Reported by Barbara Halse.*



## Soccer Club

The Mapua & Districts Football Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Village Inn (formerly Flavour), Mapua, at 7.00pm Tuesday 12 February. All are welcome. Nibbles will be provided.

Part of the AGM is the election of Committee members for the forthcoming year. If you would like to stand for a position on the Committee or wish to nominate an individual please contact Tony Jemmett (see below) or write to The Club. All nominations need to be received by Monday 11 February 2008.

Even if you are not wishing to be a committee member please do come to the AGM to have your say on the operation of the Club or offer assistance in other forms.

For further details please contact Tony Jemmett on 03 540 3664 (evenings) or [Jemmz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Jemmz@xtra.co.nz).

## Digital Photography Group

The group staged a very successful display of members' photography in the Mapua Library during the six weeks preceding Christmas. According to the library staff, there was a lot of interest shown in the pictures and greetings cards using such pictures.

The first meeting for 2008 will be held at Dot's home on 5 February, commencing at 1.30pm. Priorities to be discussed at the meeting are the programme for the year, the future of the Group and what the members really want from our meetings. Hopefully, there will be a good turn-out of members, so that we can advance in a positive manner this year. This will be a chance for everyone to voice their opinions and perhaps volunteer to take more active parts in the running of the Group.

The Mystery Picture in the December edition of the Coastal News featured a wood creation by the roadside, on the rise from the Tavern on the Coastal Highway. Many motorists may have seen it there. This month's picture may be seen a little way out of Mapua at a very popular place!

*Reported by Mike Halse.*



# Green Prescription

Te Rongoaa Kakariki

Green  
Prescription

*“I made a New Year’s resolution to get healthier, lose weight, feel better,” – does this sound familiar?*

If, like a lot of people each year, you resolve to try to do more exercise or physical activity but just can’t get motivated or always find that something else takes priority, why not ask your nurse or doctor to prescribe “Green”.

If your health is at risk because of your body weight, you’d like to be more active but don’t know what’s best for your body, you can’t find time or you need someone to talk to and encourage you to get out and go for that walk, ask your nurse or doctor to prescribe “Green”.

A Green Prescription is your doctor’s/nurse’s written advice for physical activity – it’s free, you get personal support, encouragement, motivation and information designed specifically for you and your specific lifestyle.

Green Prescriptions are for adults 18 years and over and in the Nelson/Tasman region many people have achieved success through the Green Prescription programme. Nationally in 2007 over 20,000 Green Prescriptions were written and most are prescribed for conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart problems, obesity or weight-related health issues, arthritis, asthma, stress and depression, to help quit smoking – but the programme can help people with many other health problems.

So what happens when you get a GRx? The medical practice faxes your prescription to the GRx office in Richmond and you’ll be contacted within five days and speak to your own patient support person. Together you’ll work out an appropriate activity plan, talk about your lifestyle and how you could increase your physical activity to fit into your day, discuss energy needs (food in vs energy out) and maybe set some achievable goals.

As a GRx patient you are eligible for some discounted rates at certain gyms and swimming pools and you’ll be given information on suitable physical activity options you could try. You can join a GRx group, or you can choose to exercise with friends or by yourself. After three months we’ll see how far you’ve come (or not!) and you may then be happy to ‘do your own thing’. Certain behaviour changes take time so you may benefit from a second prescription if appropriate. A phone call to your doctor or nurse may be all it takes.

If you think you’d like to try a Green Prescription, talk to your doctor or nurse now! If you’d like more information please contact Leigh Dalzell, Green Prescription Manager, Tasman Recreational Resource Centre, 9 Cambridge Street, Richmond or telephone 544-3957 extension 5.

# Animal Health File

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

## *Your dog may suffer from ear disease*

Dogs come in a variety of shapes and sizes and so do their ears. Some “ear styles” predispose dogs to developing ear disease, notably long, droopy ears which prevent natural airing and drying of ears, and dogs with hairy ear canals, which also prevents good ventilation.

One of the first signs you will see when your dog has an ear infection is head-shaking, this is because your dog can feel that something is in its ears that shouldn't be there. Once he gets really fed up with it he will start scratching his ears and may rub his head on the ground.

If you examine the ears, you will notice that one or both ears have a horrible smell. It is likely that you will be able to see some discharge in the ear. This discharge may be blackish/brown in colour, it may be yellow and look like pus, or it may contain blood.

If you notice any of the signs above then letting your veterinarian examine and clean your pet's ears is a wise idea! Your vet will look into your pet's ears with an otoscope to find out what is causing the problem. If mites are present, they will be visible but, in many cases, bacteria or yeasts without ear mites cause the infection. There may also be foreign bodies



present, such as grass seeds, which need immediate attention. Sometimes it is necessary for your pet to be anaesthetised for the vet to examine its ears correctly, remove any foreign bodies present and clean up the messy discharge in the ears.

A sample of the discharge is often taken and this will be examined under the microscope to find out what bugs are present. A swab may also be sent to a laboratory for a “culture and sensitivity” test. This is done to detect what bugs are present and what medications are best suited to kill them, as some bacteria are resistant to certain antibiotics.

In many cases your pet will need antibiotics or other prescription medications to solve the problem. Ear medications like this are not available over the counter, they can only be prescribed by your vet.

If you feel your pet's ears are causing it problems, don't delay. Ear infections left untreated can be a very difficult problem.

For a fuller discussion on ear disease, please visit our website [www.tasmanbayvets.co.nz](http://www.tasmanbayvets.co.nz)

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# Sam's Spam

It seems a long time since I wrote the last column – I hope everyone had a good holiday and is enjoying the summer. For Christmas I got the Nintendo Wii I really wanted – it's awesome! It allows you to physically play tennis, golf, etc and move the objects onscreen so means your parents can't accuse you of blobbing out in front of the computer.

## **Latest Nintendo Game for Wii- WarioWare: Smooth Moves**

With hundreds of microgames, this game is just as wild as you'd expect from the name WarioWare, but the game play has been revolutionized. Under Wario's tutelage, and with the help of the Wii Remote, players will swing, spin and squat their way to victory.

## **How to be more efficient with emails**

I read a good about emails the other day, and I have summarised some of the key points as I found them useful myself. Emails are fun but they can become a bit overwhelming - the best advice is – don't let your emails build up!

Get rid of the easy stuff first - if the email asks you something you can easily deal with, do it straight away. Make sure you put a clear subject line when replying so this helps the recipient and hopefully, they will do the same for you. Clear subject headings help you decide whether something can be dealt with quickly or not.

KISS – keep it simple stupid (I'm not being rude, that is just the saying!) keep your own replies clear and concise and there will be less chance of people sending you further emails to clear something up, plus writing less is quicker.

If the email is just a circular or something else that does not need an answer, either file it or delete it immediately.

This last advice is particularly important for people who use emails a lot at work, or are studying – switch off your auto check or change the receiving time so that you do not constantly receive emails, as this will break your concentration. If you just want to check them every hour or so, you can change the auto timer in Outlook Express by:

- 1: Go to Tools-Options
- 2: Under the "General" tab, in the "Send/Receive Messages" section (about the middle of the window) find the check box that says "Check for new messages every \_\_\_ minutes" (you choose).
3. If you would like to turn off the Auto-Timer, click on the green tick to the left. It should become an empty white box.

## **Freebies of the month**

A good website that I recommend is [www.pcworld.com](http://www.pcworld.com) They have put a list of their Top ten files of 2006, e.g. spyware blockers, antivirus apps, registry cleaner etc. <http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/collection/collid,1438c,downloads/files.html#>

My favourite 3 are:

DVD Shrink

Make a back-up of your DVD disks, saving the output to your hard drive.

ZoneAlarm Free

Protect yourself from Web nasties with this free utility.

RegClean

Clean your Windows Registry of corrupted or unused Registry keys.

WhizKid stuff: Last but not least, I have now moved back to Ruby Bay and have a new phone number 03) 540-2804. I have not changed my prices though – average job price \$10 for helping with computer problems, etc – see my full advert on the Noticeboard page. Thanks. WhizKid Sam.

# Mapua Health Centre

So far, it has been quite a healthy start to the year with no major outbreaks of illnesses, tummy bugs, etc. Apart from the usual hazards of once-a-year extreme physical exertion, attacks by out-of-control garden implements and a variety of gravity related events, there is the ongoing risk of being overcooked by the sun even though summer has been hard to recognise. The main things to keep in mind are to avoid sun exposure between 11am and 4pm, wear a hat + long-sleeve shirt + sunglasses, slop on sunscreen 15 minutes before going outside and use a broad-spectrum product with a sun protection factor of 30+.

Reviewing the latest medical literature about heart disease we find that:

- A Mediterranean diet (vegetables, legumes, fruits, nuts, whole grains, fish, olive oil, alcohol, and meat) gives a 22% reduced risk for cardiovascular disease (Arch Intern Med, 2007)
- It's important not to be deficient in Vitamin D, a proper amount of sunshine is good for you (Circulation Jan 2008)
- Fruits and berries reduce the risk of carotid artery narrowing (Br J Nutr, Sept 2007)
- Long-term fish consumption improves cholesterol, blood pressure, and glucose levels (Med Sci Monit, 2007)

- Three or more cups of black tea per day may reduce the risk of heart attacks (Am J Clin Nutr, 2007)
- Even better, a small amount of red or white wine may help cholesterol and heart disease (Am J Clin Nutr, 2007)
- However, being cynical can increase the risk of heart disease (Arch Int Med 2007)

We are often having to sort through and implement new government/health department changes in bureaucracy and paperwork. A recent one involves ACC who now require all patients in need of medical certificates to be seen on the day that the certificates are issued (and can longer be issued in retrospect).

Some of the events for the month:

6	Waitangi Day
11-17	Heart Appeal Week
14	Wear red for heart!
18-24	IHC National Awareness and Appeal Week
23-2 Mar	National Bike Wise Week
23-18 Mar	Meningitis Trust "Toddle Waddle"
24-2	Mar Muscular Dystrophy Appeal Week "Bow Tie" Appeal
27	Go By Bike Day

## PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The club's final meeting for the year was on 6 December in the Mapua Bowling Clubhouse for the Christmas social. There was a good attendance of around 50 members. The committee organised an enjoyable lunch of cold meats and salad. Drinks including wine, beer and a punch, were also available. It was financed by a Probus auction held at an earlier club meeting.

Between the two courses at lunch, President Margaret Butchart welcomed members to the club's social read several humorous stories. After lunch the entertainment continued with the singing of the ditty, "Oh dear what can the matter be?" with several verses referring to some club members. A list of 18 questions was handed out to the eight tables. The answers to the questions related to the ingredients in a Christmas pudding. The highest score was 12 correct answers.

The next item was club members reading, "If I was not a member of our Probus club, I would be..." The first committee member (he) came out of the changing room dressed as a rugby coach. The second member presented herself as a provocative lady. The third

member (he) was adorned as the Christmas Tree Fairy. The fourth member (she) appeared as the 'Wacky Witch.'

Glenys Forbes read a humorous poem entitled "Ode to Probus". It related to the seven presidents of the Mapua Club since it started in 1999. Members followed this Ode with some communal singing, accompanied by Glen Springer on the piano.

The next item was the invitation for five club members to sit in front of the audience and read the humorous skit, "The story of Cinderella". The next item was another reading by Glenys of humorous ditties written by Garrot Tremain.

Nancy Bensemann and Audrey Kitto put on the final act. Audrey played the part of a novice golfer. During the dialog Audrey took out a steam iron from a golf bag, explaining to Nancy that she was told she required an iron as a part of her golfing equipment. The social finished with a vote of thanks to the committee by Bea Langford. She thanked them for their organizing of the meal and the enjoyable entertainment. The committee was pleased with the Bowling Club venue.

*David Higgs*

# The ShedLight Blokes

Our visit in November was a little different in that the shed was Eddie Bonger's garden at Dawson's Road. The weather was very pleasant for an outdoor shed visit and almost 20 of us attended.

Eddie's garden is quite large at 2.7 acres or almost .5 hectares on the side of a hill. He started it seven years ago as he was building the house. Originally it was gorse and pines like most of Mapua. These were all removed and twisting paths were laid out lined with river stones.

Most of the planting is New Zealand natives including puka, kawa kawa, rimu, totara, rewarewa and lancewood plus numerous others that I couldn't remember. There are also imported trees and plants including pin oak, maple, liquid amber and black alder. Again, I can't give them all.

The bird life is amazing, numerous tuis were flying about plus bellbirds, pigeons and fantails.

Eddie spends now at least an hour a day in the garden, even now still finding little bits of gorse. At the bottom of the hill is a small pond. A large chicken enclosure with a protected vegetable patch is near the bottom of the garden.

A small orchard full of plums (20 varieties) pears, nectarines etc is a little nearer the house and implement shed.

After the tour everybody relaxed with a beer and nibbles on Eddie's deck. A very enjoyable evening and quite a different shed night.

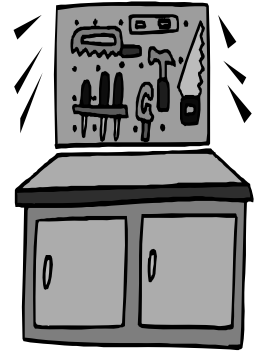
**For our December** outing we went to Ruby Bay. A big thank you Wayne for opening your shed, sorry, sheds, to 30 of us.

Wayne and Annie operate "Southern Mustang & Ford" in Ruby Bay, a mail-order automotive business specializing in Mustangs, 1964 to 1973. They also

bring in and restore vehicles, so there was quite a collection to check out.

Wayne gave an interesting and informative talk on their business from small beginnings to the present day. Some body parts cannot be obtained so had his own made here and now exports parts back to the US.

Thanks again, we all enjoyed it.



## **SHEDLIGHT BLOKES**

- We go to someone's shed, about once a month, about 70pm
- We take a mate [or some young person who may have an interest] some nibbles and a drink.
- 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](mailto:collegial@xtra.co.nz), Kerry at [mitchsplace@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mitchsplace@xtra.co.nz), Brian at [Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz), or Graham at [grahamcox@xtra.co.nz](mailto:grahamcox@xtra.co.nz).

# Property News

## *Big Changes in Mapua Real Estate.*

There have been significant changes for Ray White in Mapua. Long standing local salesperson Marion Cross has combined forces with Mike Harvey, also a local, whose business has specialised in rural and coastal. Marion has lived in the area for 18 years and continuously operated within the top 10 salespeople of her previous company. Mike was raised on an orchard locally, and has performed at the highest levels achievable in Real Estate, including contract work as an international real estate sales trainer.

Mike says he has 2 simple goals; the first, to continue to provide outstanding results to existing and new clients. And the second, to fulfil licensing requirements enabling them to operate from the existing local Ray White office at 69 Aranui Rd, which they recently purchased in partnership with Christine Cook of Ray White Stoke and Brent Sturm (another local) of Ray White Richmond. Mike's certain this combined business relationship will create synergy between the offices and he hopes this will make Ray White the dominant local company. Marion said "Until rubber stamps have been obtained, it's business as usual, we will just technically be operating through Ray White Stoke".

Fantastic sales success in their first week, secured five unconditional sales. – 2 in Westdale Rd, 1 in Aranui Rd, 1 in Waimea Rd, Nelson and 1 in Maire St, Tahunanui.

### **Property Watch:**

This outstanding summer weather has once again ensured a large influx of visitors to our local haven. Many salespeople are reporting increased activity with confidence in the market returning to its former strong position. This is ensuring property prices are remaining consistent; in particular houses priced in the \$300,000 - \$400,000 range are highly sought after. Due to lack of supply properties in this range are achieving excellent sale prices, often within a short time frame of going on the market. As always though, properties that are priced correctly will sell quickly.

Some recent sales include:

12 Oct	23a Tahī St	\$361,000
24 Oct	46 Higgs Rd	\$390,000
24 Oct	68 Iwa St	\$380,000
25 Oct	8 Broadsea Ave	\$398,000
12 Nov	155 Stafford Dr	\$450,000
19 Nov	76 Iwa St	\$490,000
21 Nov	97B Aranui Rd	\$400,000
4 Dec	10 Jessie St	\$630,000
10 Dec	15 Langford Dr	\$580,000

*Compiled by Mike Harvey – Ray White Mapua Team*

# Police Update

Welcome to 2008. The busy visitors' period has been a steady time for the police but thankfully not flat out. New Year's Eve passed without any major problems. There have been incidents of damage and thefts at the Leisure Park, but to be expected, I guess, with so many people there.

Several local youths have been banned from the park because of their antics. They cannot return for two years.

I had success in identifying the offender who stole several petrol containers from boats parked in the Leisure Park. The offender is a 16-year-old from Motueka who has friends in Mapua.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable*

## Mapua Occurrences:

Dec 2: Two red fuel containers stolen from Iwa street

Dec 7: Vehicle entered overnight Stafford Drive

Dec 10: Two orange wooden oars stolen from a boat near Mapua Wharf

Dec 16: Police called out to four Mapua youths damaging letterboxes and breaking into a vehicle on Aranui Road at 4am. Youths arrested, to appear in court.

Dec 24-26: Theft of concrete mixer, electric fence, 100 fence supports and staples from Gardner Valley Road.

Dec 28: Two BBQ tables taken from Ruby Bay store. Returned by unknown persons.

Jan 4-5: Burglary of Tamaha Scouts Mapua wharf. Kayaks stolen and recovered at Leisure Park.

Same offenders broke into a boat moored off wharf and stole binoculars and spotlight

Jan 5: Damage to fence in Iwa Street. Sixteen-year-old youth from Christchurch arrested for possession of an offensive weapon as a result of this damage

Jan 9: Several boats entered at Leisure park. Fuel tanks stolen. Sixteen-year-old Motueka youth identified as offender.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

### November 07-January 08 call-outs

Nov 24: Kitchen fire Hoddy Rd, out on arrival. Hot oil in pot

Nov 24: Rubbish fire Dawson Rd, put out, not within permit conditions

Nov 29: Grass fire Hoddy Rd, fire got into roots of a pine tree.

Nov 30: As above, not put out very well by brigade – Appleby had to help

Dec 12: Bonfires at Kina Peninsula Rd, put out, no permit

Dec 14: Permitted burn Pomona Rd, on action

Dec 16: Bonfire Ruby Bay beach, put out, no permit

Dec 23: MVC SH60 outside Broken Hill Orchard, Van avoiding dog, Minor injuries

Dec 23: Gas cooker fell over, small grass fire

Dec 26: Scrub fire Dawson Rd, caused by fuel on hot motor

Dec 31: Bonfire on main beach at Leisure Park, put out by brigade at owner's request

Jan 1: Bonfires Ruby Bay beach, put out, no permit

Jan 2: Bonfire Kina beach, put out, no permit

Jan 12: Skid site fire old Coach Rd, cause unknown, put out by many brigades

Jan 12: Permitted rubbish pit fire Tarrant Rd, Upper Moutere's area

Jan 15: Minivan v. fuel tanker, SH60 & Maisey Rd.

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

### Yearly statistics

Total calls for 2007, 57. Own area – (Maisey Rd to Harley Rd) 39 1. Structure fire 5. Mobile property fire 4. Vegetation fire 3. Chemical, flammable liquid or gas fire 1. Miscellaneous fire 7. Rescue, emergency, medical call 3. Mobile properties, hazardous incidents 6. Electrical hazards 2. Special service calls 1. Good-intent calls 7. Outside own area 18—Nelson 1, Stoke 1, Richmond/Appleby 4, Upper Moutere 8, Motueka 4.

*CFO Ian Reade contacts are cell 027 445 7049 or at the station, 3 Iwa St. Ph 540-2501 Thursday nights. E-mail mapua@fire.org.nz*



# Hills Community Church

## *Now What?*

Well, no doubt about it—we're having a right proper summer this year. My grass is turning brown, my tomatoes are turning red (at least those the birds haven't eaten!) and I find I do my best thinking these days down at the beach.

While summer can be a busy time with kids on holiday and a steady stream of visitors coming through to soak up the Nelson sunshine, it can also be a reflective time. Maybe it's the heat that slows us down. Years ago I had a poster in my dorm room with a chimpanzee on a bar stool (okay now, these were university days) and the caption under the chimp read: Sometimes I thinks, sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits!

These past few weeks I've been sittin' and thinkin' about the future for Hills Community Church. As you know we've broken ground on the new building and construction will soon be under way. It took a lot of thinking (and praying) to get to this point and now that the time has finally come we have to ask ourselves: now what? What is this new building really going to mean for us and more importantly for Mapua and the surrounding community?

We want our new facility to be a real asset to the community and a venue for events, meetings and groups. We want it to be a place that is open and welcoming to everyone who wants to worship God, learn and grow in the Christian faith and be part of a fellowship of caring people. We want it to be a place where people can find answers to life's most troubling questions, where they can receive help when carrying unbearable burdens, and where they can join with us in making the world a better place.

"Now what?" is a big question—it's a standing-at-the-crossroads kind of question. It's a question that comes up in all of our lives even in the life of a church. It's a question that causes you to think.

As we at Hills Community Church seek to answer our "now what?" question we pray that our answer will also help you answer your "now what?" questions, too. God bless!

*Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister, Sitter & Thinker, Hills Community Church*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

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## *Summer time in Mapua*



*It's never too early to learn the art of fishing.*



*Joseph Stewart of Wellington enjoys an ice-cream on the wharf at Mapua.*

## *Boat Club making progress*

After some lengthy hold-ups, the refurbishment of the Mapua Boat Club's rooms is nearing completion with an opening celebration planned for February. Club members are donating their time and skills to complete the work and members of the community are welcome to have a look at progress if they wish. There is somebody working there most days. The main entrance is now through double glass doors at the eastern front of the building.

While the alterations are taking up most of the time and effort, other things are being planned. The Kids' Fishing Competition will be held a little later this year so as not to clash with other events in the area. This year's competition will be held on March 9, starting at 10am, and will follow the usual format with plenty of prizes for all age groups.

Members of the community wishing to have further information on the club should contact the secretary, Sue Pryde on 544-2752 or 027 247 8852

## PANZ

Our Nelson Area members of PANZ are starting the New Year on the weekend of 2 and 3 Feb with a framing workshop with Lance Trollé.

Should anyone wish to take part in this workshop, please contact Angela Sharland 03 544-0667 to book a place. Non-members are welcome if there are spaces but members come first.

Our first Tuesday morning at the Mapua Hall will be 5 Feb 9am to noon. New members are always welcome. If you have never tried pastels as a painting medium, then call in and "have a go" We supply paper, pastels and advice free for two mornings. (\$2 covers coffee and hall hire)

The "Top of the South" pastel art exhibition by members, will be held at the Mapua Village Hall on 22, 23 and 24 Feb. This year we have invited Marlborough members to join us so it should be a must-see. If you would like an invitation to the opening night, contact Glenys Forbes, 540-3388.

## *Ruby rocks the Mapua scene*

Mapua has a strong live music tradition and venues across the district have supported a rich selection of live music events so far this summer. This is great for the local musicians and the budding performers among us. Among the outstanding groups to emerge are three very talented ladies, Ruby, who have been the hit of the season across the region.

Chrissy, Ali and Katie are all from successful music careers and Ruby has a great sound. This summer they have played many Nelson and regional gigs including Nelson's Lantern Parade, the New Year party at the Blackball Hilton on the West Coast and their regular Mapua Boathouse Restaurant performances.

See them this Sunday at the Boathouse, at the Mapua Leisure Park.



*Dan Kendrick performing at Music at the Wharf*

## *It's back—Music at the Wharf*

It's back! The Mapua Wharf area is enjoying a good summer and promising much more with the return of the music at the revamped Monte e Mare Restaurant and Bar venue. A great little tradition is back too. Music at the Wharf has been going for a number of years, featuring many local performers, and visitors to the area.

The live music down at the Mapua Wharf was a popular local event that always produced an entertaining line-up and some musical surprises, with great performances from many of the region's best musicians and young talent from the area.

Music at the Wharf with the "open mike" Sunday afternoon format will begin again in the autumn. Meanwhile summer continues at Monte e Mare with as well as feature artists and groups each week. The Honeys are another local contribution to the music, along with Ruby, a noted Ruby Bay-based band. The Honeys are Adrienne Taylor on piano accordion and Graeme Stradling on guitar, plus other musicians and guests. They play a great selection of kiwi and pop, folk and Latin beats.

During February, Monte e Mare will have live music every Friday evening from 7pm. Expect feature artists, new faces as well as the best of the line-up from last year. Contact Graeme Stradling on 540-2050 for information. If you enjoy a relaxed evening and fine music, come on down

# Letters to the Editor...



## Progress on by-pass

The Ruby Bay by-pass project starts the 2008 year on an optimistic note, according to the latest from Transit NZ Project Engineer Andrew Adams as of 18 January.. During February, Opus Consultants will finalise the costing estimates. These establish the level of funding that will be required to build the by-pass and make it a reality. These so called “costings” have to be independently audited before final approval. However, the “road safety” aspects now have been audited and approved. Also, the cultural impacts have been examined and approved by both Iwi and the Historic Places Trust.

Opus has nearly finished the construction drawings and when completed they will be handed on to the various contractors who have registered an interest in the project. They will have about 12 weeks to examine and check over the drawings. At the end of this period Transit would call for tenders from the contractors who want to build the road. Hopefully their estimates will fall within the “costings estimates” and a contract awarded. From the above, it’s apparent there are a still a few bridges to cross before we get to the next step.

Assuming that all does go well, that next step will be about money. The Transit NZ Board meets in April and will, hopefully, approve and allocate the construction funding for the project. It is important to remember that this is a critical juncture that has been

reached twice in the past 10 years and then aborted. By Trans Fund once, because of “lack of funds” and a “revised” priority status of the project. And by Transit NZ once, because accepting \$11 million dollars from the Tasman District Council was “unacceptable” because, and I quote, we don’t mix “different funds” and then, another quote, to mix funds was “administratively difficult”. Governmental gobbledegook in both sorry instances. Please let’s have no more of that!

The above paragraph sounds critical and pessimistic. Like it or not, those are the facts. Twice “ready to go” and twice “no go”. Now it appears the project is “ready to go” for a third time. I, for one, am optimistic that this will be “third time, yes”. Want to help make sure that this will be “third time, YES”? One way or another, tell our local TDC councillors, our new TDC mayor and our parliamentary representatives how you feel. There is always a political aspect to consider about projects. Thanks, to those of you who are willing and actually do make that effort.

I will be back next month with another update on the by-pass. Meanwhile, on a more immediate and local level, we watch with interest the fate of the Aranui Road Trust subdivision application after the resource consent hearings on January 21st. Mapua on the move—in what direction?

*Hugh Gordon*

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# MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545



**C**hristmas Hamper Raffle: First prize went to the Archibald family from Mahana, and second prize went to a library supporter from Cape Farewell. We hope they all enjoyed their win and the library is certainly enjoying the benefits of strong community support. Thank you everyone who bought tickets.

The library has had a busy time over the holiday period, with 150 books being issued on one day. It is fantastic to see this evidence that we are providing a service that is both relevant, and valued by the community. On the down side, such high book turnover brings with it the challenge of book returns and the inevitable overdues tracking that goes with it. You can help by returning your books by the due date, or if you arrange an extension of your book loan, remember to write the new date on the due-date slip in your book.

Your co-operation is always much appreciated!

*Sarah McLeod*

## Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday	2pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	5pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	10am – 12.30pm

# THE VILLAGE INN

ARANUI ROAD MAPUA

**W**e hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. We enjoyed two days break at Christmas with our five kids. It's all about family, fun and festivities at our house. The Village Inn rocked on New Year's Eve with Peter Madsen and his awesome show.

As with anything alive and dynamic there is always change. The Village Inn has got a new focus for the New Year. It is our vision to be the best restaurant and bar in the Tasman region and to achieve this we have decided to close during the day and concentrate on our evening dining. Our new hours are Monday-Friday 4pm till late and Saturday-Sunday 10am till late. The breakfast and lunch menu will be on in the weekends and we will be happy to open during the day for special functions and group bookings.

We are looking forward to opening the downstairs bar as soon as possible but we are still waiting for consent from the TDC to do the renovations required. They assure us that it will be any time soon. Yeah right! It is going to be a fantastic little bar when we have done what we want to do so watch this space for the grand opening.

Our hand-made pizzas are getting rave reviews and have been just rocketing out the door. If you haven't tried them yet I recommend you do, it is a taste sensation! Bring this article in to the restaurant and we will give you 20% off your next pizza order, either to eat in or take away. Our next goal is to provide a home delivery service. We have some organising to do before we can make it happen but we are hoping to have it up and running by next month.

Grant, Sean and Sam have joined to represent The Village Inn at the bowling club. We are not sure whether to call them 'The Village People' or 'The Village Idiots'? They are so far unbeaten as they didn't have a team to play against last week.

This is our thought for the week: "Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise; risking more than others think is safe; dreaming more than others think is practical and expecting more than others think is possible."

Enjoy the sunshine and keep safe on the roads and in the water. Please feel free to come in and tell us what you think or drop us a note. We welcome all feedback and suggestions and we are always willing to learn and grow from our mistakes.

*Cheers, Ella and Grant and the staff at the Village Inn.*

# Noticeboard

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

**Friendship Club** meets third Thursdays at the Hall, for indoor bowls and afternoon tea (bring a plate). Also Euchre, crib, etc. \$1 door donation & 20¢ for raffle. We are a group of friendly people that get together for a laugh; we welcome old and new members – come & enjoy some good company. Enquiries: Val Roche 540 3685

**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.

**Mapua & Districts Football Club AGM** at the Village Inn, Mapua, 7.00pm Tuesday 12 Feb. All are welcome. Nibbles will be provided.

**Skye Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil** available fresh from the producer. Ph 540 2698. Orders delivered, or call in 113 Seaton Valley Rd Mapua.

**Student Desk** for sale - standard three drawer type. As new \$30 Ph 540 2698

**Wanted to rent:** accommodation in Mapua with wheelchair access. Rob Blackburn 027 310 2824

**Dance Classes for Health & Happiness: Salsamoves** For Women - short, low impact, Latin routines, with a touch of Pacifica resume at the Mapua Hall on Monday 11th Feb, 11.00am-Noon (note new time). Beginners Level. Invigorating, fun and social. **Salsa Partner Dancing** – at the Upper Moutere Rec Centre, begins Monday 11th Feb, Beginners and Improvers Classes, from 6pm. Everybody welcome, enrolments necessary. All enquires: Catherine at DanceMovesNelson, 5488046, 0273232098, learn@dancemoves.co.nz

**Office or therapy room** to rent in Mapua Village. Please call Julie Ewer 5402705

**Taoist Tai Chi** - Improve your flexibility, mobility and balance, and learn to relax. Suitable for all ages. New class is just starting, so come and join us at the Mapua Community Hall on Thursdays 6.00-7.30pm. For information contact Christine Weir 543 2204 (evenings).

**Digital Photography Group** welcomes anyone interested to meetings on first Tuesdays, 1.30pm. Ph Dot Siddle for more info, 540 2323.

**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: Sara Pumphrey 540 3889, Sharon De Jong 543 2486.

**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.

**Mapua Bowling Club** is looking at increasing membership. Social bowling Tues, Thurs, Sats at 1pm. Loan bowls, coaching provided for anyone interested in learning the sport. League bowls Mondays, 6pm. For further information: Pres, Nancy McAlwee, 540 2834 or Secr, Margaret Busby, 544 3625.

**WhizKid Sam.** Need Help? Can't connect your DVD / Video player/ Lost your computer work? Can't download your digital photos? Need help setting up an email account? Average job price only \$15! Basic web design, average price \$25/page, including advice on domain registration. Call WhizKid Sam! 540 2804. sam@realspecial.co.nz - http://whizkid.awardspace.com/

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

**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.

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