

Feb 2013

Feb 2013

Coastal News

www.mapua.gen.nz

email: coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz

covering Mapua & Ruby Bay,
run by volunteers

Mapua Hall Rebuild Begins at Last

Welcome to 2013 and, as anticipated in our last article, lots of progress – some particularly evident with the fence around the hall, the privet hedge already removed and the refurbishment finally begun. A number of significant events have occurred to enable this to happen.

Building consent

This has been granted and uplifted (thanks to the meticulous preparation by those involved) enabling the project to go ahead as planned.

Blessing of the foundation stones (Kohatu)

Archdeacon and kaumatua Harvey Ruru, seen at right talking to Neville Bibby, led a meaningful and inclusive ceremony on Saturday 12 January attended by about 50 community members including TDC councillors. The message of carrying the foundations and past of both the hall and community into the future, was the theme of several speakers. This was visibly demonstrated by everyone present placing a stone into the hole dug under what will be the new entrance-way. It was evident later that some significant thought had gone into choosing these stones – one family had a stone from Bill Marris's foundations while others had brought stones from their own birth-places. Harvey asked the children (as future kaitiaki/guardians of the hall) to bless the stones while he also did so with a karakia, complemented by everyone singing a waiata. We ended sharing food together and felt that our journey towards our "new" hall was well blessed.

Funding

The committee was absolutely delighted to receive a grant of \$184,500 plus GST from the Lotteries Facilities Fund. This is to cover work on the roof, doors, windows and kitchen and has enabled the work to begin. Special thanks to Mary Lithgow for all her work to ensure that everything went smoothly; see that red line rise!

Fund-raising can now focus on the outfitting of the hall and ongoing running costs such as possibly employing a co-ordinator. See below for plans for fund-raising!

A very enjoyable Stellar A Cappella concert in December raised over \$1000. It was a stunning concert of skilled local talent and the highly successful choir, led



by Celia Rodley. Our thanks to them for their fund-raising, as well as the entertaining evening. We all came away gratified and uplifted.

Hall users

Hopefully all hall users are now rehoused for the foreseeable future during the refurbishment. As Hugh Gordon noted at the blessing, this is going to be the period when patience and long-term vision is most needed.

No bookings will be taken until further notice although expressions of interest for special events such as weddings and birthdays for the second half of the year could be taken. Chairs and tables are still available for hire. Contact Trish Smith at smiffsnz@hotmail.com

Information

A reminder that the website www.mapuahall.org.nz will provide a photographic update over the duration of the build. The committee would like to provide information on the website about the regular hall users for interested readers and potential members to access. User groups have been asked to provide a short description of their group's focus and members well as a contact – send to elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz



Planned fund-raising events

The fund-raising committee is busy planning events for the new year. Any offers of support and/or ideas for other possibilities, please contact Margaret Cotter at rmcotter@ts.net

The next planned events are:

Ruby Coast fun run/walk Sunday 24th February at 3pm. Cash entry on the day, spot prizes. Starts/finishes at the Mapua Hall. Walk or run 5km or 10km—Hall to Pinehill Reserve return.

Categories:

Individuals - \$5, Family Group - \$20. Creative Costume - \$5. Corporate Group – (5 per team) \$20. Nationality Group – (5 per team) \$20. Youngest Competitor - \$5. Oldest Competitor - \$5.

Mega Pumpkin Competition April 14th (more details next month).

The committee is excited at the progress that we have all made as a community and looks forward to the next stage.

Elena Meredith, Information and Liaison Sub-Committee



On a weekend in January a “bustin’-to-go” party was held in the Mapua Hall and 30 enthusiastic people began the first stage of the Mapua Hall rebuild by demolishing the men’s toilets and surrounds as well as writing suitable messages on the walls. For this “privilege” \$60 was donated to the hall fund. The photographs show Mary Garner and Bill Williams, both long-time supporters of the hall, in action.

Coastal Garden Group

The Coastal Garden Group’s Christmas lunch on Thursday 6th December was an enjoyable and happy occasion for all who attended. The Hill’s Community Church was the venue and Jen Lockwood and helpers provided a delicious lunch for us. Brian was in charge of buying the wine and provided four good choices. Francesca stepped up to be the MC as Adrian was unable to come. She read out Adrian’s apology and Christmas greetings from past president Barry Highsted who has moved north to Papamoa Beach, Tauranga. Joyce introduced Stellar A Cappella who entertained us with their singing of a wide variety of songs. After desert it was our turn to sing Christmas carols. Dianne played the piano with Joyce and others leading the singing. A cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat, Christmas gift exchange and suddenly it was all finished. The committee was pleased that everybody was there promptly and our grateful thanks to all who helped with the occasion.

Special thanks to Brian and Keitha’s son and partner who came and set up the venue so competently.

Our first meeting for 2013 will be on Thursday 7th February. It will be held at the Tasman Bible Church on the corner of Williams Road and Aporo Road Tasman. We will start at 1.30pm and the speaker will be Stephen McCarthy. He will be talking about his trip to Papua New Guinea and especially the carnivorous plants that are unique to that area. We will have the usual exhibit table and plant auction plus some tips on taking cuttings to produce sturdy plants for our flower show and plant stall in September.

Final arrangements for our Golden Bay garden visit are being made. It is scheduled for 21st February.

Rachael Stringer

Makers Market Aims for Unique Feel

The Mapua Makers Market, or MMM as it has quickly become known, was established by two local artists, Lynn Price and Sally Reynolds, with successful markets held in June and November last year.

Sally and Lynn set up MMM as a showcase for craftspeople, where the emphasis is on the makers and their hand-made products, which is why there is no food or entertainment. This gives the market a unique feel, where visitors have time to peruse their products in a relaxing indoor venue.

“We enjoy giving people the opportunity to showcase their craft indoors; it’s so much more relaxing and comfortable, particularly for the stall-holders. It makes for an enjoyable environment for buyers too; they can chat to the maker and gain an insight into their work and inspiration.”

They are working hard to get MMM established and are planning to hold four markets each year. They have a clear vision for the markets; to represent good quality contemporary craft, reflected both in craftsmanship and in the materials used—and they’re really keen to support recycling and upcycling.

Each of the makers is selected on the quality and uniqueness of their products. They particularly enjoy finding new makers; some are young mums, fitting their creativity around their busy lives and who have never sold at markets before. They support craftspeople who live locally and in the Nelson area, but also like to invite one or two from further afield, so that each market has something different for people to see every time they come.

“It’s amazing to see what some people find time to create!” Sally and Lynn say. “We’ve seen some

gorgeous stalls decked out with funky little baby clothes, shoes and toys, all beautifully and lovingly made, all with their own unique style and flair.”

The selection process for MMM ensures that there is a good variety of crafts, including, jewellery, textiles, toys, home wares, woodwork, clothes, screen-print, plus much more. The organisers are keen to hear from any metal workers and potters out there, who make contemporary, quality products and who might like to apply for the next MMM.

“It feels great to be promoting these kinds of things, to support our lovely craftspeople and know that some love has gone into a gift, that the materials used may even have a bit of history - and very importantly, to know that we are leaving a small footprint. It’s just so satisfying to ‘buy handmade’.”

Planning is now well under way for the summer market, to be held on Saturday 9 February 2013 between 10am and 3pm. Due to renovations of the Mapua Hall, the market is moving along Aranui Road to the old church, opposite the Hills Community Church, Mapua. This venue provides the opportunity to have some stalls outside, as well as inside.

If you are interested in finding out more about MMM check: www.facebook.com/MapuaMakersMarket, or

email mapuamakersmarket@gmail.com

Applications for the 9 February market closed on Friday 25 January.

Lynn Price and Sally Reynolds, MMM organisers

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Rob & Linden's NSU Family Memorabilia

Not many of us keep our cars for 31 years but Rob and Linden Visser have kept their 1971 NSU Prinz since 1982. I think as memorabilia as it has been part of their life. Rob and Linden returned from Holland after their OE in 1980 with no money. Rob had 32 cents in his post office savings and Linden came home to a \$500 tax bill. They decided Tasman was the place to settle and used Rob's 1959 RW26 BMW motorbike for transport. He still owns that bike. A car was required for Rob to go to work in Nelson so the available budget at the time led to the purchase of the NSU.

The car was a private import from England by a Mr Palmer who lived in Pioneer Crescent in Nelson. He owned the car for 13 years. Rob bought the car from Joan Barnett, of Tahi Street, Mapua, for \$1500. When Rob and Linden moved up north for a while they took the NSU loaded up with their possessions. Rob says the overloaded rear independent suspension made the rear wheels tip inwards. They couldn't part with the car and returned to Tasman six years later loaded with their possessions again.

The NSU motor company has a long history and Rob says NSU, the original engineering company, made the gearbox and body for first Mercedes Benz in 1898. NSU is also famous for their first ever production rotary engine in 1966, the NSU RO80.

Driving to Takaka last week I saw a mid-blue coloured RO80. I always thought they were a sharp looking car for their day. Sadly the rotary engine was the downfall of NSU and in 1975 it was sold to Audi, who sold the rotary engine to Mazda.

Under the boot lid in the NSU is an east-west 1000cc air-cooled engine which can handle 8500rpm. The car is rear-engine and drive. The engine is tilted forward with the exhaust manifold also incorporating a muffler and a heat exchange for the interior heater. With the use of a simple flap lever air from the cooling fan is diverted past the heat exchanger, warmed and blown into the car. As the engine gets hotter going uphill Rob says sometimes he has had to take a jersey off to keep cool. I think it was a great bit of simple heating for a small car.

The engine has a five-bearing crankshaft with a timing chain. Rob has done repairs to the engine using mostly VW parts.

I commented about the oval head lights being hard to get but again the auto industry never makes one of anything; they are the same as a VW Variant or a Mercedes truck.



The body shape looked a bit like the Fiats of the day but also like the Chev Corvair which also had a air-cooled engine. They look similar because they were all designed by the same person. Flat, squat, different are the words to describe the body shape but I do like different in a car as it gives identity.

The big oval lights borrowed off a VW Variant, with chrome around them, the strip between the lights and the front bumper highlight the front. I did like the tide-mark chrome strip around the perimeter of the car at door handle level—it sort of divides the top from sides. I suggested it would make a great line for a change of colour when Rob does the custom paint job on the car. Sides are rolled in then out from the perimeter tide-mark chrome and a cooling vent on the back guard. Wheels with 177x70x12 radial tyres add to the squat look.

The interior is all vinyl seating, with speedo and gauges clustered around a small diameter steering wheel. Heater and choke controls on the floor with the stereo yet to be fitted. Everything is mechanically controlled but could I say they always work.

The road test was amusing but in the end we “guesstimated” 0-60mph as about 25 seconds. The acceleration doesn't throw you back in your seat but Rob tells me they have rallies in Europe with the NSU Prinz TT. Being able to hear the engine and knowing when to change gear was good. One of my cars is so quiet you're not sure what's happening. Something quirky about the NSU is that the engine cooling air intake on the back left guard is cool and on the right blows warm air enough to dry your hair.

It can't be hung on the wall as family memorabilia but at 139,000 miles Rob and Linden can still go driving with all the memories and smells of a car that has been part of their life for 31 years.

You won't go fast in this car but you will get comments and a smile.

Fred Cassin

Out and About with Hugh

No Doomsday: It didn't happen. In fact, it's the 17th of January as I write this, and we're all still alive here in Mapua. That's despite the media hype about the Mayan Calendar's so-called "prediction" the world would end on the 21st of December, 2012. So much for the hype. No appearance of other world aliens and no significant galactic events. YouTube was full of it. Even the Discovery Channel's "quasi-documentaries" sacrificed accuracy for entertainment. Known as the "2012 Phenomenon," ie, a range of "eschatological beliefs" that cataclysmic or transformative events would occur around 21 December 2012.

"Eschatological" (starts with 'eska') meaning of, or relating to, the end of the world or the events associated with it in "eschatology". Which is a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind: Death, the Second Coming, the Last Judgment or the like.

There was a lot to choose from. An outright "end of the world Apocalypse", to the beginning of a "new era" on 22 December: the 21st being the end date of a 5125-year cycle in the Mesoamerican Long Count calendar. One way or another, it enabled a lot of people all over the world to use it an excuse to cash in, which was world-wide. Entrepreneurs of all sorts and stripes got onto the bandwagon hawking hotel rooms in "safe locations" on the "date" to whatever an eager public was willing to swallow and buy online or off line. Just amazing! Imagine what all that money has done for the economy!

For me, the 21st marked the Summer Solstice. That annual event as the sun pauses for a day or two, then starts heading north. It's a good time to enjoy long summer days, BBQs, picnics and naps etc. Also time for me to start thinking about firewood and commenting about what's happening on the local scene.

Welcome 2013: Like last year, let's start off with what's fact; fiction, gossip and rumour around the Village?

1. The Mapua sewage pumping station is finished and operating and mostly out of sight;

2. The Waterfront park toilet and amenities area were NOT finished by Christmas as scheduled, are still NOT finished, and oh boy, there sure is a lot of concrete.

3. Closure of the wharf area to vehicle parking is an exercise in the right direction that isn't altogether doing what it was supposed to do. The "No Parking" signage is pathetic, the public's compliance spotty and TDC parking enforcement just so so. A parking ticket? \$40. However, remember the closure is a joint decision of

the Wharf/Park Precinct Committee and is only for a trial period;

4. The Mapua Hall rebuild is under way, .the fund-raising successful. The TDC is on board. It's a happening thing and work has commenced.

5. You can now ride your bike from the Richmond Aquatic Centre to Mapua using the "Cycle Trail" and the Mapua Ferry.

6. The Aranui Road Master Plan has been released for public comment. A copy of the plan and submission forms is available at the Mapua Library. Got any suggestions? Take a look and have your say.

Those are a few of the "facts". Always plenty of facts to hand if you need more. As for the gossip and the rumours? Just listen. The supply is endless in a small village.

The Mapua Community Hall: Have you seen the big fence around the Mapua Hall property? It's a beauty. A friend who knows about these things told me that it's now a "construction site" and we're no longer allowed inside the fence or in the building itself for that matter. I don't mind that at all because the contractor is on the site and hard at it.

Lending an important cultural flavour to the end of an era and on to a new beginning for the Hall, the "Blessing of the Stones" event was well attended on Saturday 12 January. The Rev. Harvey Ruru told the children in the crowd that "75 years on, your children will be using the hall and stepping across the threshold to the new entry that's going to cover the stones you have laid here today".

Well said, Harvey. Thank you. The men's loo bust-up followed on Sunday with a small, noisy and happy bunch engaged in a bit of destruction of that antiquated facility. The Pilates ladies had their final session in the hall on 11 January with workers and ladies dodging around one another.



MAPUA LIBRARY

Think about it, the hall is going to be rebuilt, thanks to the single-minded and hard-working Hall Committee; generous and continuing public support which so far has raised nearly \$100,000, Lotteries Board grant of \$184,000 plus GST and an \$840,000 participating contribution from the TDC. Come next May the rebuild is scheduled to be finished and the hall up and ready for use (no gremlins please!) A bit bigger, considerably more versatile, considerably more user-friendly. Fund-raising will continue for the interior equipping and fitting out.

The Water Front Precinct: Ah yes, the precinct? "A place or enclosure marked off by limits". Two limits at the moment. Orange fencing around the unfinished toilet and amenities area and the "notional fence" around the restricted parking zone in the wharf area. The trial period for restricted parking ends on 10 February. Your comments? Please submit suggestions or constructive criticisms c/o Sarah.Downs@tdc.govt.nz The Wharf/Park Precinct Committee is scheduled to meet on 21 February. A "wharf" business person said to me, "It's so good to see the wharf area free of cars. It's definitely good for our business". End of story? I doubt it.

Last year I said I would give this column a try. I'm still at it. The editor seems happy enough: new words and all the rest. Even when I stretch out the copy deadline he says "Keep going". Yes, okay, and here's a new word to end this on. "Paraprosdokian."

Hugh Gordon

Since the December report, there has been a lot of Shappening in the library. Visitors, locals and children have been enjoying our books.

In December the Christmas Hamper raffle was a great success. Congratulations to the winners: 1st prize ticket 01F (orange circle) was Kathy Trott; 2nd prize ticket 72A (yellow club) was Trish Bainbridge; Toy tractor ticket 65F (green circle) was Tom Fox

In January the book sale, held in sunshine in the library grounds, was well supported. Both these activities raised valuable funds. We thank all the library volunteers for their help, and buyers for their support.

We received a grant from the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust, which will be spent for display of new books in the children's area. A grateful thank you to this Trust.

The Sunday night thunderstorm put our computers down for most of the next week. So, it was back to pen and paper. Thank you to the volunteers on the desk and the borrowers for their patience at this time; to Jed Stephens for getting everything up and running with all data still intact; and to Val Hunter and Anne Thompson for then processing all the incoming books (from banana boxes) and outgoing books (from sheets of paper).

As this goes to press, we are starting the BEAR holiday reading programme from 21 January to 1 February.

NB: The library will be closed on Monday 4 February for Nelson Anniversary and Wednesday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

We welcome you to the library and wish you good reading in 2013.

Eileen Dobbie

Animal Health File

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

Longer Life Means Leaking Pets

As veterinary medicine and pet nutrition continues to improve our pets are living longer. This year at our clinics we are focusing on educating our clients on the common issues that we see in our Senior Pets – those over seven years of age. There is a lot we can do to help these older pets with their aging issues but the key is early detection by their owners and timely veterinary assistance.

Throughout the year we will be doing a series of articles in the *Coastal News* aimed at giving you a basic understanding of the most common “old age” pet conditions so you know what to look for in your older pets.

One of the most common senior problems we treat in veterinary practice is that of the incontinent bitch. Incontinence is most common in spayed female dogs and is often first noticed by owners during summer when their dogs are drinking more water because of the heat and thus putting more pressure on an already weak bladder sphincter, resulting in urine leakage.

Other common causes of urinary incontinence include urinary tract infections, excessive consumption of water, due to some other underlying disease process such as kidney or liver disease, spinal cord disease and occasionally bladder tumours. These causes must be ruled out before any medication for urinary incontinence can be prescribed and so a full physical examination and blood and urine tests are recommended.

Urinary incontinence is usually hormone-responsive and as such there are two different medication options available and both are very effective. We most commonly prescribe a pill which provides a low dose of oestrogen once daily. The other option is the liquid phenylpropanolamine, although this is less popular because it requires dosing 2-3 times daily.

Once they have been on these medications for a few weeks symptoms of incontinence generally resolve entirely and it is then a matter of regular six-monthly check-ups to ensure that medication is remaining safe and effective and no new diseases are popping up which may complicate matters.

Fire Brigade

November 12-January 13 call-outs

- Dec 1: Unattended beach fire, put out by brigade.
- Nov 27: To assist at Harley Road with helicopter landing zone. Not required.
- Nov 15: Fires on Tasman View Road, assist Motueka.
- Dec 15: Assist with medical at Kaiteriteri, stood down when a Motueka unit came free.
- Dec 24: Fire in bark pile opposite. MDF plant. Tanker carted water.
- Dec 26: Grass fire SH60 near Maisey Road. Put out with Appleby's help.
- Dec 26: Fire on beach near Ruby Bay store
- Dec 26: Smell of gas near Health Centre, may have been sewer gas
- Dec 27: Fire on beach at Pine Hill Reserve.
- Dec 29: On stand-by on Richmond Fire Station, Other units at meatworks ammonia leak
- Dec 31: Permitted beach fire Pine Hill Reserve.
- Jan 6: Alarm activation Health Centre, lighting set alarm off.
- Jan 11: Controlled burn on Hoddy Road.

There were 46 calls in 2012, two to date this year.

Summary of calls last year in Mapua's area:
Structure Fire, 2; Mobile Property, 3; Vegetation, 5; Miscellaneous, 7; Rescue, Emergency, Medical Call, 3; Flammable Liquid, Gas Incident, 1; Mobile Properties Hazardous Incidents, 1; Special Service Calls, 2; Good Intent Calls 3; False Alarm, 1; Natural Disasters, 6. Total Incidents, 34. The remaining 12 calls were to assist other brigades

Safety Tip: All fires in the open must be permitted. Obey the conditions of the permit.

This month two members of the Mapua Fire Brigade will do an Emergency Response Driver's course. This involves many hour of extra training and time before they can do the four-day course. We are sure Mark and Katrina will do well.

Mapua School



This year—a year of learning, making friends and aspiring To Be All We Can.

The Mapua School community is looking forward to a great year of learning, friendship and “Being All We Can”. We welcome many new students who are either new entrants or joining us from other parts of the country or world.

On the first day of school, 255 students will join their classmates to tell stories about their summer vacations, get to know their new teachers and make new friends. With 11 classrooms, a new special care facility, library, vegetable and flower gardens and sporting back field, the school facilities are ready and waiting to support and enhance the learning of each student.

We are fortunate that our class sizes this year are well below the MOE standards. To accomplish this, the Board of Trustees has committed to funding additional teachers and resources so that each child has the best opportunity to learn and excel in their studies. This is a fantastic and tangible way to use some of the monies raised at the Easter Fair!

Three new teachers are joining us to coach and bring out the best in each child at Mapua School.

Deputy Principal and Year 8 teacher, Sharon Prestidge, joins us from Brooklyn School. Sharon is known for her enthusiasm and her ability to inspire and motivate. She creates learning environments that are stimulating and secure so that her students feel supported to leave their comfort zone and to grow academically as well as socially.

Phillippa Jackson, Te Reo and

Year 6. Phillippa has been inspiring her students at Te Aro School in Central Wellington since 2008. She too is passionate about learning and creating interesting and rewarding environments to explore and extend the capabilities of her students. With strengths in literacy, maths, arts, physical education and environmental studies, Phillippa will ensure her students have the capabilities and knowledge required to succeed.

Dolina Burn, Year 2. Dolina has returned to New Zealand after five years teaching in Switzerland. She appreciates that as a teacher she is in a position to shape the future of the lives of those children who will be a part of her classroom, just as they will shape her as a teacher. Dolina is trained as a bilingual teacher (Te Reo), specialising in bicultural/multicultural education. She has interests and strengths in literacy, the arts, humanities, and conservation.

Mapua School, its students and families as well as the Mapua community are fortunate to have these three individuals join its already outstanding teaching team.

I would like to thank in advance all of our teaching and administrative staff for what I am confident will be another outstanding year of our students Being All They Can.

Lisa Dunn, Trustee

Just a Reminder: We want to thank all in the Mapua community for making sure that our children are safe as they walk, bike or skate to school. They will be excited to get back to their friends and classmates and might not be as aware of their surroundings as they should be. Please Keep an eye out for them as you exit your driveway or head down the road. We appreciate it!

Business Stung by Being Too Trusting

We have been assisting a local employer with a problem in their business which has shattered their trust in others. This trust has directly cost them several thousand dollars, and is likely to cost them a few thousand more indirectly. There are lessons to be learnt from their experience and our client would like their community to learn from them.

They are a hard-working couple. She runs the business and he helps out while holding down a full-time position elsewhere. They operate in the highly customer service-orientated beauty industry and have done so successfully for about 10 years.

A few months ago they were approached by a couple new to the area, in part about expanding our clients' business into an area they weren't in. As this proposal would have a significant cost to set up, our client sought assurances that these new partners would not subsequently set up a business in competition. This is termed a 'restraint of trade'. These assurances were given on many occasions – but all verbally.

Our client took these people at face value and trusted their word. No written contract or agreement was entered into at the start of this arrangement.

A few months later when our client attempted to put an agreement in writing, including a clause to formalise the verbal agreement of a restraint of trade, they were met with opposition and a refusal to sign any restraint of trade term.

Days later this couple walked away from the business and set up in competition to our client, having had access to all their clients, suppliers and their strategic business information for the four months they worked together. It is difficult to put a price on what

this will cost our client's business but it will be substantial.

Before putting your trust in people, please do the homework. Reference check any future partner or employee to ensure they haven't created problems elsewhere; have an agreement drawn up outlining everything that has been verbally agreed, including a restraint of trade clause; ensure it is signed before any business arrangement proceeds; any reluctance to sign verbally agreed terms should set off alarm bells.

If you have any doubts or concerns seek advice. The cost of advice will be far less than the cost to your business.

Chapman Employment Agency

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The Mapua Probus club held its final meeting for 2012 on 7 December. Instead of the usual meeting 31 club members took part in a Christmas social lunch at the Mapua Tap. All enjoyed a two-course lunch with a good variety of food. Recognition was given to our past president, Bea Langford, who's funeral was held in November.

The next club meeting will be on 1 February at the Mapua Scout rooms close to the bowling club and the tennis courts. This will be a temporary meeting venue during renovation of the Mapua Hall.

David Higgs

Tasman School

The Big 100! Tasman School Centenary.



In 1913 in Mr Fred Notage's apple packing shed, 11 pupils gathered for the opening of Tasman School. A year later 25 pupils were present to open the new school building.

Such was the school beginnings, and apt was the school motto (Whakatoki) 'May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees.'

Now we have a roll of 90 students, four teachers and the principal, and a very healthy school community. (It must be all the apples we eat!)

So between 15 and 17 March the school will celebrate this wonderful 100-year event with dancing, dining, plays, paint and mud!

The dining and dancing are on the Friday and Saturday nights where past and present pupils gather for reminiscing and entertainment.

The plays are what the pupils will be performing for everyone. The paint is for the art auction on Saturday, and the mud is for the Muddy Buddies Adventure run on the Sunday.

In this newsletter I would like to highlight one of those events:

The Tasman School Art Exhibition and Auction.

This a school fund-raiser, and so far 24 artist have responded with donations.

Planning is well under way for the Tasman School Centennial Art Auction to be held as part of the centennial celebrations in March 2013.

The Art Exhibition will be on display at Tasman School with a formal opening to take place on Friday 15 February at 7pm and closing with the auction at 2:30pm on Saturday 16 March.

We are very excited to announce that Doug McKee, real estate agent and auctioneer for Bayley's Realty, Nelson, has agreed to be our auctioneer for the event. He will be assisted by Daniel Reed, also of Bayley's Realty, Nelson.

Artists from the Nelson region have donated work covering a diverse range of mediums such as painting, print-making, ceramics, photography, sculpture and jewellery.

We are really thrilled with the response so far. Thanks to all those who have already donated art works for the auction! If you would like to be involved please email artauction@tasman.school.nz

If you wish to know more about the school centenary then please call the school or check out the school website.

Hope to see you all bidding at the school art auction.

Fred Robertson, teacher.

Police Report

I hope you have managed to have a good break over the festive season.

The police in Nelson Bays have recently had a review of positions and thankfully my role as a community constable hasn't been altered, although I now am the sole community constable for the entire Motueka area including the Motueka township. This may impact on how often I can come to the Mapua area but I am hoping there won't be too many changes.

Generally speaking policing hasn't been terribly busy which is a good thing. To date there haven't been any concentrated areas of thefts or burglaries. One thing that always is a problem is people leaving valuables on view in their cars and then having their cars broken into by opportunist thieves. If you leave a laptop or new smart phone on view in your car then you are just asking for trouble—simple as that.

There was a spate of graffiti sprayed in the village one night. We strongly suspect that it was a group of young men from Christchurch who were the culprits, but we may be hard-pressed to prove it. The lack of

any surveillance footage in most of the village is an ongoing problem and I will be discussing this with the local business association.

In the next month we will see fruit pickers start to arrive in the district. This can often be the most likely time of year for dishonesty. Note: An expensive mountain bike was stolen from the wharf, see below. Any information about this can be left anonymously

Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka. Ph direct 528-1226

Mapua Occurrences:

Dec 1: Theft from a garage sale Tahurangi Street

Dec 3: Domestic in Aranui Road

Dec 18: Trade Me credit card fraud done internationally reported by a Mapua resident

Dec 26: Handbag stolen from an open, unattended car Tait Street, Ruby Bay

Dec 28: Giant mountain bike stolen from car cycle rack at Mapua wharf. Silver/blue with front and rear shocks, custom racing seat, serial number GL876395

Jan 2: Graffiti at several locations in the village overnight

Jan 9: Theft from two campsites at McKee Domain. Two 17-year-old Nelson males identified and repay for stolen alcohol and apologise

Aranui Road Master Plan out for Comment

The Master Plan for the Aranui Road upgrade has been released. While the work in the main road through Mapua will not be completed until 2023, it is important residents have some knowledge and context to the planning as it will be taken into account with any other public or private development until that time.

The Master Plan brings together a number of plans including the already agreed-to Mapua CBD development plan which, while not being consulted on, will inform the final development of Aranui Road.

The undergrounding of power and telecommunications services planned for earlier action will provide a greater scope for the proposed widening of the pavements, enhanced street lighting and the selection of trees to provide character.

The road itself will incorporate greater recognition of increased cyclist and pedestrian traffic with more raised crossing points.

While the initial choice of trees has been limited to crab apple and pear varieties in recognition of the previous use of the area there is scope for other choices. The density of the plantings may change over time.

The concepts generated for this exercise have been developed in consultation with representatives from Mapua School, the Mapua & Districts Community Association, Mapua Walk and Cycle Group, Mapua Business Association, R Cycle Trust, Mapua Magic, Hills Community Church, the Mapua Hall committee and wharf businesses.

The consultation period will be open until Friday, 1 March 2013. The concept maps are on display in the Mapua Community Library or available on the council's web site at www.tasman.govt.nz.

Chris Choate, TDC communications

Edited by Andrew Earlam (advertising) 540-2845, Terry Smith (editorial) 540-3203, and compiled by Barbara Mercer, 540-3022. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the editors. We aim to have the newsletter out by the 1st of the month. Deadline for paper copy at the Mapua Store and e-mailed items (preferred) to coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz is the 20th of the month. Small ads are by gold coin donation in the collection boxes, club notices free. Printed by the Tasman District Council.

'Gateway' Project Needs Volunteers

I have just come from an exciting meeting of interested people who met with Stuart Hughes of the Nelson Cycle Trails Trust on Dominion Flats. We discussed the possible route the trail will take through the wetlands and then on to where it meets with the Dawson Road walkway, the underpass to Dominion Road and with the Chaytor Road Walkway at the top end of Dominion Flats.

The Cycle Trails Trust hopes to let contracts to begin this work soon so input from interested parties was welcomed. The Mapua and Districts Community Association, TDC, Forest and Bird, Tane's Ark, Mapua Wetlands, the local cycle/walkways group and adjoining land owners were all represented and an easy conversation took place.

Stuart said the trust aimed to have the Dominion Stream flats section completed by July this year. It will link with the existing Chaytor Track and he said the trust planned to have a further section from the Chaytor underpass to Tasman View Road also completed by July this year.

The pathway work in the Dominion Stream section would be done by a contractor and there were some bridges and sections of boardwalk to be built. The trust hoped to have the design completed and a contract offered in about six weeks.

Decisions still had to be made on the connecting section from Aranui Park to Higgs Road and from Higgs Road to Higgs Reserve, the planned route for the trail west of Mapua.

Stuart said that the trail elsewhere was progressing rapidly. The trail through Motueka was ready to go and apart from a short section on Staples Street on the northern side of Motueka, it was all off-road trail riding. A bridge across the Riwaka River had been built and was ready to go. It was

also planned to have the trail completed to Kaiteriteri open by July this year.

A new addition to the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park would form the final part of the trail there. It had already been built through an attractive section of native forest and would also serve as an "easy rider" section of the park for mountain bike learner-riders. He said the team at the park deserved a medal for the work they had done on the Mountain Bike Park and the new section.

He said that community support played a big part in the development of the trail. Contributions from the community meant that the trust could press on with the round-trip full trail to Tapawera and back to Wakefield and Brightwater.

Work by Rotary Club members on a boardwalk near Richmond was a good example. Sixty-five volunteer members had contributed four hours work each and completed a section of boardwalk and in the process saved the trust more than \$100,000 in construction costs.

Now the fun part begins... We welcome interest from people in the community who would be prepared to become part of a group to plan, prepare, plant and weed the area surrounding the cycle/walkway and continue with maintenance of that area.

So, have you skills in landscaping, plant knowledge, or can pull weeds or are you good with a spade?

What we want is willingness and enthusiasm as this project is large and will be ongoing. Perhaps you can commit for only a short time but if you are willing you are welcome.

We plan to have an informal discussion at the next Community Association meeting on 11 February at 7pm at the Boat Club rooms on the wharf. Please note the change of venue. See you there.

Contact Helen Bibby, 540-3830 or email n-h.bibby@actrix.co.nz

Helen Bibby, Mapua and District Community Association

Mapua Health Centre

We welcome Dr Joanne Tooby to our team for the next six months. She is a GP registrar who has been working in hospital medicine in New Zealand for the last eight years, having qualified in the UK 12 years ago. She is married with two young children. As part of the teaching format, she will have longer sessions with patients and she may be joined by one of the supervising doctors during the consultations.

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 at times. The main things to keep in mind are to avoid too much 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+ (they usually only last 2-3 hours so need re-applying for longer sun exposures).

In addition to dealing with acute and chronic illnesses, we also aim to provide preventative care so that we can all remain as healthy and active as possible. There are a variety of lifestyle and other measures that have been shown to be helpful. This is particularly important for men as they tend not to be pro active about their health and the statistics show that:

- NZ men live on average four years less than women
- Six out of 10 New Zealand males are overweight
- Nearly a quarter of New Zealand men smoke
- 27% of men have potentially hazardous drinking patterns

Unfortunately the list doesn't stop there so please take time to get yourself checked out.

For women it is important that you keep up to date with your smears and mammograms. We are currently checking our records to ensure we do our best to remind you that your smear/mammogram is due

however if you are not sure or would like to make an appointment please contact us on 540-2211.

The latest research also supports good habits, showing that staying fit during middle age is associated with a decreased risk of developing chronic diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, cancer of the colon or lung, congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus, and ischemic heart disease, during the next several years (*Arch Int Med.* Aug 27, 2012). Benefits are there for kids as well with a recent study demonstrating that the more physically active schoolchildren are, the better they do academically (*Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med.* 2012). The Nelson/Marlborough District Health Board has a programme called '**Nutrition and Physical Activity Programme**' that can be accessed at www.healthyas.org.nz/about-us.

Some of the events for the month:

- 1-28 National Bike Wise month**
www.heartracer.org.nz/rideforheart
- 4 Nelson Day public holiday
- 6 Waitangi Day
- 8 IHC National Awareness appeal
www.ihc.org.nz
- 11-15 Heart Appeal Week www.nhf.org.nz
- 13 Go by Bike Day* www.bikewise.co.nz

* A one-day event in your region that encourages people to switch from cars, buses and trains to biking to work for a day. At certain events, a free breakfast awaits cyclists at the end of their ride.

** **Bike Wise is New Zealand's national programme of activities, which promote cycling as a fun, healthy and safe way to travel.** Over the past few years, through a dedicated network of regional and local coordinators, we've been getting more people on their bikes and improving bike safety. Why not join them and get back in the saddle?

Letters to the Editor...



Thanks and an Update

On 22nd October, our son Hamish was knocked out while playing football (soccer) for the Richmond U-19 team in Christchurch. He was unconscious for two minutes and largely unresponsive for about two hours. Once he was able to begin communicating again, it became apparent that he had suffered global autobiographical retrograde memory loss. This means that he knew very little about himself and his immediate family and nothing about his friends and his life. He has retained his skill memory in many areas, but could no longer read music, play any of his instruments or recall any of the lyrics of the dozens of songs he could perform. He also lost a lot of his academic learning.

Since our return from Christchurch we have been overwhelmed with love, support and offers of practical help. So many people have asked how Hamish is, how we all are and if there is anything that they can do to help. It is great that over time, this wonderful level of support has continued.

The Mapua Men's Football team, the Mapua Women's Recreation Group, Mapua Health Centre staff, Damon Ward, the Jester House team and the Barnes family deserve special mention – but there are many, many others that we are very grateful to.

It is all a very tangible reminder of the wonderful community that we are a part of here in Mapua.

Nearly three months later, there is still no sign of Hamish's memory returning. This means that he will no longer go to AUT this year and will instead return to Waimea College. He has spent a lot of time relearning how to play the guitar and building his song list – interestingly he has chosen mostly songs that he didn't sing before his accident! Luckily, his short-term memory is fantastic!

We continue to 'discover' things that he no longer remembers and enjoy watching him rediscover many of the joys and delights in life. We are very grateful that he has a very positive attitude, a great sense of humour and a passion to get on with living his life. We believe that this is in part, because of the wonderful support that he and the whole family has been given by so many members of our community.

With much appreciation and sincere thanks,

Lynley and Gordon Worsley

PS: No-one is able to say whether Hamish will regain his memory but the most likely scenario is that he will regain some of it at some point in the short-medium term future.

New Minister for Hills

The multid denominational congregation of Mapua's Hills Community Church is excited to be moving into the next phase of its journey as we welcome a new minister and his wife, John and Connie Sherlock.

They and their boys Jessie, aged seven, and Finlay, aged five, will be joining us at the beginning of February to lead our church family.

John, an ordained Anglican minister, has been leading St Mark's Church in Dunedin and Connie has been teaching at a Dunedin primary school.

A service of ordination will be held on 9 February and John will lead his first service on Sunday 10 February. We welcome anyone who wishes to join with us.

Rod Gibson



The Harakeke team and whānau wishes all our readers a wonderful, happy and healthy 2013. The end of last year's fantastic weather made sure that we could really enjoy our annual two- nighters' Kiwi Christmas Camp at Kina Beach Reserve.

With a turnout of about 14 happy camper families plus some day visitors you can image what a great time we had.

It is just wonderful for us teachers to experience the engagement and support of our parents, ranging from bush walks to dingy trips, music sessions and rock-pooling to even organising pony cart rides and lighting a fire to get a hot water bath ready for children to have before bedtime.

Being part of the big Harakeke whānau and seeing individual family members (mums, dads and older siblings, even aunties and uncles and grandparents) spending fun times together is really rewarding.

Thanks also to the camp wardens for letting us have the back paddock all to ourselves – not having any car access means more freedom and safety for the children. OK, it also means a lot more carrying and back and forward trips across the ford to unload and load, but...let's be positive, it encourages team work and helping each other as well as keeping us fit...one smart family even thought of bringing a wheelbarrow...something to definitely remember for next year.

Ka kite, the Harakeke teaching team



Did I leave a bit??

Prefer *not* to be besieged with pictures of horses, dogs or cows every time we have some space in the Coastal News?

If so why not send us your photos - whatever subject you choose and we'll publish them whenever there is space. Send them to barmer@xtra.co.nz with the heading Readers Pics.

Noticeboard

Coastal Connections Social Group: Happy New Year to you all. To kick off the New Year, our first luncheon will be at the Boatshed Cafe, Toru Street, Mapua. Hope you can make it to this new venue for our group. Julie H

Cleaning Fairy Wanted - in Mahana, for 3 hours per week. Cornelia 543 2659

Dance Saturday 16 February at the Richmond Town Hall 7.30pm to 11pm. Live music, all Welcome, door charge \$6 and a plate please. Motueka Social Dance Group. 03 528 7564, 540 2242. (Change of venue)

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays at 9.45am. New members welcome. Phone Mary 5402450 or Anne 5403934

Yoga in Mapua: Mapua Scout Den during School Terms, Tues & Thurs 9:15-10:45am, Tues 6-7:30pm. Contact Anna Timms, 027 540 3944 or atimms68@gmail.com

Mapua Friendship Group meets once a month to socialize. We play a game of indoor bowls, and enjoy afternoon tea together (please bring a plate). There is a small door fee and a raffle. Info: Valerie 03 540 3685.

Staff wanted: part time wait staff required at Jester House café. Must be able to work weekends. Apply to Steve or Judy, 03 5266742, or call in to the cafe.

PANZ: Due to the renovation of the hall there will be no "top of the south" exhibition this year. Our apologies to all our staunch supporters and we will see you in 2014 with lots of new work

Trailer For Sale: tandem 10' x 6' - Tilting deck - Disc brakes - 2500kg coupling - 4 good tyres - New rego & warrant. \$4,200.00 - Ph 540-3222 Evenings.

Swiss Ball Fun Fitness: 10 wk Strength & Toning Programme, 3pm Thursday 14 Feb - 18 Apr. Lynn Robertson Personal Trainer at Mapua Hills Community Church. \$100 for 10 sessions.

Info & reg: 03 540 3246 or 021912560, or lynn.takeiteasy@gmail.com

Hall Donation Mural Workshops - Free. Artists and interested persons are invited to begin creating the Donation Mural for the Mapua Hall. No experience necessary, an opportunity to experience screen print, design and input to a community arts project. Led by Graeme Stradling of Mapua Hall Society, 9am Sundays at Korepo Gallery, Ruby Bay. Starts 10 February. Info: 540 2050

Storage Room and/or Artist Studio available, dry and secure, light and pleasant environment, for reasonable rates, shared facilities, up to 130m² for 5 months with possibility of longer in Mapua. Contact Simone 0211 049 039 or 540 3282.

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

Fair Exchange: We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at Jellyfish to exchange homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group: meet new people, make new friends. 10am last Friday of month, Tasman Store. Info: Richard & Viv, 526 6707, rsclement@xtra.co.nz or just turn up. Everyone welcome.

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

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.

Recycling: Printer & Photocopier cartridges can be left at Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Rd, 8am-noon & 3-6pm. Consider reducing landfill and support fundraising. Managed by MDBA with thanks to Tasman Bay Vets.

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.

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

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

Writers Group, Mapua, meeting monthly, third Thursdays. 540 3058 for info

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

Probuss Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. John Sharman; 540 3642, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

Need technical help? Can't connect your DVD player? Don't know how to download photos from your digital camera? Computer running slowly? Local help is at hand! Average job price only \$20! Basic web design also available - pages start from just \$35. Call Sam, 544 0737. - sambennett@live.jp

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.

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

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

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.win2pdf.com>.
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.
This page will not be added after purchasing Win2PDF.