

Mapua and  
Ruby Bay

# Coastal News

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## Mapua Hall Work Not Over Yet

Our first article for 2014 and it is exciting to start the New Year with our new-look hall up and working. Looking back over the holiday period, we feel satisfied at the use made of the hall for a range of diverse events. These included big band events over the New Year period organised by Nick from The Playhouse which went successfully, attracting a younger audience which was great to see.

The committee received Graeme Stradling's resignation from the committee with real regret but also an understanding that he "needed to get his life back again". As co-ordinator of the Project Control Group Graeme took major responsibility for "driving the project" of the hall refurbishment. He dealt with council and other regulators, funding bodies, community members and a great number of trades people involved in the rebuild.

"Ask Graeme..." was a common response to a query. Throughout this demanding, often stressful 24/7 role, Graeme kept his quirky sense of humour and sought to ensure that things were done properly. Graeme also spent significant time as acting chair in Tord Kjellstrom's absence and saw his role as ensuring that the committee members were able to meet their individual responsibilities so that the collective requirements could be met.

Graeme noted that this had "been a very satisfying project where I was able to use my creative side as well as project management experiences and see it through to its conclusion." The Hall Committee and the wider community owe a huge debt of gratitude to Graeme (and Jude) for his generous gifting of his time and talents. Hopefully many others will find an opportunity to voice this to him in person. Thanks Graeme.

### Bookings

For the start of the New Year, we have new regular-user bookings, hip-hop dance and rat-tat music and movement, which means a wider range of activities happening in our hall.

A number of enquiries are being received about weddings and private parties/events. It is important that we maximise such usage as this enables us to keep the charges as low as possible for our regular users. This year we will work hard to make links with other community venues and marketing websites to

broaden our potential pool of users. We can all do our part here letting others know of the availability of this wonderful venue.

The committee continues to be interested in any suggestions you may have as to other ways the hall can be used to provide a "community hub" with events not specifically related to belonging to any particular group. Such concepts as "Friendly Fridays" and possibly a range of cooking schools/demos have been tried and mooted. Please contact Margaret Cotter in the events team ([rmcotter@tasman.net](mailto:rmcotter@tasman.net)) if you have any such ideas.

### Hall facilities

The committee will contact regular users and involved community members as part of the general review of user rates and space allocation. The meeting will be Friday 21 March (further details to come). By then the facility will have been running six months and everyone will have a better idea of what is needed to keep the facility financially viable and to meet the storage needs of our regular users.

### Acoustics

This continues to be a top priority to address and the committee has sought expert advice. We will be trialling panels in the main hall and curtains in the Bill Marris room while also exploring the potential of other products and the possible use of large roll-up carpets in both spaces.

### Kitchen/kitchenette for hot drinks

There have been no requests to date for the booking of the kitchen for half-hour access alongside the regular booking (a change announced in December). It will be interesting to see if groups take this up in the New Year. As noted in December, this arrangement will be trialled until the full review of hire rates in March 2014.

## Resources and fund-raising

We need to begin the New Year with a reminder to us all that our hall is not yet debt-free and also incurs some ongoing costs related to functioning as an accredited public facility. We still owe around \$45,000 so please keep the donations and fund-raising ideas coming in as well as actively supporting the following events:

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### Current fund-raising events

1) Orders continue to be taken for the great deal of quality wine from Rimu Grove with dedicated labels. Please contact Margaret Cotter (rmcotter@tasman.net) or Ph: 540-2195 or Tord Kjellstrom Ph: 540-3347 (kjellstromt@yahoo.com).

2) Fun Run Sunday 23 February 11am. Our second Fun Run, with registration from 10am (a change of time to the morning, for the tide.) This is earmarked to become an annual event and last year raised about \$1000. Please mark this in your calendars and support it with your participation. We also need extra volunteers for registration and marshalling so please, contact Margaret Cotter in the events team (see above).

3) Presentation on “communicating with and living with animals” by Annis Parker from Christchurch, Monday 24 February at 7pm. Wine and food will be available.

Thank-you for the ongoing suggestions of items people would like to see in the hall – again, a suggestion that maybe your groups would consider providing these yourselves as there are no funds for such purchases at present.

We still have an ongoing significant “wish-list”, which we are seeking funds for or asking people to consider donating. These include:

Donations for a hot water zip and mobile storage unit in the kitchenette

More storage facilities

A modular stage

Sound equipment including microphones and speakers to enable the installed hearing loop to be accessible.

Data-show projection equipment

Large mirrors

Kitchen and cooking equipment including serving utensils and cutlery

Curtains for Domain gallery and Bill Marris Room

Outdoor furniture and shade sails

What’s coming next?

Keep up with events in more detail on our website [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org) as well as notices on the hall notice boards

The Rose Society exhibition 2 February

PANZ Art exhibition 22/23 February

To enable the hall to keep functioning we need an active and energised committee. The present small group of members urge others in the community to consider joining and sharing your time and skills in support of such a worthwhile community asset. Your help is needed to enable the Mapua Community Hall to develop more fully the next era of its life as our:

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Contact Tord Kjellstrom Ph: 540-3347

(kjellstromt@yahoo.com) if you are willing and able to support the hall as a society and/or committee member.

We look forward, as always, to hearing from you.

*Elena Meredith, Information and Liaison*

*Sub-committee*



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Hopefully you have all managed to avoid sunburn and traffic jams. We have had a really good festive season crime-wise. No huge crime trends apart from windows in parked cars being smashed overnight—so far this year there have been 66! So until we catch the culprits it would pay not to park your vehicle on the road. We suspect the offenders are driving around while smashing these windows somehow.

*Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka.*

*Ph direct 03) 528-1226*

## Mapua Occurrences:


Jan 1: Two male drink-drivers on Te Mamaku Drive

Jan 8: Mailbox damaged in Ruby Bay

Jan 9: Three cannabis plants found growing on a property by the property owner. Plants destroyed

Jan 11: Female drink-driver and driving while suspended Tasman area

Jan 12: Domestic argument Mapua



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Sun, Feb 9 – 3:00p	<b>SHARON CALLOWAY DUO</b>
Sun, Feb 16 – 3:00p	<b>BIG BAND</b>
Sun, Feb 23 – 3:00p	<b>BOB HILLARY AND THE MASSIVE MELLOW</b>
Fri, Feb 28 – 6:00p	<b>IRIE VIBES</b>

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A Happy New Year to all of you here in the Moutere, the Tasman Bay, the Ruby Coast...in fact the whole wide world. May all your wishes come true and only positive challenges cross your path!

The end of 2013 was a very busy time for us here at Harakeke. We had the Education Review Office visiting and evaluating the quality of our service for the first time after now nearly almost four years of operation – a process that requires time-consuming written preparation and is quite intense on the day of their visit. All worthwhile though and in the name of improving learning outcomes for the children of Aotearoa.



The feedback we got was so positive that we happily direct interested readers to our published report at [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) (Early Childhood and School reports section).

To farewell the year and to get into holiday mode the Harakeke whānau again enjoyed our traditional Christmas Camp at Kina Beach Reserve in the week before the home festivities take all our time. Blessed with beautiful summer weather our children, siblings, parents, teachers and even some grandparents relaxed by and in the sea, explored the rock pools and soaked in the hot tub. We enjoyed each other's company, good food, music, singing and of course toasted marshmallows on the camp fire. We even constructed our very own 'beachy' Christmas tree

Now, after a refreshing break we are anticipating a great new year and are ready to continue our learning journey with our tamariki (children).

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# Mapua Health Centre

It has been a pleasure and very helpful to have Dr Nicky Baxter with us as part of a new three-month work experience programme for Nelson Hospital junior medical staff. We would also like to welcome David Chapman (a 6th year medical student) to the practice. David will be with us until 22 March as part of his training. During his time with us he will be sitting in on consults (with the patient's consent) as well as consulting patients under the supervision of our doctors. This is a great opportunity for David to obtain a greater understanding of primary healthcare in the rural community.

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 last only 2-3 hours so need re-applying for longer sun exposures).



The Nelson Bays Primary Health is encouraging people to come in for a 'Heart and Diabetes Check'. This works out a person's risk of having a heart attack or stroke in the next five years and if there is any diabetes or pre-diabetes. So it's a great opportunity to find out how to lower the likelihood of developing a heart attack, stroke or diabetes. We will offer free health checks with our practice nurses, especially for those who are at higher risk or who have missed the previous screening programme.

There has been some interesting research coming on line from around the world. In Europe, investigators checked out 8128 men and 9759 women aged 20-65 years without cardiovascular disease. They looked

at four traditional healthy lifestyle factors—sufficient physical activity (3.5 hours a week or greater of exercise such as cycling or sports), a healthy diet (Mediterranean style), moderation of alcohol consumption and non-smoking. What they found is that of those who took up the healthy options 57% had a lower risk of cardiovascular disease and a 67% were less likely to die of heart problems. In addition, if they also had sufficient sleep (around 8 hours/night) those figures improved to 65% and 83%, which is very impressive for basic lifestyle changes. (*Eur J Prev Cardiol. July 2013*).

## Some of the events for the month:

1-28	National Bike Wise month**	<a href="http://hearttracer.org.nz/rideforheart">hearttracer.org.nz/rideforheart</a>
1-28	IHC National Awareness appeal	<a href="http://ihc.org.nz">ihc.org.nz</a>
2	World Wetlands Day	<a href="http://wetlandtrust.org.nz">wetlandtrust.org.nz</a>
3	Nelson Day public holiday	
6	Waitangi Day	
10-16	Heart Appeal Week	<a href="http://nhf.org.nz">nhf.org.nz</a>
12	Go by Bike Day*	<a href="http://bikewise.co.nz">bikewise.co.nz</a>

\* 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?

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And, in the USA, they found that just adding more fruit and vegetable intake reduced the risk of coronary heart disease by 17% (*Am J Clin Nutr. Oct 2013*). If you are interested in looking at some of these lifestyle options the Nelson/Marlborough District Health Board has a programme called 'Nutrition and Physical Activity' that you can check out at [www.healthyas.org.nz/about-us](http://www.healthyas.org.nz/about-us). And for those with small children, a study published last month shows that a probiotic (*Lactobacillus reuteri*) can significantly reduce infantile colic and reflux (*JAMA Pediatr. Jan 2014*).



# Mapua and District Probus Club

The club's final meeting for 2013 was held at the church hall of the Community Hills Church in Mapua on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Peter Butchart had originally organised a Christmas club BBQ at his and Margaret's home in Ruby Bay. Unfortunately the weather forecast was for rain for that day so Peter booked the church hall. Thirtysix club members attended the BBQ, which was supplied and managed by Bevan Keyes and his wife of Mapua. Their BBQ was set up on a trailer that was parked close to the hall entrance.

Bevan supplied a variety of meat including lamb, beef, and chicken, with roast and steamed vegetables. After the main course the club committee provided a variety of fruit and other delights for the second course.

At the end of the meal Peter and Margaret thanked the club members for their good response. They said that after many years living in the Tasman district, they had to make a difficult decision to sell their property to move on to live in the Tauranga area close to their family. They will both be missed by the club and their many friends. It was Peter who initiated the club in September 2001. Both Peter and Margaret have been active members of the club leaving their positions as treasurer and secretary.

Club president Letty Thawley gave a vote of thanks to Peter and Margaret for their dedication to the club. In recognition of their service they were presented with life membership of Mapua Probus.

*David Higgs*

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Nov 27: Old microwave on fire, no damage to house.

Dec 13: Alarm activation on Neudorf Road, turned back. Cleaning with steam.

Dec 29: Grass fire on Pomona Road, put out with help from Appleby and Motueka Rural. Fire near to long dry grass and no way to put out if it got away.

Dec 29: Rubbish fire Nuttall Road.

Jan 9: Tree arcing on power lines on Iwa Street. Scene protection while waiting for power board. Keep trees away from lines.

Jan 10: Alarm activation Thawley Orchard packhouse. Defective apparatus.

Jan 11: Logs on fire Kina peninsula. Motueka Rural put out.

Jan 13: Grass fire Te Mamaka Drive. Appleby put it out.

Jan 16: MVC Te Mamaka Drive and Harley Road. Car hit guard rail. Police investigating

Jan 17: Scrub fire Kina peninsula, line arcing in high wind. Tanker assisted on the next day as well.

55 calls last year. Seven calls to date this year.

**Safety Tip:** All outside fires need a permit. Rural fire network 544-2441. If in doubt phone 111 ask for fire. Visit as at [www.mapuafire.org](http://www.mapuafire.org), or Google Mapua fire.

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#### ❖ LIVE MUSIC 7PM SAT 8<sup>th</sup> Feb "MARLEY RICHARDS"

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1<sup>st</sup> Thurs Folk Night. This month the 6<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Quiz Night. This month the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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This is the first Sam's Spam for the year so I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. As many of you will have received new 'gadgets' over the holiday season, I thought an article on recycling would be useful. Remember to remove any personal information from your phone before you donate (eg, contacts, messages, etc.)

**Donate:** One of the best ways to donate mobile phones is through the Starship's mobile phone appeal. They are happy to receive any make and model, regardless of condition. In four years, more than \$2 million has been raised for the Starship National Air Ambulance Service, with more than 650,000 phones donated.

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The mobile phones that are donated which still have a useful life get refurbished and resold into third world countries. There is a small number that can no longer be used and these are broken down and recycled in an environmentally friendly way.

For more information, visit: <https://www.starship.org.nz/phone>

**Recycle:** If you would prefer to recycle your device, the Tasman District Council has several initiatives which make this possible.

The Nelson ReUse and Recycle Centre will take obsolete and broken computers or electronic appliances away for recycling. There is a small fee for each item to help cover the costs of labour, freight, the use of dismantling equipment, and other logistical costs.

The centre is at 6 Vivian Place, Tahunanui, and they will accept mobile phones, televisions, and computers, amongst other types of electronic items.

## PANZ

PANZ kicks off the new year on the 4th February with a working bee at the Mapua Hall to get ready for our annual exhibition.

Our normal Tuesday gatherings will begin on the 11th February at 9am in the Bill Marris room at the Mapua Hall. We will be presenting our Christmas challenges which were set at the close of last year and settling in to a new year of camaraderie, learning and painting.

The big event of the year—our annual members' exhibition—"Top of the South"—will be run over the weekend of 22 and 23 February with opening night on the 21st. Look out for posters and invitations around the Village.

"TOP OF THE SOUTH." mark it on your calendar and we will see you there.

Enquiries to Glenys Forbes, 540-3388.

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/services/rubbish-recycling/electronic-waste-recycling/>

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# Mapua Bowling Club

## *The Write Bias*

Christmas decorations in the clubhouse added to the festive cheer throughout December and members have thoroughly enjoyed tournaments, championship matches and their usual roll-up sessions.

We are very grateful to the Nelson Building Society for sponsoring our pair's tournament on Wednesday 4 December. Seven rinks were in action and John and Pauline Cawthra from Motueka the worthy winners.

The annual insanity took place on Saturday 21 December when the 'Kiwis' took on club members from 'The Rest of the World' in a pairs challenge. Everyone entered the spirit of the occasion by wearing some variation of national dress and though play was serious, there was plenty of laughter and banter. It was a close run thing but 'The Rest' just scraped a victory. The Kiwi Captain Frank Gibbison presented the trophy to Sue England (appropriately representing 'The Rest') and this will reside at the Club until the challenge resumes next year. Bowls was followed by a barbecue, the Christmas draw and Frank's 87th birthday celebration. It was a grand day.

Mapua has been represented in some Nelson Centre events. The President's Trophy is now complete with Mapua coming 4th out of 8 in its section. We took last place last year so a commendable improvement. A team flew the flag at the Greenkeeper's Tournament and we are now looking forward to play in the annual Umpire's Tournament.

And finally congratulations go to Ben Whitten and Julina Ismail, two of our junior players (five years or less experience). Together they have bowled in the Nelson Centre Junior 2-4-2 Pairs over a period of several weeks and finished in 6th place out of 28 entries. Ben has also made the Men's Development Squad Reserves and Julina was selected to play in Blenheim as a Nelson Junior Representative.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call the secretary Jean Daubney (540-3281) or the president, Dave England (540-2934) or email us at [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

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# A Slice of Mapua History

With the departure of Jon Wakefield for the bright lights of Wellington, Mapua has lost a pioneering name that has been a big part of this district for more than 100 years.

Les Wakefield, a great-nephew of Edward Gibbon Wakefield, is first recorded in Mapua in 1906. He lived in a tent, worked in Seniors' flax mill and punted supplies down the channel to catch the Nelson ships. He also ploughed most of pre-WWI orchard land in the area. That was vastly more land than we have in orchard now, for it was the heady beginning of the apple industry.

In the 1930s Les built up a transport business carting fruit to the Mapua wharf. He had five International trucks, from Little Bill to Prairie Schooner, and as his trucking business grew he merged with other trucking firms, and so was born Transport Nelson Ltd. The company is still known to us today.

By this time Les was a big Mapua landowner. Very early on he owned land round Rocks Road in Nelson, land found even then to be prone to slipping. It was probably the sale of this that enabled him to go on to buy up of Mapua.

He owned from the school to the beach along to the Leisure Park, from opposite to the school to Seaton Valley, and the land along the southern side of Higgs Road, now the Thawley farm. That farm was all orchard then too.

Mr Wakefield gave the public access to the Mapua Outer Beach which eventually became the walkway we have today. He also gave land each side of Seaton Valley for bowling and croquet greens.

People living in Mapua still remember Les Wakefield. Ivan Wells as a boy went camping with other families on Wakefields' truck, and others in the Country Women's organisations remember the Wakefields' legendary garden and garden parties in Seaton Valley Road.

Looking for information on Mapua's early settlers means a fascinating journey into Bernard Wells' book, *The Fruits of Labour*. Bernard had no grant to publish his book and could not afford the luxury of an index, so when hunting for something specific it is easy to be diverted by the stories and dramas of Mapua life 100 years ago.

We very nearly had a railway from Tasman to The Mapua wharf in 1920. They were serious too about generating electricity from the channel current. The book tells us who first thought of planting pines on Rabbit Island, about characters living on the estuary islands, and how Mr Boysen developed the boysenberry.

There are charming details of using a horse with padded hooves to shuffle around a dance floor slippery-smooth, and of orchardists standing on horses' backs to prune their trees.

They were tough people, the settlers, thinking nothing of walking from Mapua to Upper Moutere to attend church or to get the mail, and riding horses across the mudflats to Appleby.

It's absorbing stuff learning about the people whose names we use today—Mr Rough and Mr Marriage and the Gardeners and Staffords. We are fortunate that for three generations the name Wakefield an active part of Mapua's landscape.

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# BOOK REVIEW

The Gift of Rain, by Tan Twan Eng. Reviewed by Adrienne Taylor. This book is available in the Mapua Library

**T**he Gift of Rain spans decades from the final days of the Chinese emperors to the dying days of the British Empire. The novel opens with the central character, Phillip Hutton, as an old man, still living in his family home in Penang, Malaya. He is half-Chinese, half-English and the youngest child of the head of one of Penang's great trading families. His sense of alienation and cultural confusion is one of the main threads of the book. He discovers a sense of belonging in his unexpected friendship with Hayato Endo, a Japanese diplomat who rents a nearby island from his father.

In return for Phillip showing Endo around Penang, Endo teaches him about Japanese language and culture and trains him in the art and discipline of Aikido. However, this knowledge comes at a terrible price as World War II rages in Europe and the Japanese savagely invade Malaya.

Phillip realises that his mentor is a Japanese spy and that he has unwittingly become a traitor, forced into collaborating with the Japanese to safeguard his family. He is then the ultimate outsider, trusted by no one and hated by

many. Tormented by his part, Phillips takes great risks by working in secret to save as many people as he can from the Japanese brutality.

I found the book a bit meandering, and didn't become really engaged with it. However, everybody else I have spoken to has enjoyed it. I really liked the exotic setting with descriptions of the lush tropical landscape and ever-present sea. The author describes heritage buildings in Penang very beautifully. I was also impressed with the author's willingness and skill in dealing with a difficult and complex moral ambiguity. The characters are capable of great nobility but also have failures that force them to bear responsibility and pay a heavy price for the evil they do.

While the Aikido element is essential to the plot and sometimes adds a bit of excitement, I thought some of it was a bit daft and too spiritual and "new age" for me to swallow. Some of the historical information was rather clunky and formal in contrast to the more romantic tone of the book. This is definitely a different writing style and reflects the background of Tan Twan Eng who was born in Penang and has a first-dan ranking in Aikido and a passion for the conservation of heritage buildings. Tan has spent time in South Africa writing his second novel, *The Garden of Evening Mists*, published in 2012. This is also available in the Mapua Library.

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## Barbara has left us

Our compiler of the *Coastal News* since September 2004, Barbara Mercer, has retired from the job after providing a sterling service. In spite of being a busy woman she managed to get the final version to the printers on time every month. Any attempt to get in a late entry was met with short shrift.

We are grateful to her for coping with a publication that has grown to sometimes 36 pages, and to her husband Clive, who delivered the newsletter to the Tasman District Council printing department in Richmond nearly every month.

Like everyone with a part in getting the *Coastal News* in the boxes every month, they were volunteers. Although they no longer live in Ruby Bay, we hope they will pick up a copy of the newsletter when they are in Mapua.

This means of course that there is a hole in the team that needs to be filled. We will revert to compiling the newsletter with MS Publisher (due to an allergy to Microsoft Barbara used PageMaker, an Adobe program that has long been superseded). If there is someone who can use Publisher and would like to join the team of volunteers we would love to hear from you. In the meantime we will try to keep our contributors and advertisers happy as best we can.

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# Out and About with Hugh

It is the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, the deadline for *Coastal News* copy for the February edition. Always a scramble, despite my collecting of bits and pieces that might fit into my column. Two months have passed since the last deadline on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Everyone seems to say “time is passing so quickly”.

Somehow to me in this instance, it feels just the reverse. How come? Could it have anything to do with that momentary pause, that brief moment in time when there was a hesitation of sorts that makes you sense something, and, maybe causes you to stop and stand still? That is, for just a second or two?

Some of you will know what I’m talking about: if not, let me remind you. “It’s the date”. December 21st at 5:11pm. The summer solstice: when the sun literally stood still for the slightest of moments and then changed its southerly course back to the north.

Thanks to today’s astronomers, we now know it’s all about the angle of the Earth’s tilt. But then, one never knows, does one? One extra degree of tilt, one slightly longer hesitation. Could it affect the weather or the temperature? Who is to

say? The ancients put great store in such events such as the solstices, equinoxes and the like and they did or did not do many things in relation to their beliefs at that time.

Today’s science and technology have made such beliefs and behaviour antiquated and bizarre. Or has it? According to the Psychic Library’s ‘Superstition Room’, there are 9 superstitions of ancient origin that are so ingrained into our culture that not many of us would deny that we at least secretly hold a slight belief in one or two. Sneeze and someone will say “God bless you”; cross your fingers; knock on wood; that’s three of the 9.

And how about number 13 for bad luck or evil stuff? The term for fear of the number 13 is triskaidekaphobia – of Greek origin. For a fear of Friday the 13th it is paraskevidekatriaphobia. More Greek. Many hotels have no 13th floor, there’s no gate 13 at the airport and so on.

In 1881 in New York a group formed the ‘Thirteen Club’ in an effort to debunk this and all superstitions. On Friday the 13th, the 13 members sat down in a hotel at 8:13 pm in Room 13. To get into the room they had to walk under a ladder and sit down at a table with piles of spilled salt on it.

You guessed it. Nothing happened. They all survived. And what about last December’s black Friday locally, with its two births at the 13<sup>th</sup> minute of the 13<sup>th</sup> hour? Babies and mothers all doing well! That’s enough for 13 and superstitions for today.

Then there’s the weather and the temperature? Surely our first concern. Worldwide it’s gone from one extreme to another. Last year’s record-breaking heat, cold, rain and floods, not to mention the earthquakes, cyclones and tornadoes around the place. A “heads-up” for all of us as the ‘climate changes’. “Climate Change?” The few but noisy deniers will continue their noise about it. But where are the “published” scientific studies to back up their arguments? There don’t seem to be any about. Whoops! More “beliefs”?



**Dominion Flats:** They planted and they planted and then they planted some more. And the enthusiastic volunteers kept coming and then it rained and rained again and all the trees and shrubs are in the ground, staked and marked. The final count is well over 6000 plus. More like 7000. We owe a vote of thanks to all who turned out to make it

happen, to Helen and Neville Bibby for leading the way, to Beryl Wilkes and her TDC Parks & Reserves team for their support and to Nelmac for supplying plants and trees. Watch them grow!

**Mapua Hall:** A busy place during the holiday period. It’s gratifying that the use of the hall is increasing as a venue for all types of community events and meetings. Are there any of you out there who are, or would be willing to contribute your financial or secretarial skills towards the running and management of the hall? Please come forward. Contact [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org)

The afternoon concert on 15 December by the Stellar a’Capella Women’s chorus and the Men’s ‘In Accord’ male chorus was a highlight for me. Both groups went through a double dose of selections from their varied repertoires. The programme was interspersed by solo selections by pianists Xander Perrotti and Jean Yu Lim; vocal selections by the women’s quartet the “Sisterhood” and the men’s quartet the “Hemisphere’s;” Kaitlyn, Hannah and Emily Rodley were a delight with their rendition of “Do You Hear What I Hear?” and the finale by the children and grandchildren of the chorus members and a few friends contributed to the perfect balance of an outstanding programme.

**Mapua Wharf:** ‘Twas the day before closure and all round the wharf, the cars were manoeuvring for maximum exposure. ‘Cause the next day ‘twould be over, during holiday time. No parking, to avoid a stiff fine. Now children could run and people meander, it’s safer to be there, and you won’t get run over.

Parking at the wharf area ceased on 20 December. The closure is working well after a few initial hiccups. On busy times you can find cars parked just about everywhere else. A few parking tickets, the Iwa Street link to the area closed off and some additional signage at the Aranui Road entrance have all contributed to this positive new policy.

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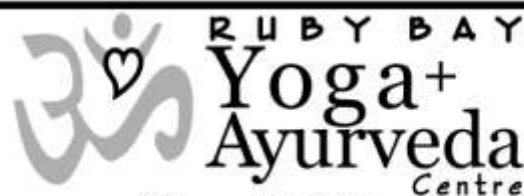
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# Classic Boat Show Chooses Earlier Date

Classic boat-lovers have the opportunity to indulge in a long weekend of glorious hydromatic relaxation at St Arnaud in the Nelson Lakes National Park, with this year's NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show linking with Waitangi Day.

The show is set for the weekend of 8/9 February and coordinator Pete Rainey says if people can wangle Friday off they've got a four day mini-holiday.

"It's the same weekend as Taste Marlborough and a Tasman Makos' game in Blenheim so it's an excellent time for North Islanders or Cantabrians to see what a varied range of action the Top of the South can offer," he said.

"Being a month earlier than usual means the weather is more stable for visitors who want to pack in a bit of mountain-biking, some exploration of the Nelson Lakes National Park or a few visits to our famous vineyards and art galleries."

But for the true enthusiast, there's no reason to wander further afield than the shore of Lake Rotoiti where the Classic Boat Show takes place.

"There will be the usual range of boats...cedar kayaks, jet boats from the 60s, clunky clinkers and veteran wooden yachts," Pete said. "From early morning on both days of the weekend you can wander around the boats on land, chat with the owners, view displays with stories of restoration and rebuild and then watch the races on the lake in the afternoon. We have a lot of fun, from the slightly chaotic

sail-past to the Seagull dinghy race with its Le Mans start, which always has some poor beggar who can't get his motor going."

Another attraction this year is the new Nelson Lakes Classic Boat Museum, alongside the Clinker Café and gift shop complex at the St Arnaud village. It will be open with boating displays all weekend.



The NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show is now in its 16th year, and continues to grow in the number and quality of craft presented, as well as the number of people coming to view the boats and the action. Judging will take place on Saturday, ahead of an evening awards ceremony at the Alpine Lodge. At stake is the Jens Hansen Trophy where the

judges are after good looks as well as history, construction and a boat with a story to tell.

Other awards include prizes for best new restoration, best steamboat, best jet-propelled craft and best themed display. Races will be held for yachts, row boats, seagull motored dinghies, poppers, canoes, child rowers and swimmers.

All boats will be checked for noxious aquatic weeds and oil leaks before entering the water; and boaties are reminded to be aware of minimising the spread of didymo. And remember, DOC has released kiwis into the National Park very close to where the show takes place, so no antique and classic dogs please!

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Lion Foundation, Tasman District Council and Canterbury Community Trust: These three organisations have continued their ongoing support of the library and once again have made grants to the library. Their support is key to our book-purchasing programme and we hugely appreciate the grants made by them to our library. So please give a round of applause to them.

Thanks also to Vicky and Heather who put together our grants applications. They do a fantastic job gathering a comprehensive set of information to meet the requirements of grants organisations.

**Christmas Raffle.** Thanks go to a number of people here – all of you who buy the tickets, our wonderful volunteers who sell the tickets and donate the majority of the prizes, and Eileen who co-ordinates everything to make the raffle such a success. Around \$1000 was raised and this money is used to cover library administration costs.

Congratulations to: Angela Fon - Hamper 1st prize. Neville Vincent - 2nd prize. Cody - 3rd prize.

Maggie Brown - Multi-media player.

**Book Sale.** Again, there are a number of people who make this a success, around \$900 was raised. Thanks to all who supported the sale and to the team of volunteers who set up and 'manned' the sale. A special thank you to Analee and Heather who do the 'behind the scenes' organisation and preparation to

make the sale run so smoothly. This year the sale was extended to two days after the weather was a bit of a dampener on the first day. This is a formula that we may adopt next year too, so look out for the notices!

**Books for Sale.** On the subject of pre-loved book sales, there are some excellent books for sale in the library entrance foyer. They are available until the end of the month, when our regular displays will resume. Do pop and find yourself a good read!

**Book Purchasing/Acquisition.** We are fortunate to have gathered the funds to support a regular purchasing programme. We spend a significant sum each month buying new books and appreciate the number of new/nearly new books that are donated to supplement these purchases. Maintaining this programme is one of the goals for the committee as we strive to maintain our stocks of newly published, appealing and interesting books.

New books are displayed separately from the main shelves, don't have a borrowing fee and are itemised on our website. We also welcome suggestions – record your suggestion in the "Suggest a Book" notebook at the front desk.

**Magazines.** We stock a number of newly published magazines. Our three-week withdrawal period is being reviewed for these, and in the meantime we ask that you limit yourself to one week when borrowing these so that other borrowers can also enjoy the latest publication.

*Lynley Worsley*

## Library Hours (closed statutory holidays)

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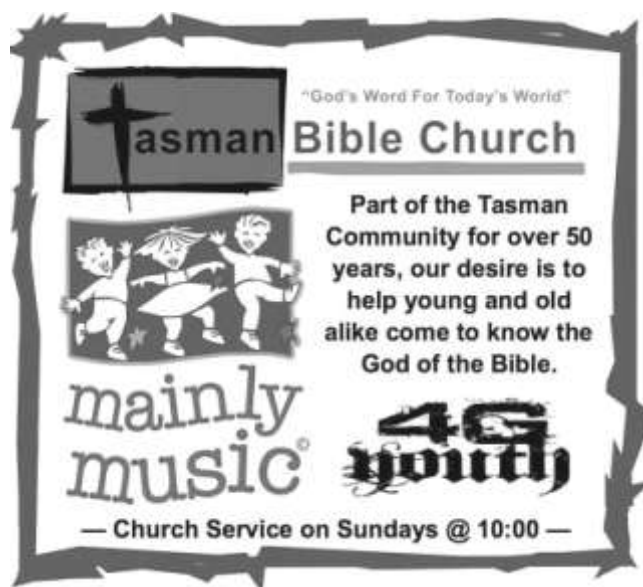


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# Mapua Spring Fling turns Seven

*(We regret that this item was overlooked for inclusion in the December/January edition of the Coastal News. Our fault, not the contributor's:- Editors)*

For the first time, a decision had to be made whether to go ahead with the scheduled event—this year on Thursday 24 October because the weather wasn't co-operating. It was decided to postpone, so a flurry of re-booking and notifications was undertaken at 3.30pm and fingers crossed that Monday was "true to forecast."

Monday dawned bright and sunny and a brief sunshower early in the afternoon did not put people off – the domain saw a steady stream of visitors.

Once again, the Way-2-Go trailer was opened up and myriad equipment for games and activities made its way out onto the domain to be swarmed over by the children. Graeme Green was there with his 1967 Pontiac Firebird that he picked up in Detroit earlier this year and then did a 4554 kilometre road trip along Route 66 to Los Angeles. It took him more than months. The Mapua Fire Brigade gave children, big and small, the chance to appreciate and explore the fire engine. The turning on of the fire hose was once again too much temptation to resist and dozens of children squealed with delight as they raced and danced under the big stream of water.

Our aim is to develop community connections, bridge the generation gap and provide an opportunity to mix and mingle. It is fantastic to see friends and neighbours catch up with each other and socialise, locals meet locals they had never met before and make introductions, and everyone looking relaxed and happy.

The people in free sausage sizzle, ice cream in a cone and home-made lemonade queues were friendly and social and once again, children oozed excitement when realising that they were allowed to have their ice-cream before they had their sausage—and then they could have another ice-cream if they wished.

We have always been fortunate to receive donations that enable this event to happen and sincere thanks go to Talleys, Mapua Ruby Bay and Districts Community Trust, Club Mapua, New World Motueka, Couplands, Hamish's, Mapua Auto Centre and NBS – who all made a contribution to this fantastic community event. (NBS even organised to deliver the marquee to the domain for us – fantastic!)

The Mapua Spring Fling is an event for all members of our community to come together and enjoy our domain and each other's company. It is organised by the "Strengthening our Community" group which works to fulfil the proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child."





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# Under The Bonnet with Fred

## Barry and His Fleet of Holdens

Barry Evans has such an interesting background in the club car world that I thought I should write not just about his cars but him too and what he has got up to over the years. He has a collection of Holdens and other cars, races in the Skope classic circuit racing and is a long-time member of the Holden Enthusiasts' Club. Barry had Peter Brock to dinner at his house; you can't get more Holden than that.

Barry has nine Holdens—Torana, Commodores, Sunbird and his six-litre 2005 Clubsport as a house car. You might say he has a passion for the car that grew from the humble 1949 FJ to modern fast sports sedans and the much loved Monaro. But he can't explain why he likes Holdens, he just does. He also has a Valiant, a Singer Vogue and a Mitsubishi which he says he saved. There are two sheds full. The second was going to be the workshop but it's full so a third is planned for working on the cars in his retirement. Good on you Barry. If I had the space I would have a car collection too.

Barry is originally from Rotorua where he did his time as a motor mechanic and spent his youth racing street stocks at the local stock car club. Marriage and children slowed the motor sports for a while but got involved with Holden enthusiasts' clubs and has many prizes in the large trophy cabinet in the house. The classic circuit racing started after he bought a 1998 GTR Commodore race car at Tapawera which had not been used for while. After some negotiation Barry became the new owner along with eight other Commodores for spare parts. It's sort of a 9 Commodores for the price of one. Good buying.

In 2005 Peter Brock, who won Bathurst, Australia's premiere saloon car race, seven times, had dinner with Barry and socialised with 26 others at the dinner. Barry says Brockie was more interested in his Morris Oxford ute he has had for 22 years than in the Holdens.



The car Barry chose for the story was a 1979 Torana SL. It was sold new from Wrightcars in Takaka, back to Wrightcars then sold to a lady in Stoke who had trouble with the heavy steering. It was pre-power steering days. Back to Wrightcars then sold to Arthur Evens who burnt out two transmissions. My experience with the Trimatic auto was that it was just about bullet proof. The condition of the Torana is nearly mint. It is a nice metallic jade green colour with the front grill sort of recessed to give it style. The interior is mint with not a mark on the upholstery. The seats are a combination of vinyl and cloth with bucket seats up front and a centre console. The dash is simple but



has all the gauges you need rather than the bells and whistles and warning lights to distract you that modern cars have.

The drive was sedate with no blaze of power but a comfortable ride. There was some 70s road noise. On the way down the Bluff hill we got stuck behind a campervan. The race car driver in Barry suddenly showed with a stomp on the throttle and the Torana's 186 six-cylinder engine lit up the transmission, went down to first then second and we flew past. It's 60km now but we slowed to cruising and chatting about cars. The Torana has won many best original awards at the Holden rallies over the years.

I asked what he thought of the new Holden Malibu and I got a true Holden man's reply, it's not a real Holden, it's an import!

Barry, it was nice to meet someone who has stuck to his Holden code and you have such an interesting motoring history. But remember, the next shed is a workshop. Your gold-coloured 2005 Holden Clubsport SS with the six-litre V8 motor is very nice.

*Fred Cassin*

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At left is a car Fred probably will not get a chance to drive. It is a 1929 DuPont Model G Speedster. Probably worth a small fortune.



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