

Time Capsule Placed in Hall

Collating and placing a time capsule of the Mapua Hall's past stories up to the recent rebuild, has been an intention of the Hall Committee for some time. Finally in February this was done. Mementos of the hall's openings and plans were stored away by Andreas Niemann (below) who has contributed so much in visions, ideas and practical work to the present format of our beautiful community hall.



The committee has also stored all the documents relating to the past development and management of the hall in the cabinets in the small meeting room. In time, the plan is to sort these so that photos and significant documents can be accessible to those interested in seeing them. If anyone in the community has stories they would like

recorded or photos/documents relating to the hall's history that they would like to add to this collection, please contact Elena Meredith at elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz. We wish to honour and remember the many committed community members who have created and cared for this facility.

Bookings and Information

It has been great to see the hall busy and buzzing on so many days in the week. There are still some spaces in the middle of most days if your group is interested. Liaising with potential hall users and keeping up with the bookings is a major task which Trish Smith undertakes valiantly as a volunteer. We are hopeful that shortly there will be someone in the hall office regularly who can take over some of this work as well as providing a personal face and contact for those using or visiting the hall.

We are now firming up our first weddings for the year which is exciting. We are also finalising the expectations of and processes for those bookings which require bonds, keys and cleaning agreements.

The Information Boards outside and inside the hall are another way of informing everyone of the calendar bookings as well as enabling hall users and Mapua & Districts Community Association members being able to advertise their own groups and events. A reminder that such notices should relate only to local groups and events. Advertisements for commercial operations are not appropriate here. The boards are cleared regularly to keep the information up to date.

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. One such plan is a regular event on the fourth Friday of each month (See the What's Coming Next? section as well as the notice elsewhere in this issue). Having someone regularly in the hall office will, we hope, encourage conversations on such topics! Please contact Margaret Cotter in the "events team" rmcotter@tasman.net if you have any such ideas. Your ideas will be warmly welcomed.

Hall facilities

The committee has contacted all its regular users and involved community members about the next User Group meeting on Friday 21 March at 7pm in the Bill Marris Room. As noted before, we will discuss the hiring rates as we now have a clearer idea of what is needed to keep the facility financially viable. We also hope by then that user groups with storage requirements will have been able to discuss these specifically with Andreas so that these can be advanced and finalised (at least in the Bill Marris Room) General business is sure to cover other issues hall user groups wish to raise.

Acoustics

This continues to be a top priority to address and the committee has sought expert advice. We will trial a range of panels in the Bill Marris Room and main hall to test their effectiveness. Temporary curtains have been put up in the room and those attending the February MDCA meeting noted that these had already made a difference. We plan eventually to have curtains in other areas while also exploring the poten-

tial of other products and the possible use of large roll-up carpets in both the Main Hall and Bill Marris Room.

Use of the kitchen/kitchenette

To date there have been requests from only one user group for the booking of the kitchen for half-hour access alongside the regular booking. This arrangement will be trialled until the full review of hire rates this month.

Some donations have been received from community groups towards the purchase and installation of a zip in the kitchenette. We need around \$1500 for this so would encourage other user groups to contribute towards a facility which will help everyone.

Hall resources and fund-raising

A reminder again that this hall is community-owned and run which means that we do not receive TDC funding for running and maintenance costs. We have to raise/solicit our own funding to complete the payment of the building cost as well as continue the development of our facility so it can be more fully functional. Costs have risen more than 20% and some of these such as the \$14,000 annual insurance premium put significant pressure on to maintain a certain level of income each month and across the year.

Current fund-raising events

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 phone 540-2195, or Tord Kjellstrom on 540-3347 kjellstrom@yahoo.com

Feedback on funds raised

Thank-you for your ongoing suggestions of what you 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
- 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
- Outdoor furniture , BBQ and shade sails

What’s coming next?

Keep up with events in more detail on our website www.mapuahall.org as well as notices on the hall notice boards

Regular 4th Friendly Friday evening: 28 March at 7pm Paul Nankivell from Mapua – stories and photos on Fiordland; natural environment and human history. See separate notice in this issue.

To keep the hall to functioning, we need an active and energised committee. We are talking with some people interested in joining and contributing in this way. Again we urge others to consider either joining or else offering your specific skills in support of such a worthwhile community asset. Your help is still needed to enable the future of the Mapua Community Hall to fully reach its potential as a **“Community-built, community-owned, community-run Mapua Community Hall .”**

Contact Tord Kjellstrom at 540-3347 or kjellstrom@yahoo.com if you are willing 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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Hills Community Church

Over the last month I have really enjoyed watching the coverage of the Winter Olympics from Sochi. I love watching top-level sports. It is something about seeing so much commitment, dedication, and discipline come together for a particular performance or race. It is truly extraordinary what people can do with years of practice. And that is the key really—without training, practice and discipline, we will not achieve much in our chosen field. This is obvious in things like sports, but it is not obvious in relationship to how we are as people.

The strange thing about the Olympics is that while I love watching it, in the grand scheme of things, there are much more important things in life. The reality is that what we achieve in sport or in our career is not nearly as important as the kind of person we are, or are learning how to be. Or to put it another way; our physical abilities and condition are ultimately short term and fading. It is our spiritual condition that will endure.

The Apostle Paul said it like this: “You’ve all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race...All athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You’re after one that’s gold eternally (1 Cor 9:24).

As it is with sports, so it is in our spiritual life: it discipline and practice that lead us to growth.

Over the centuries a number of different practices have been developed that are great tools in helping us grow in our spirituality. If you want to learn more, a book such as

Brian McClaren’s *Finding Our Way Again, The Return of the Ancient Practices*, is a great place to start.

Blessings, Rev John Sherlock

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

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children’s programme including crèche 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between. 1st Sunday of each month: one family-style service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

Weekly Calendar:

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

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided. Drop-off for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week.

Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries.

Senior Moments

This is initiative which aims to bring some of our older folk in our wider Mapua community together to socialise, relax together, connect and form relationships. Usually this done over some food, eg, morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea, and often “spiced up” with a guest speaker or activity.

Let’s check in with our elderly neighbours or friends if they would like come to these monthly activities, especially when they perhaps seem to be lonely or isolated.

On Thursday 20 March we have invited podiatrist and massage therapist Karin Lummis from Motueka to talk about foot care. So come along and share a nice morning tea, starting at 10.30 am. Foot for thought?

Please ring Henk or Marijke on 540-3498 (or leave a message) to confirm numbers for catering purposes.



MARCH 2014 – ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 2 – 3:00p	STIX ON SKINS
Sun, Mar 9 – 3:00p	CRAIG LEE
Sun, Mar 16 – 3:00p	WHISKEY PRIEST
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Cathryn, Jodi & crew at The Boatshed Cafe & Bar thank you for your patronage over the summer.

It was so nice to see familiar faces on a regular basis. Unfortunately the time has come to close for the season but we will be back next summer.

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Did you know there were Accounting Specialists here in the heart of Mapua Village? John Brydon has been operating First Class Accounts Mapua out of the Mapua Mall for the past 18 months alongside Flynn Perry from The Good Books. Recently, they have decided to join forces and will now be run as First Class Accounts Mapua Ltd.

This was seen as a move forward to give clients a one-stop accounting shop for all bookkeeping and accounting services. It also is the Head Office of the First Class Accounting group as John Brydon is the director of the First Class Accounts New Zealand franchise. Being a locally-owned business all the steps are taken to ensure confidentiality and professionalism. The team can assist with:

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Mapua Health Centre

We are 24 years old! And it's our birthday this month. That is the Mapua and Districts Health Centre came into being in the middle of March 1990 after an amazing effort by the local community in collaboration with the Nelson Area Health Board, who had just bought the site of the old post office. It has gone through various metamorphoses and changes over the intervening years, with the latest being the addition of two further rooms at the back of the building to allow for the hyperbaric oxygen unit and extra staff. Many thanks to all the volunteer help that we have had over recent years and to the health committee who give their time and energy to looking after the building and equipment.

The committee that oversees the building is actively looking at how we can plan for the future and cope with the increasing population and changes in health provision (with some services likely to be devolved from the hospital to primary care). Ideally we would like to build a new purpose-designed centre that also incorporated other services



health professionals. If you have any ideas for achieving this or wish to help the committee please contact the chairperson, Derek Craze (info@mapuahealth.com).

We would like to welcome Hew Price, a second-year houseman at Nelson Hospital, to the practice. Hew is taking over from Nicky Baxter for the next three months. He will be sitting in on consults (with the patient's consent) as well as consulting patients under supervision of our doctors. This is a great opportunity for junior hospital doctors to get a greater understanding of primary healthcare in a semi-rural community.

This year's flu vaccines will be available early March and when they arrive we will contact those who are on our computer recall system. However, if you would like to receive a vaccination against the flu and have not had one previously from our centre please call the practice nurse, as we need to order sufficient supplies in advance.

Some of the events for March: (Addresses preceded by www.)

1-31	Child Cancer Appeal	month	childcancer.org.nz
1-31	Epilepsy Appeal	month	epilepsy.org.nz
1-31	Melanoma Awareness	month	melanoma.org.nz
2	National Children's Day		childrensday.org.nz
3-10	Plunkett Awareness	week	plunket.org.nz
3-10	WellChild /Tamariki Ora	week	wellchild.org.nz
6	World Book Day		worldbookday.com
10-17	Kidney Health Awareness	week	kidneys.co.nz
10-17	Brain Awareness Week		neurological.org.nz/brainweek/index.php
12	Walk to Work Day		livingstreets.org.nz
22-29	Muscular Dystrophy Awareness	Week	mda.org.nz
23	Neighbours Day	Aotearoa	neighboursday.org.nz
24	World Tuberculosis Day		stoptb.org
24-31	Hearing week		nfd.org.nz
28	Guide Dog Appeal (red puppy awareness)		blindfoundation.org.nz

Just a reminder that we normally require 24-hours notice for preparing prescriptions and if you have internet access you can re-order routine prescriptions by emailing:

prescription@mapuahealth.com (you will need to give your details such as name and the exact medication required). Unfortunately, due to the high demand for same-day prescriptions, we now charge an additional fee for urgent, same-day scripts. The charges are \$10 for routine prescriptions for next-day pick-up, an additional \$10 if not paid within five working days, and \$20 for a same-day prescription.

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Mapua and District Probus Club

The early history of the Dovedale community was the subject of the club's first meeting for the year held in the Dovedale Hall in February. The main speakers were local residents, Kay Nott and Thora Webster. They showed and discussed a wide range of photos and literature displayed on two large tables.

Some of the facts given were that two of the first residents in the village were two brothers of the Winn family from Wales who married two sisters. Between them they had 10 children from the early 1860s.

The early development of land was started by immigrants living in Nelson. They bought up blocks of land before they were able to reside in the district. Roads, or more precisely tracks, were developed by men using only picks and shovels. The tracks were just wide enough for the use of their horse and carts transport system.

One of the early industries was the logging of native totara trees to clear the land that was used by small dairy herds, romney sheep, and much later tobacco. Being a small but tight-knit community, religion was one of the focal points of the district with the construction of an early Methodist church, followed by an Anglican church that is still in use today. Three

schools were built, one being the Churchill school on a hill.

After Kay's hour-long talk there was a wide variety of questions and club members were able to examine the large display of black and white photos and early historical documents. There was a big map of the district giving details of plots of land with the owners' names and the dates purchased going back to 1863.

The meeting took a break in the main hall for lunch. A plaque at the back of the stage shows that the hall was officially opened by the then prime minister, W.E. Rowling, on the 1st of July 1967. It replaced the original hall on the same site.

After lunch Thora Webster read a printout on the early years of the Dovedale community with interesting details on the basic lifestyle of the residents. Then there was a general discussion including input from Sylvia Peters who with her husband Terry, had lived in the district for almost 50 years. There were five other present and past Probus Club members who had lived in Dovedale.

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The start of 2014 is already proving to be as action-packed as ever for children at Harakeke. With so much interest in dismantling appliances, some of our older boys recently relished the opportunity to visit the recycling centre at Mariri where they saw first-hand how so many resources are available to reuse and recycle. They even managed to find quite a large enclosure for our pet rabbits! We do appreciate any donations of safe appliances with plenty of screws so we can continue to support this ongoing interest in pulling apart machines and seeing how they work. Give us a call if you have something you feel may be of use to our 'Harakeke Dismantlers.'

Our Tuesday forest excursions continue to be enjoyed by all. We have worked together to create a new willow shelter at our base camp in the forest which will enable us to make the most of our unique forested environment in any kind of weather.

Speaking of the weather, our garden has been thriving with a steady diet of sunshine, water and feeding with our Bokashi. With so much produce our trading truck is open to our local community with a variety of fruit and vegetables on offer. It is exciting to see how much more variety is available when we are all involved as a community. Thank you so much for your support. As part of the EnviroSchool programme we are always looking for ways in which we can help our children be part of a community that values sustainable practices.

Your Harakeke team and whānau.

PANZ

As I sit to write this article, our two cars are packed to the hilt with paintings, signs, lights, ladders, paperwork and all the other paraphernalia that goes into the makings of an art exhibition.

It is 7.30am and shortly the day will begin at the Mapua Hall, setting up the display panels, attaching the lighting and then hanging the largest number of entries we have had for the "Top of the South". It is going to be a VERY busy day.

PANZ members hope that when you have read this, you will have been to see the exhibition, voted for your favourite painting and hopefully bought one.

As the *Coastal News* goes to print before we can get you the results of the weekend, look out for next month's issue. In the meantime, remember that we meet at the hall each Tuesday morning, 9am to noon. Enquiries to Glenys Forbes, phone 540-3388.

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I have many years experience in theatre and I want to provide good quality local Entertainment, made by local people.

Auditions will be held at Playhouse, first week of March. No audition pieces please, as they will be group workshops. All levels of experience/non experience welcome. If you can't make this week, then just call me anyway, or if you or your children would like drama/speech classes, I am starting them across the area for all ages, including for national exams for those that our really keen!

I hope I can offer my international experience and enthusiasm for my art to this wonderful area.

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Mapua Bowling Club

The Write Bias

Our wee treasure, known to the world as Les McAlwee, has retired for the fourth and final time as greenkeeper at the Mapua Bowling Club. We are indebted to him for his contribution over the years and delighted that he will still be a playing member and retain his badge of office, "Club Handyman". We are fortunate to have found a new greenkeeper, one who does not have creaky knees, wonky hips and galloping deafness like the rest of us, and is full of energy and enthusiasm. We welcome on board Ben Whitten.

The green, our prime asset, has been a tad lumpy this season and now with some external, expert advice there is some major work looming during the winter months. The top surface of the green will be planed, newly-sifted soil spread and then re-seeded. This spells hard work for our members and, depending on the weather, may delay our opening next season. If you are a friend or neighbour of a bowls player and find yourself invited for tea and biscuits at the clubhouse, be warned; it actually means bring wheelbarrow, shovel and a share of muscle-power!

The sunshine in recent weeks has helped the green and members have continued to enjoy roll-up sessions, championship matches and tournaments. The championships are near to completion and already we have some new names that will be engraved on trophies. The ladies are looking forward to a day of friendship on Wednesday 5 March with the reinstated "Giggle Day".

The club has been without a patron since Murray Welsh died a couple of years ago. We are delighted that Frank Gibbison has accepted our invitation to be club patron and know that he will fulfil his duties with aplomb and good humour.

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 slad2as3@xtra.co.nz

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Mapua Library

Sue England, a past committee member, entered a piece in the NZ Society of Authors' Local History Competition telling the story of our very own library. She was highly commended. I will advise the link to view her story online as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, it is available in the library. Congratulations Sue, a great result!

Visitors to Mapua

If you are visiting Mapua, you are welcome to become a temporary member of our library. We are a community library that is staffed and run by volunteers and it is free to join. We have free magazines to take away as well as current magazines to borrow, second-hand books to purchase and a great selection of up-to-date books to borrow. We look forward to welcoming you to our library.

Book Sale

Thanks also to those of you who supported this fund-raiser. The weather didn't co-operate as much as it could have but our very willing volunteers simply added another day to the sale and made it work, running it inside the library. As a result, we are discussing having this sale over two days again next year.

Displays

Thanks to Tasman School for their bright, cheerful art display over the festive season. We are now enjoying a quilting display by Joan Mytton. Do pop in and take a look.

Advance Notice

The library AGM will be held in May. Joining a committee is a great way to share your enthusiasm for and commitment to an entity and your local community. We welcome new committee members – please consider this opportunity, or think about who you (or I!) should be shoulder-tapping! Don't hesitate to call me to discuss this further, phone 540-2292.

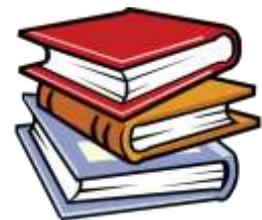
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BOOK REVIEW

The Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith. Reviewed by Sue England. This book is available in the Mapua Library.

Much as I love the crime genre it was the author of this book that aroused my curiosity rather than the content. Robert Galbraith is a pseudonym. Why do authors elect to write under a name other than their own and then proceed to tell us who they are? I don't get it. But I guess JK Rowling had her reasons and if the reason was to make me choose her book, then it worked.

To the story where we meet for the first time war veteran Cormoran Strike, newly launched as a private investigator. His life is something of a shambles, the war having left him physically and emotionally scarred, and he is struggling to make ends meet.

A beautiful model falls to her death from her Mayfair apartment and the police file it away as suicide. But her brother is suspicious and engages Strike to delve deeper into Lula Landry's affairs and examine the loose ends that the police appear to have ignored. Who were the two men caught on CCTV and seen running from the apartment block into the night? Why was the neighbour's evidence discounted? And why did multi-millionaire Lula befriend Rochelle, a

girl she met in group therapy and who lived in an East End hostel?

So there is an intriguing plot set in the streets of London, but something I can't quite put my finger on didn't work for me. Galbraith undoubtedly writes well but can be overly descriptive. I like to use my imagination and not be led by the hand down the garden path. Cormoran Strike lost his leg below the knee in the war. There is plenty of mileage given to scar tissue, the prosthesis and cushioning gel pads. Did this make any difference to the story? No it did not. And he is huge and hairy (Jack Reacher, eat your heart out). Throughout the book the buck teeth of John Bristow, Lula Landry's brother, are referred to. Okay in the Harry Potter books; here it came over as childish and unnecessary.

What did work was the mystery and the identity of the killer – yup, the police had got it wrong, she was definitely murdered – which I didn't see coming. I guess the clues were all there but I failed to put them together. So an interesting conclusion though the movements of the murderer once revealed and the deductive reasoning of Cormoran Strike were all a tad complicated.

I have read worse; I have read better. But if I'm going to read JK again I'll stick to Harry Potter.

Mapua School

How often do we take the time to stop and evaluate our successes, our opportunities and our areas for improvement? When we have been successful do we rest on our laurels or do we look for ways to progress and excel?

The Mapua School staff, teachers and trustees recently stopped to evaluate, dream, imagine and plan for the future. It was an exciting two days of sharing opinions, defining potential learning environments, considering the type of culture we want in our school and looking at ways we might engage the greater community in our plans and future growth.

Many times when you get a group of individuals with differing perspectives you end up with conflicting expectations and outcomes. It was exciting as well as a relief that we were all working towards the same objectives with the same enthusiasm.

So what critical factors did we agree upon to take forward in our future planning?

We want our children to be able to embrace change, find it exciting and feel comfortable in new situations. We want to focus on developing the whole child.

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I feel they were a couple of days well spent!

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Out and About with Hugh

Time: What is it? Right up front, at the moment, it's something I don't have much of. The deadline for this month's Out & About column is looming large. So I say to myself, "get busy Hugh, and write your column". Alas, easy to say but not that simple. It's just a blank page. I'm suffering from a state of mind known in the writers' trade as "writer's lament"; AKA lack of inspiration. That random thought or idea that can start you off. When it's not there, it's just not there. Writing reports or papers is a different kettle of fish. All you need then are facts and numbers and perhaps some covert plagiarism and you're away. But for those who write "stuff" in one form or another, be it a novel, short stories, poetry and yes, even commentary columns like the one you are reading right now, there has to be that sudden spark of what to say. It's probably smouldering at the back of my mind. How to ignite it? Where to begin?



There are two cures for "writers' lament": Go ahead and put down some random thoughts that might jell, or just walk away and let it ferment in the back of your mind. Fermentation isn't an option when there's a deadline staring you in the face. So I'll make a cold turkey start and what do you know, "Voila", just putting these few words on the screen and

I'm away. That sought-after spark! So let's take a look at time because that's what I'm running out of. Our daily lives and conversations are full of it. So, what is this time thing we are constantly referring to and what do we do with it?

How's this for a definition? "Time is a dimension in which events can be ordered from the past, through the present and into the future" and "also the measure of durations of events and the intervals between them." (thank you, Wikipedia).

"Time" has been talked about and discussed, analysed, dissected and you name it, for about as long as people have been on the planet. These days, "time" is a major topic for conversation and study: e.g. Philosophy; Isaac Newton and his realist viewpoint versus Immanuel Kant with his "time is neither an event or a thing, so cannot be measured"; Religion; which has its own slant on time, e.g. Christianity, Islam, Buddhism etc. where the "exact time" of "Creation" is of major concern, among one of many of the other "time" concerns of organised religions. And science, e.g. Einstein's theory of relativity, the speed of light and latterly "space-time" as rocket probes take years of "time" to reach the planets and then go off into outer space for who knows how long? Eternity? At

that stage we're all just guessing. Our concept of time is moving to a new level.

Confusing? Not really. For most of us, it's about clocks and calendars. In the practical sense, we consult the clock for periods less than a day. Seconds, minutes and hours. The calendar, for periods longer than a day. The calendar being the mathematical method of measuring extensive periods of the ongoing passage of time. For me, I am content to leave it at that. Ah well, better check your mobile and the iPad and listen for the six time beeps on National Radio reminding you it's time to get up.

Accolades: Farewell and thank you to Graeme Stradling as vice-chairman of the Mapua Hall Committee for his indefatigable efforts and attention to detail in driving the Mapua Hall rebuild project through to completion.

Also thank you to Barbara Mercer for 10 years of effort devoted to compiling each edition of the *Coastal News* in the format and order we have looked forward to each month.

Mapua Wharf: The TDC has completed the purchase of the building which houses the Golden Bear Brewery and Hamish's Ice Cream Parlour & Café. Another very positive move by the council to be primary owner and sole lessor of its commercial assets. No more profiteering sub-leases thank you.

At last the TDC is going to address the former site of the Mapua Aquarium and erect a new building on the empty site. A design proposed last year will be adopted (in essence) with some modifications. Most probably to contain four leasable premises and more public toilets. Hooray!

The "No Parking" on the wharf will now be for "sunny Sundays" and public holidays until next December. Proposals to extend the "No Parking" to Saturdays is being considered, yet to be adopted.

TDC Annual Plan: The Draft Annual Plan will be released to the public on 13 March. My spies tell me that there are several items of importance to our Mapua community in the plan. Public meetings on it will be scheduled for April. When the date is announced, please make an effort to attend the Mapua meeting. If items of importance to our community are to be included in the "final" Annual Plan, it's going to take submissions from organisations, clubs, groups and all of us as individuals to have them considered, let alone adopted. Forewarned is forearmed. Everyone in the Tasman District will be wanting a bite of the money cake. Do you/we (that's us) want our share?

Time: I started with very little. Now, I've used up that wee bit I did have. So please take your time and use it carefully, wisely and most importantly, make sure you have some fun doing it.

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A large group of members attended our most recent meeting and obviously enjoyed catching up with friends and acquaintances. This followed our very successful Christmas luncheon meeting held two months ago.

President Adrian welcomed members and introduced one of our members, Graeme Booth, who talked about the Motueka Community Garden Plots. This is the fourth season they have been operating and the 25 allotments have proved to be very popular and productive. He noted that they have grown 120 different vegetables. Community working bees are held every two or three weeks and various groups donate funds for water and seeds. The garden is run by a charitable trust and users are charged \$1 per square metre per year. Seed and plant swaps along with workshops have contributed to the success of the project.

Brian King demonstrated how to make name tags for the garden from venetian blinds.

Mike McGee from "Fresh and Fancy" was introduced and invited to share his Southland background and to tell us about his present Nelson enterprise. His working career started as a farm advisor but he realised that he didn't want to work for the public service all his life so he and his wife changed to sharemilking and finally farm ownership in Edendale. Members could identify with this period when dairying started booming in Southland and it was of particular interest to hear how Mike participated in in-

forming farmers in the North Island of the advantages of going South. His knowledge was obviously appreciated and his yearly participation at Mystery Creek very informative.

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An aqua culture business has recently been established on the property and grass carp are now being raised in tanks. The fingerlings are supplied by New Zealand Waterways Restoration Ltd.

The restoration firm has a permit to place the fish into waterways where they will consume surface weeds. Mike was plied with questions and it was obvious that many members, together with friends and partners are looking forward to visiting his business next month.

Afternoon tea, a discussion of members' flowers on display and a lively plant sale completed another very happy session at our Coastal Garden Club.

Newcomers are very welcome to attend meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Tasman Bible Church hall in Williams Street, Tasman. We now start at the earlier time of 1pm.

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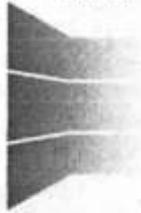
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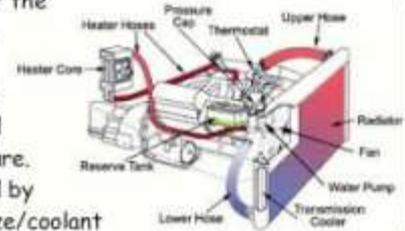
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It must have been a sight. All the windows would be down with front windscreen pushed out for air-conditioning, dusty road and having to stop to let the engine cool down. There was no computer-controlled CVT transmission to select gears for you or an electric radiator fan coming on automatically.

Motoring was a once-a-year adventure in 1966 for my family.

Yes, even I have a different attitude towards cars and I am not sure what has changed it. Is it the price of fuel or have we slowly as a nation become green?

The modern motor car is lot more economical and requires a lot less maintenance than they did in the 70s.

Has the recent revival of cycling made us realise that a bit of lost time cycling somewhere gives time for you to clear your head. I go cycling with my wife Carolyn on the weekends and find it very relaxing, plus I talk to her more than when I'm driving one of my big left-hand-drive cars where concentration is required and little talking is done. Wobbling along at 7kmh on the bike looking at the scenery keeps you in touch with your local environment.

Why do I think cars are changing? The price of fuel keeps my 12litres/100km V8 left in the garage for the weekend or the holiday. Carolyn's two-litre Nissan is just as comfortable, goes just as fast, has all the bells and whistles the Cadillac has and uses 30% less petrol so you bond with it more. These days cars are cheap and it is likely mum, dad and the teenage kids all have a vehicle plus dad's got a work vehicle + dad or mum's classic car. The big car has been replaced by the big van which is ideal for mum, dad and the kids and all the gear.

Flying is starting to get cheaper than using your car. The cost of using even a small-engine vehicle, especially if you live in Nelson area, to go up north to see the family has to be weighed against the cost of fuel, the Cook Strait ferry and possible vehicle damage. Flying is quicker, sometimes cheaper and gets you back to work on Monday. Again, big cars are not being used for long hauls so easy-to-park smaller cars are preferred.

Changing from petrol engines? I understand they are ripping up a desert in Chile to get enough lithium to make batteries for these cars. Is that really going to save the planet? If we go to electric cars we will have to generate a lot more electricity to charge the batteries. This means more dams or nuclear power stations and that's another no no with the Greenies. Coming home and plugging in two electric cars every night is going to make an expensive power bill. Is there going to be any real savings in cost or will it save the planet? Pictured below is a typical new big car—a Holden Malibu—four cylinders, 2.4 litres, 6.5 litres/100km with plenty of leg room and decent boot size. Are these the cars of the future?



After all this opinion what would I do to save the world from being overtaken by cars? This might seem a bit odd but:

- 1) All cars must have bench seats – more space in cars for more people.
- 2) A special registration for driver-only cars to encourage car-pooling.
- 3) Cheaper postage rates to rural New Zealand to encourage internet shopping. No need to go to the shops—the shops have come to you via the internet.
- 4) More cycleways. We don't cycle on the roads as they are considered hazardous.
- 5) Don't change the fuel, change the emission. Have a competition with a billion dollar prize for eliminating carbon emission from a petrol engine, plus find a commercial use for the carbon.

The need to drive to Nelson to The Warehouse or similar is no longer required as those big shops have come to the small towns like Motueka. Are cars changing into more of a utility than a prized possession? They keep telling us cars cause bad pollution so are we all starting to think cars are bad?

On my travels in the 70s I saw a 1976 8.2-litre (yes, that's right) Cadillac Eldorado. It was a gleaming chrome monster and I said to myself at the time, "I'm going have one of those one day". Three years ago I found one on Trade Me and negotiated with the owner and the price was good, but could I afford to enjoy it with ever-rising cost of petrol?

My bike or that 8.2-litre Cadillac? The bike fits in the garage better. Cycling on cycleways is the future.

Fred Cassin

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Nelson Returned Services Association (inc.)

Nominations for 2014 / 2015 Executive Committee are now invited for Nelson RSA Inc. (8 Members only).

Nominations close on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 4pm.

Enquiries to Barry Pont, President, Nelson RSA. Ph 03 548 6815

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2014 AT 10AM, KEN CHING ROOM AT THE NELSON SUBURBAN CLUB.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting.
2. Adoption of Annual report & Balance sheet.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Notices of Motion.
5. Subscriptions.
6. General Business.

B J Pont
President



Nelson Returned Services Association (inc.)

Mapua Community Hall

Fourth Friday Night for fund raising,
Friday 28 March, 7 pm

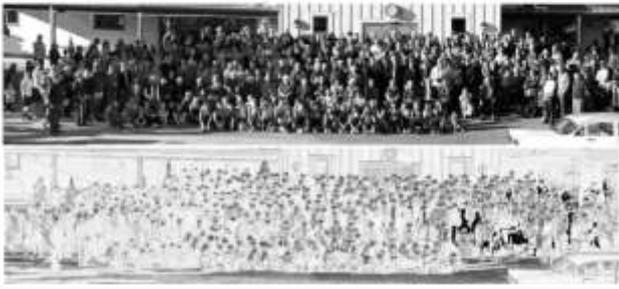
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March**

730 start

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The Playhouse Cafe

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3
Open
11am till
4pm

4
Open
11am till
4pm

5
Weekly
Quiz Night
\$2 pp
Teams 2-8 people
7:30 pm

6
Open
11am till
late

7 Summer
Tango
Nelson Fest
event
Free
Dinner 6pm
Daning 7pm

8 Too Far From
Heaven
Amazing play
touring the nation
\$20, Dinner 6pm
Show 8pm

9 Musical
Sorree
An evening
of classical and
contemporary
music
FREE

10
Open
11am till
4pm

11
Open
11am till
4pm

12
CLOSED
FOR
PRIVATE
FUNCTION
ALL DAY

13
Open
11am till
late

14
CLOSED
FOR
WEDDING

15
BIG UKE
NIGHT OUT
The Ukelectics
and Ukuholics
\$5
Music from 730pm

16
Open
11am till
late

17
Open
11am till
4pm

18
Open
11am till
4pm

19
Weekly
Quiz Night
\$2 pp
Teams 2-8 people
7:30 pm

20
Movie night
The Wizard
of Oz
Classic
Movie starts
730, free

21
FREE VENUE
HIRE
FOR YOUR
PRIVATE
FUNCTION

22
Open 11am
till 4pm
Closed for
Private Function
in the evening

23
Open
11am till
late

24
Open
11am till
4pm

25
Open
11am till
4pm

26
Weekly
Quiz Night
\$2 pp
Teams 2-8 people
7:30 pm

27
JAM NIGHT
From 7pm
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all.

28
BIG BIKE
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MAPUA AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Coordinator: Janet Ph 540 3364

MEMBER PROFILE

GROOVY HOOVES PONY PARTIES

Hi, my name is Caroline Lusty. I came here from England in 2003 with my family – husband and three children. I have ridden and cared for horses for the last 35 years. We have a 20 acre smallholding in Mahana. Residing there with us are our 6 cows, 7 sheep, 10 chickens, 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 large riding horses and, of course, my gorgeous two miniature ponies, Harry and Sally.

I decided to start Groovy Hooves Pony Parties as I love seeing the children interacting with the ponies. It is amazing to see how the children's confidence grows with each minute. Harry is a miniature pony and Sally is a Shetland pony. Both of them are gentle, easy going and are great with the children and, of course, they love the fuss and cuddles they get. The time the children spend with the ponies builds confidence especially around larger animals, and I encourage the children to learn all about the ponies and how to care for them.

Harry and Sally travel to the party, wherever it may be, in their trailer. The children have a creative time decorating and dressing up the ponies. They get to groom, and ride them. I also provide dressing up outfits – be it a princess/angel or cowboy/cowgirl. Safety helmets are always provided and the birthday boy/girl will also receive a special souvenir from the ponies to treasure.

One thing I guarantee is, the children have a really great time!! For more information please contact me on **543 2277 or 0275201285.**



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For Local Business Information

Ruby Coast

Moutere Hills

We have many nationally recognised businesses in our area. These include a wonderful range of cafes and restaurants. In December Jester House and Cafe were South Island Regional winners of the Best Cafe and this award was soon followed by the announcement that they had also been awarded National Cafe of the Year for 2013. The cafe has been operating in Tasman since 1991 and continues to impress locals and visitors alike. The MDBA congratulates business members Judy van den Yssel-Richards and Steve Richards on this fantastic achievement!!

WARREN PLACE OPEN BUSINESSES

Have you ventured down Warren Place recently? Do you even know where it is and what goes on in the light industrial part of our village? Here's your chance to find out more.....

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014, 5.30 - 8.00pm

The following MDBA businesses are opening after hours so that you get a chance to see 'behind the scenes' the services they offer and how these businesses operate.

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Cake Cougar Caravans on the corner of Warren Pl will be displaying their range of caravans and explaining their different hire packages.

A fun and informative evening for all.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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Noticeboard

Over 60? You are warmly invited to our next “Senior Moments” get-together, Thurs 20 March, 10.30am at our café room, Hills Community Church. Guest speaker podiatrist Karin Lummis enlightening us about foot care. Morning tea provided. Please ring Henk or Marijke 540-3498 (or leave a message) to confirm numbers for catering. Love to see you there!

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Section wanted in the Village: We want to purchase a section within Mapua Village (but not on the steeper hills) to build our retirement home. Please contact Ken in Christchurch, 03 364-2358 or email ken.beckman@hitlabnz.org

Tuesday jam / open mic night: Ron Valente [Gypsy Pickers] hosts and performs every Tuesday from 7.30pm at The Tap Alehouse & Restaurant in Mapua.

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.

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. Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone

Anja, 544-8733, about membership or casual hire.

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, 543-2915

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays at 9.45am. New members welcome. Phone Mary 540-2450 or Anne 540-3934

Mapua Art Group meets in the Bill Marris Room at Mapua Hall every Thursday morning from 9am to 12pm. Like-minded artists get together to paint, draw and help each other in a fun and social environment. All levels and media welcome. \$5 a session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs and easels provided. Lisa Chandler 540-3933.

Mapua Friendship Club meets at Mapua Hall on the 3rd Thursdays, for a game of indoor bowls and bring a plate afternoon tea. New members are enthusiastically welcomed, no prior bowling experience needed, our game is non-competitive, just a lot of laughs. \$3 door fee and 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540-3685.

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