

Big Changes Made to Harakeke Plan

A raft of major late changes is being made to the proposed Alan Trent Harakeke subdivision in Tasman, with limited time for residents to consider them or submit on them.

The original Harakeke development application was lodged in October last year and the formal Tasman District Council hearings of the application are due to being in mid-May. However, on 30 March Mr Trent's company, Harakeke 2015 Ltd, filed 21 new documents to amend its proposal, including major assessments of stormwater and flooding and of wastewater and water supply assessments.

The new documents contain what the spokesman for Mr Trent's consultants, Jeremy Butler, calls "some substantial changes to the application." Mr Butler works for a planning company, Landmark Lile Ltd, and formerly worked as a planner with the Tasman District Council.

The biggest change is that the area to be reserved as productive land has been more than doubled from 12.5ha to 25.8ha, while the number of residential sections proposed has been reduced slightly, from 130 to 116. The roading layout has been modified, with one road and its crossing point to Horton Road removed and a reserve area in the Permin Road area has been replaced with a walkway and small reserve at its end.

However, the proposal for a large semi-urban development in a rural area and a commercial hub with apartment buildings remain as sticking points in the Harakeke plan for many Mapua and Tasman district residents.

TDC planning staff dealing with the application decided that there was no need to delay hearings further because of the changes. The changes were within the scope of the original application, they said, and that the timetable for hearings of the original application could continue.

However, anyone planning further submissions had to act quickly. Submission on amendments had to be lodged by 26 April with a stipulation that they needed to be in electronic format. Any additional statements of evidence from witnesses related to the amendments had to be lodged, also in electronic format, by 4 May.

Residents seeking to understand the issues would also need to digest a 163-page analysis and report completed by four Tasman District Council planners with contributions from five staff members working on planning for specific subjects. They would also to study a large range of maps, diagrams and drawings prepared for the complex proposal. Items raised in this TDC report are at the heart of the amendments now being proposed by Mr Trent's company

Chairman of the Tasman Area Community Association Tony Clark said that he was not surprised by either the amendments from Harakeke 2015 Ltd or the volume of documents that had been filed at a late stage. He said TDC planning staff had originally grossly under-estimated the complexity and significance of the Harakeke application and that they had expected to be holding hearings before the end of 2015. Since then, the association had been given two

other dates for the hearings before the latest date in May.

The original Harakeke application lodged last October was to develop an overall area of 177.8 ha of land to create 130 rural residential-style allotments, 55 apartment allotments. two commercial apartments, a reserve and walkway; open space and utility allotments, a separate title for a historic pa site that the company proposes to vest with resident iwi, and associated roads to vest within the area of Aporo, Mamaku, Marriages, Horton and Permin roads.

In late 2015, the company explained the proposal at three meetings in Tasman and had maps and illus



An artist's impression of apartments proposed by AlanTrent

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trations available for members of the public. Attendances averaged about 30-40 for each meeting. A total of 80 submissions was subsequently received by the TDC and according to its planners' report, 44 opposed the development, 24 supported it and six were neutral.

Mr Trent later said he was surprised at the relatively small number of submitters and that he had expected to receive as many as 500 submissions. A quick scan of the submissions shows a wide range of opinions with some very diverse opinions.

These include A German man who had bought a house on Brooks View Heights because he thought it was such a beautiful area and who now divides his time between Tasman and Germany. He called the Harakeke plan "A high quality, well-designed proposal that will make a significant contribution to the area. I like the plan to have a commercial and community hub at the heart of the development and think it will provide opportunities for local businesses.

"I also like the leisure and recreation opportunities, especially the new beach access, the walkways and cycleways and restored streams."

On the other hand, a couple living in a rural setting in Horton Road opposed it strongly. Their princi-

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pal concern was that Harakeke would establish a large, semi-urban development on rural land, much of which is classified as highly productive and has a very high rural amenity value."

They felt that "although there are some positive aspects to this application, they are far outweighed by the negatives." Among the negative outcomes they foresaw if the development went ahead were: difficulties from contaminated soil; buildings located on ridgelines, multiple issues from high-density housing in a rural area; wastewater discharge issues, degradation of streams and wetlands and increased traffic.

Amongst submitters opposing the Harakeke development, the most commonly raised issues were that the development would not be consistent with the Coastal Area Subdivision Development Guide (27 people) and that it would be out of keeping with the Rural 3 Zone concepts (also 27 people). Twenty-six submitters opposed the increased density of population in a rural zone and commercial apartments and the same number raised traffic issues as a problem.

The most common issues noted by those supporting the development were backing for the provision of apartments (7 people) and a belief that there would be "positive social benefits" from the proposed development (6 people).

TDC advises that the public hearings of the Harakeke application will be at the Headingly Centre in Richmond starting on Monday 16 May at 9.30am and scheduled to take five days in total but starting from Tuesday to Friday. A total of 39 submitters wish to make personal submissions at the hearings.

David Mitchell





Learn How to be Prepared

Do you know the sound and location of our tsunami warning siren? Do you know what to do if you hear it? No? Well come along to May's Community Association meeting and hear the very latest from the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group. The Mapua and District Community Association holds its regular monthly public meeting on Monday 9 May at the Mapua Hall at 7pm.

The association hosts guest speakers most months

to share open dialogues about issues that affect us. Hopefully we will never experience a major tsunami here, but these are geologically regular events around our coasts. Be prepared!

TSUNAMI!

The Nelson Tasman

Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group is attending community meetings throughout the region in May. On 27 April the group published comprehensive tsunami evacuation maps for the entire region.

The online maps, which have also been produced by civil defence groups around the country for their respective regions, are intended to act as a guide for residents about the areas that could be affected should there be a threat of tsunami. They identify risk areas and explain the expected evacuation zones.

The maps will be published on the Civil Defence website, nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz, and are based on information from a study by GNS Science in 2014.

Roger Ball, the regional controller for Civil Defence Emergency Management, will present the latest studies and the new evacuation maps at our meeting and will be ready to further discuss the maps, including helping people understand what to do in a tsunami.

As well as this important presentation there are other topics to discuss at our meeting. Mapua Wharf and Waterfront will be on the agenda again. Last month councillors made the surprise announcement

> that the sale of councilowned land on Tahi Street opposite the Waterfront Park had been put on hold. Council has had a change of heart about the wharf parking solutions. With the huge popularity of the wharf as a

visitor attraction and an access via the Waterfront Park on the short list as a site for the new boat ramp, the TDC is keeping its parking options open. Any boat ramp development will still be a few years off, however. In the meantime a group established by the Community Association is planning to install picnic tables and seating on Waterfront Park over the next months. Play features, exercise stations and a free gas barbecue are also planned for the park.

Each monthly meeting also gives the opportunity for anyone to speak on their own topic for up to three minutes. The open forum slot is a good opportunity to get your issue, or view, or public thank you, heard and recorded.

Graeme Stradling, secretary

Mapua Community Hall Youth Club

The Mapua Youth Club was started last year after a time of planning and thought by members of our local community and Hills Community Church. It was apparent that people who had left Mapua School to go off to different colleges needed a safe and fun place to meet up and keep alive friendships and ties in our community.

The club is run on most Friday night out of our Mapua Community Hall. We usually provide at least one structured activity for those who wish to participate, and offer other games like X box, table tennis, pool, music and just hanging-out time. We have baking and art class available on occasion too. The Friday night sessions at the Mapua Hall are non-religious in approach and content; the goal is to cater for all sectors of our community. The club is well supervised with health and safety a priority and is alcohol, cigarette and drugfree.

Last year the club usually catered for between 20 and 40 young people on a Friday night between 6:30pm and 8:30pm. The core leadership team of Andy Price, Marv Edwards and Peter van Veen are looking forward to

building on the success and relationships formed last year. The team would like to thank Bo Mansfield, Jeannie Smethurst and Karen Price for being our regular volunteers who have helped to provide a safe, sensible supportive approach to the young people of Mapua.

Parents of those attending are encouraged to consider volunteering to assist on some Friday nights, You will love being part of offering a balanced, happy, sensitive and creative programme towards supporting our young people.

We look forward to having all and more of our club members back on Friday 6 May 6:30-8:30pm.

Please contact Andy Price on 540-3316 or Marv Edwards on 027 312 6435 for information or queries

The HCC Mapua Hall Youth Project is a community -based youth project for Mapua and district for the benefit of youth in our community.

Funded and co-ordinated by Hills Community Church in partnership with the wider local community. Funding provided by Tasman District Council and Anglican Care Community Trust.

Petrol Station, Tavern, Now Country Store

With a previous life as a service station, the Mapua Tavern now has a new beginning as an exciting country store with wide and varied offerings.

The story of the Mapua Country Store began, you could say, 100 years ago when John Shirley Woollaston was born in 1916 in Huinga, Stratford. He later worked with his elder brother Toss Woollaston in the apple orchards in the Mapua area. 'Jonty', as he was known, had always dreamed of building and owning a garage.

This happened in 1953 when his brother-in-law, Bernard Wells, donated a piece of land for him to build a garage. He ran this with the help of his eldest son, Sydney, and operated the Mapua Service Station successfully for 25 years. Jonty's youngest son Maurice went into partnership with him and the garage then became 'Woollaston's Garage'. Jonty died in 1979 and Maurice took over the garage. After Maurice died in 1981, Betty (now Jenkins) leased it for several years and eventually sold the garage in the early 1990s to Dale Vercoe, who planned to turn it into a tavern.



A 1950s Farmall A tractor, keeps company with a horse in front of the new store. No information available on the horse.

In 1993, Russell and Heather Miller approached Dale Vercoe to fulfil a lifetime dream of running a tavern and they took on the lease despite heavy opposition from local residents. However a licence was granted with a condition that they no longer dispensed petrol and the pumps were removed. The Millers ran the Mapua Tavern and Oasis restaurant successfully until they sold the business in 1995. Since then it has had a succession of owner/operators but closed in April, 2015.

The building remained closed and unused for several months with many rumours circulating on what was to become of it. Work started on the building with re-painting and a great deal of activity inside from early February, 2016. It became obvious that there was a plan which fuelled further speculation.



Then, finally, the signs went up, a date was set, the rumours died and reality set in.

The Mapua Country Store, with a flurry of last minute activity and preparation, was ready to open.

The store is loosely based on the concept of an old-fashioned general store from our earlier generations. The main philosophy of the new owner, Kirsten Ammann, is to support and help local artisans and, wherever possible, involve the local community.

Kirsten opened the doors in early April, bringing together seasonal food and produce such as olive oils, cheese, mushrooms, bread, a wide range of fruit and vegetables and even a quality pet food. As customers start to get a feel for the store the feedback has been great and Kirsten encourages this.

'We want to have products that the people really want. We are listening to this and hope to have wholesome take-away food in the future, increase the deli range and even do home deliveries. We are applying for a licence to stock local wines, craft-beers and ciders. It is still early days and we want to get it right for the community so that they do not have to travel too far to get what they want.'

Kirsten supports local farmers' markets and sees the store as another outlet for these producers. Where and when available, products will be local, and she invites new artisan food and beverage producers to contact her to trial their product range in store. The store will also host cooking classes such as preserving fruit, cheese-making and other food-based workshops

It is important to support the local community and there are displays of art in the store and even dog treats, a percentage of the profits going to the SPCA. These little morsels of delights for dogs are made by Villy, the store manager. Most locals will know Villy well as she has worked for some years alongside her daughter, Daniella, at JellyFish and therefore brings along knowledge of the area and a love of food.

Pop in and say hello to the team who are all locals, enjoy the food. They are only too happy to help with ideas for brunch, lunch or your evening meal. If you are walking with your dog there is a place for them to be tied, so you can come inside and sit at the communal table and enjoy a slow brewed coffee. An outside seating area is also planned as are bike stands. The store is open seven days a week.

Pete Hancock

Boat Ramp and Dinghy Storage High on Agenda

The issue of relocating a local Mapua trailer-boat ramp to replace the ramp at the wharf (which has become surrounded by commercial activity and deemed by the TDC to be a health and safety issue), remains high on the Mapua Boat Club's agenda. Our subcommittee is convinced that the only practicable place is on the southern side of the waterfront park.

Our subcommittee has spoken with representatives of the Mapua and District Community Association and we understand their concerns around the potential loss of green space, and while we have some support from the association representatives we will need to present concept drawings of this to take it to the next stage.

It is accepted there will be some loss of green space within the waterfront park if a new boat ramp is to be established here. However, it is also accepted the community will gain back the green space at Grossi Point reserve, and reducing conflict with swimmers and picnickers by removing trailer-boat launching from the reserve. In conjunction with this we are discussing with council the overall parking situation and believe our ramp proposal will go some way to address this critical issue.

There is still a long way to go but trailer-boat users can rest assured that we will keep this issue to the forefront, and please remind your boating friends that if they join the club they will receive up-to-date information as we move forward.

One of the points at our high profile meeting in the local hall just before Christmas was that we no longer have a dinghy shelter at the wharf since the restaurant replaced it with BBQ tables and windows. The council has recognised this loss and the location and design of a new dinghy shelter is on their plans and being discussed with the boat club.

Fishing Competition

This will be held on Sunday, 1 May from late morning to mid-afternoon. We will have a BBQ and

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refreshments available. You may ask why it is so late in the summer but for the wharf to be safe for children and the fishing easy, the competition needs to coincide with small tides, in the weekend and on a Sunday. These choices are few and far between. There are posters up all round the village for more details.

Museum Update

The museum has four new photo boards up, the scows and the Anchor Shipping boats are almost there. One future photo board subject is labelled 'Fun' and will have a focus of local activity on the water around Mapua. I would love to be able to reproduce any early photos you may have of fun on the water up until the 1960s. Please ring me on 540-2850 if you think you may have photos of interest.

The next photo board will be about misadventures at sea and I can assure you that there are some spectacular photos on this subject. This will be followed by wharves and landings of both Tasman and Golden Bay. Then we will focus on Mapua itself.

The glass cabinet is now installed with a mirror backing. All that remains is to install locks on the sliding glass doors and then we can add some of the objects that have already been donated to us. We also have others in the pipeline.

A recent Thursday night 'Club Night' almost filled the club rooms and stretched the food to the limits and most evenings we now have a second prize of a frozen chook in the raffle. A reminder that the bar opens at 5.30pm and closes at 7pm and if club members want to stay on and eat after the bar closes, we can stay open if there is a committee member present with a key to lock and clean up etc.

Annette Walker, president



Yoga class - Vinyasa flow Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.45am At Riverside Community Centre, 289 Main Road, Lower Moutere. All levels welcome. \$10 drop-in class. Please bring yoga mat, light blanket, water bottle. For enquiries contact Jo 0211 709 495.





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Come along to our AGM on Monday 20th June. ALL WELCOME!

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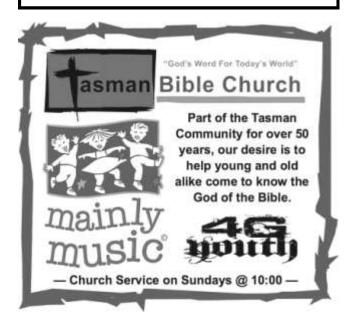
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Brent Steinmetz from TEAM MOTUEKA - GODZone Adventure Racers

The Mapua and Districts Cycle and Walkways Group has been around since March 2001, however, it's been awhile since there's been a public meeting.

As well as a chance to hear about TEAM Motueka's amazing achievements in the recent GODZone event held in our local region, this is also an important meeting to gauge ongoing interest in retaining the Cycle and Walkways Group in our local communities.

If you would like to see this Group continue come along and show your support, If you would like to get more involved, have suggestions or ideas about cycle and walkways issues here's an opportunity!

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It really does look like a gibbet from a distance, complete with rope and something heavy dangling from it, but of course it isn't. It's the weather stone, and comes with instructions (if stone is moving, it's windy; if wet on top, it's raining and so on).

My beef with the weather stone is that it is not a predictor of weather and thus has limited functionality. Fortunately you do have a predictor of weather and other things but a kilometre or two away: our house under construction.

When TDC and the builder were getting things together and we knew nothing was going to happen before late March, I could have told you we were in for a fine, dry summer. And then things were planned, things involving digging. To get the concrete water tanks in, you need a huge lorry and a crane and dry weather so the ground doesn't give way. There is one crane in the Nelson area and it has to be booked a week in advance. For three weeks I was way, way ahead of any of the so-called professional forecasters on the TV. I could predict rain with pinpoint accuracy seven days out.

Not content with that, I took it to the next level: what about a real downpour? Yup, no problem. Making the foundations, or slab footings, requires digging a trench where the walls will go, putting in reinforcing steel bars and then filling with concrete. The dangerous phase is just before the concrete is poured, when the trench walls are exposed and things must be dry. The pour was timed for a Wednesday

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afternoon and, I'm told, as the TDC inspector drove up to do the inspection, it was dry. By the time he'd got out of the car it had started raining, the first gentle drops of that deluge of a few weeks back.

That set back the process another week as the steel had to come out, the trenches cleaned up and steel put back. Then the hoodoo broke and we had a clear run; trenches were filled, tanks dug in and the slab prepared for the infilling concrete. With control of the weather sorted, I thought I'd move to predicting more complex systems, like steel quality.

Slabs have a reinforcing steel mesh in them. Our steel had been sitting around on site for at least a month waiting for the slab to be ready. As the day for fitting neared, up rose the tales of quality assurance in steel manufacturing in New Zealand. Not just any steel bars: steel reinforcing mesh. From Steel and Tube. For use in slabs.

Two days before our slab-pouring was due, and a couple of weeks after it should have been done, the steel mesh disappeared. The elves from the building supplies company had whisked it away, not because it was faulty but just to be on the safe side, you know.

But things rarely go badly for ever, as the Black Caps remind us often nowadays. New, nice shiny steel mesh suddenly appeared four days later and, in the extended, unseasonably good weather, it was quickly laid, ready for concrete. As I write, tomorrow is the big day for the pour. And I think, looking at the forecast, that it will be the only "pour" that day. I'll check the weather stone just in case, though.

John Bamfylde



BOOK REVIEW

The Girl in the Spider's Web, by David Lagercrantz, reviewed by Richard Bullock. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library.

This book is a continuation of the extremely popular Stieg Larsson series. The untimely death of Larsson prevented him from continuing the Millenium Series but members of his family approached Lagercrantz, already an esteemed and established Swedish author, to keep the intriguing super-hacker, Lisbeth Salander and the journalist Blomkvist, alive.

The family chose well. Not only has Lagercrantz picked up the characters and the narrative buthe has mimicked the Larsson style. His adopted story races along, weaving in the characters, connected subplots and the brief historical flashbacks while leaving some of the more predictable outcomes to the reader's imagination.

Flashbacks make this book readable for the oneoff reader although exposure to the Larsson series drops the reader more easily into this story from the outset. A prior understanding of the main protagonists

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is a definite advantage because of the many new characters that appear.

As with the Millenium Series, the plot depends on the tension created by the investigation of an evil and ruthless element of Swedish society by Blomkvist and his friend Lisbeth. As always, Salander is a reclusive, shadowy participant until her hand is forced. Blomkvist, the journalist, always has to put mind and body on the line to get his story, this time involving the heady world of intellectual property and artificial intelligence. In the hands of the wrong people it would create havoc.

Blomkvist eventually gets his story, with many of the villains incarcerated or eliminated. But, there is good news and bad. The bad news is that "the Spider," is still on the loose and some of Salander's family issues are far from resolved. The good news is that there is much more to be told and I for one, will eagerly await the publication of Lagercrantz's next book. (or books)

PS: *The Girl in the Spider's Web* has a waiting list of people wanting to read the book.

Police Report

What a great summer and autumn we are having. The Mapua wharf is humming, and the new subdivision at the top of Higgs Road is all go.

We have been very fortunate to have had very little crime in the Mapua area, but this doesn't mean the you can get complacent and start leaving your car unlocked up the driveway, or ducking out for half an hour without locking up.

Just last week three young men from Nelson came to Motueka one Wednesday evening; they broke into several unlocked cars up people's drives and stole one. Fortunately the local police were nearby to see them leaving town and after a pursuit they were apprehended in Wakefield.

They had spent some time going from property to property trying door handles of cars. This can and has happened before in Mapua. Mapua can be seen as an easy target so all I ask is, don't get complacent.

It won't be too long before we start having frosts again and the roads will be wet and icy, so those of you travelling to work need to allow an extra few minutes travelling time. Be safe out there.

Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka. Ph 03 970-5271

Mapua Occurrences:

Feb 2: Two males apprehended drink-driving at a checkpoint.

Feb 4: Family argument

Feb13: Two aluminium ladders, scaffolding stolen in

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AGM

Our AGM will be held in the library on Monday 9 May at 7.30pm. All are invited and are very welcome – your presence will not guarantee a job that you don't want! There will be a light supper after the meeting.

Nominations for chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and/or treasurer should be forwarded to: Secretary, Mapua Community Library, PO Box 49, Mapua 7048, OR left in the library.

Fund-raising Thanks

Thanks to:

- Easter Fair Book Sale helpers and all of those who supported our stall
- Sprig and Fern Quiz Night helpers and all of those who came along and joined in the fun
- Spring and Fern for hosting us

These events together raised around \$800.

Display

Our current display is in honour of Anzac Day. Thanks to Greg Olsen for once again supplying the items in our window display in honour of Anzac Day.

Now we are excited to feature photographs by Ray Bolderson. Do come and have a look.

Statistics

At our most recent committee meeting we were presented with statistics showing that borrowing numbers continue to grow. In the year end 31 March 2016, we recorded 19,495 issues. That is a lot of reading being done in this community! The month

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with the highest borrowing average in the year was November 2015 when we recorded 1742 issues. Of these 782 were adult fiction issues.

We collect the statistics for a number of reasons including that statistics allow us to:

- 1) Ensure that our collection makeup reflects Mapua's borrowing needs.
- 2) Illustrate borrowing patterns, which can be tracked over time. This is helpful for purchasing decisions.
- 3) Demonstrate the variety of needs we are meeting for the community by reporting on the breakdown of borrowing.
- 4) Show just how well loved and used this community treasure really is. Community grants organisations love having this sort of information to assist their decision-making process.

Lynley Worsley

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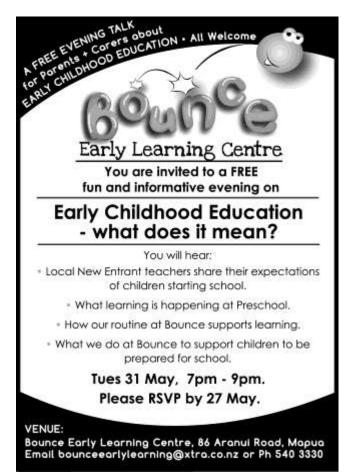
Coastal Garden Group

At the April meeting of the Coastal Garden Group two members of the Department of Conservation, Roger Gaskell and Shannel Courtney, spoke about an endangered plant—coastal peppercress (Lepidium banksii).

Coastal peppercress is a rare native cress now confined to the Nelson coast. It is in the cabbage family (Brassicaceae) and is closely related to Cook's scurvy grass (Lepidium oleraceum). It has the highest threat ranking of "nationally critical" because there are so few plants surviving in the wild. This is due to a multitude of threats. Without active conservation management this species will become extinct.

It is endemic to the South Island from the Marlborough Sounds west to Tasman and Golden bays and from the Karamea coastline. All recent records come from small shell banks in the Waimea Estuary near Nelson and from the rocky coastline north of Totaranui, Abel Tasman National Park. The species





has been introduced to several locations near Moutere and on rocky islands off the Abel Tasman coastline. Its habitat is strictly coastal and has been found growing amongst boul-



ders near penguin colonies within estuaries on low lying shell banks.

Initial capsule harvest can be done by hand but at the peak ripening stage shaking the mature plant over weed cloth or paper and sweeping up seed and capsule is more efficient. A good final seed gathering method is to cut the seeding stems back and put the pruning's into a container so that as the remaining capsules dry off in late summer and resprout from the rootstock every year.

Roger brought trays of the Lepidium plants as well as seed for members to take home to germinate to help with this project.

Judy Sisam, secretary



SENIOR MOMENTS

Hills Community Church

Held on second and last Wednesdays of the month At Hills Community Church - 122 Aranui Rd, Mapua

10 AM to 12:00



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Mapua Health Centre

We welcome Ellie Fowler and Caroline Morgan to the Health Centre staff. We are looking forward to working with Ellie who is helping with administration and Caroline who has joined our team of hyperbaric oxygen chamber operators. The next Trainee Intern to join our practice is Coco Lee. Coco will be with us for three weeks nearer the end of May.

Congratulations to Vicky, one of our nurses who recently competed in the Godzone event and came second in her teams' category. What an amazing achievement not only by Vicky and her team but everyone that competed, well done.

A reminder that this year's flu vaccine is now available. The vaccine is free for those over 65 years and for anyone with respiratory problems requiring regular use of inhalers, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, certain neurological conditions and auto-immune disease. If you would like to receive immunization please pop in or you can call one of our receptionists to arrange an appointment.

This month includes asthma awareness day and a recent review of integrative treatment approaches suggests that nutrition modification, mind-body medicine, physical activity, and certain dietary supplement interventions can be helpful (*Current Allergy and Asthma Reports* Oct 2014). For instance, children who eat fast-food three or more times a week had a much higher likelihood of severe asthma, as well as more hay fever and eczema; whereas eating extra fruit appeared to be protective (*Thorax* 2013).

Another study looked at vitamin D levels in adults and found that most asthmatics had deficient levels and this related to the severity of asthma which suggests the need for increased vitamin intake and more sunlight exposure (*Allergy Asthma Immunol Res.* 2013)

A couple of concerning articles looking at the effect of our environment suggest that mold exposure from water-damaged buildings during infancy was

associated with childhood asthma at age 7 years (*J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2012); and that a common toxin in our environment, BPA - bisphenol-A, which is used in plastics (food can liners, some plastic bottles and food wrappers, etc) as being linked to the risk of developing asthma and perhaps helping to explain the dramatic increase in asthma over the last 30 years (*J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2013).

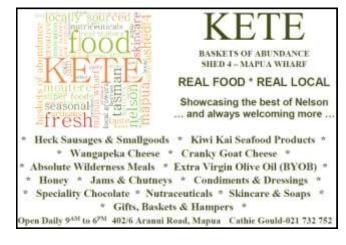
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World Water Day

World Tuberculosis Day

Creating with the Mapua Craft Group

So what have the lovely fun ladies of the Mapua Craft Group been up to since the last Coastal News update? Quite a bit and also not a lot. Depends on our mood on the day. Whether we fancy more of a chat or we flex our fingers to create something fun, interesting or challenging.

Yup! We're still knitting the Twiddle Muffs, four of which are already out there in the community which is wonderful to know. It really is. Anyone out there Twiddle Muffing away, please do pop by and let us know or perhaps think to leave them with us so they can go to a good home. We prefer the more personal approach so each and every twiddle muff is in the best place it can be. Big thanks to Robyn and Margaret for helping us to place them in the best possible way.

Every term we try to set aside one meet-up for any unfinished projects. We call them UFOs although I am really not sure why, as nothing we do resembles a flying saucer. Not that I've seen one close up, whirring and humming, to know what one actually looks like. Although my Dad was given to taking our fam-

ily out on all night hunts for them way back when ... which is a whole other story.

Anyway the nearest we may get is when we attempt to fashion light bulbs into hot air balloons at

beginning of next term. Following that we may perhaps make some place mats from pebbles, some crazy patchwork into small bags and goodness knows what else. Nothing is written in stone. Likely to be utter



chaos between the great and the good and that's just the way we like it.

For the final Friday of the term we decided to descend on Eyebright for a bit of a mooch before we wended our way to one of our group member's home for a late morning tea. I'm happy to report that the guinea pigs were all hale and hearty and very much interested in what I had to say. I had a whole lot to say!

For others, the spingle spangles and a good shifty around the assorted, rather lovely, goods was a boon in itself. So, something for everyone.

Big thanks to our much cherished Mapua Craft Group friend Nita for providing an outstanding late morning tea. Nita is one feisty, interesting lovely lady and I am most privileged to know her.

The other happy moment in time was that Elizabeth Gibson was able to come share and care with us all. This was a bit special for us all as Elizabeth ran the group from its inception before handing it over to new hands in the shape of the rather talented Julie Cox.

Any of you want to come and give it a go, just turn up. You don't need to be craft-minded. It's just a care and a share and really, a good laugh. See the Noticeboard on the back page of the *Coastal News* for details.

Laters gaters, Marian Bevan





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Socratez is president of the Fellowship of Baptist Churches in West Papua and has briefed Australian, British and European parliamentarians and UN representatives on the tragedy that is modern-day West Papua.

At NMIT on Thursday 12 May at 5.30 pm, a brief film will be shown and Socratez will talk. Entry by koha – a couple of gold coins, please. Block G, Room 104, 61 Nile Street.

Main contact for Nelson: Kester Macfarlane, 540 3939, kc@rubybay.co.nz



Poppy Day Thanks

The Moutere Hills Returned and Services Association would like to sincerely thank the Mapua Community for their kind and generous support for Poppy Day on Friday 22 April.

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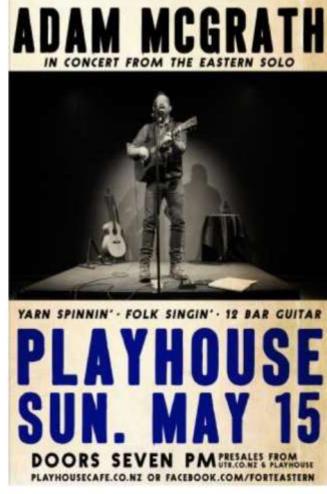
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Chickpea Lentil Satay Curry

Ingredients

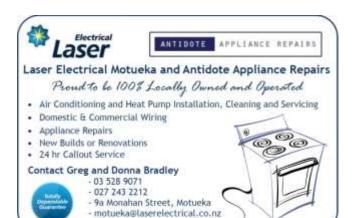
- 2 carrots
- 1 capsicum
- 2 courgettes
- 1 large chopped onion
- 2 Tbs oil
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 3 Tbs ginger puree
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp ground tumeric
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- 1 x 400ml can tomatoes
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- ½ cup crunchy peanut butter

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Method:

- 1. Slice and boil the carrots until almost cooked.
- 2. In a large pan cook onion, garlic and ginger in the oil until clear
 - 3. Stir in spices
- 4. Add the capsicum, courgettes and tomatoes and heat intil boiling
- 5. Add salt, peanut butter, coconut cream and honey/date puree
 - 6. Add chickpeas and lentils (drained) and carrots.
 - 7. Eat as it or serve with rice.

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Tasman Bible Church



As Good As It Gets? (Part II)

In the issue before last (March), we left off with the staggering claim that would rustle the feathers of any contract lawyer or ideologue of any persuasion. Who does Jesus think he is saying, "I came that you might have life – and that to the full?" We arrived at that point via an unusual route – the title of and poignant line in, an entertaining and thought-provoking movie As Good As It Gets.

The main character in the movie (Melvyn) in spite of his therapy, undergoes something of a major transformation. There's a tremendous 'feel-good' factor at the conclusion of the tale. I won't give too much of the storyline away.

That's the point of a most of life – major transformation. It's inevitable (like the song) that change will take place. But, a couple of important questions behind inevitable change might be proffered—toward what end and into what or whom?

Probing into what Jesus meant by his staggering claim to offer "...life in all its fullness" and thinking a little about his particular context might help. He was quite deliberate about declaring his credentials in speaking of God as his Father. On a couple of occasions at least, Jesus' own kind responded to the claims he made by nearly stoning him. They knew the implications of the statements made – equality with God was a capital offence in their eyes. How dare he speak in such terms? Jesus had the temerity, or was it authority (?) to forgive people their obvious and not so obvious sins. Again, in context, only God had the right to do that. Furthermore, the "signs" Jesus performed were exactly that, "signs." These were

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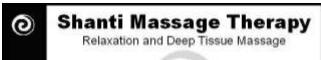
more than a modern-day Dynamo. They pointed toward and were a demonstration of Jesus' credentials as a "life-giver" in seemingly impossible circumstances.

His words, dynamic healing actions, the way he deliberately embraced and orchestrated his own death – the only truly innocent one in history were all significant. Ultimately overcoming death itself was an embodied and living claim to "as good as it gets" for those open enough to embrace him. For the "Melvyn" in all of us—the deliberate and dysfunctional fallen-ness—Jesus claims to be the means of ultimate transformation through the now and permanently in the hereafter. Again, that's quite a claim!

One explanatory note written to believers in the New Testament puts it like this, "...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." That's as good as it gets.

Richard Drury

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Playcentre

Firstly I wish to say to a massive thank you to all who helped out for the Easter Fair, beforehand and on the day. It was a huge effort put forward by everyone involved and turned out to be another spectacular and successful event. Mapua Playcentre, Mapua School and our local community all benefit from the wonderful event and I will endeavour to keep the *Coastal News* followers updated with how the funds raised will be used to enrich our wonderful community.

Lynda's Exercise Classes in the Mapua Hall. Term 2, - an 11 week term starts Tuesday May 3, ends Saturday July 16.

[note winter start times]

Tuesday 2.30-3.15pm Sit and be Fit (seated exercise for Seniors/rehab - gold coin) Tuesday 6pm-6.55pm High Intensity Interval training rotating with Step-based toning and Strength training every 3rd week

Tuesday 7.05pm—7.55pm Pilates (all levels, beginner to advanced)

Wednesday 9.15am – 10.05am Aerobics (the old-fashioned dance-around and sing-along kind)

Wednesday 10.15am – 11.05am Pilate

(all levels, beginner to advanced)
Thursday 9.15am – 10.05am Aerobics
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Thursday 10.15am – 11.05am Pilates
(Wakefield) (all levels, beginner to advanced)

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Please email lynda@hht.co.nz, ph 5432268 or 027 222 1491 to reserve a place. As well as our parents being busy with the Easter Fair our tamariki have been busy learning more about our natural world



of marine and oceans. It started with one of our wonderful parents bringing along her diving gear and demonstrating how it is worn to go deep under water and showing us some fantastic preserved sea creatures. We have continued this theme throughout the term with an exciting ferry trip to Rabbit Island where the children discovered their own treasures of drift wood, shells, pinecones and an eel! We talked about the importance of water, conservation and keeping it clean and also water safety especially around the tidal waters of Mapua.

With the Abel Tasman National Park on our doorstep we encourage nature play on session and regularly explore the wonders of our environment with trips to Rabbit Island allowing our tamariki to become familiar with water, marine life, forests and all that the natural world has to offer.

We would like to thank the Mapua Ferry for taking such good care of us as we embark upon the ferry, prams and toddlers in tow.

About Playcentre

Playcentre is Ministry of Education-registered centre, the difference being parents' input into their child's learning, development and fun. At Playcentre we follow the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki which is unique to New Zealand with an emphasis of child-initiated play and parent education. It's a great way to really have your hands-on day with your child, while you also get the benefit of having social interaction with other parents.

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for over 60 years. We have a qualified supervisor on each session, whose experience and knowledge is awesome. Visitors always welcome. Drop in and find out what Kiwi families have been embracing for generations.

Session times Mondays and Fridays 9.30am – 12 noon (School term time). We are at 84 Aranui Road, behind the tennis courts by the scout den. Any enquires please phone Anita on 021 1265 357.

We offer a free term for first-time families and children under two are free!

Once upon a time, a Prince asked a Princess, "Will you marry me?" She said "No."

And the guy lived happily ever after and went fishing and hunting and drank beer all day every day for the rest of his natural days. The end.

Hills Community Church



If you are anything like me I'm sure you cannot have failed to notice how busy Mapua has been over the summer and autumn season. The development at the wharf has brought an influx of people especially over the weekends, alongside this are the many residential building developments in and around Mapua. In the short three and half years that we have been here Mapua has grown and changed; it hard to imagine the changes from 30 or so years ago.

It is said that one of the few constants in life is the inevitability of change. We cannot help also been changed by the environment that we exist in and the changes that take place around us. But change is also

something that causes us anxiety and fear. If we listen to this anxiety and fear, we will resist change, clinging on to what we fear losing, or we will resent the changes that take place around and within us. For many, an en-

tire life is spent insulating oneself from dealing with change.

The healthy response, though, to change is this – acceptance. In doing this we must learn two things: to let go of the past, and to embrace the present everchanging reality and the uncertainty of future change.

But to live in this way it is vital that we are grounded in something solid, our identity has to find its roots in something that transcends the changes of life and our surroundings. This is the great gift that God has given his creation, humanity, through his

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One of the great promises of Scripture is this: that God, the source and ground of all reality will never leave or forsake us. (Hebrews 5:13) and in this reality, we can learn to embrace change with a faith and trust that in all things, in all circumstances our ultimate future is secure in him.

Blessings in Christ, Rev John Sherlock

Coming up at HCC this month

Sunday 29 May Celebration service and lunch 10:30am (no 9am service on this Sunday)

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: 9am, Traditional service. 10:30am Contemporary service & Children's programme including crèche; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between.

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 and share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided.

Drop-off for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui

Road) on Friday mornings between 10am & noon. We offer numerous activities throughout the week. Contact 540-3848 for more information.



Pastel Artists of New Zealand

It has finally happened! Originally mooted in 2014, officially accepted in 2015, 12 months of planning, organisation and innovation, and now PANZ "Purely Pastel" national Art Awards and Convention 2016 has taken place with plaudits aplenty.

It was wonderful to see the Mapua Community Hall transformed into an art gallery and full of appreciative people on the evening of Friday 15 April. There were some stunning pieces. An air of expectation, softened by drinks and nibbles (thank you Sprig & Fern), as artists waited to discover the winners. At half seven, Glenys Forbes, the convenor, introduced us to Julie Catchpole, the Director of the Suter Gallery, to officially open the exhibition.

And then the moment we were waiting for, the big announcement—congratulations go to Julie Freeman, the overall winner, and Karen Neal, the runner-up. Merits went to Bill Burke, Alice Reade, Julie Greig and Karen Neal.

With the exhibition open until 1 May it was an opportunity for the public to enjoy the art and in some cases, purchase. Congratulations also to all the artists who sold a piece of work, truly a measure of success.

The Convention on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 April was for PANZ members only. The varied programme, sometimes serious, sometimes comical, was enjoyed by about 60 people from around New Zealand. Stan Sperlak, the visiting Master Pastellist from the USA, was kept on his toes. He joined the boat trip on Friday 15th in the Abel Tasman National Park, demonstrated his painting technique on Saturday morning to a full house, walked through the gallery

on Sunday morning to talk about the paintings and then gave four days of masterclass workshops. He was skilled, informative and engaging and it was a privilege for PANZ to have him join us.

For PANZ Nelson this has been an honour. A successful and rewarding event that has been supported by many sponsors, we are indebted to them all but particular mention must be given to "Impressions Picture Framers and Art Supplies," TDC, Creative NZ, Golden Edge, NBS, Mitre 10, Sally Hunt Fine Art, Sportswise Signz N Graphics, Janome and the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust.

And finally the team that has been beavering away for the past year to bring this event to Mapua – Liz Hofmann, Judy March, Ron Oliver, Gloria Anderson, Michael Busby, Anne Cegarra, Marian Painter, Sue England and the human dynamo, Glenys Forbes.

Tuesday morning sessions have resumed and some inspirational work should result. If you have enjoyed our exhibition and pastel painting interests you, our doors are always open!

If you want to find out more about pastels and the PANZ art group in Mapua visitors are always welcome. Just call into the Community Hall on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 12 noon when you see the PANZ board outside. Or contact Glenys Forbes on 540-3388 for more information.

Sue England (540-2934)





Under The Bonnet with Fred

Rhonda's Red Convertible



A few years ago Rhonda bought an X series Jaguar with which she was extremely smitten. She enjoyed gliding along in luxury with the smell of leather and a cherry wood dashboard but the glamour finally faded with the reality of maintaining a luxury car

Just by chance she received a call from a client from the Richmond pharmacy where she worked. The client remembered Rhonda's liking for the car and that she loved the colour. Rhonda soon became the second owner of the fire-engine red 2009 Peugeot 207 CC; the CC standing for Cabriolet Coupe, as it is a convertible with a roof which rises out of the boot.

Initially Rhonda was a bit cautious with her new purchase but has settled down and is enjoying the

lower cost of running. The car's history is one lady owner, a sales rep from Richmond who won it as a prize from a cosmetic and skin care company for most sales in New Zealand

It has a 1600cc engine which delivers 120hp @ 6000rpm. It is quite impressive. Fuel consumption is 7.4 litres /100 around town and 5.7 litres /100 on the highway

which is important if you live in Mapua as it is a minimum of 22km to any major shopping centre. I liked the big chrome gear stick on the five-speed manual gearbox. It makes it a real sports car. It is 4.041 metres long with a top speed 195kmph. It can do 0 – 100kmh in 10.7 seconds. It weighs 1370kg which amazed me as one of my V8 cars weighs 1627kg. It makes me wonder, did Peugeot keep the weight up to keep the 207CC down while you are flying along the highway at 195kmh? I can see why the European cars are starting to get a foothold in New Zealand.

Peugeot have made a excellent job of their 2009 ladies' car. It has nice eyebrow lights, and has a nice

big chrome Peugeot badge to add glam with additional chrome highlights on the bodywork. The panels are shaped to flow to the boot which is tight and round with the tail lights up high for easy vision for following traffic. Fire-engine red is the only colour for a convertible. It is a two- door with seats for two adults and two children. There is a bonus with this the convertible—the top rises automatically out of the boot to make a coupe. The days of leaky convertible tops are gone.

Rhonda let me take it for a drive. Turning right onto the by-pass I made it work going uphill. I was surprised that this little 1600cc car could reach by the top of the hill. Modern 1600cc cars are a lot more powerful than they used to be. The top of the wind-

screen is high and over your head so you don't get the wind-blow like older model convertibles. No over or understeer coming down Seaton Valley Road. It is comfortable driving with good visibility.

I think the car is an excellent modern fun car, easy to park with the economy of 5.7litres per /100 on the highway will always make it attractive buying. May

be the only thing I could fault was the hard ride on the 195x55 profile tyres. I remember in Africa in the 70s Peugeot were always used as taxis as they were so reliable.

Sadly for Rhonda, when she took the new red convertible to show her son the 11-year-old grandson said, "I thought it was really nice from a distance but as it closer I realized it was only a Peugeot"

All the men at the Thursday night gatherings agreed that Peugeot 207 CC was a better car for Rhonda. Her reply was, "There was nothing like driving the Jag."

Fred Cassin





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Moving to Mapua, an early account

Part 12 of a series of excerpts from the book, Turning Back the Clock, by the late Iola McPherson. Iola moved from Nelson to Mapua in August, 1932, at the age of nine and this is part of her story.

Mapua Landmarks

Presbyterian Church

The first religious services began in 1916. They were brought about by the efforts of Mrs Wakefield senior and were held in an old woolshed owned by Mr D Blanch on Higgs Hill which also served as a school. The first musical instrument played at the services was a violin played by Mr Swan. In 1919 Mr A Wells offered the church a quarter-acre section of land in Aranui Road but the building of the new Presbyterian Church was delayed because of high costs. A strong effort was made by the newly formed Ladies Guild to raise funds by staging activities such as garden parties, sales of produce and a concert.

Mr Dormer, a Ruby Bay orchardist and also a builder by trade, was employed to build the church and he also supervised the large amount of voluntary work involved. A fine American organ was purchased and presented to the church on opening day in 1928. The new church was a huge asset to the community and was widely used throughout the following years for weddings, farewells, funerals, Sunday school and Ladies Guild meetings. I attended Sunday school for a time. Our teacher was Mr Forsyth senior.

There were many ministers; some from far away, others local. They administered services in the Tasman churches as well. One minister I recall, a Mr Dodds, made house calls during The Depression not long after we arrived in Mapua. He would offer to help with any job too difficult for the lady of the house such as chopping firewood and he also helped farmers on the land with haymaking, etc. He was very well liked by all.

Mapua Post Office

The first post office was opened in a room in Wyergane's house on the first of November, 1912. This was the house originally built by Ted Senior on a ridge above the wharf. It was later owned by Mr Langford after whom Langford Drive is named. Mr Wyergane came to Mapua to manage the Ledger's big orchard which was up on the rise behind the house. He was also the first wharfinger in Mapua. The wharfinger was the keeper of the wharf, responsible for goods delivered to the wharf and for day-to-day activities.

Before the first post office was opened here, the area we now call Mapua was called simply 'The Western Entrance'. When the post office was established the area had to have a name and, after a lot of consideration, the name 'Mapua' was decided on.

The Wyerganes later shifted and the post office was relocated to Peter Coutts' house, which was the next house along the ridge, and it was managed by Mrs Coutts and her two daughters. The post office was in Coutts' house when we arrived in 1932. A few years later the store took over the post office.

The mail used to travel from Nelson by Newman's service car via the inland road, arriving at the store at 11am each day. The *Nelson Evening Mail* arrived at 4.30pm and was dropped off at the store like the mail. I had to collect both the mail and the newspaper from the store each evening and I would also pick up our billy of milk from the Higgs'.

Chas Higgs had a milking shed at the corner of what is now Higgs Road, opposite the shop. He had a small herd of 'free-range' cows which wandered through the bushes with bells around their necks so they could be heard when rounding them up for milking. Chas had no dogs to do this – just a boy with a stick and a loud voice. We would hang our billies, with our names on them, over the wire fence on hooks. After the milking was over the milk was poured into our billies and we would come back to collect them.

Later the post office was upgraded and moved out of the Mapua Store into its own attractive building next door which had been financed by the Progress League. The new post office had a telephone booth and by then it was also dealing with money matters like banking, motor vehicle registration and paying out benefits. As the population grew, so did the service. It continued to serve the community well until the 1990s when the government of the day decided to close down most of the country post offices and ours went too. Several people voiced the objections with petitions and one brave man, Patrick Hogan, did his best to stop the closure by sitting on the roof of the post office for a day and a night. He even camped on Parliament grounds and staged a fast but it was to no avail

So we lost our post office (which returned as a reduced service to the grocery store) but in its place we gained a great community asset in the Mapua Health Centre serviced by two doctors. This was especially helpful for the elderly who found it troublesome travelling to Richmond or Motueka. We had previously had a doctor visiting one afternoon a week, then fortnightly for a while. Until we got a proper surgery. The visiting doctor had no consulting rooms and had to shift around somewhat, initially using the RSA rooms then the dental clinic at the school and later, the supper room of the church.

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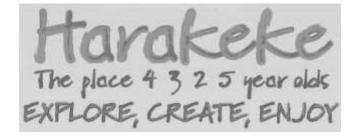
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he first term is already finished and at Harakeke we also finally found our usual happy, positive energy and synergy after all the bugs and illnesses have been left behind us.

The warm long summer with plenty of family time spent in and around water triggered an interest in sea creatures, beach and ocean. Our creative children made colourful tropical rainbow fish, humongous paper bag whales, pink crabs and even tried their busy hands at sculpting saltwater dough fish.

Mystical creatures like mermaids and taniwhas led us to explore the story of Tangaroa, the kaitiaki (guardian) of the sea - beginning with the Māori legend of Papatūanuku (Mother Earth) and Ranginui (Father Sky).

The Thinking Club children (our four and a half+ year-old children) are presently delving more in depth into the realm of each of the kaitiaki of Te Ao Mārama (the world of light). They all have their favourites too and it will be interesting to see where this topic will

It was only logical that it re-ignited an interest in Māori pedagogy and motivated us teachers to increase our use of te reo Māori (Aotearoa's other official language). We introduced the mihimihi (personal introduction) to the morning group time and it must be said that we are so proud about the growing eagerness and confidence with which our tamariki stand strong and tall to say who they are and where they come from.

Ka kite, your Harakeke team

MAPUA AND DISTRICTS

CYCLE AND WALKWAYS GROUP







General Meeting

WHEN-7.30pm Wednesday Evening 11 May

WHERE: Mapua Hall - Bill Marris Room

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brent Steinmetz from TEAM MOTUEKA GODZone Adventure Racers

The Mapua and Districts Cycle and Walkways Group has been around since March 2001, however, it's been awhile since there's been a public meeting.

As well as a chance to hear about TEAM Motueka's amazing achievements in the recent GODZone event held in our local region, this is also an important meeting to gauge ongoing interest in retaining the Cycle and Walkways Group in our local communities.

If you would like to see this Group continue come along and show your support, If you would like to get more involved, have suggestions or ideas about cycle and

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Gym Owner Remembers Her Early Fears

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One evening after work, I went to the local gym, got out of my car and walked as far as the front door. I took a look inside and was way too nervous to even

walk through the doorway. Everyone in there looked fit and lean and as though they knew what they were doing. I felt completely intimidated.

I told a friend about how I'd felt and they said, "Go back and book a session with a personal trainer." I did just that and



had a great time. It was the best thing I could have done and I never looked back.

Fast-forward to today and now, as Catalyst's owner, I know how you may feel, so I have created an environment that is a pleasant, non-threatening, non-traditional fitness experience that will help you enjoy life more. I believe a fitness session should not replace your outdoor activities, it will enhance them.

A gym programme has many benefits giving you a balance of ability, wellbeing, health, strength and core stability that will help you stay injury-free to enjoy your chosen activities to the fullest. So, whether you goal is to walk up Mount Arthur or if getting the boat off the trailer is getting harder or the grandkids are getting heavier or you want to take part in Run Mahana, I can help get you fit to do this.

At Catalyst you will be taken through a programme of appropriate exercises when you join. You will be shown how to do the exercises correctly and the programme includes pictures and notes to remind you. If afterwards, you have any questions or are still unsure about something, just come and ask me and I'll be happy to talk you through it. I look forward to seeing you at Catalyst Fitness.

Kayrn

Men are like the weather: Nothing can be done to change them.

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Mapua Landscapes is a new business venture for Darren Broderick and partner Debbie Kemp who after some 2 months of planning and development are now eagerly looking forward to operating from their new site at 15 Warren Place since opening 9 April. With the rapidly growing coastal development that is presently happening throughout the Mapua, Ruby Bay and surrounding districts Darren and Debbie along with their two young boys Jamie and Alex, have moved from their nearby small rural property and are looking forward to providing a range of services and products.

Both Darren and Debbie have much experience in landscaping and developing properties and are looking forward to working with property owners on landscaping and property

maintenance improvements. From their site in Warren Place, Mapua Landscapes will provide a full range of garden and landscape supplies including;

Topsoil, Barks, Compost, Rock and Aggregates.

Courtesy trailers will be available for use.

Darren has been operating machinery for many years and with his excavator and truck will be undertaking property landscaping, retaining walls, driveway and section preparation and property maintenance.

Darren and Debbie also provide Mapua **Container Storage** which are available for short or long term hire.

They are both looking forward to this new business venture and providing their service and assistance as well as meeting you all.



Beware of The Rats and Mice!

As winter approaches rodents begin to take up residence in your home.

A fire that ripped through a home in Canterbury recently was likely caused by exposed electrical wires arcing.

Fire crews were called to the blaze in Christchurch. Firefighters entered the property because they thought somebody was inside, it turned out nobody was home. The fire took about three hours to put out.

Investigations found it was likely caused by a cable that had been chewed by rats under the house.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case and is yet another cause of fire in the home we need to be wary of.

Trapping is one of the best ways to get rid of rats fast. You can take a humane trap and put bait in it to attract the rat. Peanut butter and cheese are the rat's favorite. As the rat tries to eat this, it will be caught in the trap. After this, you can leave it in the woods or far away from your home so that it never comes back.

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- When you experience the presence of these rodents, do clean the floor with a solution of bleach and water (equal proportion) to safeguard your family from any disease.

DON'TS

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With the end of Daylight Saving came our school's much anticipated annual fund-raiser - Muddy Buddy. And it was a great day!

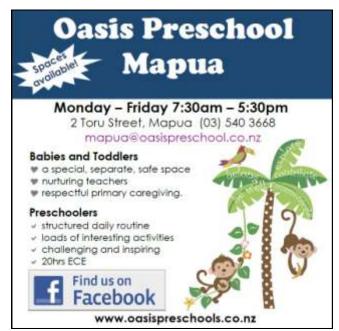


Sunday, 3 April, our school grounds were swarming with 1050 participants - eager to run, walk, crawl or however, through the muddy course of 2016. There was an assortment of attire, from Huia rugby to brides and bridesmaids.

There were several categories for each one, two and three laps, with the Intermediate boys' two laps being won by a group of four students from Tasman School.

With a great team of organisers and parental help from right across the school, this year's event raised \$15,000. We really appreciate those who come along every year, to support Muddy Buddy and our school. We also extend our thanks to all of the local businesses who donated prizes, services or time to support our event.

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Letters to the Editor

'Scam' was Genuine

Recently I received a series of phone calls from two different people saying they were from Greenpeace. I was very suspicious about this and subsequently emailed many friends cautioning them that such calls might be a "scam." I also emailed Greenpeace head office in Auckland expressing my annoyance and concern.

Below is what I emailed to friends, so readers of this letter will understand my annoyance:

"I have had four phone calls, the first from a woman, the last three from a man, then the same man again with possibly an American accent. They all knew my name and spoke about Greenpeace and how we did not want to spoil our green and clean New Zealand image by oil exploration. Would I be willing to donate? I then said that I choose my charities for the year and am a pensioner. He was getting the message. So due to my "depleted finances" could I send 28 cents per day? This is over \$100 a year! So I started to play his game! I said that I would ask my husband, thanked him for his call and with a big smile I ended the "CON"versation!

"The choice is yours of course but I believe this is a scam. I wait for the next call."

In response to my email to Greenpeace, I received a phone call from someone in their head office, explaining that the calls I had received were genuine and that they recruit "callers" very carefully—my experience makes me find this hard to believe! The head office person played back the calls that were made to me (they record all their calls, fortunately) and reluctantly agreed that the calls could have been a lot better handled, but there was no apology.

I have received several responses to my email to friends. Fortunately they are all too aware of these types of "begging" calls, but there are probably many folk who could be "sucked in" by persuasive types phoning them. These days it's hard to work out what is a scam and what is genuine. To coin an old phrase, "Caveat emptor."

Barbara Halse.

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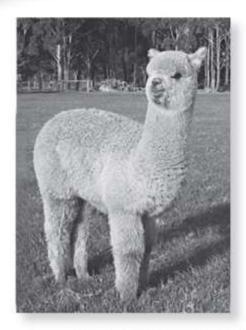
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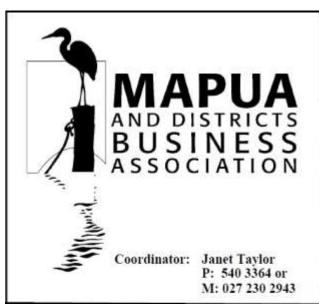
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Mapua Craft Group meet Fridays 10 – noon, supper room, Hills Community Church. Simple craft work including: paper craft & card making, sewing, knitting, cooking, small upcycling projects. Occasional guest speakers, demos & outings. A social, some fun and a chat, some easy craft along the way. Info: Julie Cox 540-3602, juliehcox@xtra.co.nz or see you there.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.00pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Judy Sisam, 547-7292, 142doubleview @gmail.com

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

Mapua Art Group meets Bill Marris Room Mapua Hall Thursday mornings, 9-noon. Like-minded artists get together to paint, draw, help each other in a social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$5 /session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs & easels provided. Cushla Moorhead 03 528 6548.

Mapua Friendship Club meets twice a month, 3rd Thursdays & last Fridays at Mapua Hall for indoor bowls and bring-a-plate afternoon tea. New members enthusiastically welcomed, no prior bowling experience needed.Non-competitive, just a lot of laughs. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540-3685.

Mapua Social Cycling Group: "Wheels 2 Meals". Approx 20 – 30 km ride with coffee break at half-way point and no racing! Depart Mapua Wharf each fine Thursday @ 9:30 am. Anyone interested - just turn up with your bike, "Hi Vis" top and coffee money, or email me wheels2meals @gmail.com

Ruby Coast Walking Group meets 9.30am Wednesdays outside Tasman Store. We walk for about 1½ hours, then enjoy a coffee & muffin back at the Store. Walk according to your ability and speed. Newcomers & everyone very welcome. Just turn up or contact Fiona - 526-6840, fiona.oliver @xtra.co.nz

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents & caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for morning tea. Come & make some new friends. Info: Bridget, 540-2572.

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays 9.45am. New members welcome. Anne 540-3934

Fair Exchange: A small group meets at Appleshed restaurant 9am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays to exchange home grown and home made produce & goods. We welcome everyone! It's the sharing that counts. Info: Judith Holmes 021 072 8924 / 544-0890.

Ruby Coast Newcomers Social Group: meet new people, make new friends. We have coffee at 10am last Fridays at Tasman Store & hold ad hoc day & evening social events. Info: Vivien/Richard 526-6707, vpeters @xtra.co.nz, or just turn up.

Probus Club meets Mapua Hall, 1.30 pm, first Fridays. Guest speakers talk for about an hour, and club member will also give a short talk. Now in its 15th year, new members always welcome. Pres: Bill Hall, 540-2522, Secr: Rita Mitchell, 03 528-8097

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Spinners, Knitters, Weavers – Creative Fibre Group meet Mapua Hall, 2nd Tuesdays 10am. All welcome.

Moutere Hills Rose Society. A gardener with a special love of roses? We meet monthly - contact Margaret 03 528-8477 or Cynthia 03 528-8664.

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.

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