

## Stock-taking Time for the Hall

March has been a month of “stock-taking” in terms of checking out how our first six months of operation in the upgraded hall has worked for: user-group experiences; the regular functioning and upkeep of the facility; financial management and reorganising committee membership and roles.

With regard to the committee, we have regretfully accepted the resignation of Andreas Niemann whose wonderful contribution to retaining and restoring our hall to the thing of beauty it is today, was acknowledged in last month’s issue. Andreas will continue to be part of the Allied Committee members and we are so grateful to him for his visionary creativity as well as his meticulous painstaking practical work.

We also gratefully welcome Evelyn Smith onto the committee. She will pick up the role of hall management and her face will become a familiar one to many of you as she staffs the office and co-ordinates the rostered volunteers in the many day-to-day tasks necessary to keep this facility operating in a friendly and efficient manner.

Another stock-take has resulted in all the documents relating to the past development and management of the hall being stored 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](mailto: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

A reminder that enquiries about bookings and actual bookings are all handled online at [mapuabookings@gmail.com](mailto:mapuabookings@gmail.com). The forms for those booking the whole facility or the kitchen involving a bond agreement are now also available online from the website [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org). We are working on a flier (paper and electronic versions) with all the details potential big-event users may need to know and questions they may ask. Hopefully this will encourage more such

events in our hall as it is these which will strengthen our financial position enabling us to support more non-paying community events.

A roster of volunteers is being co-ordinated under Ev Smith. This should mean that there will be someone in the Hall Office on a regular basis who can respond to queries, provide a liaison point for issues relating to the plant upkeep, work on organising and archiving the historical records as well as the current operating documents and offer a personal face and contact for those using or visiting the hall. If you are ready, willing and able to be part of this weekly roster, please contact Ev on [evlynn@clear.net.nz](mailto:evlynn@clear.net.nz).

As noted in the March *Coastal News*, 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. Having someone regularly in the hall office will hopefully encourage conversations on such topics! Please contact Margaret Cotter in the “events team” at [rmcotter@tasman.net](mailto:rmcotter@tasman.net) if you have any such ideas. Your ideas will be warmly welcomed.

### Hall facilities

The 21 March User Group meeting was well attended and the discussion on the current financial situation in relation to gaps between operating income and operating expenses resulted in a general acceptance that there needed to be a small increase in hire charges graded for the space hired and frequency of usage. The new rates have been circulated to all user group contacts, posted on the website and the hall noticeboards and apply from 1 April. There is ongoing discussion about the range of ways the kitchen and its facilities can be accessed and charged for. This will be re-addressed by the committee.

Storage requirements will be confirmed again with user groups and fitting out the specific spaces allocated is on the “to do” list of our busy maintenance team.

Groups were reminded about the option of contributing towards the purchase and installation of a zip in the kitchenette to simplify providing drinks for larger numbers.

The suggestion of purchasing and installing a barre in the main hall was raised and will be researched.

### Acoustics

This continues to be a top priority to address and the committee has sought expert advice. We are now trialling a range of panels on the ceilings in the Bill Marris Room and supper room to test their effectiveness before deciding what option/s to use in the main hall. We do appreciate the impact the noise has on many of you and appreciate your patience as we seek both funds and best long-term solutions to this problem.

### 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 ongoing running and maintenance costs. This means that 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 by 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

- 1) Orders continue to be taken for the great deal of quality wine from Rimu Grove with dedicated labels. Please contact Margaret Cotter [rmcotter@tasman.net](mailto:rmcotter@tasman.net) or phone her on 540-2195 or Tord Kjellstrom on 540-3347 [kjellstromt@yahoo.com](mailto:kjellstromt@yahoo.com)
- 2) March Fun-run raised \$750. Thanks to all who supported and participated in this event.
- 3) Forth Friday in February raised \$1350. Again your support enables an event which is enjoyable and financially successful.

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,” for which we are seeking funds 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](http://www.mapuahall.org) as well as notices on the hall noticeboards.

We have the first booked wedding in the hall early in April and are hoping that this will be the start of a regular series of bookings. These full-facility bookings will enable us to meet our budget needs and keep the regular user bookings as low as is economically viable.

### Anzac Day

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April there will be Anzac commemorations outside and in the hall. The regular 4th Friendly Friday evening will also follow an Anzac theme (see notice elsewhere in this issue).

On 10 May there will be a Car Boot Sale costing \$10 a car. If interested please contact Tina Johansson at [tina.john@clear.net.nz](mailto:tina.john@clear.net.nz)

To enable the hall to keep functioning, we need an active and energised committee. We are in discussion with some people who have indicated an interest in joining and contributing in this way. Again we urge others in the community 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

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Contact Tord Kjellstrom (540-3347) or [kjellstromt@yahoo.com](mailto:kjellstromt@yahoo.com) if you are willing and able to support the hall as a society and/or committee member.

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

*Elena Meredith, Information and Liaison Sub-committee*



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This April Hills Community Church invites you to come to one of our Easter services, to join with us as we remember the great gift that God has given us; his Son, Jesus Christ. The story of Easter spans the Last Supper and betrayal of Jesus on Maundy Thursday, his crucifixion on Good Friday, and then at dawn on Easter Sunday, the discovery of the empty tomb, pointing to Jesus' resurrection to new life.

Come and celebrate life in his name.

*Blessings, Rev John Sherlock*

## Easter Services

**Friday 11 April:** Messy Church Easter, 5-7pm. Fun, Food, Family activities for all ages.

**Maundy Thursday (17 April) 7pm:** Tenebrae Service—Service of Shadows.

**Good Friday (18 April) 9:30am:** Contemplating the Cross.

**Easter Sunday (20 April) 7am:** Dawn celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Family service, including breakfast.

9:30am: Anglican Communion Service.

**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.

## PANZ

Well the dust has settled, the excitement has died down, the bills are paid and our 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Top of the South" pastel art exhibition has been well and truly put to bed. It was an exciting weekend for us, with the most sales and the most visitors ever recorded. Thank you to all those people who came to see our work, purchased paintings and bought raffle tickets.

An event like this can only be deemed a success by the numbers visiting and there were a few returning more than once to view. It was very exciting for our members and worth all the effort. Thank you too, to the yoga and aerobic classes that "moved home" on the Friday morning so we could get the event set up in the main hall. It's now back to the grindstone again to produce more work for next year.

The winner of the People's Choice prize was Karen Neal of Marlborough with "Flutterby Rock" (a butterfly on a rock). A very popular win.

Raffles results: Print (original by Anne Bannock), Heather Olds, Ruby Bay. Wine, Catherine Butchart, Ruby Bay. Hampers, Liz Locke, Mapua; Joan Gibbison, Mapua; Barbara Trotter, Mapua; Colleen Mitchell, Blenheim.

We have several new members who have joined us after our big weekend and it is lovely to welcome them into our fold. We have a full room at the hall on a Tuesday, with plenty of "buzz" going on as different ideas and approaches are discussed. It's always interesting to see what other people get excited about.

The next BIG thing on our calendar is the National Convention and Art Awards which will be held this year in Invercargill over the first weekend in April. Several of

our members will attend and eight have had work accepted into the awards. Fingers crossed that someone in our area comes home with an award.

Don't forget to visit us on a Tuesday morning at the Mapua Hall. You will be made welcome. Enquiries to Glenys Forbes, 540-3388.

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# Police Report

Hello all. Great to see that the cooler weather is trying to stay away. Our district is full of visitors to the area and with fruit-picking in full swing there are a lot of new faces around. Across the whole Motueka area we have been pretty lucky so far in that we haven't had any huge crime sprees in any one area.

There was a spate of cars being stolen in Motueka but two youths were apprehended after stealing a car from Mapua and the offending has stopped. A good lesson about leaving your car parked in the driveway with keys in it.

Being the only community constable based in the Motueka Policing area now I am finding it more difficult to come out Mapua way as often as I did, especially now that I have been given extra work with firearms licensing to deal with as well, but I will still be seen around the Village when I can. Take care out there.

*Grant Heney, Community Constable Motueka, Ph 03 528-1226 (direct)*

**Mapua Occurrences:**

Mar 9: Theft of vehicle from Mapua. Car unlocked in driveway, recovered in Motueka. Two youths arrested.

Mar 6: Youth reported missing from Ruby Bay, located in Marahau.

Mar 5: Accident Higgs Road/Mapua Drive.

Feb 28: Car broken into at Te Mamaku Drive.

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# Mapua Health Centre

We are coming up to autumn and the likelihood of various viruses starting to creep in and test our immune systems. The cold viruses tend to cause a runny nose, head congestion, cough and general feeling of being under the weather. A full-blown influenza attack is a much more severe illness with some of the 'cold' features plus generalised aches, temperature and sweats, often a severe headache and feeling very unwell. This can be quite difficult to diagnose as it shares some of the symptoms of meningitis and therefore it is important to seek medical help if you are at all unsure.

For younger patients and teenagers there is a fully confidential medical service available throughout the working week and that medical costs may be covered by a special PHO fund. You can check this out by simply turning up at the practice or phoning 540-2211 or email [info@mapuahealth.com](mailto:info@mapuahealth.com).

This year's flu vaccines are now available and we have been sending out reminders to those who have previously been immunised. If you would like more information about the vaccine or to book an appointment for immunisation please contact the practice nurse on 540-2211.

Also, a reminder that we have set up a 'Prescription' email address site: [prescription@mapuahealth.com](mailto:prescription@mapuahealth.com), to give another way to get hold of repeat prescriptions. You simply need to send an email and you will receive a return email with instructions about the details we need to organise your prescription. It's as simple as that, although still important to give 24 hours notice.



One of this month's health events is stroke awareness and looking at the latest research it looks as though having enough vitamin C is important in prevention (*American Academy of Neurology*, April 2014) along with folic acid and vitamin B12 (*Neurology*, September 2013). As far as food goes, less meat is important (*Stroke*, October 2012), whereas high fibre (*Clin Nutr.* Dec 2012), coffee and green tea (*Stroke*, March 2013), red/orange vegetables (*Neurology* Oct 2012) and fish (*BMJ* Oct 2012) all decrease the likelihood of a stroke.

#### This month's health/school events include:

- April World Autism Day [www.autismnz.org.nz](http://www.autismnz.org.nz)
- April 7 World Health Day [www.who.int/en](http://www.who.int/en)
- April 7-13 St John Appeal week [www.stjohn.org.nz](http://www.stjohn.org.nz)
- April 7-13 Stroke Awareness Week [www.stroke.org.nz](http://www.stroke.org.nz)
- April 17 Term 1 ends
- April 18 NZ Poppy Day - RSA [www.rsa.org.nz](http://www.rsa.org.nz)
- April 26 World Immunisation Week [www.who.int/campaigns/en](http://www.who.int/campaigns/en)
- April 24 Int. Noise Awareness Day [www.nfd.org.nz](http://www.nfd.org.nz)
- April 25 Anzac Day [www.rsa.org.nz](http://www.rsa.org.nz)
- April 28 Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal [www.salvationarmy.org.nz](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz)
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# Mapua and District Probus Club

The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary was the subject for our guest speaker at the March meeting. Hudson Dodd, who migrated from America, has been the sanctuary manager for the last two years.

The sanctuary project was set up started in 2004 just past the Brook Motor Camp. A public reception building has been open to the public from the start. Volunteer staff provide information on the bird life and native plants.

The sanctuary project has accrued \$4.5 million from a wide variety of companies and personal donations. A 14km fence, three metres high, covering 715 hectares around the native beech forest is expected to cost \$4.2 million.. The management plans to reach a figure of \$4.7 million from further donations before the fence construction can begin. The rest of the capital finance will be used to eradicate pests within the enclosed area. It is planned to start the fence construction by or after June this year.

Hudson spoke of the vermin problem such as stoats, rats, opossums etc that were introduced from Europe and Australia by the early settlers. He estimated that there are about 25 million birds killed every year in New Zealand. This year it is expected the native beech trees will produce large volumes of seed that the pests feed on that will drastically increase their numbers. To counter this problem there will be a greater use of the 1080 poisoning used throughout the country.

The long-term purpose in building this fence is to help preserve and increase the native bird population as well as the natural bush for our future generations. Hudson said that the sanctuary was encouraging

schools and families for children to attend talks on conservation. Children are encouraged to become involved as volunteers in local projects in cleaning up the weeds and non-native plants. There are more than 30,000 volunteers that spend around 3000 hours a year to remove 2600 pests using more than 2000 traps.

After the tea break the club held its AGM. President Letty Thawley gave her report thanking the various committee members that contributed in running a positive year of activities for the club. One of the highlights was a three-day trip with an overnight stay at Havelock to take a boat cruise around the Marlborough Sounds.

The meeting concluded with the election of a committee for the coming year: President, Stan Lawn; secretary, Letty Thawley; vice president, Janice Higgs; treasurer, Jackie Buckland, almoner, June Fortune, speakers contact, Anne Evans; lunch meetings, John Sharman; auditor, Neville Bibby.

*David Higgs*

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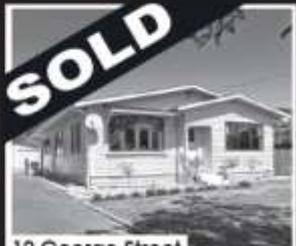
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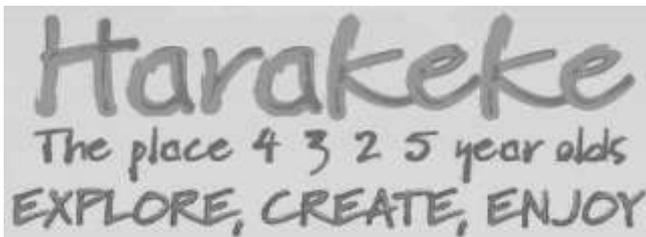
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- 'Women' dressed in multilayered multicoloured cloths mixing potions, cooking and baking
- More 'women' with their babies, husbands, children and pets getting ready for picnics
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- Gun makers, using everything you can think off to create and build their weapons
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And then there are the adults, the educators, busy joining in while formative assessing the children's learning when they are engaged with all of the above. As researchers they look deeper into the subject of 'aggressive' gun play at present.

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*Ka kite, the Harakeke team*

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## January 14 - March 14 call-outs

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

Jan 25: Car in ditch Stafford Drive. Assist police.

Jan 26: Tree across SH60 near Bronte Road. Traffic control and assist with removal of tree.

Jan 29: Smoke in area of Pine Hill reserve, nothing found.

Jan 31: Cat in drain, helped removal.

Feb 15: Grass fire in Tarrant Road. Assist Upper Moutere.

Feb 17: Car v tree Dawsons Road. Car caught fire and burnt small area of pine trees.

Mar 3: Unpermitted burn Coastal Highway near Tasman. Put fire out.

Mar 4: Log on fire at Kina. Put fire out

Mar 7: Fire on beach at Ruby Bay. Put fire out.

Calls this year: 16

**Safety Tip – Change batteries in smoke alarms. Clean and check that they work.**

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The Brigade would like to welcome two new recruits, Rick Martian and Daniel Breakspeare, and Evan Shallcrass who has transferred from Nelson Volunteer.

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# Out and About with Hugh

**O**ut and About on Saint Patrick's Day: I'd paid little attention to the date, but when I arrived at the Featherston Trans Metro Station to catch the train to Wellington on 17 March my attention was drawn to a young man in a green tee-shirt with a delightfully fashioned Leprechaun hat on his head.

The penny dropped: St. Patrick's Day! Later, at the Wellington Railway Station, green attire and hats of all sorts very much in evidence. I've been aware of St. Patrick's Day most of my life, but I'm not Irish, so it's been of no special significance. My curiosity aroused, I had a look on the Net when I got home. Who was Saint Patrick? Why all the green? Why all the whoopla? I had no idea how much "stuff" there is about St. Patrick. According to [www.st-patricks-day.com](http://www.st-patricks-day.com) there were 100 million people celebrating the day around the world on 17 March.

Quoting from the "NZS.com" website: "everywhere the Irish have settled, people dress up in green and head to bars and clubs for a pint of Guinness and a jolly old knees-up". That evening we went to see and found that to be partly true. We got a bit of green and Irish music. So what's a shamrock? A clover with three leaves, four if you're extra lucky. According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Christian Trinity to the then pagan population of Ireland in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. That may explain the green associated with the day. Much of what's known of him comes from the *Declaration* said to have been written by him.

He is the patron saint of Ireland. Not an Irishman at all but of Roman/British origin. Eventually a catholic priest who went to Ireland and set about bringing Christianity to Ireland. To say he was successful is a gross understatement. St. Patrick's Day became a Christian feast day in the 17<sup>th</sup> century; it's observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Lutheran Church and is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland and Montserrat. By law, Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking are lifted for the day in Ireland. It seems ironic that the date, 17 March, marks the death day of St. Patrick in AD 461. Surely not now a day of mourning, but a day of public parades, festivals and revelry and a special day of worship for devout Christians. In the 1800s a large number of Irish emigrated to New Zealand and have had significant impact on our social

and political growth. Next year I'll mark my calendar, get out my green shirt and lift a glass of Guinness to St. Patrick.

## **TDC 2014-15 Draft Annual Plan:**

The 21 March issue of the Tasman District *Newsline* says it all in its summary of the Draft Annual Plan. Our rates are going up (again). Mapua has a targeted rate for the Ruby Bay seawall so our rates could be close to the 3.53% maximum projected for the Tasman District. This coming year is to be one of austerity and more frugal use of our tax dollars The council is maybe running for cover after being publicly criticised in *The Press* for its high amount of debt. Those out there looking for \$\$ for special projects, better look elsewhere. I urge you to read the Annual Draft summary in the *Newsline*. For a real challenge, get a full copy of the plan from the council office in Richmond or Motueka and spend a few hours learning in detail how our rates money is spent.

On 14 April, from 4pm to 5:30pm at the Mapua Community Hall, TDC staff will be on hand to meet ratepayers for informal discussion and explanation of the Plan. At 7pm at the hall, the TDC staff will be joined by Mayor Kempthorne and our councillors at the Community Association meeting to formally present the Plan.

This is your opportunity as a resident and ratepayer to ask questions and to have your say and to perhaps formulate a submission to the Plan prior to its adoption.

## **Mapua Hall:**

At a meeting called by the Hall Committee for "users of the hall", Mary Lithgow, Hall Committee Treasurer, gave an up-date and very comprehensive explanation and of the user charges for the coming year. This was followed by a lively discussion led by Elena Meredith, which served to highlight the challenge for our community as owners and operators running and managing the hall on a sound basis. Listening to the discussion made me aware that "we", as a community, are very fortunate to have some very dedicated volunteers who are willing to address this challenging task. Thank you!

## **Mapua is growing:**

There's no escaping it. Along Mapua Drive the landscape has been transformed with the Sonoma orchard now consumed by "progress" and many residential sections are for sale. Another subdivision off Seaton Valley Road is now approved as well. Does



this presage the beginning of a new era of growth for our community? Water, sewerage, school etc to support the steady influx of new residents who perceive Mapua as a good place to live. Sustainable growth?

**Tasman’s Great Taste Trail:**

Of the 98% of cyclists questioned in a recent survey by the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Tourism Management Coordinator, 95% were local and 95% outspoken with their enthusiasm for the Trail, making many constructive suggestions for areas of improvement. The impact of the Trail and the economic and cultural benefits for Mapua are just starting to be take effect and to be felt here in Mapua.

**Road Noise:**

Is the New Zealand Transit Agency at last going to be forced the bite the bullet over their stubborn denial that substituting a coarser chip when re-sealing a highway seriously increases road noise and seriously affects health and quality of life of those exposed to it? The residents of Stoke are getting the backing of the Nelson City Council about the stress and anger over road noise coming from Whakatu Drive. Take note: residents of Chaytor Road and Dawson Road. At last, you may have an ally that will help you get some positive action on your behalf from the “non-responsive” NZTA.

**Autumnal Equinox:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> ushers in our true autumn. Astronomically we’re half way from summer to winter. Temperature-wise we seem to be having what is sometimes referred to in America as an “Indian Summer.” Very pleasant, but check the firewood supply and roll out your long johns.

Daylight Saving ends on Sunday, 6 April. While I welcome the earlier morning daylight, I also find it difficult to suddenly adjust to increasingly darker afternoons. Ah well, five months until 28 September.

Flying Toilet: Still no sign which identifies it as a “toilet”. Okay Alan, here it is in Out and About.

To Finish: A quote from Kim Hill: “We know what we want and we want it now.” Food for thought?

*Hugh Gordon*

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# Mapua Library

## Donation Helps Expansion

Thanks to a very generous donation from Club Mapua, the children's section of the library is being expanded and redeveloped.

Shelving was installed on 25 March in the corner that previously housed the photocopy machine and the young adult books. Fiction and non-fiction has been moved to this area. This freed up a lot of space for the children's section. Picture books now occupy the back wall and although the book bins have been retained, stock will now be less densely packed, making access easier. Chapter books and early readers are also more accessible on slightly lower shelving while top shelves are being used for outward display.

We are thrilled that the budget also allows sufficient money to acquire new furniture—solid, small cushions to replace the beanbags that are beginning to deteriorate, and more attractive signage and display stands to show off our vast collection of children's books.

We're excited about this project and as always it is due to the wonderful community support that we get which makes ongoing improvements to our unique facility in Mapua possible. Thank you.

### Photocopy Service Available

The photocopier has been moved in to the workroom. Please ask our volunteers to do any photocopying you require. Price is 10c/page.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and we apologise to those potential volunteers still on the

waiting list. Where else in the world does that happen?

### Displays

We continue to make the most of our wall space to display the work of local artists. Thanks to Michael Busby for our February-March display—a selection of wonderful pictures.



Tasman Bay Christian School will be presenting material for display from late March through April.

### 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 on 540-2292.

*Lynley Worsley*

### Library Hours (closed statutory holidays)

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## BOOK REVIEW

*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library. Reviewed by Janey Clark.

*Tuesdays with Morrie* is an inspirational account of a very special man's life. Morrie Schwartz, a professor of psychology, has been diagnosed with ALS, a debilitating disease that leaves his "soul, perfectly awake, imprisoned inside a limp husk" of a body. While he deteriorates he is reunited with one of his favourite students from 15 years earlier, Mitch Albom. After their first Tuesday together, Mitch returns every Tuesday to listen to Morrie's lessons on "The Meaning of Life," including lectures on family, marriage, aging and culture.



One of Morrie's greatest insights is his view on how our culture plays into our lives. We are taught to be independent and unique, but in reality we all have the same needs. He emphasises investment in people, not things. In the end we will not be remembered by our bank accounts or stock portfolios, but by the time we spent listening to a friend or helping a family member.

"Morrie speaks to every person because he IS every person." Through his simple but meaningful life he inspires the reader to live theirs to the fullest. His story is all the more powerful because you are not only taking in his wisdom, but also experiencing his death, which he handles with bravery and compassion. When the final moment comes you feel you have lost a dear friend.

*Tuesdays with Morrie* is an important piece of contemporary non-fiction and should be at the top of everyone's TO READ list.



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# The Elephant in the Room

By Peter Francis

Yay, tomorrow I get to choose what we have for dinner, coz it's our family rule that the person having a birthday can choose whatever they want to eat.

Mum says, "The only difference will be, instead of being just a delinquent, tomorrow you'll be a teenage delinquent." She thinks that's her wacky sense of humour; I think it's just Mum being Mum!

Madison my sister said, "I bet you choose Kentucky fries, you always do. And I know why! You just want the wishbone, so you can make another dumb wish. Since you love fishing so much, why don't you choose fish and chips instead?"

"No thanks," I said. "The yummy smell of KFC cooking makes my mouth water- and their coleslaw's my fav." But she's right of course and when I get the wishbone, I'll wish what I always wish (Which is: if it comes true I'll be able to catch heaps of fish).

Every birthday Madison asks me, "Well Spastic (my real name's Aztec) what is it you bloody well wish for?" Like of course you can't tell anyone what you wish, or it won't come true, will it?

We live in an old gipsy bus in the camping ground. One day when I asked Mum, "Why did God make us poor?" she said, "It wasn't God's fault, it was The Guvment." But Nana said, "It wasn't really the Guvment, it was just that Mum had made some poor choices in her life, especially all the different men."

"Anyway we weren't poor," Nana said, "Coz we never went hungry; we had a whole family who loved us and anyone with that much love is rich."

I have to tell you though I don't feel rich. Besides, being hungry isn't the worst thing, it's the way some people treat you that makes you feel poor.

Mum says, "One thing poor people can't afford to have is an opinion. No one gives a stuff what we think about anything."

Like when I went to join Sea Scouts and Mum didn't like the way the scout leader put his arm around me. She told him to rack off or she'd tell the police. He was a bloody pervert."

He just said, "Yeh, who's going to listen to a dole bludging Skank?"

I bet police listen to rich people.

Then when rich kid Humphrey Rhodes (whose parents have a five-car garage, two boats, two jet-skis, a tennis court, swimming pool and a home theatre) told me "Your Mum's just a slut," I punched his lights out.

Next day my Nana was called to a family meeting in the headmaster's office because Mum had to work in an orchard." Nan was real brave and told the headmaster, "Raising a family on your own is a demanding and thankless task. My daughter's not a slut! She's just craving affection; do you begrudge her a few moments of being desired? I know I don't."

However, the headmaster still punished me in front of the whole School Assembly, while spoiled, little Humphrey remains blame-free. Luckily next term he's going to Nelson College, so I won't have to listen to his taunting any longer.

Nan says, "Build a bridge and get over it Aztec, you need a good education. It's a stepping stone on the pathway to prosperity."

On Monday I went to the medical centre for Mum's scrip and the Cooty receptionist (you know, that one with the Rasta hair and a ring through her nose) says, "So Spastic, what's it for this time? Head lice or bed bugs?"

I replied, "Like I heard it's mainly people with dreadlocks that get nits."

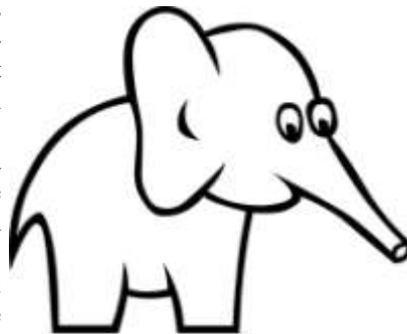
The owner of our supermarket thinks he's funny when he calls us "trailer trash" but doesn't mind cashing our monthly Winz vouchers.

Anyway Mum says, "The Winz staff are like Nazis coz they make me feel like a criminal whenever I ask for help, whereas rich people don't have to go to Winz until they're really old."

Speaking of which, because all our things, including the car, are old, the local cop keeps stopping Mum to check that the warrant of fitness and rego' are current. If they're not he just says, "I'll forget about it if you reward me in the usual way."

I hate policemen! .

Today at school we were asked to tell the teacher our biggest wish. When I came home and told Nan "mine was, I wish I had a dad," she began to cry and said, "It's not bloody well fair, there's so much talk in New Zealand about child poverty, but the real elephant in the room is all the fatherless children."



## Applications for Community Trust Grants



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President Adrian Barrett welcomed a large group of members to the March meeting and after general business told members of a planned visit to Taranaki to view the rhododendrons. A show of hands indicated enthusiasm for this event so members are asked to keep this in mind. It will take place in late October or early November.

In place of a speaker, a film was shown, followed by two members sharing interesting information.

Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is one of the most splendid gardens in the world with a delightful variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. The history and family stories were shown relating to this garden which evolved from a quarry. Many views of the gardens highlighting different seasons of the year captured members' imaginations.

Members who had visited this garden agreed that all seasons have their own special magic but in summer on Saturday night a day in the garden is followed by a concert in the soundshell and a highly original and spectacular fireworks display. If you are lucky enough to combine this with a warm summer's day a garden-lover is guaranteed a day to remember.

Brian King had attended the Ellerslie Flower Show in Christchurch and was pleased to note that the conveners had acted on last year's suggestions made by attendees. It was also much bigger than last year's event.

In particular Brian enjoyed the variety on display. Original displays incorporating cans made by local

firms were used to build fun structures and these cans were donated to the City Mission at the end of the show. Slides of various bays exhibited contrasting use of plant material and enterprising original structures. Special mention was made of the children's sections which were very colourful and original.

Brian reminded us to plant our daffodil bulbs now so that they can establish a good root system. The hole should be about 8in deep and the soil should be free draining. Adding manure is recommended.

Gino Ravagli produced large branches of trees on the stage and proceeded to demonstrate how to prune stone fruit trees. He emphasised the importance of cleaning secateurs with meths, alcohol or Handy Andy before moving to the next tree, to ensure diseases aren't spread. He recommended pruning to a height that you can reach. It is important to spray trees and the ground under them with copper this month. It is valuable to spray with copper again about a month before the buds appear. Also spray with winter oil at this time.

Before the meeting closed a member suggested that a visit to Butchart Garden be organised by the committee! This may be designated to the too-hard basket!

New members are welcome to our next meeting which will be held on the 3rd of April starting at 1pm at the Tasman Bible Church hall.

*Joyce Bullock*

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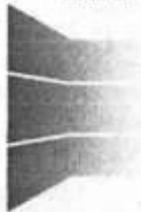
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A service will be held at the Upper Moutere School at 1000.

Services will also be held at Tasman and Mapua at 1100.

This year is the one hundredth anniversary of the start of World War One and an expanded parade and service is planned at Mapua.

Following the Mapua service, morning tea will be available at the Mapua Hall.

The Moutere Hills RSA is very grateful to the Mapua Hall Society for making the hall available for morning tea.

In the past, the RSA has been the grateful recipient of plates of finger food donated by members of the community towards this function. Anyone wishing to support the function this year in a similar manner should deliver their contribution to the Mapua Hall rooms after 0900.

*John Sharman, Secretary*



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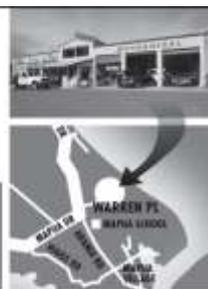
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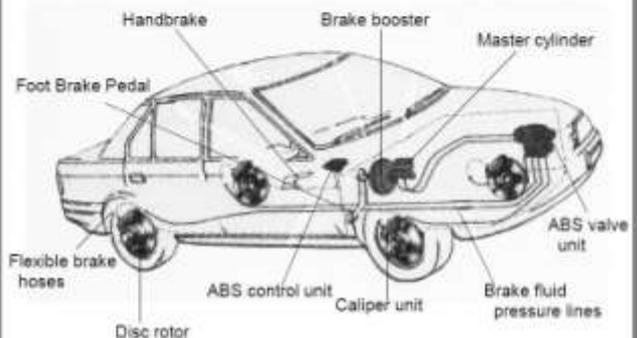
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- Strange noises or vibrations.
- A tendency for the brakes to 'grab' or lock-up.
- A tendency for the car to pull to one side during braking.
- An increase in braking distances.
- And don't forget to check the brake fluid level.

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# Tasman Bible Church

## *Questions, questions!*

One time I managed to become very unpopular with parents because I suggested to a number of students that they return home and to every statement made in the household, they should respond with, “Why?” Perhaps not the smartest assignment to give to young people! But as well as provoking the wrath of parents, the questioning approach to life can help us get to the heart of a matter.

Although not an exclusive response, we often see Jesus respond to a question with...well...a question! To an enthusiastic enquirer of eternal life—one who called Jesus “good teacher”—Jesus responded with, “Why do you call me good?” (Mark 10:17-18). His use of a question was invariably to make people think more deeply and clearly, particularly with regard to who he was.

Questions can be an attempt to seek satisfying explanations for particularly tough experiences we have. Such questioning may lead to further enquiry, excite joy, partly relieve prolonged pain or possibly disturb a preconception.

The question is an entry point through which to travel in order to appreciate more fully what life might be about – finding out about the “why” of things. Some questions, permanently avoided, may leave us crippled until they are satisfactorily answered.

Questions allow scope for further thought and reflection. Ultimately, questions also help us learn and grow up!

At Tasman Bible Church we know that life is full of questions—some of which do not have easy answers! Over Easter weekend and the following two weekends we will wrestle with three important and possibly disturbing questions. One question arising from the Easter narrative concerns Jesus’ resurrection: “Did Jesus really rise from the dead?” Two further questions will be addressed on the two Friday evenings after Easter: “How can a good God allow so much suffering in our world?” and “If God is real why doesn’t he show up more?” We invite you to explore and consider these questions with us.

*Geoff Paynter*

**Easter Sunday Service** at 10am—*Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?*

Friday 25 April and 2 May 6pm to 7:30pm for a free fish-and-chip meal with friends and family (child care provided during the 40-minute programme).

**Topics:** How can a good God allow so much suffering in our world? And, if God is real why doesn’t he show up more?

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[www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz](http://www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz)

# Mapua Bowling Club

## *The Write Bias*

Giggles abounded and insanity reigned supreme as the ladies at Mapua Bowling Club hosted a day of friendship, informally known as ‘Giggle Day’, on Wednesday 5 March. It was a huge success with all the teams embracing the theme of ‘colour’ and contriving some rare and wonderful outfits. (See photo below). We were very grateful to our own club member Joyce Colwell for sponsoring the day.

There were cash prizes for the winning teams, spot prizes throughout the day and an exemplary lunch cooked by some of the ladies but served by a gallant men’s catering crew. The lads did us proud with refreshments, washing-up, manning the bar, acting as judges and an ever-active MC. There was even a brief dash across the green by what looked like a club member, may have been a stalker, but was certainly accompanied by resounding cheers.

Ben Whitten and Julina Ismail represented the club on Saturday 8 March in Nelson at the Junior Singles Champion of Champions event. Just to be there is tremendous for the individuals and also for our bowling club. Ben was very unfortunate to be drawn against the ultimate winner in the first round but went down fighting with a very creditable 15/21. Julina had an amazing day playing and winning three long, hard matches to find herself in the final. Here she was beaten by a more experienced Junior, Barbara Thomason from Stoke Bowling Club, but a great effort to become the runner-up. Well done to both Ben and Julina.

Closing Day is looming after a difficult season of sickness and injury and more than an early share of rain. But we are still smiling and now preparing for the major renovation of the green during the winter months.

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 [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

*Sue England*



# Talk About the War by Peter Francis

Talk about our Grandad? Yes I'll tell you what he said  
When I asked about the war, his face just filled with dread

Fred's war began in France, against the dreaded Hun  
More a-fear'ed a-drowning, than any fear of gun

He also fought in Flanders, and had them on the run  
Until that August Sunday - cut down by Gatling gun!

His body, t'was sorely wounded, his spirit never knocked  
Shipped home with one good arm, the left one, bullet-pocked

Known to his family as 'our one-armed paperhanger'  
I wish I'd never asked, that bloody foolish clanger

When I said, "Please tell me about your war"  
Softly he responded. *Talking's not, what I went for*

*Mostly I was frightened, I surely wasn't brave*  
*I still mourn those comrades, lying in an unmarked grave*

*A short time after time after I had woken*  
*Seemed an ethereal voice was spoken*

*"If you intend to survive this living Hell-hole*  
*You'd better find a blimming shell-hole"*

*I hid for days in No-man's land, crying out for aid*  
*My company rats, dead soldiers and occasional grenade*

*With no water fit for drinking, my thirst just raged and raged*  
*I would 've paid a Golden Sovereign for a sip of lemonade*

*Now my rescuer, he was 'the bravest of the brave'*  
*I was one of many, that conshie bloke did save*

*Strangely, the thing I have most remembered,*  
*Are not bodies seen broken and dismembered*

*Not the mud, the blood, the bullets, the hardships too*  
*What I most miss, are lost mates and friendships true."*

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Fred never whined or whinged, or ever moaned a tot  
No, always acted cheerful, contented with his lot

When he bravely determined "*I want no amputation*"  
The doctor cruelly sermoned, "*Then you'll get no compensation!*"

By officials tho Rorted! Yes the ones he'd just fought for  
Still gently he retorted, "*T'was a bloody, senseless war*"

Signed-up full of daring plus an ounce or two of hope  
Back home, I saw him wearing pants held up by piece of rope

As one-armed he papered houses and of war, seldom spoke  
So "*Talk about the war*" on his tombstone's what I wrote.

*"They shall grow not old*  
*As we that are left grow old*

*Age shall not weary them*  
*Nor the years condemn*

*At the going down of the sun*  
*And in the morning*

*We will remember them"*



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### MEMBER PROFILE

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"I really enjoy my coaching, its great to see riders of all ages improve in their confidence and feel more comfortable on the bike, it's a a privilege and a great job!"

Emma runs workshops for beginners through to intermediate and advanced intermediate, levels, the three hour workshops are designed to improve mountain biking skills and build confidence on the bike. Workshops run at Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park and other Top of South Island destinations (currently Blenheim, Hokitika and Hanmer Spring).

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# Noticeboard

**Online Coastal News** is at present unavailable as we lost our website somewhere along Aranui Road. If anyone finds it could they return it to us please? Meanwhile we are looking into future options.

**Motueka Social Dance Group** is holding a dance at Mapua Hall Saturday 19 April 7:30 pm. Admission \$5 plus a supper plate. There will be live music, dance prizes & raffles. All are welcome. Contact Gary 03 528-5363.

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**Ruby Coast Newcomers' Coffee Group:** meet new people, make new friends. 10am last Friday of month, Tasman Store. Info: Richard & Viv, 526-6707, [rsclément@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rsclément@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.

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

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