



TDC Fines Itself for Non-Compliance

There was a new twist to a long saga over toilets at the Mapua Wharf when the Tasman District Council revealed that it had fined itself \$1000 for having a non-compliant toilet block on council-owned land.

The infringement notice dated 7 February and served by TDC building compliance officer Charlotte Spilman said the council had no compliance notice for “the placement and connection” of a toilet installed near the Golden Bear Tavern and there was also unconsented “internal restricted building work.”

The notice ordered that “All building work must cease immediately until the authority that issued this notice is satisfied that you are able and willing to resume operations in compliance with the Building Act 2004.” The council was further warned that if it did not comply with its own notice that it would be committing a further offence and “may be liable to a fine of up to \$200,000 and a further fine of \$20,000 for each or part of a day that you fail to comply with this notice.”

TDC chief executive office Lindsay McKenzie told the February meeting of the Mapua and District Community meeting about the problem. He said it had arisen because council had been obliged to shift the temporary Portacom toilet provided for the Golden Bear to St Arnaud. It was urgently needed there because of a sudden boom in truck traffic passing through the town after the Kaikoura earthquake of November 14 and closure of State Highway 1.

Golden Tavern Bear owner Jim Matranga had then arranged for a second Portacom building to be placed on the site of the first, he said.

Approached later, Mr Matranga said that the council’s sudden action in removing the original Portacom toilet building shortly before Christmas had left him and his business in a difficult situation. He had earlier been required to pay a total of about \$6000 for the toilet and connections and then, when it was removed, was told only that it was necessary to move the toilet because of the Kaikoura earthquake. There was no offer of a replacement facility.

He had installed a similar Portacom toilet only so that the tavern could continue its business. It was substantially the same as the previous council-supplied toilet and used the same sewerage and plumbing connections.

Mr Matranga said that since then he had been working with an architect and other professionals to draw up plans to meet the council’s requirement for in-house toilets in the building. However, he had found it difficult to complete plans that would meet the council’s tight timeframe. This was because there was a lot of construction activity in the Nelson region and it was difficult to get the required design and planning work done quickly.

He hopes to create more space for customers and incorporate toilets inside and wanted to do the work in only a single building operation. However, it had proved difficult to draw up the plans for both features and he was now breaking the project into two stages. He hoped he would soon be able to submit plans for the first stage, which would involve in-house toilets. He said a second stage, creating more space for customers in the interior of the building, was likely to be about a year away.

Issues over toilets at Mapua Wharf date back more than two years after an arrangement for the Golden Bear Tavern business to use the old wharf workers’ toilet block broke down and the owner of the toilet and adjacent shops, Don Yelverton, blocked access to the toilets.

In late 2015, it emerged that the council supported a proposal from its property manager, Jim Frater, to sell the Mapua Causeway to raise funds for developments at the wharf, principally a new toilet block for the wharf area. However, the Frater proposal was later abandoned by the council in the face of strong opposition to the proposed causeway sale from Mapua residents.

After the Golden Bear company secured a new three-year liquor licence for its tavern in the building called “Shed 5,” the TDC provided first of the two Portacom buildings to be used as a temporary measure while internal toilet facilities were installed. The first Portacom unit was placed on a corner of what has been a popular family area at the wharf, the grassed area formerly treated by the TDC as a public reserve, though not formally classified as one. It was removed last year and sent to St Arnaud for use there by travellers.

A part of the former reserve area has subsequently been separated from the replacement temporary toilet building by a 1.8metre high fence, become a home



for a dinghy rack and boats, a bike rack and a large signboard for the cycle trail. Parts of lawn previously mowed and managed by the council's Reserves Department have had coarse gravel strewn across them.

A Community Association meeting in last September passed a motion asking the council for no fur-

ther encroachment on what remained of the grassed reserve area. Deputy Mayor Tim King assured the meeting that there was "nothing to fear." All spending on the Mapua development had stopped, he said, and the project was "subject to a strategic review."

David Mitchell

Applications for Grants

Voluntary organisations are invited to apply to the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant. Applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Trust in May and should be in the hands of the secretary by 1 May.

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With TDC councillors and staff members, Richard noted the significant turnaround in the TDC's financial position from just three years ago. Rates on average will increase only 0.63% as revenue increases from \$110 to \$114 million and debt will decrease by \$35.1 million from previous forecasts. Better results are due to decrease in interest rates, better controlled spending and tighter management.

The TDC wants to hear your views about the 2017-18 budget and the Long Term Plan (2015-25). What are the key issues the council needs to address over the next 10 years and how should they address them? Are there projects or improved services you would like them to consider in the future? Should the focus remain on financial prudence in the form of low rates increases (<3%) and reduced debt levels? Are there things the TDC could do better, or more or less of in the future?

Review the Budgets and Plans at:

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/>

Then submit your feedback at:

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/make-a-submission/>

In other business at the MDCA March meeting, Rob Smith, groundwater scientist for Tasman, indicated his team will be drilling a 400m bore in Mapua in April or May for monitoring water quality, levels, conductivity and pressure changes. The TDC has 40 such metering bores in the district.

Bus services from Motueka and Mapua were suggested, to link in with a proposed bus service (already under discussion) from Wakefield to Nelson. The idea of a park-and-ride facility in Richmond was also put forward. Engineering services manager Richard Kirby said the proposal could be added to the bus services discussion at the next regional transport committee meeting.

Sharon Flood, TDC strategic planning manager, said the Mapua Waterfront Survey results were available on the TDC website from Monday, 20 March. Search for "Full Council Meetings" at the TDC website, then click on the year "2017" and the latest agenda and meeting notes link.

Jamie McPherson, TDC transportation manager, updated current local projects: the Higgs Road footpath design has been completed from Mapua Drive to Lionel Place as has the design for the crosswalk at the intersection of Mapua Drive and Aranui Road; six new street lights will be installed at the wharf end of Aranui Road; and the footpath along Seaton Valley Road has been delayed until the 2017-18 year. A Higgs Road resident requested a directional sign to Mapua be placed at the Mapua Drive roundabout, directing traffic down Mapua Drive to Aranui Road so as to reduce Higgs Road traffic. Jamie thought the suggestion had merit.

Mike Schuer, TDC utilities manager, mentioned on-going plans to upgrade Mapua's water system which is aging and experiencing breaks regularly while the wastewater pump is inefficient and needs upgrading.

David Mitchell queried whether the MDCA was planning a collective submission regarding the TDC Long Term Plan. When Elena Meredith, MDCA chair, asked the meeting for an opinion, it was agreed to discuss and formulate such a submission at the April MDCA meeting.

That meeting will be on Monday, 10 April, 7pm at the Mapua Hall. All are welcome. Membership is just \$5 and can be paid at the door. If you have questions or comments, please email us at info@ourmapua.org or post your comments at our Facebook page, "Mapua Community Association."



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Our "Top of the South" art exhibition was well attended and we would like to thank all of you that helped to support us by taking the time to come to the Mapua Hall and enjoy our display. We appreciated the positive comments of how professionally presented and diverse the artwork was.

Many of you took the time to vote for your favourites and we are happy to announce the winner of this year's "People's Choice Award" was Barbara McIntosh for her very sensitive painting entitled, *Harvest Mouse*. Congratulations to Barbara!



We are now into our second month back at our Tuesday morning sessions at the Mapua Community Hall and we have had an exceptional attendance by our members and visitors alike. Our visitors come from far and wide. This past month we have had Margaret from the UK and Isabella from Kyrgyzstan (yes, I had to Google it) participate in our lively group as guests of two of our members.

We encourage anyone who is interested in reigniting their passion for painting or someone looking for a new hobby to give pastels a go and join us on Tuesday mornings from 9am to noon at the Mapua Hall on Aranui Road, Mapua. We would like to offer you four trial days of working with pastel before you are asked to pay a membership fee. We can supply paper and pastels for this as a "try-before-you-buy" option.

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What is high altitude?

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To give you an idea, Aoraki/Mt Cook is 3724m high, and New Zealand's highest urban township is National Park Village just outside Tongariro National Park at 825m. If you've done the Tongariro crossing you're getting up there but not really close at only 1120m. However, on most tours that visit Nepal, Peru or Bolivia, for example, you'd need to be aware of how your body might react to being at high altitude. Machu Picchu, a major attraction, is 2430m above sea level and Cusco, where you'll be overnighing, is at 3400m above sea level.

What does it feel like?

Compared with sea level, at high altitude the environment is totally different; the air thinner, pressure lower and temperatures are much colder. It's a strange concept thinking about air having weight because we can't feel it. At sea level the weight of the air above compresses the air around us, making it denser, meaning there are plenty of oxygen molecules. As you get higher, there is less atmospheric pressure compressing the air around you and therefore fewer oxygen molecules.

Being at high altitude, your breathing is fast and deep, as if you just can't catch your breath. Along with that comes other symptoms associated with a lack of oxygen; a pounding head and blurry vision, as though you're about to faint. It's a double whammy. Not only is there less oxygen to breathe in, because the air pressure is lower outside your body than it is inside, but also your body struggles to pull in the thinner air and get that vital oxygen pumping through your veins; your heart rate and blood pressure rises.



While being at high altitude might make you feel strange, the height at which you really need to be careful is 2500m and above, this is when altitude sickness can occur. It is possible below this level, but rare. And the higher you go, the greater the risk increases.

How to prepare for being at high altitude:

There are magnificent sights to be seen and adventures to be had at high altitude so don't let any of that put you off. Your body will acclimatise and adapt to its new environment. Here are a few tips to help ease the worst of the symptoms.

Before you go:

Train for it. You will need to be fit to help handle high altitude if you are going hiking, such as on the Inca Trail. So make sure your exercise regime gets you huffy-puffy. Find steep hills to walk up if you can, and if you're going to be carrying a pack make sure you factor this in.

Consult your doctor; there may be medication you can take such as Diamox.

Make sure you have good travel insurance just in case you do need to seek medical help while abroad.

Take it easy when you first arrive, walk slowly and let your body adapt. The more stress you put on it, the longer you'll take to acclimatise.

Stay hydrated, drink lots of water.

Avoid alcohol.

You may find sleeping difficult as your heart and breathing slows even more overnight so it may be necessary to prop yourself up a little.

Drink lots of coca tea. If you're in Peru or Bolivia you'll find it's readily available in your hotel at all times.

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Best Film of 2016?

Reviewed by Mapua Movie Mogul

You need to see this movie! That could be my entire review, but I think I should describe for you how amazing *Hell or High Water* is. Unlike most summer movies, the writing is fantastic, keeping me and the rest of the audience attached to the movie and its characters even when the actors are just talking in a diner.

Unlike most summer movies *Hell or High Water* doesn't attempt to create artificial tension with fast cuts or stupid action scenes. It creates tension with dialogue and brilliantly filmed action.

The cinematography in this film is amazing and truly captures the current desolateness and sadness of West Texas. The music also helps create the Western feel of this movie but the writing is where it really shines. It is captivating and so natural.

The banter between both pairs of characters (the brothers and the rangers) is so entertaining that you can almost feel their relationship and the history of it. I have to say the writing for the side characters is even better.

This is the first time I ever cared about some random waitress only in the film for 90 seconds. Finally, the acting is definitely some of the best I have seen. Ben Foster and Jeff Bridges really shine in the film because of their stunning acting. When Chris Pine and Ben Foster are mid- heist you can really feel the stress when they get into situations that one or both of them are not comfortable with.

This film has amazing writing, cinematography, acting, pacing, everything. It's just beautiful and you really need to see it. Possibly the best film of 2016.

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Latest Hot Drone an Amazing Machine

I'm a big fan of drones. They are truly amazing in terms of what they can do and what you get for the money. And every year you get so much more for your money: the latest hot drone—now available in the shops!—is the size of a water bottle, can travel 7km away (more on that later) and has sensors on all sides so it doesn't hit things. And it has a really good, high-definition camera on it with a live video feed. Five years ago that would have cost at least ten times as much as nowadays. At the same time they have also become super, super reliable.

I'm a drone owner and it's a wonderful thing. Obviously I use it for work to get those emotional, big picture images that compel people to view a property, but it also has other uses. Our dog's life's work is to seek out and move along pukekos and, last month, she found a couple on the patch. Afterwards I sent the drone over to see if I could spot where they were moved along from. Five were still there, unmoved, tucked up in the reeds and looking suspiciously at the thing hovering above them. One of the dog's KPI's (key performance indicator) is Pukeko Flushing Effectiveness (PFE). The drone has made me revise this KPI sharply downwards (fewer Tux biscuits) and my respect for pukekos upwards. The dog doesn't like the drone.

Drones go beyond counting pukekos, however. It's brilliant for garden planning and progress reports. Fly 50m above the house, look straight down, photograph the view, print out and you have a plan of the garden. Repeat several months later, or whenever you want, to check changes.

I'm not alone with my drone. Farmers are discovering the benefits big-time. Moving sheep through gorse, scaring birds off crops, photo'ing the land at start and finish of lease on a paddock, high definition maps, checking fence lines and water, spotting gaps

in the crops, recording flood damage after rains, inspecting anything over 1m high without having to put on a harness and carry oxygen and, of course, sending it up the river to look for fish in the deep pools. Obvious, really.

The drone rules are pretty clear. Probably the "top" four rules are keep it (1) in sight, (2) below 400ft, (3) over your own property and (4) outside controlled airspace. All fairly straightforward and trouble will be avoided by sticking to these four. But the latest drone's range is 7km and much over 1km isn't really 'in sight' for something the size of a hand-bag. And is your drone a goner if it loses the signal from your transmitter? Nope: it will turn round and retrace its exact path, avoiding any new obstacles that may have appeared since it last passed through. Yes, they are that clever; it doesn't just give up and head back to its birthplace in China.

We are just at the start of the drone revolution. They will get smaller, quieter, cheaper and even smarter. Medical deliveries, emergency services, search and rescue, pest control, super-fast land surveying, crop management and asset inspection are all areas where, I reckon, drones will be totally essential in the next five years, lowering costs, increasing safety and increasing productivity.

In the meantime I'll continue to use my drone for real estate work, great video (you can get it to follow you as you walk around) and trying to improve the dog's performance in the field.

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Plenty of Work Ahead for the Mapua Craft Group

So what have the ladies of the Mapua Craft Group all been up to for the majority of this first term 2017, as summer makes way for autumn?

By popular demand we all decided to once again break out our stash of fabric and spend several weeks enjoying ourselves by once again creating crazy patchwork under Rowena's expert guidance. Us busy bees have spent a good month designing and re-designing. Cutting and stitching. Unpicking and re-sewing. Embroidering and embellishing. Now we're almost there with our finished efforts.

To make crazy patchwork, in very, very simple terms: Cut up scraps of fabric and place onto a backing cloth in a random design of your own choosing. I found out I am no good at random at all as my fingers wanted to place my pieces in some semblance of order, so it fell to the long-suffering husband to design my randomness for me. If he had not, I'd still be sitting looking at it all several weeks down the line.

The next step is to neaten all edges and sew them down neatly, being very neat about it all, in a neat and orderly fashion. Now a few of us who shall remain nameless (but we know who we are, don't we?) thought we might go a little easy on this step and do ourselves a favour by simply gluing the pieces in place somehow. I admit to being one of those who had that thought but in my defence this is a family trait.

My Dad grew up in Fulham, London and lived through the Blitz. Obviously he did, otherwise I would not be here would I. Point being that during those years he and other lads like him learned how to fend for themselves, what with their families being bombed out time and time again. Those lads learned how to survive. They learned how to make a bob or two when not supplementing their diet by nicking from market stalls.

The first serious effort my Dad and best mate tried to make a quid by was selling mirrors at the local market. Unbreakable mirrors. Except that there was only ever one

unbreakable mirror; that was all they could afford. The rest being equally able to give anyone seven years of bad luck. This was only good for a week or so before it was time to scarper and lie low at the sound of the first shattered mirror in bombed out London.

Next venture, once their personal Carter Gents had called the all clear, was suits. Yes, suits—trousers and jackets.

Buy the ready-cut cloth from a local tailor. Don't ask me where the money came from. I can't remember what he told me, sadly. Anyway, you stitch the bits together yourself at home in that 'work from home' type way and then are free to sell it to the punters

The sale of knock-down bargain suits went well for the first few market days. There was only one problem and that was that the sewing bit got a bit old quite quickly for two lads. So they devised another way to put the remaining suits together. Yup. You are all ahead of me. Glue. Twice as many suits in half the time. Why hadn't they thought of it earlier. Glue was the answer.

It wasn't until a rather irate man strode up to them with his harried wife behind him and his trousers coming apart at the seams that they realised this money spinner was unravelling before their very eyes and that a stitch in time would have saved a sight for many sore eyes.

With that in mind and bucking a family trend, I steered clear of secretly gluing bits of my own crazy patchwork and opted instead for a tried and tested method and learning this skill as shown by Row.

Hopefully Row has given enough help and guidance to us all at the Mapua Craft Group over the past few weeks and by the time this goes to print everyone will have turned out some very fine bags/cushion covers/wall pictures. . Thank you Rowena. We couldn't have done it without you and you have given us all a skill set that we can take away with us to use in our own leisure time whenever we wish. Fabric scrap will never be the same again.

Marian Bevan



Line Dancing Is Alive and Kicking In Mapua

Line Dancing has arrived in Mapua, with Line Dance Tutor, Sue Wilson.

Classes began at the end of January. Our aim is join in friendship and have some fun, the bonus being we learn to line dance. It is great to be at the Community Hall, such a lovely venue. New Beginners Class starts at 9am and we have a great group of 14. This is supported by some of our last year's dancers

who stay on to attend the improver class which begins at 10am, finishing at 11.30am. Some of us head away for coffee after this.

If anyone is interested in coming along please don't hesitate to pop in on Tuesday morning and check us out. You are welcome to join in.

Menfolk, we would love you as well and I am sure our guys would enjoy your company.

Waterfront Survey Results Released

(This is a greatly abridged version of the full report of nearly 1500 words. The full report can be seen on the Tasman District Council's website. Editors.)

Results of the recent Waterfront Survey were delivered by Sharon Flood, TDC strategic policy manager, to the TDC Council on 23 March. Highlights include: 723 survey responses, the majority of respondents (424 - 63%) were from the Mapua area, with Moutere/Waimea the next largest contributors at 16% (106). The remaining respondents were from those residing across the rest of our District and from Nelson (98), other areas throughout NZ (44), and overseas (4). The results indicate that of the majority of respondents are happy with the present mix of commercial, retail and recreation in the area.

The survey was undertaken over the busy summer season between 20 December 2016 and 13 February 2017, and conducted through the TDC website and hard copies. The results of the survey will be used to help inform the development of an overall Mapua Waterfront plan, which will be open for public consultation and submissions later in the year.

Conclusion

Response to the Mapua waterfront survey was high, with over 700 completed surveys received. Overall respondents thought that the present mix of commercial, retail and recreation was about right. There were many suggestions for the provision of a playground area and more seating and shading.

Looking forward, in the medium and long term, most wanted a more recreational and outdoor focus to the area, with also more community and family orientated activities provided. Nearly 80% wanted to see the grassed area outside the Golden Bear Brewery remain as a communal outdoor grassy area. There was large support for a walkway linking the wharf to the Waterfront Park, with many seeing the benefits of linked-up or circular walkway route.

A high number of survey respondents (over 90%) commented on the boat ramp proposal and related issues. A total of 58% supported the Mapua Boat Club's proposal to establish a boat ramp in Waterfront Park, while others were opposed. Some suggested that Grossi Point should be used instead. Those who supported the boat ramp, proposed that the best place for car/boat trailer parking would be on the remediated land (66%) or Waterfront Park (7%). Others suggested Grossi Point (23%). There was large support to retain the green spaces and make these more family and children friendly.

A copy of the survey results will be made available through Council's website, and also to the various Mapua residents and community groups. The results will help to inform the development of the Mapua Waterfront plan. The TDC consultant will continue to work with the relevant community groups to develop a draft plan.

The TDC expects the draft plan will be ready for public consultation and submissions over May and June this year.

The Wharf was Alive With the Sound of Hip Hop...

Waterfront Park at the Mapua Wharf was alive with the sounds of hip hop, tango and salsa on 16 March as Mapua School students put on a stunning performance of dance.

The whole school had been engaged in a dance programme called *Dances for Schools* for a fortnight beforehand. This involved daily dance lessons with two dance tutors for everyone. Their performance certainly showed the dedication and enthusiasm students had for this learning.

Thank you to our community who took the opportunity to come and share this event with us. It was an absolute pleasure to have such a large and enthusiastic audience for our tamariki to perform for.

Marine Reserves

The Intermediate Department at Mapua School have spent much of this term becoming citizen scientists. Their involvement in the Experiencing Marine Reserves programme has created opportunities to learn to snorkel and to put these skills to use in exploring our local marine environment.

Our students spent a day at little Kaiteiteri snorkelling in a "non-marine reserve environment". They identified species, collated data, made observations and discussed theories about what they had



seen. Their next adventure was in the marine reserve area at Tonga Quarry in the Abel Tasman National Park where they were able to see a huge difference in the marine species thriving in a protected environment.

Now back at school the students are developing an action plan detailing how their newfound passion for becoming kaitiaki of our marine environments will be put to use. Look out for beach clean-ups, natural cosmetics for sale, citizen scientists researching the impact of boating at Grossi Point and a variety of other exciting projects being undertaken by our students.

Mapua Health Centre

After a year of planning we have finally got some additional rooms installed behind the health centre which will free up an extra clinic room inside the present building and add on a staff room and three office spaces.

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. There is also a new service available through the local primary health organisation called WAVES. This a grief education programme for those over 17 years old who have been affected by the suicide of someone they know. Phone 03 539-1170 for more information.

This year's flu vaccines will be available during this month and we will be 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.

One of this month's health events is about autism. Children and adults who have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) look the same as other people, and due to the invisible nature of their disability it can be much harder to create awareness and understanding. Autism and Asperger syndrome still remain relatively unknown disabilities among the general population, yet it is estimated that they are about four times as common as cerebral palsy and 17 times as common as Down's syndrome—touching the lives of over 40,000 people and their families throughout New Zealand. ASD affects language, social skills and behaviour, and those affected are often unable to interpret the world and what is happening around them in the same way that others do. There are now many different ways of trying to potentially prevent and help improve this disorder. For more information see www.autismnz.org.nz.

This month's health/school events include:

2	World Autism Day	www.autismnz.org.nz
7	World Health Day	www.who.int/en
14	Term 1 ends	www.minedu.govt.nz
21	NZ Poppy Day - RSA	www.rsa.org.nz
24-30	Immunisation Week	www.immune.org.nz
25	Anzac Day	www.rsa.org.nz
28	Safety at Work Day	www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday



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Feb 17 to Mar 17 call-outs

Feb 16: Tanker to shed fire on Dovedale Road. Wrong area.

Feb 17: Motor vehicle crash SH60 near Stringer Road.

Feb 23: Logs on fire at Kina.

Feb 24: False alarm Upper Moutere School.

Feb 27: Four-vehicle crash SH60 near Maisey Road

Feb 28: Maisey Road to assist ambulance with lifting a person.

Mar 3: Vehicle crash SH60 and Aporo Road.

Mar 17: False alarm Thawley orchard.

Calls this year – 26

Safety Tip – be careful when turning and have safe following distances.

We are low on daytime/Mapua area fire fighters. If you live or/and work in the Mapua urban area and think you would like to/ could get away to do fire call outs than come and see us at 7:30pm on a Thursday.

Police Report

Good that the weather is staying nice. Not so much traffic around in the last few weeks, but still have to be mindful that there are a lot of tourists around that don't know where they are going. It is a shame that I have heard about drugs in the village at a particular location. We all know that they are out there and most would like to think that the Village is relatively drug-free, and it is, but it only takes a few to think otherwise.

If you have any information about drug activity you can either contact me anonymously or the police crime stoppers line on 0800 555 111. It is also a shame that two businesses were burgled overnight at the beginning of March. Police are still following up with security footage from both premises.

Remember to keep your cars locked, even if it is up the drive, and don't leave any valuables in them.

*Grant Heney, Motueka
Crime Prevention, 03 970-5271*

Mapua Occurrences:

March 18: Theft of a "Phantom" drone from a car outside the Sprig and Fern tavern

March 3: Two businesses broken into overnight. Cash stolen.

Feb 26: Burglary at Mapua Leisure Park. Electronic items stolen and a 1000cc Yamaha motorbike, blue and white.

  <p>Mapua Dance Fitness</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY FAIR</p> <p>MAIN STAGE</p>	 <p>KIDS SESSIONS</p>  <p>DEMO Approx. 9am</p>	<p>LOW IMPACT DANCE</p>  <p>DEMO Approx. 11.30am</p>	<p>Dance Fitness</p>  <p>DEMO Approx. 1.30pm</p>
<p>→ Check timetable on the day ←</p> <p>Come & cheer on these local groovers.</p>			

Students Lead Ten-Year Celebration

Year 8 students from Mapua School are proving themselves to be effective leaders and organisers, with a strong community spirit.

As part of their week-long leadership programme, the 34 students were tasked with running a community open day to celebrate ten years of involvement in Mapua Wetland and in Tāne's Ark projects in Aranui Park.

It was a glorious sunny day on Friday 24 February when the children began setting up near Arnold Wells' old shed in Aranui Park, ready to welcome visitors from the community for their guided tours.

The children had made several visits to both Tāne's Ark and Mapua Wetland to learn the history, plant names and become familiar with the tracks. Noah Fay (12) enjoyed the opportunity: "It was great to be able to take people around the Wetland and show them how much the plants have grown," he said.

About 30 to 40 people from the Mapua community took the opportunity to see both the wetland and Tāne's Ark restoration area, a first for many.

The Year 8 students thoroughly organised the day and were praised by the parents and community members who took a guided tour.

"That was amazing, the growth is incredible for only 10 years, it just shows you what can be done. The students were awesome, really knowledgeable and polite," said Ruth O'Neill after her tour.

Mapua Wetland was an initiative by David and Judy Mitchell who have generously donated family-owned land to restore a snippet of original lowland

forest. This one-hectare restoration project was started in 2004, and Mapua School has had involvement since 2007. The flow on-effect was to restore an area within Aranui Park, now known as Tāne's Ark.

As part of their organisation, the children also ran a very successful sausage sizzle and baking sale to raise money for their coming Wellington Camp.

A highlight for many of the children was the picnic involving the whole school, organised games and a 'treasure hunt' though the Mapua Wetland.

This was the first time some of the children had been to Aranui Park, let alone the Mapua Wetland. It is hoped that Mapua School can continue its involvement in the development of Aranui Park for many years to come.

The general public is always welcome to wander through the Tāne's Ark planting areas in Aranui Park and anyone interested in visiting the Mapua Wetland can contact David or Judy at 540-2873 to organise a visit.

Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc has been given grants from the Tasman District Council's grant from rates scheme and the Mapua and District Community Trust have both given grants to assist and encourage Mapua School's Tāne's Ark project in Aranui Park this year.

Footnote: An inspection of the park after the day's activities showed that the children and parents did not leave a single piece of litter behind in the park.

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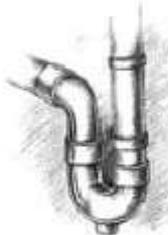
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Mapua Community Library

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Website Up and Running

It can be found at mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz A huge thanks to Hilary for her help – you will have seen her around the community—she takes the Dance Fitness Classes in the hall (www.mdf.nz). Hilary has helped us set up a site that is simple and clear and most importantly, easy to update. We are very appreciative. Take a look around the website. You can also view our catalogue, and if you have set up a password, you are able to view your borrowing record. To set up a password, ask next time you are in the library.

The Pink Pig

The presence of the pink pig money box on the issues desk is due a reminder. I have heard some volunteers referring to it as the guilt pig! We don't have any set fees, but you may remember the clause on the membership form about the pig!

Archiving Team – Help Wanted

We would like to set up a small team – possibly only two people – to make electronic and hard copy archives on an ongoing basis. Adrienne Taylor has kindly audited the existing hard copy material so there is a relatively 'clean slate' to begin this process from. We would like to know that past and current material is being recorded for posterity.

Do you have an interest in working on this? It offers flexibility around when the work is done. We envisage having at least one person with some basic record-keeping/archiving knowledge/interest and another one or two with technological skills to cover that aspect. Please think seriously about this, we would dearly love to get it under way.

Contact me with any questions, suggestions or to offer your services!

Lit Fest – 15-17 September 2017

A reminder of the revised dates for your diary. The Lit Fest team is thrilled with the response from authors – we have ten who have accepted speaking invitations. Very exciting!

AGM – Save the Date

This will be held in the library on Friday 12 May at 12 noon. Soup and rolls will be supplied. Please come along, it doesn't mean that you will automatically get a job. Nominations for office bearer positions are now open. They should be left in the library or forwarded to: Secretary, Mapua Community Library, PO Box 49, Mapua 7048

Nominations must include the nominee's name and signature and proposer and seconder names. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting. See you there!

Wednesday Closing

A reminder that with the ending of daylight saving, the library will close at 4.30pm on Wednesdays – until late September.

Lynley Worsley

Library Hours (closed Statutory Holidays)

Monday	2pm-4.30pm
Tuesday	2pm-4.30pm
Wednesday	2pm-6.30pm
Thursday	10am-12.30pm; 2pm-4.30pm
Friday	2pm-4.30pm
Saturday	2pm-4.30pm

Book Review

Miss Hazel and the Rosa Parks League, by Jonathan Odell. Reviewed by Anne Thompson. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library.

This novel is the story of two women, Hazel and Vida, both young mothers living in a small town in 1950s Mississippi.

Hazel is white. At the beginning of the novel she is poor, living with her large family hoping for a better, or at least more comfortable, life. She marries Floyd, a farm machinery salesman, and they move to Delphi, a small town on the Mississippi delta.

Floyd is determined that he will be successful, eventually becoming a car dealer. He has a positive aspirational saying for every event. "Your attitude determines your altitude," "Success is a dream with sweat on it." He calls it controlled thinking.

Hazel finds her new more prosperous life difficult, she can't relate to Floyd's controlled thinking and she doesn't fit into the existing white society in Delphi. The other neighbourhood women laugh at what they consider her tasteless attempts to decorate her home.

Alcohol and driving like a lunatic becomes Hazel's refuge. When her younger son dies the situation deteriorates and Vida, a young black woman, is hired to housekeep.

Like Hazel, Vida has lost a child. She is bitter and angry and trying to stay under the radar of the local racist sheriff.

When Vida's father tries to enrol to vote a group of domestic workers rally to support him, inspired by Rosa Parks, the woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus.

This is a long but very compelling novel. There is a historical afterword explaining the impact that women in general and domestic workers in particular had on the development of the civil rights movement.

The novel captures the atmosphere of the time, the bigotry, the snobbery, the lack of justice.

I think the book is stronger for having characters who are complex and who react in believable ways to the events in their lives. Although this story is often ugly and disturbing it also has warmth and humour.

Mapua Bowling Club

The Write Bias

During this season, Saturday morning saw a team from Mapua competing in the President's Trophy, a Nelson-wide completion. Sixteen club members took part in the team representing Mapua. The club was delighted to achieve first place in Division 1. It's an even more surprising and impressive result when you bear in mind that none of the matches was played at home. It was Mapua's best ever placing in the President's Trophy.

Ten pairs competed in the tournament sponsored by Lynda Mabin on Saturday 25 February. Congratulations to Judy and David Cartwright who placed first in a very close competition. A big thank you goes out to Lynda Mabin for her continued support of the Bowling Club.

Our final Club tournament of the season, which took place on 21 March, was sponsored by Bevan and Bridget Hoult of Motueka Golden Bay Funeral Services. Always a popular tournament at the club, it is in memory of Paddy Day, Bridget's relative and a previous member of our club. The winners of the Paddy Day tournament and the Enstone Trophy were Sue England and David Cartwright, pictured below.

The Mapua Bowling Club will be closing earlier than usual this year to allow much-needed green renovations to begin. Closing day is set for Saturday 1 April. Members will be busy during the month of April helping with the renovation work.

For information about booking the clubhouse and facilities please call the president, Dave England, on 540-2934.

Barbara Brown



Quips from Spike Milligan:
A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree.
How long was I in the army? Five foot eleven.
Are you going to come quietly, or do I have to use earplugs?

Planting Project Helped by Rain

What a lovely rain! There is now plenty of moisture in the ground and the plants are loving it. We now have coprosma and kanuka that we have planted that are producing seeds of their own which is all helping the project.

Most of the work at present is to keep the weeds in check and our loyal band come every week to lend a hand. It is literally quite a buzz on Tuesday mornings as those with weed eaters do their bit to 'down' the weeds and keep the tracks clear.

Last week a large number of flax we had been given were planted with a lot of help from the local scout group and this week we will be planting a variety of young plants that have been nursed along in our home gardens over the hot dry weather.

The trapping programme continues to be operated by volunteers and apparently caught a stoat recently. Nice to know that the numbers of these predators are being reduced.

Don't forget Tuesday mornings from 9 o'clock if you would like to join us with the weeding.

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The House at York Road

by Barbara Glass

The house at York Road, where we lived from when I was two to eight years old, seems to me to hold in its small frame the magic and timelessness surrounding my childhood.

It was a small bungalow with two attic bedrooms for my brother and me under the sloping roof. There was even space for an adjacent room where we stored the sweet-smelling apples wrapped in greaseproof paper. Picked from our own trees.

My attic bedroom had a window that looked across a small driveway to the adjacent house. An exact twin of ours.

The little girl that slept in that room and I, would, on summer nights, sit at our windows and weave tales about imaginary princes coming to rescue us from the high towers where our wicked stepmothers had imprisoned us.

Or the Ice Queen would capture and take one of us away to her Ice Kingdom whereupon the other was duty-bound to follow and rescue the captive.

Other more prosaic games were the throwing of toys across the raging chasm that divided us, often watching them float away never to be seen again.

If my friend failed to respond to my calls and her window stayed firmly shut I would conjure up whole parades of horses and carriages on their way to the Coronation Ball of a Fairy Queen. Unable to attend, although asked, because of the dragon guarding my bedroom door.

The downstairs bathroom had a curtain across the door. In its highly-texture pattern, gruesome faces scowled out at me as I sat on the toilet seat. They seemed to jostle and squirm trying to free themselves from the weave of the fabric and crawl over to me.

I always drew the curtain back when I went into the room but my mother being unaware of the danger I was in, was always pulling it back again. It was an early lesson in how the adult world wasn't part of my world and I learnt not to share mine, with them.

In a world inhabited as mine was, the large house on the corner of York Road, surrounded by high railings and an overgrown garden was naturally the haunt of a wicked old witch who watched from the cover of the greenery as we walked innocently to school.

She never got us by the simple ruse of not stepping on any paving cracks, keeping our fingers crossed and stuffed in our ears, also humming loudly.

I remember seeing children playing there one day and worried that they might be captives like Hansel and Gretel. We spied on them from a well-placed apple tree that hung over their large garden, eventually deciding they weren't being treated cruelly so started throwing conveniently positioned apples at them.

After this we all became good friends and we were invited to learn to ride this enormous black bike around their large lawn, wobbling towards a hedge that drew us like a magnet.

One day I joined my brother's friends playing cowboys and Indians on the front lawn. I remember getting quite strident that a rule had to be made about lying down dead when shot. Demanding loudly that the shot person had to lie down with closed eyes and count to ten before joining in again.

I was the only one who followed this rule and found after my second 'death' that the skirmish had moved on.

Once scrambling through a wood near us we came across a chimney sticking out of the ground. Squatting round it we discussed the likely possibilities that had caused the whole house to be buried up to the chimney. Eyes opening in horror as one child said it must have been buried by a volcano, another suggested an earthquake then I said it was definitely a spell of the Sprite who no doubt lived in this wood.

Arms flailing and screaming our fear we ran for the comfort of our mothers' kitchens.

At the back of our house a long garden seemed to go on for ever, ending in well-grown fruit trees that I could climb and gorge on plums, apples and pears that hung within easy reach.

A branch of one tree grew horizontal to the ground and all one summer, through my constant gymnastics on its bow, I smoothed it to a burnished sheen. The following summer after a protracted spring I ran to reacquaint myself with the joys of hanging upside down with my dress floating around me, but on my first swing I hit my head on the ground.

I took the sad news to my mother saying my tree had shrunk over the winter. She laughed at me and said I was just growing up and would, when all grown up, leave home one day.

This was an unexpected revelation as I had assumed that where and who I was would last forever. This hint of a new reality crept in and threatened my world.



Mini Sculpture on Display

By now, we hope, you will have noticed the signage when you drive past Higgs Reserve – this is the site where the Mapua Sculpture will be installed.

Thanks to a grant from Pub Charity the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust (RCIT) was able to complete the sculpture's foundations as the first stage of construction for the second of our Gateway Sculptures.

For the next few months the RCIT will be focused on fund-raising to enable the construction and installation of the sculpture. The design work is all finished and incorporates fish and estuary life, created by students at Mapua School.

Applications have been completed for funding grants (we have our fingers crossed) but the project also needs local donations. We still have a further \$47,000 to raise and all donations help!

As part of its fund-raising the Trust has created a 'mini' sculpture of the Mapua Sculpture.

This is about 1 metre in height and is to scale. The miniature has been created with the option of lighting and it looks magnificent with this effect. Club Mapua has kindly supported this project by buying the first of these limited edition miniatures and this is on display at the Jellyfish.

If you would like further information or would like to support this Project by making a donation or to enquire about ordering a mini sculpture, please visit the Trust's website:

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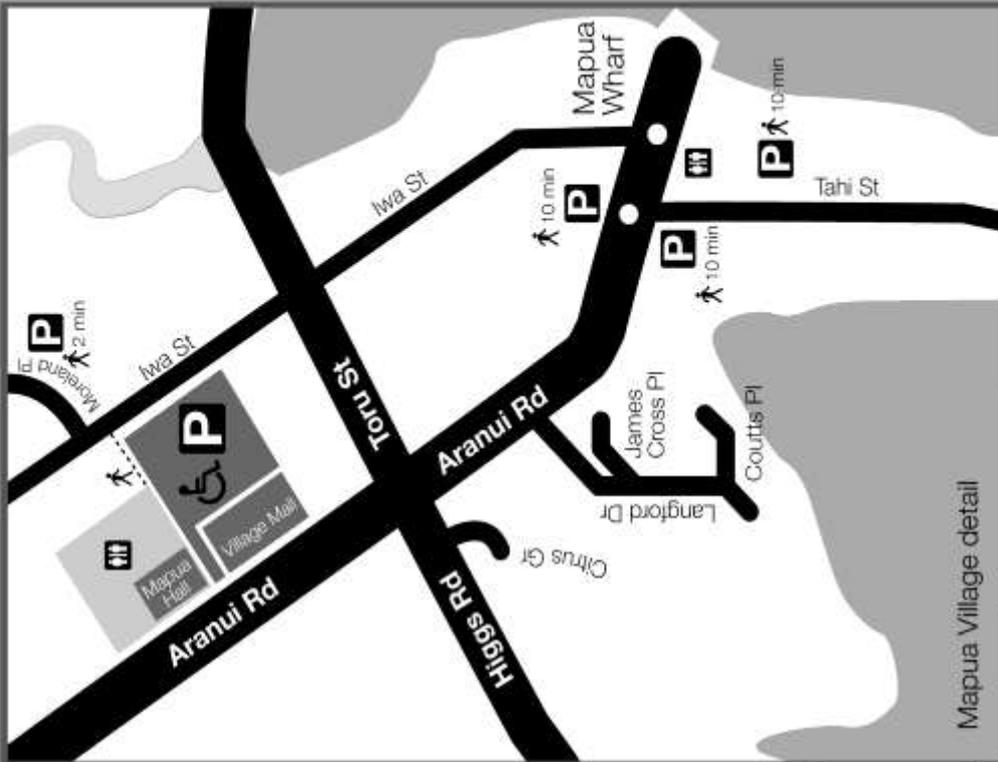
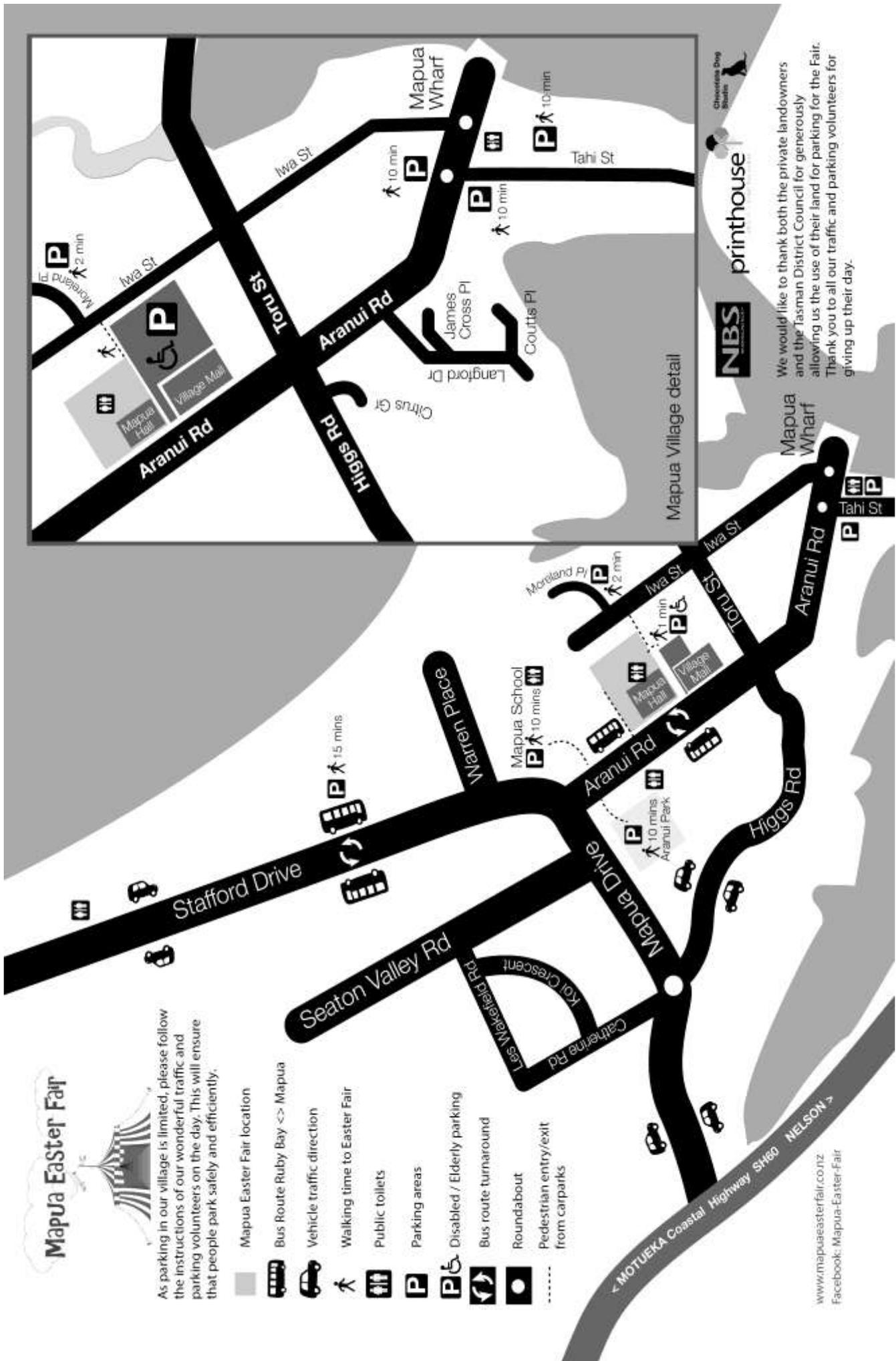
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The Mapua Easter Fair is changing its day for this year to Easter Monday 17 April. Same fun, different day.

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In addition, the Playcentre this year is opening its gates for younger children to play and families to re-

lax. We offer a full day of free stage entertainment. All proceeds from the fair go to the Mapua School and Playcentre, contributing greatly to their running costs. We really appreciate the support of locals and the wider community for this event.

Due to the growth in the village we have new parking areas for the fair. This will provide over 1500 parking spaces. Volunteer marshals will be directing traffic on the day. For a detailed parking map please check www.mapuaeasterfair.co.nz

We look forward to welcoming you at the Mapua Fair, on Easter Monday.

Fair Day Changed

A note from the Trustees of the Mapua Easter Fair Charitable Trust

It has been brought to our attention that some of the potential stall-holders/exhibitors may be prevented from having a stall at the Mapua Easter Fair if it is held on Easter Sunday due to a prohibition on trading on that public holiday. Accordingly, the Mapua Easter Fair which was to be held on Sunday 16 April 2017, has been moved to Monday 17 April. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

As records go the Easter Fair started life as a car boot sale by Patrick Hogan and in April 1982 together with members of the Moutere Hills Progressive League, the Mapua Hall Committee and community volunteers it established at the Domain with boomerang demonstrations and 15 stalls selling herbs, vegetables, crafts and preserves.

Funds raised were distributed among these local community groups including Playcentre and the Scouts. The fair quickly became a success attracting visitors from near and far so around 1987 Playcentre was approached to take on the running of the fair, though after some time the Fair grew too big for the Playcentre whanau to run alone and they requested the help of Mapua School and they joined forces to provide an outstanding family and community event.

The Mapua Easter Fair Charitable Trust was formed in 2006 which includes parents from both the Playcentre and Mapua School as well as members of our local community to protect the propriety of the Fair and its organisers as well as the funds raised.

Now in its 35th year the Easter Fair located at the Domain, hosts around 300 stalls and attracts over 12,000 visitors, making it Nelsons' largest one day

event! This year the fair will again be run on a voluntary basis with parents, teachers and members of the community coming together in the weeks before hand to coordinate the event and on the day to set-up as the Domain transforms with stages, fencing, stall holders, portaloos and parking, ensuring the event runs smoothly.

Our children also learn through role-modelling as they watch their parents, teachers and members of the community working together to produce something that benefits the whole community and also gain a sense of achievement when they contribute to such a spectacular event and see so many others come and enjoy it too.

So parents if you feel you can volunteer some time towards organizing such a special event or can help out on the day drop us a line at: info@mapuaeasterfair.co.nz

The monies raised by this event directly benefits the youth of Mapua and their families, with Mapua School using funds to improve classroom resources, technology, learning materials, the library, sports equipment, to support trips and events, purchase new instruments as well as reduce student: teacher ratios.

As a decile 10 school, most of these are not funded by the MoE and falls on the parents to generate the extra funds. The funding raised from the Easter Fair is portioned according to Mapua School and Mapua Playcentre roll numbers on the day and for Playcentre the funds received provide the majority of the annual running costs and is crucial for the survival of the centre.

We hope to see you all out there on Monday 17 April for a fantastic day!

Anita Green, President of Mapua Playcentre and Trustee of the Mapua Easter Fair Charitable Trust.

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Playcentre

Well, it's a month of big events for us at Playcentre! We had the Playcentre Association's 'Big Play Out' on Saturday 18 March at Tahunanui Domain which was a lot of fun. All the playcentres from around the Nelson District get together, each providing a different aspect of play. Lots of fun was had!

On Monday 20 March, we all headed off excitedly for a morning of gymnastics at Nelson Gymnastics. This is always popular with our tamariki and a great way to help support their developing physical skills of co-ordination and balance—so much fun for all!

Our families are now also busily getting ready for the annual Mapua Easter Fair – this year being held on Monday 17 April. We have a working bee planned to get our premises looking their best to share with fairgoers. We're really excited about being in our own premises for this. As the main fundraising event for the year for both the Playcentre and Mapua School, we are always so grateful for the community support we receive for this event. Only one month to go!

Playcentres are Ministry of Education-registered, 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 hands-on play with



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Each year Creative Fibre hold a National Festival, and part of this year's event, to be held in Christchurch, groups were invited to design and make a garment from scratch with the theme 'modern medieval.'

Our group answered the call and we had challenges to do along the way. First was to find a young designer who was happy to design a garment for us. Jenny Wilkinson from Upper Moutere who is studying textile design took up the challenge. We decided on the colour and texture by selecting photos members had brought to the meeting and everyone made samples of their work, which we handed over to Jenny who then designed several garments for us to choose from.

A design was chosen, a length of fabric woven, sleeves knitted, be

It and cuffs felted and a choker woven on an inkle loom – we were on our way!

Chris McGuign from Heart Gallery is our dress-maker and Pagan O'Donohue-Rogers Is our model for the runway event at the festival along with 21 other entries from around New Zealand.

Another part of the challenge was to make a journal and to keep a detailed account of our journey. When looking back through it I can see, whether we win or not, we are enjoying taking part in the challenge where we are learning many new skills by taking part and, more importantly we are all working as a team.

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Gardening Tips for the Older Gardeners

At one of our 'Senior Moments' meetings our members came up with some really good gardening tips. Some make gardening easier, some save money and some are just great ideas. We thought we would share some of those tips with you.

- If you are tired of mowing and watering the lawn, then get rid of it, or some of it. Gravel gardens are in vogue so why not try your hand at one. Put down weed matting first and plant with low maintenance grasses and natives.
- If you increase the flower beds by reducing the lawn, think about planting ground cover plants that will suppress weeds as well as some natives.
- Use drainage pipes for growing celery and for protecting young trees from rabbits and possums.
- Use plastic milk bottles as cloches. Cut the bottoms off and place over plants. This will also deter pests.
- Raised vegetable beds make weeding easier as you can sit on the side as you weed. It's also easier to pick your produce.
- Use old tights or flax for garden ties. Tights and stockings can also be used for storing onions and garlic. Tie a knot in between each one so they don't touch.
- Put pots of herbs by your back door to save walking down the garden.
- Stash a spare set of tools and garden twine in a waterproof container in the garden. This saves going to the shed or garage when you have a small job to do in the garden.
- Put broken up polystyrene packaging at the bottom of large plant pots and tubs. This makes them lighter and easier to move around and also reduces the amount of compost you need. You can now buy tubs with

wheels on. Or you could get someone to attach wheels to the bottom for you.

- Save coffee grounds for the compost. Or ask at the café for a bag of grounds. Coffee grounds help to make good compost.
- For great tomatoes add a few spoons of milk powder to the holes when you plant them.
- To deter slugs, use crushed egg shells around plants, or coarse sand and gravel. Smearing Vaseline around the top of plant pots will stop slugs too.
- Keep tools sharp and clean; that way they work better and require less effort.
- Look for pruners with ratcheting action as they require less hand strength. Hand extenders save your back and reduce bending. Use a reacher to reduce stretching.
- Replace your heavy spades and forks for lighter ones. Make handles on gardening tools including the lawn mower handle more comfortable and easier to grip by covering them with foam tubing.
- Allow some of your flowers and vegetables to go to seed and collect these seeds for planting next year.
- Save tins, wash them and punch holes in the bottom. These can be used as pots for seedlings.
- When growing vegetables concentrate on ones that give best value, either because they are expensive to buy or because they give a high yield.
- Succulents are easy to grow and need hardly any watering. They will survive in harsh conditions and virtually any soil.
- Plant natives and these will stay healthy with little or no maintenance. They can survive pretty much on rain alone and also don't require fertilisers or pesticides.
- Leave the lid off your compost bin when it rains. It will save you having to water it.

Finally, remember if you want to exercise don't spend money on the gym; get out there and do some gardening in the fresh air. It's great exercise and costs nothing.

Heather Hoad

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Letters to the Editor

Where do the Boaties Go?

I am astounded by an article in the *Coastal News* last month criticizing the new boat ramp going in down at the wharf. Come on, every other household in Mapua has a boat or has a child going to the Sea Scouts and this is seaside New Zealand where a natural recreation will be boating or fishing. As we live by the sea involving our children with sea is for safety and recreation is a must.

For all of this you need a place to launch a boat and since the TDC in their wisdom removed or limited access to the Boat Club ramp for commercial gain, it is up to the council to provide an alternative.

A decent boat ramp for Mapua will bring the people to Mapua. I see it this way: we are all customers of an organization called the Tasman District Council. We pay the rates (money) to a collective to provide services and recreation areas. The sports grounds make good provision for sports and other activities. There is already a children's playground and skate board park at the nice new hall which I think are all great for our small community. We are well provided for.

I do agree there is a need for a playground down at the wharf as we have had grandchildren here at Christmas, and yes, now that you can buy an ice-cream at the wharf somewhere to sit and let the kids have fun in the playground would be nice. A new playground does not have to be high budget. Spend the \$10,000 community grant on the playground, not on consultation and design. Get on with it and build it.

The core tourist attraction for Mapua is the wharf which provides for the bars, dining out, art and ice creams. Being part of the cycle trail is the best money-earner for Mapua but make sure the cyclists are seeing plenty of green grass as they cycle through, as that's what they like. Don't get stars in your eyes about Mapua being a big tourist attraction; there is no golden sand and easy tides here like Kaiteriteri. The attraction here is the easy village atmosphere where there is still green grass beside the road and life is slowed. Boating in my home town of Whakatane (30,000 people) has people from all over, including international tourists coming to fish. Whakatane has a six-bay boat ramp .

I have been in Mapua for 14 years and have attended many public meetings put on by the TDC with all the town planning gurus' proposals and the plans always showed a relocation of the boat ramp.

We had lunch at the Slip Inn in Havelock right beside the boat launching ramp and like others there were entertained and sometimes amused by the efforts required to launch a boat. As an older man I will

look forward to sitting on the seats provided by the TDC to watch the boats being lunched at Mapua.

Wake up residents of Mapua! Support a new boat ramp that will make best use of some of the vacant land left after the clean-up, an additional activity for holiday makers and tourists, boat club members and public to have easy access to the water. Grossi Point can be left as a reserve, the children of Mapua will learn about boating and the sea.

Fred Cassin

Review Appreciated

Thank you for the bright and breezy review of my book, *Walking with James Hogg: The Ettrick Shepherd's Journeys through Scotland* (*Coastal News*, March 2017, reviewer Rachel Boon).

The review said the book wasn't yet in the Mapua Library, which was true at the time. But I'd been meaning to donate a copy and the review reminded me, so it's there now.

The book was published in Scotland and isn't generally available in New Zealand (just on sites like Book Depository and Fishpond) but I think the Richmond and Nelson libraries have bought it now.

It was fascinating to research and explore and write, and I hope it'll be fun to read.

Bruce Gilkison

Regatta Postponed

I am writing from Perth WA to advise that it has been decided to postpone the regatta scheduled for 2 April.

This is because (a) key people are now not available, and (b), the tide was a bit dodgy for getting some of the local boats afloat in time.

I hope that this change won't stop those that can go sailing, and that we can reschedule sooner rather than later.

Please pass the word, especially Tim and Clare.

Many thanks. Good sailing.

John Leydon

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Also getting under way again in the second term is the Friday night Mapua Youth Club, Friday evenings 6:30-8:30pm at the Mapua Community Hall

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As the summer seems to be nearing an end (did it ever really get started?) you might be finding it a bit harder to find the enthusiasm to get out and get moving.

When it's a warm sunny day with plenty of daylight hours it's easy enough to find time to fit in some exercise, but once we feel the days closing in, and it's getting colder and darker, it can sometimes be quite a challenge just getting going.

One great way to get around this is to find an exercise buddy. Having a friend to team up with will often make the difference between putting it off till you feel like it, and just getting going and doing it. You might go walking, running or biking, or maybe you and your buddy will join a gym or an exercise class. Either way, having someone expecting you to turn up will often make sure we do.



If you can't find a buddy that's keen, check out what's on locally with group exercise classes. You are sure to find something that suits you. How about a walking group, a boot camp for aerobic and strength fitness or boxing classes, Zumba, cycling and running groups? There will be something out there that fits the level of activity you want to have.

Don't underestimate the encouragement and support that comes from exercising with others either—the laughs and camaraderie are as important as the activity itself! The benefits of exercising in a social environment are well recognised, so get your mates together and get out there.

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Boundaries (2) – Not just for kids

When Jesus was asked what the ‘greatest’ commandment was, it was not a trick question. The standard answer was well known. It was a test of his orthodoxy for that day. He replied with a response that is less well known today in ‘Western’ culture.

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’ (Matthew’s Gospel)

A whole-hearted and full-blooded positive inclination toward God and neighbour was the boundary line or ‘bottom line’ as we might say. It summarised the intention of Old Testament teaching and found its fulfilment in a person in the New Testament.

This ‘bottom line’ is as inclusive as you can get in terms of relations. The contours of boundary extend and are determined by the God you worship. For Christians, clearly, the paradigm is Jesus Christ Himself. Ignorance of him is ignorance of the boundaries set within the Judeo-Christian framework itself. Of course, some consciously choose to ignore such boundaries and draw up their own.

Jesus’ boundaries call for a ‘heart’ response through him toward the God he revealed. Jesus promised that the net result would be true freedom. Rather than confine individuals or limit them, these boundaries, like good rules in any good game, enabled and directed folk to develop and enjoy relationships to their fullest.

He taught that the keeping of such boundaries was impossible from within and that healthy divine and human relations were possible only through a brand new life received. The boundaries were not the issue (and not just for kids)—human beings at their very centre were.

That is not very encouraging you might say. That would be true if there were no spiritual remedial work on offer or, the boundaries are the only incentives we have. You might say that the whole thing—commands, boundaries, or rules in general—for the serious pursuer are indeed impossible. You would be right, in Christian terms. That is why, as we approach Easter-tide, the person at the centre of it actually offers both a solution to the boundary enigma and offers hope for what might appear to be a hopeless situation.

That is the subject for next month.

Richard Drury

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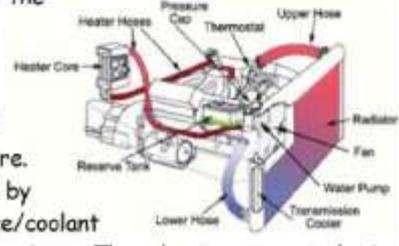
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Cooling System Function & Maintenance

An engine's lifespan is very dependent on a car's cooling system. When a car overheats the resulting damage is often severe enough to require an engine overhaul. It is important to make sure the cooling system is always in good working order. Taking a few preventative measures may significantly increase the life of an engine.

The main function of the cooling system is to carry heat away from the engine to maintain the desired operating temperature. This is accomplished by circulating antifreeze/coolant throughout the engine. The heat generated is transferred to the antifreeze/coolant and carried to the radiator to be cooled.



Modern vehicles operate in a wide variety of atmospheric temperatures, from well below freezing to well over 37°C. The fluid used to cool the engine must have a very low freezing point, a high boiling point, and it must be able to transfer heat.

Because water holds heat, freezes and develops rust readily, it is very important an adequate amount of antifreeze is within the cooling system to reduce the possibility of the engine overheating or freezing. Antifreeze also contains additives to prevent rust and corrosion.

The temperature of the coolant can sometimes reach 121-135°C, even with antifreeze added these temperatures would boil coolant. To prevent this the cooling system is pressurised to around 14-15psi, effectively raising the boiling point by approximately 8.3°C.

Preventative maintenance includes regularly checking:

1. Radiator condition
2. Coolant/antifreeze condition
3. Coolant leaks
4. Coolant hoses condition
5. Water pump drive belt condition
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Community Directories and Welcome Packs

If you haven't received a 2016 - 2017 Community Directory - showcasing the Aporo Tasman Sculpture on the cover - or you need another, these can be collected from First Class Accounts on Aranui Rd, from the Mapua Library or from the Moutere Community Centre.

The MDBA still has some Welcome Bags. These are a great way to say 'hello' to a new neighbour. The useful eco bags contain a Directory, a Map and other information about our community. Contact Janet if you would like one to give to somebody new in your neighbourhood.



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Mapua Dental Service Dr Derek Gray

Mapua Dental Service opened in 2001, becoming Mapua's first dental practice. Dr Derek Gray moved from Nelson City to Mapua in April 1998 and opened the part-time dental practice operating as a branch of Tahunanui Dental Centre, established by Dr Gray in 1986.

Mapua Dental Service is a family oriented practice offering comprehensive dental treatment and oral health advice in a convenient location for the residents of Mapua, Ruby Bay and surrounding areas and is open, by appointment, on Thursdays and Fridays at 101a Aranui Rd, Mapua.

Emphasis is placed on listening to patients' expectations and carefully explaining all treatment options. A full range of general dental services is offered with referral for specialist services.

Dr Gray and dental assistant Coralie Nankivell enjoy working in a low-pressure, relaxed environment with the practice building set in a private established garden.

Appointments can be made by phoning Tahunanui Dental Centre on **548-6564** and requesting an appointment in Mapua.

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Noticeboard

Mapua Fellowship Group: Probus Club has had a name change since its recent AGM. We continue with monthly meetings at Mapua Hall on the first Friday of each month starting at 1.30pm. It is still a social group having interesting speakers and a monthly social lunch at various venues around the Nelson Tasman areas. For further details please contact Club president John Sharman, 540-3642.

Wanted to rent: Mature gent requires one bedroom, single level, long-term rental in the Mapua area. Please phone Renee, 0211 801 833.

Taoist Tai Chi Beginning class Tuesdays 1- 2.30pm. Continuing class Wednesdays 12.30 - 2.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries 545-8375

Community Mosaic Project: We are starting work on the fourth and final wall of the toilet block near the courts in Aranui Road. Please get in touch with Bridget Castle 5402461, or bridgetpcastle@gmail.com, to hear about workshop sessions. No previous experience required. Tools and materials provided. Donations of broken china or tiles gratefully accepted!

Maths tuition for local primary and secondary school students. Reasonable fees. Email Dave at mathshelp99@gmail.com, ph. 03 540-2703, or text only 021 185 6524.

Tasman Golf Club welcome new golfers to Kina Cliffs for local golf experience at realistic cost, the best in Nelson. Coaching available. Come join us, we can help you learn the game! Info: Gary 540 3885.

Mapua Boat Club nights Thursdays 5.30-7.00 at the Club rooms, Mapua Wharf. Visitors and guests welcome. For more info: mapuabcsecretary@gmail.com

Mapua Social Cycling Group: "Wheels 2 Meals". Approx 30 km ride, coffee break halfway, no racing! Depart Mapua Wharf each fine Wednesday @ 9:30 am. Just turn up with your bike, HiVis top & coffee money, or email wheels2meals@gmail.com

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

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: Wednesdays 10-noon, Hills Community Church, Aranui Rd (during term time). All parents & caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. \$2 donation per family. Make some new friends. Info: Esther 540 -2177.

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

Mapua Community Youth club. Year 9 -13 youth. 6.30-8.30 most Fridays at Mapua Hall. Contact: Andy Price 540 3316, Marv Edwards 027 312 6435. A community-based youth project for Mapua and district, funded and co-ordinated by Hills Community Church in partnership with the wider local community.

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. Koha for materials & room rent. Info: Julie Cox 540-3602, juliecox@xtra.co.nz & facebook.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.00pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Judith Garrett-Brown, Phone 03 528-5405

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.

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

Fair Exchange: A small group meets at Applshed 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.

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.

Motueka Senior Net. Technology for mature adults. Monthly Members' meetings with guest speakers. Help sessions twice monthly. Courses & workshops change each term. Special interest groups meet regularly. De-mystify technology in a fun and friendly forum. Clubrooms 42 Pah St Motueka. More info: Seniornetmotueka.org.nz, Neighbourly or call Annie 540-3301.

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.

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.

Ruby Coast Run Club meets 9am Mondays at Mapua School parking lot. Info: Debbi 027 327 4055.

Java Hut Knit Group: 10am Tuesdays at Java Hut. Bring your knitting or crochet project. Info: Debbi 027 327 4055

Yuan Gong: New Year, new beginnings, improve your health and life by daily Yuan Gong practise. Info: Marianne 0220 828 559

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, lots of laughs. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540-3685.

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