



## MDCA 14<sup>th</sup> March public meeting

### Public Forum:

Three members of the public spoke about their concerns regarding future growth in the area with regard to the pending loss of a rural environment; the ever-changing feel of Māpua where greed/money tends to be overriding care for others; and how it appears rural land can change with the flick of a pen to residential.

### Ward Councillor updates:

- A full TDC update for Māpua can be viewed at [info@ourmapua.org](mailto:info@ourmapua.org) under the March meeting info.
- Reserves Management Plan process is now being deliberated by council with presentation to varying committees and council in April.
- Richard Hollier gave a full presentation to council on the overall development of recreational facilities, noting there is a lot of pressure on Māpua facilities.
- Waimea Dam cost increases being driven by geology, supply issues, Covid, and resource shortages.
- The proposed Future Development Strategy growth areas gives a broad location for buildings for the next 30yrs and does not necessarily mean the land needs to be developed. Land zoning changes must interlink with regional transport and climate change plans.

### Māpua Willing Wheels:

A dedicated passenger vehicle has been purchased by NTCTT for the bus running between Motueka and Richmond. NTCTT have been successful in receiving a grant from Rata Foundation to cover coordinator and administration expenses. NTCTT is looking for someone as a coordinator – applications welcome. [see page 9]

### Māpua Community Hub:

The trust and working group are working on a comprehensive feasibility study to provide a solid foundation for funding application and appointment of a project manager. Draft architectural plans have been undertaken and are open for wider community input.

### Māpua Liveability Working Group:

- Community survey is ready to go. It takes about 17 minutes to complete and will help guide MDCA to the wishes of community members. Please look out for this survey and have your say by taking part.
- Future wildlife corridors were proposed on a property in Māpua which has recently sold. The developer is supportive of establishing a wetland on lower areas of the property. [see page 17]
- In Motueka, Māpua and Wakefield there is a focus to slow traffic and creating greenways. Shared slow roads means cyclists don't need to use footpaths. There are no firm plans yet how developers may be required to provide walkways/cycleway connections to active transport.
- Key Three Water implications for TDC include – develop new water safety plans; implement more stringent sampling and monitoring requirements; increase focus on the management of risks and hazards, etc at an additional implementation cost of \$2million in 2022-25.

Māpua Aquarium Plaque: A bronze plaque commemorating the sad loss of 'Touch the Sea Aquarium' at Port Māpua in September 2011 has now been placed under the veranda by the entrance to Darby & Joan at Shed 4.

MDCA works closely with TDC to ensure our community functions in a way that suits the majority of our residents. To have a vote that counts, become a financial member of MDCA by simply paying \$10 per person per year into our NBS account 03 1354 0356471 using your name and phone number as references.

**Our next public meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.15pm** (Depending on Covid restrictions this meeting could be held as a dual meeting via Zoom and in person at Māpua Hall.

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# Future Development Strategy

## Public Consultation goes online 8 March 2022

Public Consultation is about to begin on Tasman District and Nelson City Councils' joint Future Development Strategy (FDS) for the period 2022-52.

The FDS is a strategic plan that identifies potential sites for new homes and businesses within the Nelson and Tasman regions over the next 30 years and the key infrastructure required to support these sites.

The FDS will influence the futures of everyone in the region; the location and availability of new housing and the types of housing future generations will be able to live in, so it's essential that public input is sought.

The FDS outlines a proposal of consolidated growth focussing largely along State Highway 6. This proposal includes prioritising intensification of housing development in Nelson, Atawhai, Stoke, Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield, Māpua and Motueka, along with managed expansion around Nelson, Stoke, Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield and Māpua, including opportunities for rural residential development.

Some managed expansion is proposed around the Tasman rural towns of Murchison, Tapawera, St Arnaud and in Golden Bay.

Commercial and residential growth within urban centres is proposed, alongside mixed-use areas that aim to create growth opportunities for residential, commercial, and light industrial activities in some of our towns.

The FDS does not rezone the land, but it will inform both Councils future Resource Management Plans for potential rezoning.

Tasman Mayor Tim King says reaching the public consultation stage of our Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy represents an important part in the planning for our region's future growth.

"This is the second strategy for our future development that Tasman District and Nelson City Councils have developed together.

"We need to find suitable sites for up to 29,000 new homes for Nelson and Tasman combined over the next 30 years.

"To ensure any business or residential growth occurs in a way that maximises the benefits for those who live here now, and in the future, it is important that we engage with our community."

Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese says the popularity and continual growth of the Nelson Tasman region means we must make changes in how we plan our housing and commercial developments.

"Affordable housing continues to be a pressing requirement and it is vital that our longer-term plans address the needs of all parts of our community," she says.

"Participation in the consultation process will help the Nelson and Tasman councils make decisions that balance the interests of all sectors of the local population."

Public consultation on the FDS will run from 14 March 2022 to 5.00pm 14 April 2022. A consultation document summarising the strategy will be made available to the public online, at libraries and customer service centres. This will provide an overview of the proposed strategy, as well as submission forms to provide feedback for consideration.

To keep everyone safe while New Zealand remains at Red setting under the Covid Protection Framework, in-person community consultation events will not take place.

Instead, we have a comprehensive online consultation programme, including a series of 17 community-focused, stakeholder and general webinars open to everyone. Our websites will also include a podcast on the FDS and an animation.

For more details on the FDS and how to join the online events, go to [tasman.govt.nz/fds](https://tasman.govt.nz/fds) or [shape.nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy](https://shape.nelson.govt.nz/future-development-strategy).





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# Future Development and Māpua's growth

Opinion by Jan Heijs

**Why, where, when and how do we want to grow?**  
What types of housing do we need in the future?

Housing provisions should match the needs of the community; not what developers are keen to sell, which seems to be the driving force. While an increasing number of people are looking for smaller houses, new developments in recent years have almost entirely consisted of large houses on (relatively) large lots. Developers in Māpua have often imposed covenants requiring a minimum of three bedrooms. An increasing number of people are looking for smaller houses. We need a greater variety of housing to cater for all!

How is Tasman District Council (TDC) delivering on this? Some important planning processes are out for consultation at the moment being (1) A Growth Plan Change and (2) The Future Development Strategy (FDS). Both will have a significant impact on how we are going to live in the future and what our region will look like.

## Both processes explained

Having these two consultation processes at the same time is confusing to many of us, and the timeframe for feedback is very short and closing on 14 April. The amount of information to absorb and comprehend as to what that means to you and your community is huge. Thankfully the MDCA has asked for an extension, but we are not sure if this will be provided.

The FDS is a strategy to identify future growth areas that may be developed in the medium to long term future. These are needed to provide for growth once areas already approved for development (through those plan changes) are used up.

The development of the FDS is carried out under the Local Government Act. It is required to follow a consultation process, but the council has full control over how they wish to respond to feedback and there are no opportunities to submit or appeal. Any new areas identified through the FDS cannot be developed without going through a plan change process first.

TDC emphasizes that whether or not these new areas will in fact be developed is not certain and uses the words 'may' and 'can' very often. Although that might be legally correct, don't be fooled! We have seen that this is the very likely end-result. The areas now proposed for the plan change in Māpua, were identified in the previous FDS, that was approved in 2019. Before you know, a 'maybe' will change to a 'fact'. Once approved through the FDS the horse has bolted so to speak. So, it is very important that you provide your feedback now.

The plan change is a process by which an area is 're-zoned': changing what you can and can't do. In this case we often talk about changing the zoning from Rural or Rural Residential to Residential. Once approved, landowners and developers can start developing these areas and build houses. Plan Change processes fall under

the Resource Management Act (RMA), follow a full legal process and provide opportunities to submit and appeal.

Below is a discussion of some key features of both proposals.

## The Future Development Strategy (FDS)

In the March Coastal News I already questioned the overly large prediction of how many houses we need.

The FDS shows many new proposed greenfield development areas across the region. More info can be seen on the interactive 'webmap' provided by TDC. The areas proposed in Māpua/Ruby Bay as shown in Fig 1 include more development in and around Seaton Valley, including the two areas proposed in the plan change (see later) and areas in Tasman, called 'Tasman Village' (T-168, T-166 and T-167) and in the Moutere Hills (T-136).

The assumed densities are very low – so these will again be traditional subdivisions with large property sizes and large dwellings with three or more bedrooms such as those on Māpua Drive and possibly larger. Apart from providing a lack of housing variety, creating new development areas far away from employment, schools and services will lead to more cars on the road, long travel distances, more carbon emissions, traffic jams and expensive roading upgrades.

The Tasman Village proposal doesn't have a village shape at all but consists of three random development areas and doesn't include the current Tasman township. It is clear that TDC has used a 'willing landowner approach' rather than a strategic vision on how and where growth should be provided.



Figure 1: New development areas proposed in Māpua/ Ruby Bay area (source TDC website)

Looking further afield, many new development areas are proposed in the area between Richmond and

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Wakefield. In its communication, TDC has stated that these areas of development are along the SH6 spine, suggesting that this is a good strategic approach. Forgetting that some of these are still some distance away from SH6 and that SH6 is a highway that will need to cope with more cars, more traffic jams and cause more carbon emissions. Over time the increased traffic will also necessitate expensive improvements to the roading network.

TDC states that the Tasman Village proposal is optional and not strictly needed to meet the demand. The Tasman Village and Moutere Hill proposals should be rejected outright.

The need for the three developments areas in Māpua is also highly debatable. Māpua already has areas available for development being those that recently became available after restrictions were lifted (see my article in July 2021). If these areas were to be rezoned to require a larger variety of housing, these could cater for our demand for many years to come.

I find it interesting that TDC states that *if existing residential areas would be intensified over time to only medium density, there would not be any need for any new greenfield developments*. Māpua is far removed from our employment centres, many services and tertiary education, therefore far from ideal for more development. Conclusion: these areas should also be rejected. There is simply no justification – no need.

In short, the FDS does not provide housing for people who want to downscale or those who don't want and/or don't need large houses. Some of us will be forced out of our community because of a lack of housing options. The FDS is not a real strategy that ensures new housing is close to our main areas for employment, services and schools and provides for the needs of our community. The proposal will generate more car use, more carbon emissions, more traffic jams, and higher rates. It needs a major overhaul.

**The proposed Plan Change**

At this stage the plan change is only about 'informal engagement', asking for feedback. See 'growth plan change feedback' page on the TDC website. The formal legal process, including the opportunity to make submissions to council and after that, appeals to the Environment Court, starts in June 2022 with a formal notification. At that point the plans are drawn, and the rules are written, after which it will be much more difficult to argue for changes, so it is very important that you provide feedback now.

The two areas proposed for plan changes are shown in Fig 2. The information provided is very limited. No lay-out, no rules. I have questioned the need for these areas above: they shouldn't be developed. But if they are, what is proposed is again calling for the same as we have seen before, largely resulting in large lots and big houses. Although it is proposed to also 'allow for residential intensification through the use of Compact Development Density provisions', there are no delivery mechanisms to let that happen and it is left to the market to take that opportunity. We have learned over the years that the

New Zealand market does not provide for all needs and more often than not opts for the easy traditional greenfield development pattern.

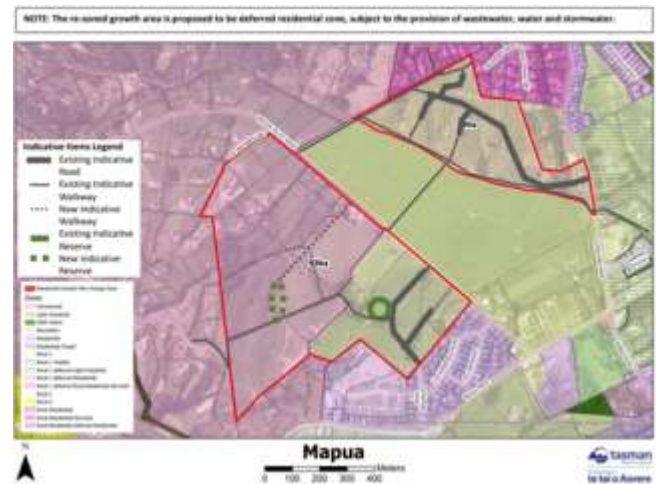


Figure 2: Location of proposed plan changes outlined in red (source TDC website)

Last year, it was requested to undertake plan changes requiring a variety of housing styles to meet demand in existing areas and the new areas that were released last year but not yet developed (see before). We called for urgency, but this is not considered at all, not in the plan changes and not in the FDS.

In conclusion we should ask TDC to require the provision of a variety of housing styles, including smaller 1- and 2-bedroom options in those new areas in Māpua that are already approved for development, as well as other existing residential areas.

**NelsonTasman2050**

*Jan Heijs is a member of a multi-disciplinary collective of concerned professionals who care about how the future of our built environment has been set up. We will endeavour to provide further background on the FDS and plan changes. This will include more detailed assessments and suggested points for feedback that you are able to use in your feedback.*

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*In case some of you missed Timo Neubauer's article 'Our future needs a radical rethink' in the Nelson Mail of 19 March, have a look for it on Stuff.*

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The many components of a starting/charging system

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## Kirstie Bartlett

Our dear Kirstie passed away on Monday morning 14<sup>th</sup> March in Nelson Hospital. A private farewell has been held with the family. A celebration of Kirstie's life will be held at a later date. Messages can be left on her facebook page.

Gill and Neil

## Anzac Day Services

### Volunteers needed for Poppy Day

The RSA Poppy Day this year is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. In conjunction with our collection boxes around the region we have a stall outside the Māpua Four Square for the day. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the collection by manning the stand for two-hour blocks. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact Nic on 021 220 3920

ANZAC Day Services this year have had to be amended to work within the current Covid guidelines. The Māpua and Upper Moutere services will therefore not go ahead at their usual scale. There will be no parade or public ceremony, but members of the public are encouraged to visit the memorial in their own time throughout the day.

Tasman will still proceed with a small service at 10am.

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## Māpua Craft Group

At our meeting on 18th March our best wishes were sent to those who are ill, to Mary who is moving to Invercargill and to Joan who is now able to visit her daughter in Perth.

Elizabeth, who organises "Operation cover up" is on holiday and the rugs are the work of our group and friends. Ella has now completed 12 rugs - a mammoth undertaking which she so enjoys.

We find that re-cycling items gives pleasure to others, and we are most grateful for donations of wool, old, knitted jumpers and scarves.

**We meet in April on 8th and 22nd** to exchange ideas, be creative, share materials, seeds, and news.

Covid rules apply at Hills Community Church when we meet at 10am - noon. All are welcome.

We will wear our knitted poppies on Anzac Day even if there may be no parade or service in Māpua this year.

Happy Easter

*Barbara Halse 5403901.*



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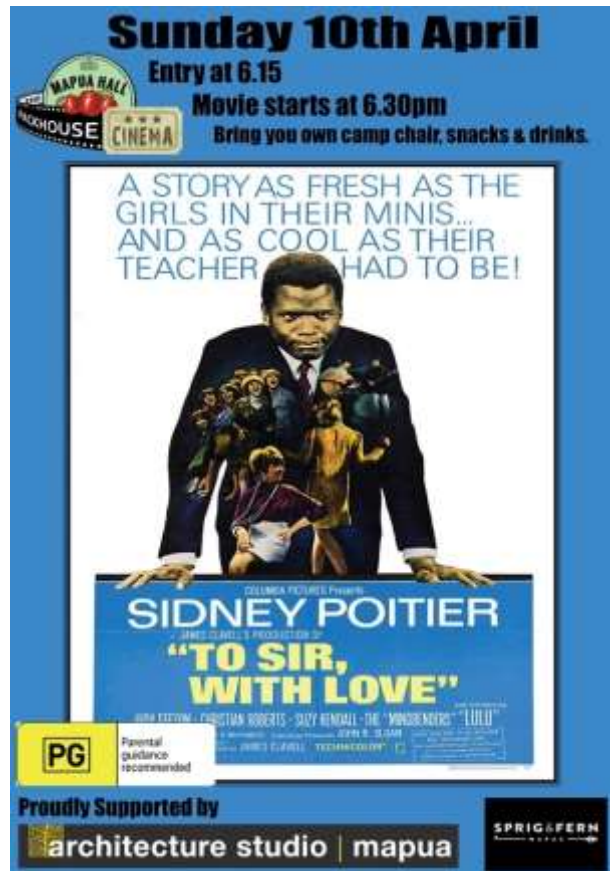
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This is a wonderful little film which provides a snapshot of secondary school life in the late 1960s. It's one of those films which may have a simplistic storyline, but don't be fooled by the deceptive simplicity.

This is a movie of great depth, exploring racial tensions, student/teacher romance, childhood vs. adulthood, and much more besides. It's easy to overlook these undercurrents given how subtly they're portrayed but combine them together and you have a quite memorable movie.

Much of this film's success comes from the central casting of Sidney Poitier, which must have been an unusual decision back in the day. Poitier makes the film his own and gives the movie a sentimental heart, although his emotions are hidden for the most part. His acting reminds me of the likes of Japanese actors such as Toshiro Mifune, displaying a stony face on the outset while putting across hints at the feelings bubbling beneath.

Elsewhere, we get fun scene-setting in the form of '60s music and dance, enhanced by the presence of pop starlet Lulu singing the movie's theme song.

Judy Geeson is also completely believable as the besotted student, and there are many familiar faces who would go on to future success (Patricia Routledge, Geoffrey Bayldon, Chris Chittell, Suzy Kendall).

Although this is very much a feel-good film with scenes of sentimentality without being saccharine sweet, its realistic social atmosphere makes it a truly moving experience.

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## The Write Bias

### News from Māpua Bowling Club

There has been plenty of bowling action at this latter end of the season. A popular tournament sponsored by the Car Company was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, popular not only for the bowling but also for the full roast lunch that the Club provided. It went down a treat. Teams from Richmond Bowling Club took first and third places with Pohara splitting the difference.

The ongoing friendly battle for the Rose Bowl between Māpua and Riwaka took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Several of the Club's newer members played in this event and did themselves proud. Good bowling, good food, plenty of banter and a very enjoyable afternoon. By a narrow margin Riwaka won the trophy and will hold it until the challenge is underway again next season.

Every year Māpua Bowling Club holds a Memorial Day tournament, a chance for current bowlers to remember and respect past members. This year, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the competition also included the Enstone Trophy, an historic link with the Blind Low Vision Association of New Zealand. This trophy is held permanently in the Clubhouse and a donation from the day sent to the Association. The contest was close but the winners - just - were Di Blanchet and Bob Foster.

Championship matches have been concluded and several of the winners have gone forward to play in the Champ of Champs events organised by Nelson Centre. We are very proud of our club member, Jean Daubney, who won the Champ of Champs Ladies' Veteran Singles. Well done, Jean.

We are now approaching the end of the bowling season, which heralds plenty of hard work ahead as the green is to be renovated during the winter months. This will be hard and expensive work but necessary; without the green there is no club.

For any information about bowling, coaching, or booking the clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, [sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls](http://sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls)

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	9.00 am <b>SIOUX LINE DANCE</b>		9.30am <b>MĀPUA ART GROUP</b>	9.30 am <b>SUPERB DANCE</b> Move Good Now
		10.15 am <b>PILATES</b> with Lynda		10.15 am <b>PILATES</b> with Lynda
3.30 pm <b>BALLET 3-4yrs</b> Kerry Clarke Dance				10.45 am <b>YOGA</b> with Martin
4.00 pm <b>BALLET 5-7yrs</b> Kerry Clark Dance	5.30 pm <b>YOGA</b> with Martin	4.00 pm <b>QUICK STEP to DANCE</b>		2.00 pm <b>FRIENDSHIP GROUP</b> 3rd & last Fridays
	6.00 pm <b>STRENGTH / CARDIO</b> with Lynda			
7.00 pm <b>MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY</b> Meeting 3rd Mondays	7.00pm <b>PILATES</b> with Lynda		7.00 pm <b>MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR</b>	
7.15 pm <b>MDCA PUBLIC MEET</b> 2nd Mondays			7.30 pm <b>PILATES</b> with Anne-Maree	

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## Hall Society News April

With many thanks to the **Sprig & Fern Māpua**, the Hall Society will host the fundraising quiz night on **Wednesday 27th April**. There will be some great prizes on offer so come join us from 7pm sharp.

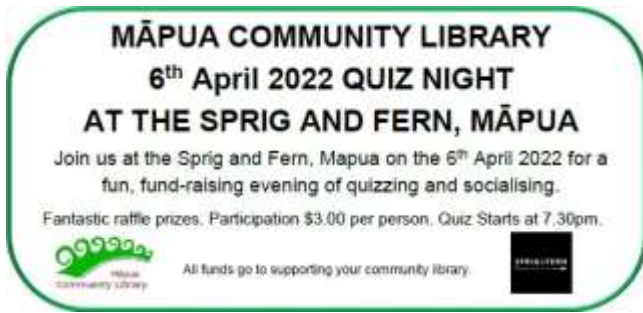
We look forward to the beginning of the 2022 **Packhouse Cinema** season at Māpua Hall on the the third Sunday evening of each month. Movie titles and sessions dates will be confirmed on the MāpuaHall.org website and Facebook page each month as soon as the details are released.

We wish to Thank '**Architecture Studio - Māpua**' and '**Sprig & Fern Māpua**' for their ongoing support of the movie nights.

The Māpua Community Hall is open under Red in the Covid-19 Protection Framework however there are restrictions in place, check the Covid-19 website for details.







## Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library Māpua Community Library

### Change of hours:

The library will be closed Saturday mornings as from the beginning of March. We are open every afternoon from 2—4.30pm 7 days per week.

### Book purchases:

In November and December 2021 plus February we have purchased 62 new books for our collection. Our new books are displayed on the shelves just inside the main part of the library with the book covers facing outwards and a list of our purchases is on the wall and is also published on Facebook and on our website. We don't charge any lending fees for any of our books - including new purchases! If members are wanting to read a particular author, you can place a request, just ask at the desk.

### Literary Festival

Sadly, the planned 2022 festival will not be going ahead. Due to the Covid/Omicron situation that prevails around our area, it would not be economically viable to hold the festival this year. We plan to aim for mid-September 2023 and hopefully life will be back to a new normal for everyone. All our wonderful authors and writers who were onboard are disappointed but are very understanding of the situation and hope to be able to support us in 2023.

### Volunteers - We need you

After having a waiting list for volunteers wanting to help out at the library, we are now in a position of not having enough people to cover the library shifts. Quite a few volunteers have moved away and now with the borders opening, many are flying off to visit their families.

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**to be:**

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- shown the current draft concept plans by the architect (Karl Vercoe) and have an opportunity to ask questions and clarify / comment on specific features.
- participants in small groups with plans available to discuss possible uses, suggest changes and additions with the architect and Trust/ working group members.
- included in a "wrap-up" session where suggestions are responded to, and queries answered.

**All welcome:** If you and/or your organization are interested in being part of such a forum, please contact:

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This position is:

- funded by grants from the RATA Foundation and the Lotteries Commission
- supported by the Trustees of the NTCTT
- provided in partnership by the Māpua and Districts Community Association (MDCA)

# War Correspondence

Peter Francis February 2022

Did you know that during World War II, over 8000 members of the NZ armed forces were captured, and many (including my Uncle Austin from Blenheim) spent years incarcerated as POWs? Yet we have heard very little about the war experiences of our POWs.

The Royal Mail service was established in England around 1516 and until the arrival of the internet and mobile phones, Royal Mail was the primary source of written communication for ordinary people.

During WW1 and WW2 hand-written letters, postcards and telegrams were the only means of contact to and from home for soldiers and POWs in distant locations. All such communications were subjected to close scrutiny and censorship by the authorities on both sides – the writers were not permitted to say much about what was really happening to them. If a Censor took exception to anything written they could just destroy the message without informing the sender, so many long-awaited messages never reached their intended recipients.

Telegrams were the least welcome form of communication because they normally told news of a Missing in Action or Deceased relative. Imagine how heart breaking that must have been for the recipients?

But what do we know about what the letters, postcards and telegrams from soldiers or POWs had to say to their loved ones at home? Today I'd like to share with you some of those actual letters.

**From Campo PG No 2 pm 3100 Italy: 10<sup>th</sup> July 1942**

Dear Sister

*I am sorry for such a short note for my first letter to you. This card and one sheet of paper is all we are entitled to a week and besides there is no news at all to tell you. I'm well and hoping we will all be together very soon, hoping you are well? Jim*

**From Stalag 8B - Germany: 18<sup>th</sup> November 1941**

Dear Dad and Edna.

*Yesterday we played a rugby game - Tommies against Kiwis. Had Swim Hadley as the ref. I played full back and John in the forwards, both of us are a bit stiff today, suppose that's what we had to expect?*

*Cheerio and love and good wishes to all: Gordon*

**From No 2 camp Fukuoka – Japan, December 1942:**

Dear Mother.

*I'm well and safe and am interned in Japan My health is excellent. I have had no news of the family since Nov 1941. How are you and all the family, especially Grandma getting along? Remember me to everyone.*

Love: Greg

**From The front lines- France, August 1916:**

My Dearest Juliet.

*We're back in the trenches and having a pretty warm time of it today. They're bombarding us pretty heavily at the moment. How is my dog Jack? He might not mind the Gunfire here but I don't think he'd like the smells. I haven't heard from you lately dear, I hope you are all right darling?*

*Mick must be very lonely at home without his boys? But he's far better off there than where we are. I only wish I was there with you.*

Love from your love: Jack.

(Fortunately, Jack managed to survive the 'war to end all wars' and become the grandfather of a friend of mine, who sent me a copy of the carefully preserved and treasured postcard.)

## ANZAC poem

During the War, The Postman's shrill whistle might announce?

A Hastily scribbled Postcard from: 'The trenches' of Gallipoli.

Or perhaps a long hoped for letter, from: a 'Campo' in Italy.

Or perhaps it was announcing the arrival of a Telegram?

Probably none sadder than the four Telegrams arriving at the door of the Christopher family of Invercargill?

Another year, another telegram, another dagger in the heart

Thread by painful thread – a Southland family ripped apart

Victor: lost at Anzac cove - *"When caught out by Turkish snipers."*

Next: there was Herbert. *"Buried by a Bombardment at Ypres."*

Then Julian: A Human Sacrifice upon *"The Altar of the Somme."*

Finally it was Reggie: - *"Sadly, never made it home from Baume."*

In Wartime the arrival of a telegram – was not a sound to welcome

Telegrams could bring good news. During a war? - very seldom.

A Telegram sometimes read – *"Presumed dead. Missing in action."*

Families praying 'Closure might offer... a kind of satisfaction?'

With such poor communications and the message often blurred

Families may well have thought, the worst had indeed occurred

When after years of waiting and no 'Good news' received  
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After a sad, tear-filled funeral - Can you imagine their dread

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# Skin tips—from the Māpua Skin Clinic

## Kiwiskin - Skin Tips Six

Hi everyone and welcome to Kiwiskin's monthly community newsletter. These articles can also be found on our skin blog. It's been a terrific summer and its starting to feel like change of season time. A good time to sweep the chimney.

### What gives us our skin tone?

Skin is made of layers of different types of cells. The deepest layer contains the pigment cells (or melanocytes). The pigment made by these cells gives us our skin toning. The pigment also helps to block UV radiation. It follows on that people with darker skin tones make more pigment and have more natural UV protection than people with fairer skin.

One surprising thing is that in New Zealand the sunlight is so harsh that even people with dark skin can get sunburn! At the other end of the spectrum, some people can't make enough pigment. 'Albinism', is an example of a genetic disorder where the skin makes little or no pigment. People with albinism have extremely fair skin and hair and an extreme sensitivity to sunlight.

### How pigment cells make moles

Sometimes pigment cells grow in a cluster making a dark spot commonly called a 'mole'. The medical term for mole is 'naevus' and the plural is 'naevi (= moles)'. A naevus is benign. If a naevus becomes cancerous then it is called a melanoma.

### How does skin tan?

When we are exposed to sunlight the pigment cells make more pigment, darkening the skin and increasing protection from the sunlight. Tanning is a 'crisis response to ultraviolet radiation exposure'.

### It can be difficult to avoid tanning

Kiwis are outdoorsy people and, even with hat and sunscreen, it can be nigh on impossible to avoid tanning if we are 'outdoorsy'. Sun exposure, especially between 10 and 4pm, does more damage to the DNA in our skin cells, so the less sun in the middle of the day the better. Nowadays it makes more sense to do the gardening in the shade or in early morning or evening.

### Skin Tip: Clouds don't prevent sunburn

Even when it's cloudy, up to 80 percent of the sun's UV radiation reaches the earth.

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- Mole Mapping
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## Our latest news & adventures



### Ngāti Koata Wānanga Series helping to develop future leaders

He haerenga miharo with the Ngāti Koata Trust rangatahi and Waka Abel Tasman recently. Complete with a visit from dolphins, some awesome kai, reconnecting with the whenua and building whanaungatanga. We love being part of this important kaupapa to grow our rangatahi leaders. Ngā mihi maioha ki a Nelson City Council me te Rātā Foundation for supporting this wānanga. This waka journey is part of a wāngnga series for Ngāti Koata whānau - get in touch if you want to find out more - [info@wio.org.nz](mailto:info@wio.org.nz)

### Upcoming Holiday Programmes

There are two holiday programmes running in the first week of April, both shortened to 4 days to accommodate Easter, from 19th-22nd April, with the cost reduced accordingly to \$250 per child. **Go Wild** is for our younger adventurers (7-10yr olds) and **Kaitiaki Kids** for intermediate ages (10-12yr olds). Places are filling up quickly so we suggest you head online to pop an application in! [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz)

### An array of funded opportunities for our local primary schools

The 2022 calendar is looking jam-packed with fantastic opportunities for local primary schools to access experiential learning days at Whenua Iti. As well as the Mini Adventurers Programmes, School Camps and EOTC days, new programmes have been developed with the support of funders, including **Rā Ora** (a Wellbeing Day) and **Tamariki Tiaki** which takes learning to a significant local environment for a mix of science, exploration, cultural learning and of course fun! Head to our website to find out more: [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz)

### Looking for Inspiration?

Look no further than our patron, and local multi-sporter Nathan Fa'avae! Another epic win on the recent Godzone adventure race, did you know that Nathan started off as a young fella on a course at Whenua Iti Outdoors, wondering where he was going with life. A world champion 10 times over, he continues to inspire us and a number of local young adventurers. Two of our awesome wāhine instructors also took part in the Godzone race and had everyone at work dot-watching! You never know where that first trip into the hills might take you....

### Thanks to the Lottery Communities Fund!

We are incredibly grateful to our funders and supporters who have enabled us to rethink how we can continue to deliver programmes and support schools in changing times. In particular, the Department of Internal Affairs who administer the Lotteries Community Fund have given us the flexibility to create a new programme called Rā Ora (Wellbeing Day) to provide a whole day of fun adventurous, cultural and environmental activities to uplift our tamariki. We look forward to seeing lots of little people on site!

The Team at Whenua Iti.



*Ngāti Koata rangatahi on a waka journey as part of a leadership development wānanga series*



*We've quite enjoyed more outdoor hui! It's still important to come together as a team.*

*We'll see you out there!*

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# Book Review

These two non-fiction books show the lives of two amazing women astronomers, as they rise to the top of their fields of discovery, while struggling with their roles and expectations as wives and mothers.

## **The Smallest Light in the Universe: A Memoir**

**(Sara Seager) 2020**

Canadian American astrophysicist Sara Seager (born 1971) tells her own story in this memoir; from her childhood in Canada loving to look at the stars, through study at Harvard University and other prestigious universities, until her current professorship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she teaches physics and planetary science.



Her research is focused on finding exoplanets; planets that orbit stars other than our sun. She is hoping to find some in a temperate "goldilocks" zone (not too close or too far away from their star) so there would be liquid water, and an atmosphere of gases which could support life. It may not be life as we know it, but then life on Earth was once quite different from what we experience today.

Sara Seager's work has also involved the creation of telescopes working in tandem with a "Sunshade" which would block the light from their star so that these "smallest lights in the universe" can show up and be studied mathematically. Sara is at the forefront of her field, with awards and leadership roles in research projects.

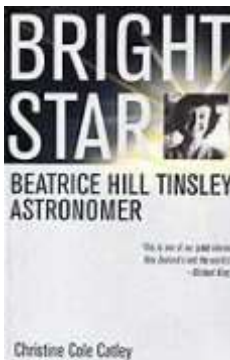
She is also a wife and mother. Her husband Mike worked at his editing job from home and looked after the household and their two small boys, so Sara was free to focus on her cutting-edge work in astrophysics and the travel which it required. She outlines their relationship and family life. During Mike's year and a half battle with cancer, and after his death, Sara struggled to maintain both work and family.

Sara Seager writes her compelling story clearly and introspectively, weaving together her personal life story and the story of her explorations. Her scientific endeavours are explained in ways we non-scientific readers can understand, and we can also relate to her relationships, fears, and difficulties.

I found this book hard to put down and was glad for a rainy couple of days to read continuously until I finished it.

## **Bright Star (Christine Cole Catley) 2006**

In *Bright Star*, Christine Cole Catley tells the story of Beatrice Hill Tinsley (1941-1981) an astronomer who became a leading expert on the aging and evolution of galaxies. Catley interviewed Beatrice's New Zealand family, and her friends and students, and did extensive research into Beatrice's fields of study and teaching, from which she interweaves the personal and professional parts of Beatrice's life.



Beatrice's ground-breaking work was on the evolution of galaxies; how stars age and galaxies grow, age and die. Early on, she had presented challenges to older astronomers, by maintaining that the universe was expanding, which was not the belief at the time she started her research, but which has now become accepted.

Like Sara Seager, Beatrice Tinsley struggled with being both a high-powered researcher and teacher and a wife and mother. Unlike Sara, Beatrice was contending with all this in the 1960s and 70s when society and its expectations of women were much different.

When Beatrice and her husband both applied for jobs at the same university, and he secured a position, his wife was not allowed to work at the same university. This happened both at the University of Canterbury and also later, when they moved to the United States, at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Eventually Beatrice became assistant professor of astronomy at Yale University, where she was the first woman to hold the position. She did a lot of travel and speaking, as well as teaching university students who loved and respected her. Beatrice became a role model and mentor for many other young women coming into the field of astronomy during her university tenure.

Upon moving to the United States, the husband-wife relationship had become strained as Beatrice had to travel long distances to work after she obtained a place at University of Texas at Austin, but there were no children to worry about at that point.

However, when someone in Brian Tinsley's family had an embarrassing pregnancy, Brian was pressured by his family and felt compelled to accept and adopt the child, and later the couple adopted another.

At this point, Beatrice did not have a husband at home taking care of the children and the household; Brian had his own, more valued-by-society position, and she was expected by both him and society, to take up the home front roles. She struggled for several years with this situation, but finally divorced Brian, and gave up custody of the children, to be able to study and teach with the travel that was involved. She saw the children for some holiday times, and felt torn, but opted for her work.

The similarities in focus and determination to study, research and teach between Beatrice and Sara are clear in both books. The struggles with work-home life balance are easily relatable too. But the added pressure of a society with rigid gender roles and expectations for women saddened the reader, as we see the toll it took on Beatrice throughout her short life.

I would encourage you to read both novels. Sara Seager's is an easier read, but Catley's biography of Beatrice Tinsley is also a moving and fascinating story. If Catley's in-depth technical explanations start to "wear on you", please persevere, by skimming over them, as she pays tribute to the life of this important, but little-known New Zealander.

Both of these books are available at the Māpua Community Library. Happy Reading.....

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# Wildlife Corridors

## Future Wildlife Corridors in Māpua

Do you love wild birds and want to see them thrive in this part of the country where there is forest, sea and wetlands?

A new subcommittee of the Māpua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) was formed this year, called Future Wildlife Corridors in Māpua.

## Our objectives are clear:

1. To identify suitable land areas for new and existing wildlife corridors in the Māpua area for native birds.
2. To find ways to protect that land for the purposes of conservation, public education and enjoyment.
3. To coordinate with the Tasman Area Community Association (re: the wildlife corridor between the two estuaries from Māpua Drive and Aporo Road along the Mamaku Drive (State Highway) corridor that is currently in the planning stages.

Our opening meeting will be a walking tour of the Seaton Stream Reserve off Stafford Drive in Māpua at 9:30 am on 4 April 2022.

We welcome anyone with an interest in restoring and preserving native habitat for birds. A submission to the TDC in April with your input will help us influence the TDC's Future Development Strategy, in favour of our local birdlife.



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# Māpua Health Centre news

New Zealand is currently in Phase 3 of the Omicron response plan and at Red in the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights), although may well change during April. Most people will safely manage COVID-19 at home while health and social services focus on people with the highest needs.

Health Navigator- <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/> - has advice and downloadable guides, including health resources for what to do during self-isolation, along with regular news updates on dealing with COVID-19. Māpua Health centre will not be doing Covid vaccination clinics from early April.

Flu vaccines will be available from next month (or possibly by the end of March if supplies arrive in time) for those patients who meet the MOH criteria:

- Patients 65yrs & over
- Pregnant women
- Patients with chronic conditions
- Young children with a history of severe respiratory illness

Our staff will contact those who have had the vaccine in previous years to organise when to come.

We would like to welcome Jaimee Paterson who will be joining our team for three weeks as a Trainee Intern.

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 emailing [info@mapuahealth.com](mailto:info@mapuahealth.com).

There is also a new service available through the local primary health organisation called Skylight - <https://skylight.org.nz>. This is a national not-for-profit trust that enables children, young people, their families/whānau,

and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss, and grief by building resilience. Phone 03 539 1170 for more information.

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.autism.org.nz](http://www.autism.org.nz).

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

April 2	World Autism Day	<a href="http://www.autism.org.nz">www.autism.org.nz</a>
April 7	World Health Day	<a href="http://www.who.int/en">www.who.int/en</a>
April 14	Term 1 ends	<a href="http://www.minedu.govt.nz">www.minedu.govt.nz</a>
April 15	Easter Friday	
April 17	World Haemophilia Day	<a href="http://www.wfh.org/en/whd">www.wfh.org/en/whd</a>
April 18	Easter Monday	
April 22	World Earth Day (protect our species)	<a href="http://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a>
April 25	World Malaria Day	<a href="https://endmalaria.org">https://endmalaria.org</a>
April 25	ANZAC Day	<a href="http://www.rsa.org.nz">www.rsa.org.nz</a>
April 28	Safety at Work Day	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday">www.un.org/en/events/safeworkday</a>

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## Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust

### Billboards seek support for new Māpua community boat ramp.

Billboards have been installed around Māpua on behalf of the Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust, seeking support for the \$2.95 million project planned for completion in December 2023.

The Trust has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tasman District Council (TDC) which has committed \$700,000 to the development of the project leaving \$2.25 million to be raised from within the community. The trust has charitable status, so all donations will be tax deductible to donors.

The MOU allows the project to proceed towards detailed design, obtaining of Resource Consent and construction of the boat ramp.

The billboards depict the current financial situation with the council's contribution marked in red at the bottom of a gauge on the right and the target figure of \$2.95 million at the top. To ensure compliance with regulations, an accredited chartered accountant has been engaged to manage the trust's financial records.

Trevor Marshall, a Ruby Bay resident, is the project coordinator for the Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust, which is facilitating the collection of donations, project management, engagement of engineers to undertake construction and eventual management of the ramp.

Trevor says the billboards encourage people to visit the trust's website at: [www.mapuaboatramp.org](http://www.mapuaboatramp.org) to see for themselves how the project will enhance Māpua village and will update them on the boat ramp's progress and ways they can donate to aid its construction.

"We'd like to thank the many people who have already offered to help with the project," he says. "This project is for the community to use, including but not limited to Tamaha Sea Scouts, jet skis, stand-up paddle boards, water skiers, kayakers, fisher people as well as boat owners who moor in the channel."

He says the building of the boat ramp will free up valuable space at Grossi Point for locals to enjoy the ambiance of the inlet including family BBQ's and swimming without the constant worry and noise from power boats coming and going.

**Trevor's contact details on the billboards:**

**Mobile phone – 0272 224 947**

**Email: [Mapuaboatramp@gmail.com](mailto:Mapuaboatramp@gmail.com)**



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An example of the billboards that have been erected around Māpua

# Māpua Boat Club's Poker Run

**M**āpua Boat Club recently held a family event Poker Run on the Waimea Inlet which required each boat to travel to nominated locations on the water and receive a playing card.

Competitor interference was strongly encouraged with a variety of different sized water pistols employed. Sailors who didn't have water pistols made do with bailers, paddles, and any object they could find to splash and distract their rivals.

At the completion of the event, the boat with the best poker hand was declared the winner.

This year, Andrew Damerham won 1st prize, Martyn Barlow 2nd and Rene Kampman 3rd prize. Other prizes were also presented.

Māpua Boat Club commodore, Andrew Butler, says there was a good turnout of boats, ranging from a trailer/sailor yacht to a three-metre dinghy.

"The Tamaha Sea scouts entered two boats, ably skippered by Chris and Jessie," he said.

Andrew thanked Mike Kininmonth for organising the Poker Run, "which marked a great day on the water – its success being indicated by numerous requests for a repeat event next year".

For further information: Andrew Butler: mob: 021 348 182  
mapuabcsecretary@gmail.com



The Robinson family employ the novel use of an umbrella to ward off water pistols from fellow contestants.



Competitors in the front yacht are: Andrew and Rosemary Damerham and Peter and Sue Hassall. Following in the yellow boat are Scouts leaders Leif Pickwell, Kirsten Pickwell and their children Fisher, Blake and Kaitlyn.

# A Rose and a King

**W**hat does ancient Babylon's king have in common with a rose and a nectarine tree?

When we moved into our current house, at the back of the place was a wild, ugly rose. Its tiny, infrequent flowers were nothing compared to the Icebergs and Lipsticks and Pierre de Ronsards. When my husband had the hedge trimmers out one winter's day, I asked him to chop the rose off at the ground so I could dig it out.

In my mother's orchard, she has had no end of trouble growing stone fruit. Apricots get canker. Plums don't produce. Her favourite nectarine, grafted onto an unknown rootstock, died last season, much to her annoyance, and she decided to get rid of it.

Both my mother and I procrastinated pulling out our respective undesirable plants. Then one day in spring I came around the back of the house and discovered the hideous rose had shot out new growth and had dozens of tiny buds on it. Meanwhile, my mother went out into the orchard to discover that the rootstock from her dead nectarine had not only shot out strong, healthy new suckers, they were also flowering (and they produced the best peaches she had ever harvested).

In ancient Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream one night of a tree, large, fruitful, giving shelter to all manner of wildlife. But the tree was cut down and its stump bound with iron. The dream was disturbing, and King Neb sought an interpretation. The only one who offered an answer was an Israelite he had taken captive. Neb was prideful, it turned out, boasting in the magnificent empire he had built and enjoying luxury while at the same time ignoring the poor and needy living in his mighty city. He was the tree in the dream, and God was going to cut him down and take his kingdom away.

The glimmer of hope at the end of the dream, was that if Neb acknowledged he was just a man and that God was the true King, God would cause him to grow again. Because while it is brutal cutting a rose, or a tree, or a person, off to the roots, sometimes that is the only way to bring about growth. And the best part of this story of King Neb, is that while he as a tree would be cut down, his stump would be bound in iron, so that no one could actually dig him right out of the ground. God promised not only to eventually restore him, but in the painful time between being cut down and growing back up, to protect him.

*Ruth Russ*

*Ruth Russ is a member of Tasman Church.*

*Her four boys are currently helping her strip wallpaper (not always in the correct room)*

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### April 2022

It's April already! Easter is just around the corner, the sun is still shining so don't forget to take advantage of the long weekends coming up. Buy and shop local, support each other and enjoy Aotearoa. To keep yourself up to date with the local happenings like our Facebook page @mapuabusiness and check our website: [www.mapua.co.nz](http://www.mapua.co.nz)

#### NEW LOCAL MAP IS OUT

If you don't have a copy of the NEW local map yet stop by Rimu Wine Bar Cellar Door on the wharf to grab some. It's a great tool to show your visitors, friends and family around our region.

#### SURVEY 2022—WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

A survey will be communicated soon to our members so we can understand where everyone is at and how we can do things better according to ever changing needs. Please take a few minutes to complete it, that would be very helpful so we can support you and your business in the coming year.

#### JELLYFISH IS HIBERNATING

A massive thank you to Debbie from Jellyfish Restaurant and Bar who has spent many years supporting our area via her business and her commitment to the MDBA as vice chair and active committee member. As you already know, the Jellyfish Restaurant and Bar has sadly entered into hibernation which in these difficult times, is a necessary step towards a brighter future. Our thoughts are with Simon, Debbie and their amazing team, may the comeback be spectacular!

*All the best from the MDBA.*

### MEMBER BUSINESS UPDATE

A warm welcome to our new members: Milnes Beatson Accountants, Powermac Electrical & Drain Pro Plumbing all on board this month. Check them out on their Facebook pages.

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## Water Works

### Pomona Rd reservoir completion a watershed for works programme

The completion of the Pomona Rd reservoir project has signalled the end of a large programme of water and wastewater upgrades for Māpua and Ruby Bay, providing reliable infrastructure while also allowing for future growth in the area.

The completion of the reservoir project was acknowledged on Friday 25 March, with council and contractors Fulton Hogan celebrating a job well done which will benefit residents for years to come.

The new 2500 cubic metre reservoir saw the creation of a new concrete tank, replacing the previous timber tank which leaked and lacked earthquake resilience. Additional capacity was included to support residential and business growth.

The total allocated budget for the project is \$4.6M, which included the Stagecoach reservoir upgrade completed last year, and the water pump station upgrade as part of the overall project.

It is one of six projects funded under the Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) programme which also included the installation of emergency storage tanks at pump stations, the Richmond West Trunk Watermain and Māpua reticulation.

Other projects to be completed in the broader wastewater and water programme included upgrades of the Waimea Water treatment Plant and the pipeline from Waimea bores to Māpua Water Treatment Plant.

The programme also included replacement water and wastewater trunk main in Māpua and Ruby Bay and wastewater upgrades – also to support growth and prevent overflows – and a new trunk main over the Best Island and Rabbit Island to replace the existing brittle pipe and provide for growth.

The programme also created increased storage capacity at Stagecoach Road reservoir. Upgrade work also occurred at Aranui and Higgs Rd as well as Stafford Drive.



# Noticeboard

**Māpua Women's Rec Group.** Come and join our friendly social walking group. Meet outside Tessa Mae's Thursdays 9.15am. Options for all fitness levels plus activities and social events. [mapuarecgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mapuarecgroup@gmail.com) or just turn up.

**Knit & Natter group** at Alberta's: 10am Tuesday's. contact: Debbi 027 327 4055

**Local Women's Walking Group** - all welcome to our Tuesday morning walk of 5-7km leaving 9am - call Lynley 03 540 2292 for more information.

**Māpua Craft Group:** Meetings may change this year. Contact Julie Cox 0277418575 or Barbara Halse 5403901.

**Motueka Toastmasters:** Like to speak with more confidence? Friendly supportive environment. Meet 1st & 3rd Weds, 6.45-8.30pm, St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis hospital, 15 Courtney St, Motueka. Visitors welcome. Info Tam: [tortipon@gmail.com](mailto:tortipon@gmail.com) or 021 08738996.

**Re-cycle Printer Cartridges** at the library. Volunteers are happy to collect printer & photocopier cartridges and transport to recycling centre. Blue bin in our foyer.

**Tasman Golf Club:** Twilight Golf at Kina Cliffs Thursdays. Tee off 5 - 5.15pm, members (\$5) & non-members (\$10) all welcome. Optional BBQ to follow. Ph Lyndal 03 5266819, [teeup@tasmandgolfclub.com](mailto:teeup@tasmandgolfclub.com) or just turn up.

**Māpua Community Choir:** 4 part harmony, no audition necessary, small koha, Māpua Hall 7.15pm Thursdays, enquiries Helen: [n-h.bibby@actrix.co.nz](mailto:n-h.bibby@actrix.co.nz)

**Tasman Dippers:** A casual collection of people who enjoy connecting with the open water. Year-round dips or swims in the sea at Rabbit Island. Info: [www.tasmandippers.nz](http://www.tasmandippers.nz)

**Māpua Boat Club** welcomes new members. No boat required. Social nights Thursdays 5.30 - 7pm at Club rooms on Māpua Wharf. Raffles, cash bar, snacks, regular guest speakers. To join, contact Secretary, Katrina 0211393945

**MATHS TUTOR** - Experienced High School maths teacher available for individual tuition. \$30 for 45 minutes. First lesson free. Jane 021 02972934

**Stamp Collectors** - anyone interested in forming a group or having their collections evaluated – contact Nick Ferrier 021 688243

**Quakers** meet at Family Service Centre, Motueka 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. All welcome. Enquiries: Linda 027 447 6435.

**Māpua Friendship Club:** a young-at-heart group meet 3rd and last Fridays, Māpua Hall for indoor bowls & bring-a-plate tea, + occasional outings. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. Contact Valeri 540-3685.

**Māpua Art Group** meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9-noon. Paint, draw, help each other in a social environment. All levels & media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. Barbara Glass 027 443 1121

**MDCA:** Māpua & Districts Community Association meets Feb-Dec, 2nd Mondays, 7pm Māpua Hall; [info@ourmapua.org](mailto:info@ourmapua.org)

**Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup:** Wednesdays 10-noon, Hills Community Church (during term time). All parents & carers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. \$2 don/family. Make new friends. Info: Verena 027 435 1932.

**Daytime Book Group:** Meets first Tuesdays 9.45am. New members welcome. Gaye 03 526 6827

**Fibre Craft Sunday.** Birch Hall, Richmond A&P Showgrounds. Last Sundays 1.30-3.30pm. Learn to spin, knit, felt or weave. \$5 includes tea or coffee. All ages welcome. Richmond Creative Fibre Group: Diane 547-6517 or Karyn 544-9709

**Spinners, Knitters, Weavers:** Creative Fibre Group, Māpua Hall, second Tuesdays 10am. All welcome.

**Coastal Stringers** Ukulele group: beginners welcome. Fridays, 1.30~4pm Boat Club rooms on the wharf. Just turn up & join us for some fun! Info: Colleen 540-3010, Diane 540-2627.

**Toy Library:** extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11am & 6.30-7.30pm, 1st & 3rd Friday 3-4pm. [mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com)

**Ruby Coast Walking Group** meets 9.30am Wednesdays by Tasman Store. Walk 1½ hrs then coffee & muffins back at the Store. All welcome. Fiona: 021 232 6089 for more info.

**Ruby Coast Running Club:** 5k run Thursday nights 5:30pm. Also runs most mornings. Find us on Facebook or contact Debbi 027 327 4055.

**RSA:** Anyone interested in joining Moutere Hills RSA is welcome. No former service history required. Great platform to catch up & meet new members. Nic Poultney 021 220 3920 or 548-4420

**Motueka Senior Net.** Tech for mature adults. Monthly meetings. Help sessions 2x/month. De-mystify technology in a fun & friendly forum. Clubrooms 42 Pah St, Motueka. [Seniornetmotueka.org.nz](http://Seniornetmotueka.org.nz)

**Coastal Garden Group** meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). Men and women most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Ph 03 265 1842

**Sing Your Lungs Out!** Free community singing group for anyone with respiratory issues, morning tea. Singing improves your lung health! 10am Mondays, Te Awhina Marae, Pah St, Motueka. Pip 0274 282 693

**Ruby Coast Newcomers Social Group:** meet new people, make new friends. Coffee 10am last Fridays at Tasman Store and occasional social events. Just turn up. Vivien/Richard 526-6707

**Tasman Area Community Association (TACA)** 7.30pm last Thursdays (x Dec) Tasman Bible Church. Residents of Ruby Bluffs to Tasman & Kina welcome. Info: Facebook or [www.tasmancommunity.org.nz](http://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz)

**Nelson Trout Fishing Club:** 7pm 3rd Wednesdays, Fish & Game Rooms, 66/74 Champion Rd, Stoke. Beginner or expert. Courses, field trips, speakers. Open to all ages. Info: 03 5476432, [secretary@nelsontroutfishingclub.com](mailto:secretary@nelsontroutfishingclub.com)

**Friends & Neighbours:** Varied programs of interest, friendship & good morning tea. Third Fridays 10:30 - 12:30pm at Tasman Bible Church. Info: Jane 526-6709.

**Motueka Scottish Country Dance Club:** Weds 7.30pm Lower Moutere Hall Scout den. No partner needed, dress casual, wear soft flat shoes, beginners welcome. Good exercise, lively music. Contact Fay 021 039 3559 or Alison 0220 363 891.

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