



## Māpua to Rabbit Island ferry

It is with interest that I read the comments online recently regarding a possible footbridge between Māpua and Rabbit Island. While this sounds like a great idea, it is likely to be a significant cost due to the swift tidal flows and the need for any bridge to accommodate boat traffic, so is probably not something which is going to happen in the immediate future.

In the meantime, the Māpua Ferry serves a vital link on the Great Taste trail. I have used it, and it is a great little boat.

However, I do have some concerns about how the service operates. It seems to me that the service would be a lot more user friendly if it operated continuously rather than on the hour. The wages of the skipper would remain the same as they are there all day whether the boat is sitting on the beach or operating.

The only additional cost would be fuel to run more trips plus a small increase in added wear and tear on the vessel. At \$15pp one way, it would surely only require four or five passengers to cover the extra costs and make the trip worthwhile.

With the hourly schedule, at busy times the boat is very crowded, and it takes considerable time to load and unload – with more frequent operation this would be reduced and make it more comfortable on-board.

By running on-demand (with a stated minimum number of passengers), it should be possible to complete around three trips per hour, or a return trip every 20 minutes or so.

For users of the service, the hourly schedule means a fair bit of pre-planning is required. If you are riding the

Great Taste Trail from Nelson, you are having to watch the time or else be stuck on the other side for the better part of an hour if you miss the hourly trip. That puts a serious dent in your day and isn't much good for your exercise.

Similarly, if you are sunning on Rabbit Island beach,

you are constantly monitoring time so as not to miss your ferry ride back, which is no way to relax.

Riding on the main highway to bypass Rabbit Island is really not an option for most cyclists given how busy and dangerous the road is.

I also think that the operating times could really do with expanding, especially during the summer. A

10am start is too late for those who want to get an early start to beat the heat and a 5pm finish is early when sunset times are around 9pm.

With the advent of e-bikes, the use of cycle trails around the country have become even more popular, with many visitors planning trips with family and friends to complete them.

The Rabbit Island crossing falls almost in the middle of what would be the most popular section of the Great Taste Trail. As such, the crossing is an essential part of the Tasman tourism product. Obviously, the service exists to make a profit, but it seems that some of these adjustments could be entertained without incurring considerable extra expenses.

It would be great to receive a response from the Ferry operators on why the service operates the way it does and whether any improvements to the service are planned.

*Brett Forgesson, Tait Street, Ruby Bay*



# Loyal Grossi Point Yacht Club Annual Regatta

## March 3rd 2025

A moderate westerly greeted the fleet at the start of Race one and sent them on a screaming reach to the first mark at the top of Cat Bay. The beat towards Bronte and Mark two was a challenge due to the tide still coming in and several of the boats having long centreboards.

However, the Europe Dingies and Lasers had no problems and a very even fleet got to the top mark to be greeted by fluffy conditions as the sea breeze tried to get in. The wind steadied for the next lap until at the last mark, south of Grossi point, the wind switched from west to northeast just as the leaders rounded.

The 200m dash to the finish was congested as the



Neil Clifton wins race one in his laser

leaders, now having to tack, avoided the moored boats and wind-shadow from the trees on Grossi point.

Neil Clifton got to the finish line first in his Laser Radial closely followed by Graham Postles and Brett Farrell in their Laser 7s. Early leader Sandra Williams was next in her Europe, just ahead of Glenn Stevens in his Phase Two. David Strong in his Paper Tiger dominated the Catamarans where both Matt Simpson and Gary Clark were having their first race in their new cats.

Race two began in a 10-knot sea breeze, and the nearly full tide meant plenty of water at the top mark.

Racing was close and most of the fleet was bunched for the run to mark two. Graham Postles got in front on the next reach and held his lead for the second lap, finally getting the gun from Brett Farrell and a fast-finishing Neil Clifton. Sandra Williams was again first Europe in fourth place and the 420 with John Leydon and Clare Kininmonth on board just pipped Lloyd Knowles and his Laser 7 for 5<sup>th</sup>. David Strong had a walkover in the Cats.

This season's fleet was a big contrast to the Regatta last season, where we had 12 different classes. Clashing with the traditional boat show at the lake this season meant the Sea Scouts Cutters and the usual traditional craft did not sail at Grossi Point. But the local sailors who had been sailing Lasers all year and competed in the class

Nationals in Nelson in January sailed, and between the 5 Lasers, 2 Europe dinghies, 420 and Phase 2, there was a fleet of similar sized and performed craft that provided the most even racing seen for some years.

And we had our own traditional boat entries, Pete Walker sailing his 1927 designed and 1960's built Idle Along, and Harold Gratton from Picton with his 1970's International Moth 'Conquistador'. Conquistador was people's choice for "Best looking Boat"

The biggest tide of the year, and eventually, a steady breeze made the day one of the most successful regattas to date. But again, due to the tides, it will not become a weekly event!

As usual, there was a willing band of helpers on the beach and Susan Hassall, Cathy Hobbs and Diane Leslie did a professional job of the entries, results and race management, while Mike Kininmonth ran the official boat.

As always thanks to our sponsor, Māpua Four Square who donated the traditional chocolate fish awarded to all race finishers and helpers!

Thanks for coming, see you all next year!

### Results

#### Race one, open dinghies

- 1 Laser Neil Clifton (Fastest time)
- 2 Laser Graham Postles
- 3 Laser Brett Farrell

#### Race one, catamarans

- 1 Paper Tiger David Strong (Fastest time)
- 2 Cresta Cat Matt Simpson
- 3 Hobie Wave Gary Clark

#### Race two, open dinghies (handicap)

- 1 Europe Sandra Williams
- 2 Int Moth Harold Gratton
- 3 Laser Lloyd Knowles
- Laser Graham Postles (Fastest time)

#### Race two, cats

- 1 Paper Tiger David Strong

John Leydon, Ph 03 5402543

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## Museum theft

### Museum money returned – apology given

Money stolen from the Port Māpua Maritime Museum cash box has been returned and those responsible have apologised, a result which has been welcomed by Museum curator Annette Walker and the Māpua Boat Club which, through its volunteers, manages the museum.

The actions of Constable Graeme Hutching of Motueka Police in following up the reports of the theft and working with the young people were also commended by the MBC at its recent committee meeting.

### Another theft

The Coastal News and Four Square Noticeboard collection box was also broken into 2 weeks ago for the second time. The perpetrators fortunately were spotted on CCTV and were known to the manager. They were only 13/14 years old and out at 4.53 am. One of them bravely came back to apologise and pay back the stolen money. The police have been involved here too. Hopefully they won't go on to bigger things crime-wise.



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## Book Review

### Two autobiographies with 'wow' factor

A pair of autobiographies from two very able writers.

One by an Englishwoman who grew up in a stable, loving family and along with her family and parents now lives in New Zealand. The second by an American male whose mother was an alcoholic and whose father figures were many and varied.

Suzie Ferguson is now a New Zealand radio personality, while J D Vance is the Vice President of USA.

Often, I find autobiographies dwell on laborious details, but these two writers ensured that I became fully involved in their life journeys.

### “Bloody Minded” by Suzie Ferguson



In a review the author Michelle A'Court stated, “This is a story of grit and determination from a woman who writes the way she lives – fiercely with passion and in full colour.”

Suzie had problems with bullying as a pupil which she describes vividly. Success at university is followed by a decision to become a war correspondent. Women in this area are rare, but Suzie enjoyed the challenges along with coping with her health issues.

Endometriosis is a hideous condition which unlucky women must live with, and provides a dual reason for the title of her book. Her battles with pain and medical professionals are outlined with honesty and openness. It provides readers with information which is very confronting.

When Suzie is the interviewer on Saturday morning on National Radio it is consoling to know that she is pain free due to the determined battles she has fought.

### “Hillbilly Elegy” by J D Vance

Wikipedia notes “A memoir of a family and culture in crisis. A memoir about the Appalachian values of his family from Kentucky and the socioeconomic problems of his hometown of Middletown Ohio where his grandparents moved to when they were young.”



It is hard to believe that his childhood, which he vividly outlines, could result in his becoming a lawyer. Instability and constant shifting of dwellings resulted in varying opportunities for education and quality of life.

His mother and grandfather were alcoholics, while his grandmother was crazy. His sister, who is 5 years older than JD, is the one stable member of his close family and she is a very important person in his life. Teenage years living with a crazy grandmother gave him some stability and, from years in the marines, he ends up at the prestigious Yale University.

A lecturer in his first year prompts him to write this autobiography. We learn how lucky he is to have married a very special, highly intelligent fellow lawyer. [Google the family to see his beautiful wife and three children.]

I cannot equate this story to the Vance that we see in White House debates – maybe you can.

Reviewer: Joyce Bullock

# Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA)

The March meeting of the Māpua and Districts Community Association was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> at the Māpua Hall.

Members were reminded that hearings on submissions related to the **Māpua Master Plan (MMP)** took place on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the TDC Offices in Richmond.

Also, during April TDC will be hosting a series of **drop-in sessions** across Tasman to discuss the **draft Plan Changes** (excluding the MMP). Here, you can talk to planners and technical staff about both **natural hazards** and **urban growth** and ask any questions you may have. A drop-in event will be held at the Māpua Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-1pm.

TDC have now fully removed the concrete barriers along the Aranui Drive cycleway, with the remaining double white lines clearly marking the laneway.

A reminder that **local body elections** for our Mayor and Ward Councilors will be held in October - anyone considering standing for one of these the positions is encouraged to start planning and engaging early.

There was a general discussion about the **spate of recent vandalism** impacting our community – the MDCA Secretary is engaging with police regarding the possibility of increased patrols in the area, particularly later at night. This led to further discussion on activities for youth in the area.


A group of interested people shared that they are looking into a **shared/car pool system** that could be used by those who occasionally need a second car – expect more on this in the coming months.

**Councilor Trindi Walker** is to be the Guest speaker at our next meeting in April. She will be sharing her experiences with working with youth in Motueka.

The **Community Emergency Preparedness** subcommittee is making good progress on the draft CEP Plan, with the next meeting scheduled for end March.

The next Public Meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Annual membership subscriptions are due and can be paid by direct credit – see [www.ourMāpua.org](http://www.ourMāpua.org) for details.



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The Māpua Wharf once again proved an ideal viewing platform from which to watch the Māpua Regatta.



## Regatta attracts Nelson entries

Mapua Boat Club

A contingent of 25 young people from Nelson's Iron Duke Sea Scouts were among the competitors in the Māpua Community Regatta held on February 23.

They joined teams from the Māpua-based Tamaha Sea Scouts and members of the public in competing in several events.

The all-woman (plus a male coxswain) team representing the Māpua Boat Club won the Māpua Cup, fending off the sea scout crews in the race to Rabbit Island to fill a bucket with sand, returning to cross the finish line first in front of the Māpua Wharf.

Jessica Ackerman, a heli-technician, who stopped off in Māpua en route from Antarctica back home to the USA, won the kayak event from a large field of competitors.

Sandra Williams of Nelson and Māpua local Neil Clifton were joint winners of the sailing event and 13-year-old Liliana Adamczyk of Iron Dukes Sea Scouts won the junior paddleboard event.

Māpua local Hamish Ballantyne took the title in the paddleboard race and Brian Bennett of Nelson won the hotly contested radio control yacht event.

The Māpua Wharf and adjoining foreshore were thronged with people watching the action as wind and paddle-powered craft competed in the regatta, an annual event organised by the Māpua Boat Club and sponsored by local businesses.



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Share your feedback to help us understand whether our village could benefit from a community car share initiative, and how it could work.



<https://tinyurl.com/MapuaCarShare>

The Māpua Car Share initiative is fueled by a dedicated group of community members. The survey being conducted is anonymous, and the findings will help determine whether the initiative will move forward.

# Māpua Spring Plant Sale September 2025

## Can you help gardens and the community to bloom?

Autumn is upon us and following the recent rain, now is the time to be tidying up the garden and looking ahead to Spring. Please support the Māpua community by potting up any plants/cuttings/bulbs from your (or your friend's or neighbour's) garden and setting them aside until closer to the time.

The Māpua Spring Plant Sale is a fundraising event for the Māpua Community Hub. Last year's sale was very popular, with most plants selling out within the first hour.

The more plants the better, and we really appreciate any donated plants we receive, so spread the word.

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# Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust

**E**xciting news! After years of planning, we're finally almost ready to launch a hub or drop-in centre for the local community.

We were initially focused on the provision of a dedicated space for all our proposed services but have decided to divide and conquer instead, potentially using a few of the great spaces that Māpua has to offer.

Building on the facilitation of district health nurses, who call in twice a week and are based at the Hills Community Church, we now propose to start our drop-in centre which will be located at the Māpua Hall, at the back in the gallery, with a lovely view out over the Domain. The Hall committee have been very welcoming, and we're all delighted with this new connection.

The drop-in sessions will be offered initially for a six-month trial period to see what interest there is and get a feel for the services people might need.

We'll be seeking feedback during this time to help us to fine tune these sessions to meet the needs that our community has. Keep an eye out for the sandwich boards and flags (which we have yet to get printed) which will announce that a drop-in session is on!

They will initially be held either two or three times a week, for a couple of hours at a time and with a volunteer member of the MCWT working group available to facilitate and take notes. Tea and coffee will be available.

As we only have a very few members on the working group, we're also taking this opportunity to see if there are any volunteers out there who might be available and willing to help run the occasional drop-in session.

We will aim to provide monthly updates via the Māpua and Ruby Bay Coastal News and more regular reminders and notices of one-off events via the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust Facebook page. Posters will also be put up at the Māpua Hall when special events are proposed.

To put your hand up to help or to provide feedback, please contact us at [Māpuawellnesshub@gmail.com](mailto:Māpuawellnesshub@gmail.com) or call in to one of our sessions once it's up and running.



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# Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library Māpua Community Library

Our first Quiz night for the year will happen at the Sprig & Fern on Wednesday 16th April.

Any donations of home baking, preserves or produce would be gratefully accepted, just drop them off at the library on the Wednesday afternoon.

Our exhibition in April will showcase Anzac Day and we invite the community to pop into the library and sit and knit or crochet an Anzac poppy that they can take home. There will be a pattern, wool and needles available in the library.

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*Helen Jeffery*



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# Ruby Coast Running Club

Our walkers and runners have been enjoying the slightly cooler autumn evenings for our recent Thursday 5km events. We are continuing to have high numbers of walkers and runners coming along each week, with some record turnouts during February. It is great to see the group continue to grow.

We now have around eight quite different 5km courses, so there is a lot of variety for our walkers and runners. Some of the courses involve a bit of hill, some involve a bit of trail, some are more scenic than others and one is tide dependent. We now have some smart course maps too. Thank you to Steven for making these. Having a map of the course at the start line is particularly helpful for our newcomers.

We have also been having a good turnout for our Saturday morning longer runs. These runs vary in distance from around 12km up to a half marathon distance. We usually run locally around Māpua, Ruby Bay and Tasman. However, we did one run further afield to tackle some hills and ran from the Aniseed Valley up Richmond Hill to the fire lookout.

We do not have any formal running events to report on this month. However, our runners have been planning and training for some upcoming events. These include the Harris Hill Top Challenge, the Kaiteriteri Gold and the South Island Ultra Marathon (on the West Coast Wilderness Trail between Greymouth and Hokitika).

If you would like to join us, just come along. We always welcome new members.

Our regular Thursday 5km runs meet each week in front of the playground by the Māpua Hall. We start at 5:15pm for walkers and runners who need more than 30 mins to complete 5km, and 5:30pm for everyone else. There is no need to register in advance and no fees to pay. Please just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing. Then join us afterwards for well-earned refreshments and socialising at the Māpua Sprig & Fern.

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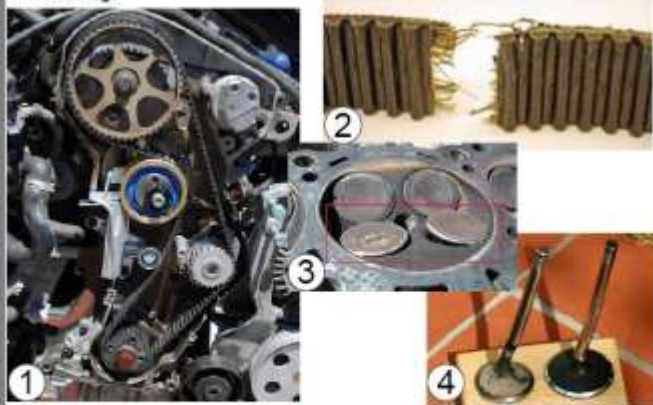
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It has been a busy March for bowling with championship triples being completed. A dress up day for St Patrick's Day with many bowlers airing their green outfits.

The 26th of March is the annual ladies Giggles Day when the ladies dress up in silly outfits and attempt their best bowls and the men get into the kitchen to do the catering (we hope)! The theme this year is The Mad Hatters Tea Party.

March brought some sad times with the death of a member and the husband of a lady member, with the club hosting two memorial afternoons for family and friends.

We still have April for bowling before the club closes. Autumn is often a lovely time for bowling with cooler days making bowling a lot more enjoyable. However, the clubrooms will still be available for hire and our winter social events still to be decided on.

On the 18th of April we will be also hosting a party for Judy March, a long-standing member, who will be celebrating her 90th birthday.

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For those of you who are employed, there is a Saturday morning session at Stoke, once a month. Please contact Lyse Beck, 027-732-1318 for further information.

The lovely Wendy at the Hall has organized a space for us to hang paintings for viewing. We plan to keep changing them around to keep them fresh, so keep looking. Some will be available for purchase. Please read the labels beside the paintings for further information.

Our members have been busy painting for our "Purely Pastel" National Art Awards which are being held at Alexandra next month. Several of us have had work accepted for the competition, so they are all currently busy packing up their accepted paintings for the courier.

It will be a very merry crowd of 12 members heading south to attend the Annual Conference which is held in conjunction with the Awards. Fingers crossed for the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> April. Always exciting.

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- Manaaki Tāpoi Cultural Tourism
- Uniformed Services
- Employment & Lifeskills West Coast

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\*Learn more: <https://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/trades-academy/>



Kaitiaki Leadership - Trades Academy Programme

### Co-winners of the Community Impact Award

We were thrilled to be co-winners of the Community Impact Award at the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Business. Thank you to all our community funders and supporters who have been behind us all the way, especially Rachel Boyack, Rachel Sanson, Campbell Rollo, Damien O'Connor, Nathan Fa'avae and John Prestidge, who supported our nomination. See the video on our online blog!

### Youth Outdoor Short Film Competition

AWESOME NEWS! You've got more time to enter our youth film comp! The new deadline is 16th May, so you can squeeze in more adventures, get creative with your edits, and pick the perfect soundtrack. Epic prizes up for grabs to the value of \$4000 and the chance to see your short film on the big screen at State Cinema Motueka! Free to enter for youth under the age of 24.

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## Calling on all writers in the community

The editors of the Coastal News are on the lookout for new people to contribute to the monthly newsletter. The Coastal News newsletter is **for the people by the people**. Our volunteer staff do not include journalists, but keen writers would be warmly welcomed onboard.

We are thinking of people who like to write stories about:

- interesting things going on in the community, e.g what is that building that they are putting up on the corner of Warren Place?
- gardening e.g. if you are a keen gardener, why not share your knowledge about what to plant in the coming month and what to harvest?
- if cooking is your thing, any seasonal recipes?
- motoring, I used to like the column 'Motoring with Fred', whatever happened to that?
- sports,
- opinions,
- road trip moments,
- a favourite holiday to far flung places,
- memories from years gone by,
- anything you might share around the campfire, really.

The aim is to involve more people from the community and to make the newsletter more interesting reading, something to look forward to every month.

We look forward to your input. Please send your contribution to [news@coastalnews.online](mailto:news@coastalnews.online) before the 20th of the month to be included in the newsletter for the next month.



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# Māpua Community Hall

## Weekly Classes April 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Delias Dance Divas</b> 10.00-11.00am	<b>Sioux Line dancing</b> 9-12pm	<b>Aerobic/Pilates</b> with Lynda 9-11am	<b>MAG</b> Mapua Art Group 9.30-12.30pm	<b>Cardio weights/Pilates</b> with Lynda 9-11am
<b>Mindful Movement</b> with Tilly 11.30-12.30pm	<b>PANZ</b> Pastel Artists of NZ 9-12.00pm	<b>Yoga for Healthy Living</b> with Nikki 9.15-10.45am		<b>Yoga</b> with Martin 9.15-10.45am
<b>SPACE HIRE</b>	<b>Strength and Cardio</b> with Lynda 6-7pm	<b>Mindful Movement</b> with Tilly 11.30-12.30	<b>SPACE HIRE</b>	<b>SPACE HIRE</b>
<b>Broga</b> with Nikki 5.30-7pm	<b>Mapua Creative Fibre</b> 10:00 – 13:00pm Monthly on the second Tuesday			<b>SPACE HIRE</b>
<b>Delias Dance Divas</b> 7.15-8pm	<b>Yoga</b> with Martin 6-7pm	<b>Chair Yoga</b> with Yvonne 1.30pm-2.30pm	<b>African Fusion &amp; Belly Dance</b> with Indy 5.30-6.30pm	<b>SPACE HIRE</b>
<b>MDCA executive meeting</b> (every 4th Monday 7-9pm)	<b>Boardgames</b> with Ryan 7-11.30pm	<b>CB Dance</b> with Courtney 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Mapua Community Choir</b> 7.30-9pm	





**Mapua Hall Mother's Day Makers Market**  
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## Mapua Easter Fair

### Easter Sunday



The Mapua Easter Fair is held on Easter Sunday and is Nelson Tasman region's largest fair with over 10,000 visitors each year.  
Easter Sunday, 20th April 2025

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## FUNDRAISER AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

We were blessed with a gloriously sunny afternoon on Sat 14th March, and a spectacular view of the sea at mid-tide from the deck of Alison's waterfront Ruby Bay home.

Twenty church and community members gathered for a sumptuous afternoon tea of home-made cakes and sandwiches as well as lashings of tea.

Quiet conviviality and non-stop conversation made for a highly enjoyable afternoon as we raised money for a Children and Families worker for Hills Community Church – Māpua. Our fund-raising objective is to top-up a grant received so that the church can support the community with a specifically focused leader to connect to families in the village and surrounding area, perhaps with a weekly After School club.

The Afternoon Tea Fundraiser together with the raffle and generous Silent Auctions has led to a total of \$2,410 raised.

Many thanks go to the cake bakers, auction item donors and purchasers as well as Alison for hosting and organising the event at 9 Tait Street, Ruby Bay.

### What's on at Hills Community Church?

#### Throughout the week in April

**Sunday:** Morning Service - 9:30am

Worship and fellowship followed by morning tea

**Wednesday:** Senior Moments – second and last Wednesday each month. 10am to 12pm

Friendship, food, events and information

**KidsnKoffee** – Community Playgroup – 10am to 12pm

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**Thursday:** Pray and Chat – 10:00am. An opportunity for prayer, discussion and a chat over coffee

**Friday:** Craft and Coffee – first and third Friday each month 10am to 12pm. If you love all things “crafty” then come along and join the group

**Throughout the week:** Life Groups

Drop in for coffee, chat or just a quiet space.

### Easter at Hills Community Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

**Palm Sunday Communion Service**

Followed by morning tea

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm**

**Maundy Thursday**

Join us for a shared meal, conversation and fellowship.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

**Good Friday**

A time of reflection, song and prayer followed by morning tea with Hot Cross Buns

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

**Easter Sunday Communion Service**

A time of celebration followed by morning tea.

*For more information contact Hills Community Church*

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Sunday Services through the month at Hills Community Church.	
	<p><b>Café Church</b> An opportunity to worship, learn, and chat in an informal setting – while enjoying croissants and fresh coffee. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b></p>
	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> A traditional Anglican Holy Communion service. Sharing bread and wine together as a church community. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b></p>
	<p><b>Family Praise and Worship</b> Come together to worship God through song, prayer, listening to and hearing the Word of God. <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b></p>
	<p><b>Holy Communion</b> Based on the Iona tradition. Sharing bread and wine together as a church community. <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b></p>
	<p>Coming together as a church community to celebrate the different themes running throughout the year. Followed by a shared morning tea. <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the year 9.30 am</b></p>

### Senior Moments

Held on the second and last Wednesdays of the month. At Hills Community Church, 122 Aranui Road Māpua 10.00 am to 12.00

#### Come along and enjoy:

A social get together, Morning tea, Shared lunches, Activities and games, Sharing interests and stories, Quizzes, Guest speakers and Information, Outings.

No cost involved, however a small donation is always appreciated.



Our Elder Care Team may also be able to help support members of our community at times of need with: meals, shopping, transport

For further details, contact: Elder Care Coordinator, 03 540 3848,

office@hillscommunitychurch.org.nz,

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Māpua Elder Care Support is overseen by Hills Community Church with funding from the Anglican Care Charitable Trust

# Māpua Village Bakery

## Pet of the Month

This month's special pup is Finlay.



He's a 2-year-old Labradoodle and Patterdale Terrier cross and has just had his special operation, so he's at the bakery for a special treat reward.

Patterdale Terriers were bred to hunt rabbits and rats so he's full of energy.

His favourite thing to do is go for walks. Despite being from Nelson, his all-time favourite walk that gets him really excited is the Old Mill Walkway in Māpua.

When not on a walk, he loves to play with the dog next door.

And then of course there's all his toys. He has lots of toys, and the squeakier the better!

Sorry Finlay, the bakery doesn't have any squeaky treats, just tasty ones.

## Easter



This year Easter falls quite late in the month of April. But as always, we'll be open Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

It's possibly our busiest weekend of the year so that means a few things.

First, here come the hot cross buns. Fresh out of the oven is best, and if you want to make sure you get some you can always place an order with us in advance.

This year we're sticking with just our traditional hot cross buns. Nothing fancy, just good, tasty hot cross buns.

Next, the holidays are very busy days, so please be prepared for queues. The best way to avoid those are to come early (to pick up bread or hot cross buns) or later (after 2pm).

The Māpua Easter Fair will be going strong, so grab a coffee from us to get you going before the gates open at 9am.

Then make sure after a great day at the fair you stop by and pick up something tasty to take home for anyone who didn't get to come along.

## Eccles Cakes

An Eccles cake is a small, round pie, similar to a turnover, filled with currants and made from flaky pastry with butter, sometimes topped with brown sugar.



Here at the Māpua Village Bakery we're very proud of ours and we try to make them as

traditional as possible.

We often get told by people they're the best Eccles Cakes they've had outside of the UK.

The Eccles cake is named after the English town of Eccles, which is in the historic county of Lancashire and in the ceremonial county of Greater Manchester.

Eccles cakes are a Lancashire food tradition, with similar cakes being found in other parts of the county of Lancashire, and are traditionally eaten with Lancashire cheese. We don't have that available, but the Raukapuka Red is a good substitute.

Eccles cakes do not have Protected Geographical Status, so may be manufactured anywhere and still labelled as "Eccles" cakes.

## Staff Updates



We have some changes coming into effect for the coming winter season, but first we need to mention the new point of sale system.

By the time you're reading this we should have everything sorted, everyone trained, and we can take advantage of its improvements.

But the first week was a bit frustrating as we figured it all out and made running fixes, so thanks to everyone for their patience while we worked things out.

In terms of staff updates we're happy to announce we have decided to promote from within and Millie is our new Front of House Manager.

She's new to the role and management, but we're sure she'll be a natural once she's had some time in the role.

We also have a special guest in the kitchen. Izzy is from the UK on a work visa, so I'm sure she'll help keep our traditional English dishes very traditional.

**Happy Easter from Vetlife Tasman!**

As the seasons shift and the days grow shorter, Easter is a time for family, sweet treats, and new beginnings. However, while we celebrate new life, it's important to remember that some of our favourite festive goodies can be hazardous to the lives of our pets.

**The Dark Side of Chocolate.**

Chocolate contains caffeine and theobromine—both toxic to pets. These stimulants can cause increased heart rate, hyperactivity, vomiting, diarrhoea, and even seizures.

Dark and cooking chocolate are especially dangerous. Even small amounts can cause symptoms, and toxicity varies depending on the type and amount of chocolate ingested. Symptoms can appear within 30 minutes to 24 hours, so if your pet eats chocolate, use an online Chocolate Toxicity Calculator to assess the risk and contact us at Vetlife Tasman immediately for advice.

To prevent accidental ingestion, be mindful when hiding Easter eggs, especially in outdoor areas where pets may find them later. If you have children participating in an Easter egg hunt, make sure they know to keep their findings well out of reach of curious pets.



**Hidden Dangers in Hot Cross Buns.**

Hot cross buns are another delicious seasonal treat, but they too can be highly toxic to pets. They often contain sultanas, raisins, and currants, which can cause kidney failure in dogs and cats. The exact toxic dose isn't known, and even a small amount can lead to severe illness.

Symptoms may include vomiting, lethargy, loss of appetite, and increased thirst. Even plain hot cross buns, which may seem harmless, are often high in sugar and can upset your pet's stomach.

*If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate or hot cross buns, don't wait for symptoms to appear—contact us immediately at any of our three Vetlife Tasman clinics. Early intervention can make a significant difference in their recovery.*

**A Safe & Happy Easter for All.**

While these risks sound concerning, Easter is ultimately a time for renewal, revival and joy. As we welcome the changing season, let's also celebrate the fresh opportunities for adventure with our pets, whether it's an autumnal Ruby Bay beach walk, a hike in the Richmond hills, or simply curling up on the couch with your loyal companion.

From all of us at Vetlife Tasman, we wish you and your furry friends a happy, safe and special Easter!



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## Māpua Craft Group

The photograph shows some of our group with the feminine personal items collected for the LOVE GRACE appeal. The bag was made by Val, and Marion at Ruby Coast was delighted when I gave it to her. Last year she collected 50 full bags and hopes for more this year.

About 500 bags were donated from Top of the South and more than 5,000 nationwide. **There is a need.**

As school holidays, Easter and Anzac days are during April we will meet only on April 4th. Meet as usual at 10am to noon.

Let us continue to do random acts of kindness to others as often as we can.

We may make more knitted poppies; patterns are in the Māpua library and we can show you how to make them. Wear your very own poppy with pride and remembrance for the Māpua ANZAC parade on 25th April.

Happy Easter.

Contacts: Val 5403931 or Barbara 5403901



## Māpua Fire Brigade



### Feb to Mar 25 call outs

- 16 Feb 08:18: Alarm activation at Māpua School, nothing found.
- 22 Feb 10:45: Alarm activation at Mahana school, turned back by Upper Moutere, nothing found.
- 22 Feb 22:56: Logs on fire on the beach at Kina Peninsula, no one around, put fire out. There is a total fire ban at Baigent Reserve except for the established fireplaces.
- 23 Feb 12:39: Three-vehicle crash, SH60 and Māpua Dr, help with road control.
- 24 Feb 13:41: Fire in ceiling in house on Cliff Rd, Tasman, multiple units attended.
- 27 Feb 14:54: Alarm activation Māpua Village Bakery. Alarm agent accidentally activated alarm.
- 28 Feb 15:04: Child locked in car, stood down before leaving station.
- 7 Mar 12:39: Alarm activation at shed 4 Māpua Wharf. Nothing found. Short crew.
- 10 Mar 11:41: Sleepout on fire Blackbird Valley, spread to shrub.

### Call outs for the year =17

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# Māpua Health Centre news

This winter we are looking at introducing a simple nasal swab test that will determine whether patients presenting with an upper respiratory infection have Covid, Influenza A or B, or RSV. This will help us to manage unwell patients and organise the most appropriate treatment. We are looking at options to hopefully cover the cost of the test which is likely to be \$6-9.

Our physiotherapist, Garth Munro, is moving to Christchurch at the end of March and we are pleased to announce that Sharon Bailey will be joining our clinic as his replacement. We wish to thank Garth, from both the staff and patients, for his greatly appreciated skills and caring nature.

We are expecting Flu vaccines to be available this month for those patients who meet the MOH criteria:

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

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

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

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 0800 299 100 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 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:

2	World Autism day	<a href="http://www.autism.org.nz">www.autism.org.nz</a>
6-12	Dietician's week	<a href="https://dietitians.org.nz/">https://dietitians.org.nz/</a>
7	World Health day	<a href="http://www.who.int/en">www.who.int/en</a>
11	Term 1 ends	
17	World Haemophilia day	<a href="http://www.wfh.org/en/whd">www.wfh.org/en/whd</a>
18	Easter Friday	
21-27	World Immunisation week	<a href="https://toiteora.govt.nz">https://toiteora.govt.nz</a>
22	World Earth Day (protect our species)	<a href="http://www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a>
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25	Anzac day	<a href="http://www.rsa.org.nz">www.rsa.org.nz</a>
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# Noticeboard

**Yoga [hatha]:** Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm, Appleby School Hall; Fridays 7.45-8.45am, Richmond Town Hall. Contact Janey, 021 979 244

**Death Café:** Share thoughts about death & dying. 2nd Wednesdays, 10-11.30am. Revite Café, 265 High St, Motueka. Email: LKc1957@protonmail.com or margaret@margaretmccallum.com

**Tasman Golf Club:** Ladies 9 hole & 18 hole summer competition. Tee off 9:30am every Tuesday. All skill levels welcome. \$25 for non-members. Call Lyndal 03 5266819 or email teeup@tasmangolfclub.com

**Tasman Area Social Walking Group:** welcomes all to our Wednesday 9.30am walks. 60-90 mins walk & then coffee. Walks vary & support local cafés. Info: Fiona 021 232 6089

**Nelson Branch RNZAF** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at Phils Restaurant, Club Waimea, Richmond. ex RAF, RNZAF or others with interest in aviation. Contact: John Bethwaite, 035476634 or Trevor Squires, 039706644. Meal \$25.

**Craft Group:** please check with Barbara or Val that meetings are going ahead. 03 5403901

**Stamp & Coin collections** in Māpua/Ruby Bay & the Moutere evaluated & purchased. Nick Ferrier 021 688243

**Pastel Artists Nelson:** meet Tuesdays 9am-noon, Bill Marris room, Hall. Visitors welcome. Marg: 027 257 1857

**Coastal Stringers:** Ukulele & guitar group meet Fridays 1-4pm at Bowling Club. All welcome, just arrive & enjoy the singing. Contacts: Colleen 5403010, Diane 5402627.

**Māpua Women's Rec Group.** Come and join our friendly social walking group. Meet outside Village Mall Thursdays 9.15am. Options for all fitness levels plus activities and social events. mapuarecgroup@gmail.com or just turn up.

**Knit & Natter group** now at Appleshed: 10am Tuesdays. Contact: Debbi 027 327 4055

**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.

**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 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

**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

**Playcentre:** behind the tennis courts at 84 Aranui Rd. Come & play – Mondays & Thursdays 9.30-noon during term time. mapua@playcentre.org.nz

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

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

**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

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

**Toy Library:** extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall Monday afternoons 2.30-4pm. mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com

**Māpua Art Group** meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30pm. Paint, draw, in a social environment. All levels, media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. mapuaartgroup@gmail.com

**Māpua Community Choir:** 4 part harmony, no audition necessary, small koha, Māpua Hall 7.15pm Thursdays, contact: Rachel Boon, 027 358 6003, rboonnz0@gmail.com

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

**Kids 'n' Koffee Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10-noon during term time, at the old church building. 0-6 year olds. Morning tea provided. Gold coin donation. Info: pippie.d@gmail.com

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

**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

**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

**Coastal Garden Group** meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). All most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Info: coastalgarden.group@gmail.com

**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

**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

**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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