

Mapua Gets a Thumbs-up from Travel Writer

Mapua was visited by a New Zealand Herald travel writer, Elizabeth Easther, in May. The following is what she thought of "our village." Get ready for hordes of Aucklanders as a result of this publicity. Reprinted with permission of the author and the New Zealand Herald.

rigin of name: Mapua means "abundance" or "prolific".

Population: About 3500, including the Mahana Hills area.

The town mascot: Hamish, a large bachelor kotuku (white heron), who spent his winters at the Mapua wharf 18 years running. He was last seen in winter 2010 and is now immortalised in a statue on top of one of the wharf piles.

Interesting fact: Archaeologists say tools and human bones found at Grossi Point indicate Maori were living in the area as early as 900AD.

Main industries: Historically, post-European arrival, the economy was reliant on farming and horticulture, but has since diversified into olives, wine and tourism.

Source of pride: The painters, sculptors, writers, potters, jewellery makers and artists who make the community fabulously vibrant.

Town competition: The annual Muddy Buddy adventure fun run - it's like Top Town but with costumes and mud.

Best reason to stop: To just stop, because you're probably rushing somewhere. So sit on the wharf for a while and watch the tide come in and out. Good for the soul.

Best place to take the kids: Fishing off the wharf. Or hire some bikes and take the Mapua Ferry across to Rabbit Island for an adventure through the pines on the new cycle trail - heartofbiking.org.nz

Best drink: There are great vineyards everywhere and it's also hop country. Try Golden Bear at the Mapua Wharf or follow the Beer Trail - craftbrewing.co.nz.

Best food: The restaurants on the wharf are top class, and you can't go past a feed of smoked fish from the Smokehouse on the wharf.

Most famous locals: The late Sir Toss Woollaston, one of New Zealand's most important painters. Visit Woollaston Estates in the Mahana hills behind Mapua.

Best flat white: Because there are so many foodies living locally, there's no such thing as bad coffee.

Best bakery: The Naked Bun in the village. Try the lemon tarts.

Best museum: There's a great little photo museum on the wharf operated by the Mapua Boat Club. It focuses on the early shipping and orchard history of Mapua. Lots of pictures of blokes packing scows full of apple crates. **Best walk:** Rabbit Island beach: 8km of sand sheltered by pines, and usually empty.

Best local websites: mapuawharf.co.nz and

rubycoastmouterehills.co.nz for accommodation and information.

Best view: Looking down the mouth of the estuary out to Tasman Bay, you can see D'Urville Island.

Best-kept secret: The accommodation. No big hotels and motels, the accommodation is boutique, gourmet B&Bs, lodges and cottages dotted across rural settings with interesting hosts.

Best place to pull over: Take the scenic coast road along Ruby Bay and pull in where the road meets the beach.

Best facilities: Brand new "loo with a view" overlooking the Waimea Estuary at the Mapua wharf.

Best playground: Jester House Cafe has a goodie. The kids can feed tame eels, hide in the manuka maze, ride tigers, play forts or have a game of giant chess.

Here for a short time: Have lunch at the Mapua Wharf. Best shops: The old Apple & Pear Board Coolstore complex at the Mapua Wharf is now home to artisan shops.

Best swim: Brave kids jump off the wharf while oldies do the "tide ride" and let the strong tide float them out to the Leisure Park or into Grossi Point Reserve.

Interesting item of wildlife: Naturists migrate for a short season to the Mapua Leisure Park, shedding their outer layers while pods of orca chasing stingray into the estuary in autumn are pretty interesting, too.

When a local has visitors from abroad: They take them for lunch at the estuary, for a spot of shopping, to the beach and on a tour of the artists' studios and vineyards. Visitors say: They'd like to live here, every single time.

Locals say: Remember to look up from your smartphone and get a bit of mud between your toes.

Under The Bonnet with Fred

The Tale of Two Thermostats

There is one little gadget in our cars' engines called a thermostat which doesn't have any circuits and is not wired into a warning light on the dash. It does have a major job in keeping our engine running at the right temperature. It opens and closes, letting the cooling fluid in the radiator maintain the correct engine temperature.

The temperature gauge in my Nissan truck was wandering a bit from hot to cold. I flipped up the cab several times, checking for over-heating but there was no steam coming out of the radiator cap, the hoses were warm to touch and there was no loss of fluid. Must be the gauge as the truck was coming up to 200,000 kilometres. Two years had passed with the gauge wandering a bit under load or speed with no sign of overheating. Maybe it needed a radiator flush but it wasn't overheating. I decided to replace the temperature gauge sender in the head. The gauge still wandered but in a different place but hey, it was a Nissan truck with Isuzu running gear and it might not have been the right sender. Maybe the gauge was stuffed. So my trusty old work wagon went back to work.

A few months ago while driving my old Lincoln into Motueka the heater started fluctuating hot and cold with acceleration. Straight away I panicked a bit with this 22-year-old computer-managed car. Was it a failed computer and which one, the BCU or the ECU? After research on www.Lincolnclub.com technical section they all suggested the heater temperature control sender—a small sender attached to one of the heater hoses—was the problem.

When the new sender was fitted and engine not up to temperature the heater operated correctly, but on the test to Motueka it played up again! The temperature



gauge on the dash wandered a bit so maybe it was connected to one of the

car computers, giving it misinformation, so a new temperature gauge sender was fitted. Again no difference. The workshop manual gave a reference to problems with the heater radiator core which involved pulling the whole dash, centre console and seats out to get at it.

So I had one more go at the Lincoln Club web site and luckily an older man had sent me an email saying, "It's the thermostat." I just about fell of my computer chair as the whole time I had been so focused on the electronics and computers. When the new thermostat was fitted the 22-year-old thermostat was found to be stuck half open . Now the temperature gauge needle is steady and the heater runs smoothly under its computermanaged climate control.

Getting back to the truck. We fitted a new thermostat and found the old one was stuck half open. Now the temperature gauge is steady and the heater runs smoothly.

I had forgotten that there has been nothing new with car engines for 100 years. They still have pistons, crankshafts and are water-cooled. Nowadays everything is computer-managed except the thermostat. The moral of this story is: if the temperature gauge is wandering fit a new thermostat first. A cooked engine is expensive to repair and sometimes not worth the effort.

A new thermostat for the Lincoln cost \$16.75 and for the Nissan truck \$18.95.

Fred Cassin

Out and About with Hugh

STOP PRESS! "New Mapua public toilet a bad fit for area, say critics." So says *Nelson Mail* staff writer Sarah Dunn in her feature article in the *Mail* on Saturday 8th of June.

She goes on to say "some" not "all" residents are unhappy. Of course it's not the toilets; it's the toilet building and its prominent in-your-face location. Sarah plumps out her story with good factual information. She also quotes TDC Cr Trevor Norris's pertinent remark about "extensive public consultation" and people not "raising their voices earlier" and toilet building designer Jeremy Smith's comments that "if people are talking about the park and its design, then that's a good thing". The "Goss" column alongside her article gave six locals an opportunity to have their say, which ranged from "I love it" to "bloody ugly."

Well okay, if you can't get into the news one way, why not try another. How about this?

"The toilet! The toilet! There's a new toilet in the Mapua Waterfront Park. Quick, quick! Get a rope around it! Tie it down! It looks as if it might fly away! No, no you fool, it's not a Shell gas station, it's a "floating roof structure" to remind us of our traditional New Zealand farm sheds. Oh yeah? Farm sheds or not, what are we going to do with that, whatever you want to call it? Nothing? That's right, nothing. We've got it tied down so let's keep it. Besides, it's the underneath part that counts. The "do your business" part. Yeah! The *Nelson Mail* lady got slightly overanxious about that bit.

There are only two toilets, not three. Yes, alright, but how are we going to hide the rusty building thing? Tell you what, "go try it out and see if it works". Then, we'll try to think of something". Hmmm, maybe a yellow fence around it or maybe a concrete wall? Well, That would fit in well. There's plenty of concrete and yellow about the place. Okay, now how about some trees around it to soften that "in-your-face" first-look impression. Parks & Reserves: Trees, please!

Seriously, like it or not; ugly or unattractive or in the wrong place or whatever; at one time or another we're going to use those toilets. Yep, that's right. They are what they are; long overdue and a very welcome amenity to the Waterfront Park & Port area. The truth is, there are about as many opinions as to what they look like as there are people to express those opinions and to use the toilets while they think about it. It's our park. Typically Mapua, after the fact. Quick to criticise, quick to react and quick to help when it's needed.

Across the Road: All of which leads us across Aranui Road and onto the site of the ill-fated Mapua Aquarium. Another bad fit for the area? Yes. At the moment just sitting there, an empty and unused space. Can't even park on it. No publicity; nothing in the newspaper about it; no comments from the public. What's to become of it? Hopefully, as they take up their task of managing our TDC commercial property assets the newly formed TDC Commercial Property Committee will make that "empty space" one of the first items of consideration on their agenda. N.B. There's \$1815 that was donated by young and old towards "another aquarium" at the "memorial service" just after the fire. It's sitting in a trust – waiting. What's to be done with that money? Another aquarium? Doubtful. Suggestions? Ideas? Email them to coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz

Mapua Hall Society: A small number of people attended the AGM of the Society on 17th June. The format of AGM's is pretty much the same: Annual reports, financial summary, election of officers etc. What's important to me (and to you) is who is doing what to keep things going. Here they are: Tord Kjellstrom, Graeme Stradling, Trish Smith, Mary Lithgow, Margaret Cotter, Elena Meredith, Mary Garner, Andreas Niemann and Chris Atkins. Volunteers all. We owe them our thanks. The hall rebuild project wouldn't be a happening thing without them. How do we say "thank you"? Easy! Join the Society @only \$10 a year (a voting membership); Support the final fund-raising events and donate what dollars you can towards final fitting-out costs.

Cycle Trail: It's a play on words maybe but believe me it sure isn't trailing. The Cycle Trail Project is slowly, surely progressing towards Kaiteriteri. It's a happening thing. Downside is safety for bikes and cars when sharing. Slow down! Be considerate! On our local scene: The Mapua Ferry landing point at Rabbit Island will (hopefully) have some facilities for cyclists and walkers who have to wait for the Ferry. Facilities meaning toilet if nothing else. The route(s) are from the Mapua Wharf: Aranui Road; Iwa Street and Mapua Domain and (being optimistic) Seaton Valley Stream; the Mapua Causeway to the Mapua school. Up Pine Hill Road and on to Aporo Road and into Tasman Village.

Next Month: 2013/2014 Annual Plan and upcoming local body elections and bits or three to keep you awake.

And just to finish this off: Ug-ly adj.-lier, -liest. 1. Displeasing to the eye; unsightly. 2. Repulsive or offensive in any way; objectionable. Is it? I don't think so.

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The guest speaker at the June meeting of the club was Bevan Hoult, director of Motueka Funeral Services. There was a good attendance for a subject that affects everyone.

Bevan considered the profession was very much a calling. He and his wife Bridget managed their business. Usually their first contact was by a phone call from a bereaved family or friends. One of the first questions was to ask if a doctor had been. If the death was expected then the person's doctor would issue a certificate as to the cause of death. The funeral director could then take the person into their care. If the death was unexpected, the result of an accident, suicide or suspicious then the coroner had to be advised. This was normally done by the attending ambulance staff. The police will act on behalf of the coroner and the deceased is then taken to the hospital for a post mortem,

Bevan said he discussed with the family or friends how they would like the funeral to be held—whether it was to be a burial or cremation and the type of casket and arrangements of flowers. About 55% to70% of funerals were cremations. Funerals were usually three of four days after the death, though Bevan has had to plan a month or more in advance with family members living overseas.

The cost of the burial plot is \$1300 in the Nelson district and \$950 in the TDC district, plus an interment fee of about \$650. Some people can make their own coffins to required specifications. Embalming was strongly recommended. If the person was going out of the district most airlines would not accept a body unless it had been embalmed. It cost about \$12,000 to fly the body from overseas.

The average cost of a funeral was \$8500 which included \$700 for a coffin for cremation. There were a few requirements to have the burial at sea. To do this required a commercial boat company using a leadweighted coffin. The burial service usually took place close to D'Urville Island at a cost of \$15,000. There was also an option to be buried at the natural burial plot available at the Motueka Cemetery.

The mini speaker was club member Robert Mackenzie. His talk was about a five-day group tour through the back country starting at Darfield. Bob and his wife Rae joined a group of 10 people using 4×4 vehicles. All the vehicles were inspected for road worthiness prior to their start. The group was given a master key to unlock farm gates during the tour.

Their first night's bed and breakfast stop was with Mike and Karen Mars at Glenroy, about 20km west of Darfield. From there they travelled to Lake Coleridge and saw the power station.

Day 2 The group took a loop track to the Lake Heron sheep station, the road passing areas of very steep terrain. Their tour took them on to the Ashburton Gorge, to Mount Somers, finishing at Staveley. Day 3 the tour carried on to Peel Forest, where the wellknown local church still had earthquake damage. They drove on to the Mount Peel sheep station and on to the Opuha River. There they saw a dam that collapsed when partly built. At Farlie they stayed at a large colonial home. The owners also ran a deer farm, as well as beautiful gardens.

Day 4 the group drove on to Burke's Pass, having to contend with very low cloud, then down to Lake Benmore. Day 5 they returned to Dansey Pass and on to Ranfurly staying at Lauder. The property was once an old local store. To conclude the tour there was a day trip around the Naseby high country.

David Higgs

Animal Health File

Dr. Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Road, Mapua, ph 540-2329

Health Screening for Ageing Pets

As our pets age their health care requirements change. Just like us they are more likely to develop certain cancers, diabetes, kidney failure, thyroid problems and so on. As medical care has progressed we humans have developed routine screening procedures, such as mammograms and prostate checks that are recommended as we reach certain age milestones.

That same thinking is now being applied to our pets. Remembering that one year of our life equates to roughly seven years in your pet's life, you can see that a seven-year-old pet is around age 49 in our years and a 10-year-old pet is about 70. Unfortunately in pet care 50 is not considered the new 30 and so at age seven (49) we consider a pet to be getting into their senior years! This particularly applies to large breed dogs, who generally do not live as long as smaller breed dogs. And at age 10 (70) we consider a pet to be geriatric.

So it is at about seven years of age that we begin to keep a good eye out for those old-age problems starting to occur. At this age it really is important to keep that appointment for your pet's annual health check, as the earlier we can pick up a disease the better the treatment outcome. Often something which may seem a subtle thing to you, such as a small nodule under your dog's nipple or the occasional bout of constipation, could easily be the beginning of a mammary cancer or a prostate cancer. You will find we will grill you on any changes to your pet's eating, drinking, peeing and pooing habits and will carefully monitor your pet's weight for any changes that cannot be explained by diet alone.

If your pet hasn't been into the vet clinic for awhile or you are noticing any changes in your senior/geriatric pet then take advantage of our Senior Pet Check in July and August. In conjunction with Hills Science Diet we are offering \$10 off a Senior Health Check and \$25 off Hills Science Diet senior pet food.

Mapua School

Board of Trustees Elections for 2013

School boards hold overall responsibility for the governance of a school, setting goals, determining the strategic direction, monitoring their school's performance, and raising the achievement of each and every student.

Boards of Trustees of state, and state-integrated, schools must hold elections for parent and staff representatives every three years. A board may also decide to adopt an 18-month revolving election cycle where half the number of its parent positions is elected/ re-elected each 18 months. As can be seen by the results noted below Mapua School has now adopted this practice. This was done to ensure continuity on the board as they work through the challenges of a growing and thriving school.

The following people have been elected as parent representatives in the recent Mapua School BoT elections: The parent representatives standing for an 18-month term are: Lisa Dunn, Sally Thomas and Darren Richardson

The parent representatives elected for a three-year term are: Mark Bruce-Miller, Angela Fon and Dave Keen.

Staff representative (3 years): Teressa Hosie Principal: Neil Chalmers

The new Board and school wish to thank the outgoing parent representatives, Tony Jemmett and Andrew Gray, along with co-opted member Fiona Bibby-Smith, for their time, expertise and energy working as members of the Board. There's been a lot achieved over the past three years and these outgoing members have done much to strengthen the work of this school as it sets out to 'Be All It Can (vision catchphrase).

Teressa Hosie, Mapua Board of Trustees

Mahana School

Each year Mahana School sets achievement targets for our students. These targets are based on previous year's results and outcomes. This year we have set targets in the area of literacy, particularly in oral language and writing. We want to make sure our kids are great writers and great speakers!

The process is actually pretty simple. Every year we analyse achievement data and overall teacher judgements. We take this information and look at it as a whole staff, noting areas that need improvement as well as trends and developments within the data. We look for students who may need some extra help, as well as students who are excelling and may need to more to continue their development. We are always on the lookout for indicators that might mean we need to change our teaching to better suit the needs of the students.

While this may sound relatively straightforward, it is the delivery of the learning that is anything but. Every student is different, every person has different interests, different learning styles. What works for one child may not work for another. This is where the team approach is so important. Parents, teachers from within the school, teachers from other schools also carry different experiences and different expertise. A fact that is sometimes overlooked inside busy schools and workplaces is that taking the time to actually sit and talk to someone else about how we can actually 'reach' that child is an incredibly powerful tool that can make a difference.

We try to take the time to have these conversations during staff meetings. It sounds kind of obvious, but if you don't actually make the effort, staff meetings can become more about organising lists and rosters and less about the learning of the students, which is after all the main reason why schools exist. You can pick up all sorts of ideas, and they're free, not a course cost in sight!

I've learned a lot from the staff at Mahana. Some things are really basic like how to schedule reading groups, to more in-depth stuff such as how to encourage kids to fully understand a maths concept by arguing their point of view with another student (friendly arguing). You can certainly learn a lot from those who are near to you. Sometimes the trick is just being open to new ideas.

Please remember that families are welcome to visit us anytime, or check out our website at www.mahana.school.nz, check out our class blogs, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We have an excellent school that is not far away. We have a student – teacher ratio that allows us to put kids learning first. We have a special place and we are proud of it. Come and take a look!

Justin Neal, Principal, Mahana School

BOOK REVIEW

Restoration by Rose Tremain. This book is available in the Mapua Library. Reviewed by Sue England

Restoration is the first of two books in which we meet and follow the twists and turns of a wonderful creation, Sir Robert Merivel. Unwittingly I read the second book, *Merivel: A Man of His Time*, first. It does stand alone but if you decide to read these two novels by Rose Tremain, and I strongly recommend that you do, start with *Restoration*' and I'm sure you will be hooked.

It is 1664, the reign of King Charles II, when we are introduced to Robert Merivel, a 37-year-old medical student who describes himself as "an affront to neatness". The opening paragraphs had me laughing at his physical description and brief introduction to his background. It is superbly written with such clever and humorous turns of phrase, no wonder this book was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. And the gentle wit continues throughout.

Merivel Senior is glove maker to the King and through this channel young Robert is presented to His Majesty in the King's bedchamber. He finds favour when he "cures" Lou-Lou, one of the King's dogs who appears to be dying. This success triggers a whole chain of events starting with a title and manor house in the wilds of Norfolk. But everything has its price. Sir Robert must marry Celia, the King's favourite mistress, a marriage of utter convenience for the King and on no account must Robert develop any relationship with her.

Inevitably Sir Robert falls in love with Celia and this transgression sees him cast out from a life of opulence and greed to one of hardship and duty. His friend Pearce, Quaker and medic, accepts him as medical aide in Whittlesea Hospital, home to 100 lunatics in a "God-forsaken place". So far so good, Robert as he is now known, seems to have renewed purpose but another transgression and the death of Pearce marks yet another turning point. A return to London at a time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire, historically interesting and where Robert Merivel is at his most humane. The book concludes with a charming royal reacceptance and restoration to the titular home.

Along the way we meet some highly engaging characters who make this a very original and entertaining read. And the title 'Restoration' can apply to the period in British history following the rule of Oliver Cromwell when the monarchy was restored under King Charles II as well as to the restoration of Sir Robert Merivel's grace and favour. I loved it.

MAPUA LIBRARY



Lynley Worsley

Book Donations: Thank you so much to all of those people who have donated books and magazines to the library. We welcome donations of reading material, eg, surplus books from book group collections, 'outgrown' children's books, any books that no longer have a good home, magazines that you have finished with.

We welcome book donations and will use the books in one of two ways: 1) Add to our collection and shelve the book. 2) Add the book to our fund-raising stocks for resale.

Should you prefer your book be returned to you if we can't use it on the shelves, eg, if we already stock that book, please attach a note and contact details to the book(s) and we will contact you.

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Just inside the reception area is a basket of magazines. Please pop in and help yourself.

Displays in the library: Thank you very much to the talented artists in Room 3 at Mapua School for their artwork for our display. We enjoyed your bright, cheerful pictures and so did the library patrons.

We welcome Linda Morris as our new exhibitor in the library. Do pop in and see another display from a talented local. Thanks Linda.

Library Hours:

Monday 2-4.30pm Tuesday 2-4.30pm Wednesday 2-6.30pm Thursday 10am-12.30pm, 2pm-4.30pm Friday 2-4.30pm Saturday 2-4.30pm mapualibrary@xtra.co.nz http://mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

Annual general meetings are notoriously poorly supported so the outgoing committee was delighted to see a veritable throng for the AGM on Saturday 25 May. As well as being a forum for discussion and the election of officers, it was also an occasion for the presentation of trophies won during the year and one very special award.

The membership had agreed (secretly and furtively) that Joy Scott should be awarded a Life Membership for her services to bowling in New Zealand and 30 years as a valued member of Mapua Bowling Club. Her age remains a mystery but I know it has two numbers and the first one is 9. She is still bowling. She is still bowling well. Possibly a bit slower walking up and down the green but a canny force to be reckoned with and well deserving of her framed certificate and bouquet of flowers. Congratulations to Joy and we wish her many more happy years at our club.

The new committee was elected as: -

President, Dave England; vice-president, Wayne Chisnall; secretary, Jean Daubney; treasurer, Margaret Busby; captain, Sue England; vice-captain, Julina Ismai; greenkeeper, Les McAlwee; bar manager, Michael Busby; property manager, Dave England; catering manager, Nancy Coeland; Centre delegate, Dave England.

For information about bowling, our winter social events or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call the secretary Jean Daubney (543-2765) or the president Dave England (540-2934) or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

Sue England

Coastal Garden Group

Our June meeting was again held at the Tasman Bible Church. In general business the advantages and disadvantages of returning to Mapua Hall or remaining at the Tasman Church for meetings were outlined. At this stage costs for the Mapua Hall are not clear. The committee felt that the decision should be made by members. Slides showing the present state of the upgrade of the hall were shown.

Netta Perry, an inaugural member of the Garden Club, was wished a happy birthday and Rachel Stringer explained to members how Netta had initiated the first meeting of what was to become the Coastal Garden Club.

Our guest speaker was Philip Hyatt who outlined his background in the black currant industry. It is a successful industry in which there are 30 to 35 commercial growers in Canterbury and Nelson. Ninety to 95 percent of the fruit is sent overseas.

The bushes are grown from cuttings which are about a foot long. These are poked in the ground about this time of the year and don't require special treatment.

Plants take two to three years to reach full growing capacity. When pruning a bush the grey

branches should be removed at the base. This should be done when there are no leaves on the tree.

Philip noted that there have been many reports of health benefits relating to eating black currants and its products. A Japanese source believes that they dilate blood vessels.

There were a number of questions asked by members and many were eager to take home a cutting of 'Black Adder.' Philip was surprised at the big number of members in attendance and offered to send more cuttings to our group.

Gil Bensemann, who was employed at Bay Nurseries, discussed the growing of polyanthuses and brought some very healthy plants, grown by local growers, for sale.

Despite the colder conditions there were many beautiful blooms on display and the discussion was followed by a lively sales table auction.

This month's meeting on 4 July is the Annual General Meeting and will take the form of a luncheon starting at 1pm.Any one wishing to attend this luncheon please ring Rachael, phone 540-2640. All Welcome.

Joyce Bullock

Transformation of Mapua Hall Nearly Complete

Tasman District Council sign-offs have been obtained for structural works, and this has meant that wall lining could proceed at pace. This has been greatly aided by "the generous donation of MDF board products, as well as some construction ply from Nelson Pine Industries" according to Graeme Stradling (Chair of Project Control Group) He also noted that we are getting ready to lose most of the perimeter construction fence, and build the last bit of the veranda.

Apart from that, the structural and lining building work is almost complete now, as carpentry, paint, plumbing and electrical trades get underway with the fit-out. Electrical circuits for future theatrical lighting and mood lighting have been included. Decisions are now being made on the design of the portable stage, storage units and the materials for the outside decking.

The process of TDC seeking RMA consent from itself for its section of the decking overlooking the domain, was explained by Cr Judene Edgar at the AGM. She reassured the meeting that, despite this being a joint build, it would be "a seamless development in a shared zone."

The Fire Brigade will be organising opportunities to become familiar with the new hall layout as part of its ongoing training programme.

Funding: The project has received a number of generous grants and donations from individuals and trusts and thanks all of those for their generosity (which will also be recorded on the apple tree mural).

The committee would like to thank:

• McKee Trust for a grant of \$10,000 towards general upgrade costs

• Canterbury Community Trust for a grant of \$20,000

• The Trubets construction team for their many voluntary contributions and assistance in cost-cutting

Details of ongoing sponsorships being arranged will be published as they are finalized.

We still need more help with grants and donations. Thanks to all those who are backing the project. We hope to be able to completely fund the rebuild from the local community and grants and we are getting closer now to achieving that, which is a magnificent effort.

Funding and donated items for the fit-out are now starting to be offered. The community is driving this process. Contributions towards these significant and ongoing costs will be gratefully received and should be sent to Margaret Cotter rmcotter@tasman.net .

Post –build completion, a round of second-tier applications will be made to charities who fund community projects in the hope of financing some of the more expensive items. **Committee for 2013-2014:** The following members were elected at the 17 June AGM: Chairman, Tord Kjellstrom; deputy chair, Graeme Stradling; secretary, Trish Smith; treasurer, Mary Lithgow; members, Chris Atkins, Margaret Cotter, Mary Garner, Elena Meredith and Andreas Neumann.

Lynda Mabin's offer to be part of the Information/ Liaison Sub-committee was gratefully received.

Bookings: Our regular hall users have now largely reconfirmed their ongoing requirements and are considering what else will help them to maximize their use of the space. General bookings for regular and specific events are now open to everyone and can be conveyed to Trish Smith at smiffsnz@hotmail.com. This could possibly also include organisations/agencies who are looking for a venue for regular appointments/contact opportunities with the community . All hall facilities will be available to use from the beginning of September. Meantime, a reminder that the tables and chairs are still available for hire – contact made through Trish.

What's coming next?

1) Sunday 14 July 9am Hammer Day. Public walk-through and community chance to "nail-it" by nail-punching the main hall matai floor. Bring your own hammer, nail-punch, ear muffs and knee pads. Lunch will be supplied for the workers! Contact: Graaeme Stradling Ph:540-2050

2) Grand re-opening Friday 23 August and Saturday 24 August.

Please keep these days free for this grand community celebration. While details are to be determined (and will be publically notified in the next issue) the general plan is to have:

Fri 23 - an afternoon/early evening blessing and re-opening of the hall with some speeches and drinks/nibbles to follow (all free)

Sat 24- a family variety concert in the afternoon with a Packhouse Ball in the evening .Both of these will have a cover charge and be part of our fundraising campaign

Contact: Margaret Cotter Ph: 540-2195

We are hoping to be able to create a photo-story of the hall's life from packing shed to today's "jewel in the crown" and if anyone has photos you could contribute, please contact Trish Smith smiffsnz@hotmail.com . We would love to hear from you .

What else can the community do?

Besides donations and fund-raising, the Hall Society still needs:

1) More active members - to support both this major project and also the ongoing development of a vibrant thriving Hall at the heart of our community. Membership is only \$10 per year and this enables members to have a say in the decisions made as well as ensuring a range of people available to help. Please contact Mary Lithgow mary.lithgow@gmail.com if you are interested

2) Assistance with our web-site –keeping the text information up to date and assisting us in the development of a more lively and contemporary interface with our current and potential users as well as the wider community. If you have skills in this area and some available time please contact Elena elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz The committee wishes to acknowledge here the great working relationship we have had with our Project Manager and construction team who "have been great to work with. ..had a generous approach...and helpful with practical advice and ideas...we've all had the same agenda and we thank them" (Project Control Group Report June 2013)

We also want to emphasise the importance of everyone keeping momentum going as we all work towards that exciting day of reopening – only six weeks' away now!

> Elena Meredith – Information and Liaison Subcommittee

Club Mapua Boosts Hall Fund

Club Mapua recently presented a cheque for \$2500 to the Mapua Hall fund-raising team; this was money raised at this year's MEGA pumpkin-growing competition held at the Mapua Tavern in April and will go towards the restoration of the hall. It is an exciting time as the hall nears completion thanks to a lot of work from our community.

"It is very pleasing to able to make a contribution towards this community project" said Martyn Barlow of Club Mapua "and we thank all the people who helped make it such a great event this year despite the weather."

The picture shows Martyn Barlow handing the cheque to Trish Smith of the Hall committee

This year's MEGA pumpkin-growing competition will be launched at the Mapua Tavern on 10th October – now is the time to get your plot ready for planting in October. The weigh will be held at 1pm on Saturday 12th April 2014.

Seeds are available now from Club Mapua and plants will be available at the Mapua Tavern from Thursday 10th October 2013.

Entrants can use seeds or plants sourced other than from the Mapua Tavern and registration is open right up until weigh-in day in April. Registration is \$5 and you get two seeds now or a propagated plant after 10th October.

For further information contact: Martyn Barlow on 021 31 41 61 or martyn@mapua.gen.nz



Martyn Barlow presenting a cheque to Trish Smith of the Mapua Hall Committee.

Mapua Health Centre

We welcome Katie Maver who has been a much appreciated locum doctor over the last year and she is now taking on a long-term position for one and a half days a week, on Wednesday and Friday. We also have a new trainee intern – Dru Norriss and welcome him to our team.

Thank you to those patients that have completed the NZ General Practice Survey over the last two/three weeks. We are required to complete this survey every two years as part of our Cornerstone accreditation and our contract with the Nelson Bays PHO/Nelson Marlborough DHB. The survey is completely confidential, however, once all the details have been analysed by an independent party (HSCR) we will receive a report showing our strengths/ weaknesses. This is always valuable as it provides information on how we can improve our services to you, the patient.

There is a recent upsurge in whooping cough which is a good reminder that parents and grandparents need to ensure their own immunity is protected as often adults can be the ones passing this into the small children in our community. If you would like more information about this then please contact one of our nurses.

In case you are still wanting to make use of the flu vaccine, it is still available for free to those over 65 years or if you have a chronic medical condition such as asthma requiring regular medication, heart disease, diabetes, etc. Also, MOH guidelines recommend all adults have a tetanus booster at ages 45 and 65 years. We are in the process of updating our records. However, if you would like to have a booster, check your status or update your records (because you have had it elsewhere) then please give us a call.

This month includes Hepatitis Awareness Day and there are some important things to know about this viral infection. In New Zealand, hepatitis B is the most common form with around 90,000 people known to be infected by it. It is also a major global health problem and the most serious type of viral hepatitis. It can cause chronic liver disease and puts people at high risk of death from cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer. Some of the key facts are:

- The virus is transmitted through contact with the blood or other body fluids of an infected person.
- Two billion people worldwide have been infected with the virus and about 600 000 people die every year due to the consequences of hepatitis B.
- The hepatitis B virus is 50 to 100 times more infectious than HIV.
- It is an important occupational hazard for health workers.
- In NZ, chronic hepatitis B remains the leading cause of hepatocellular carcinoma (75%), liver-related mortality (63%) and liver transplantation (32%).
- Hepatitis B is preventable with the currently available vaccine which 95% effective in preventing infection and its chronic consequences, and is the first vaccine against a major human cancer.

There are a number of important national and global events for the month, including: Julv 1-7 Mâori Language Week www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz July 12 Term 2 ends - Primary, Intermediate & Secondary schools July 15-21 Women's Refuge Awareness www.womensrefuge.org.nz July 28 Hepatitis Awareness Day www.hepfoundation.org.nz July 29 Term 3 begins - Primary, Intermediate & Secondary schools

Sam's Spam

i everyone. If you are one the many people struggling with Windows 8, I bring you good news – a much improved version is going to be available from the end of June. At the time of writing, it is not yet here so I have been able only to look at the demos. The new version, called Windows 8.1, will be available as a free downloadable update for all existing Windows 8 and Windows RT devices.

Windows 8 has caused confusion for users with its radically new interface, but version 8.1 aims to remedy this. Aside from various bug fixes and system wide improvements, Windows 8.1 will have some of new features in the update, e.g. Start Screen changes, User Interface improvements, and a new Search interface.

To quote Microsoft, "Windows 8.1 will deliver improvements and enhancements in key areas like personalisation, search, the built-in apps, Windows Store experience, and cloud connectivity (plus improvements) for business in areas such as management and security"

For my money, one of the most welcome features will be the return of the start button, but it is no longer attached to the Start Menu. The new Start button will aid users in moving from the Windows 8 Live Tiles screen to the Desktop. However, Microsoft is also providing a dedicated option to disable it and stick to the new Windows 8 user interface. Some of the biggest features of Windows 8.1 are focused on business e.g. Wi-Fi Direct Printing allows for quick printing on wireless networks without having installing drivers. This is a superb feature for travelling users who need quick access printers.

On the downside, the Libraries block is nowhere to be seen and Windows 8.1 won't create any Libraries by default. Apparently though, if you're a savvy Windows user and like the way Libraries allow you to organise your data, you'll be free to keep using them in Windows 8.1. I have not been able to try this yet but rely on Libraries a lot for organising my files, so I hope this information is correct.

Free software of the month: Dashlane App

Dashlane is an elegant and secure app that acts as a digital wallet backup, password manager, and more. It can automatically save information from when you make purchases online, so you don't have to keep track of them via email confirmations. The data that Dashlane stores remains encrypted until you unlock the app, and yet it manages to sync all your important information across multiple devices, including your iPhone.

The app is available free from the iOS App Store and from Google Play.

Swimming Pool a 'Dream

Come True'

A s many Mapua residents with younger children will be aware, Mapua Chalets, on Seaton Valley Road, opens its



facilities to the community every summer in the form of Activekidz Summer Swim School, run by Andy and Karen Price. In fact, the programme has proved to be so popular that more than 500 children now take part in the swim programme every summer.

For some time now Andy and Karen have shared a vision of opening a year-round indoor facility that could offer swimming lessons across all four terms, and also be available for local people to make use of throughout the week. Now the dream is becoming a reality with a team of local tradesmen well on their way to completion of the new project, which is due to open in time for Term 3, August 2013.

The new facility will boast a state of the art, ecofriendly salt water pool, built to today's highest standards, highly insulated against the winter cold, and yet open, light and airy in the summer months.

It will be designed to perfectly suit the needs of a swim school. The swim school will be able to cater for preschoolers, as well as baby and toddler groups. The pool will be kept at a balmy 30 degrees throughout the year. It will incorporate a hydrotherapy spa, as well as a number of fun items such as an underwater bubbling volcano and directional water fountains. Families, parents and toddlers, senior citizens, indeed all members of the community will be able to book their own private sessions in the pool, on an hourly basis, from the beginning of August. In fact, it will be possible to have your own private pool for as little as \$20 an hour.

For more details on indoor pool bookings, as well as the expanded swim school programme, go to our brand new swim school website at www.activekidzswimschool.co.nz where you will be able to book the pool and book lessons for the children from early August 2013



Despite the colder and wetter weather our Bounce children are as busy as ever.

Some of the teachers were lucky enough to attend some professional development with Brain gym. This included a workshop called 'learning and mastering hand-writing: small hands with a huge task'. One thing that was reaffirmed for the Bounce teachers was the importance of children's physical and gross motor skills as a precursor to being able to use fine motor skills for writing. Children are not usually ready for this until between the age of five and seven.

One element of pre-literacy skills for our preschoolers that we work on at Bounce is directionality. As you know the act of forming letters involves up, down, round, diagonal, left and right. These concepts need to be felt and learnt using gross motor (large movement) skills before a child can transfer it to the very fine motor movements needed for hand-writing. Here at Bounce we work with children as individuals at many levels to ensure their literacy success when they move on to school. For more information regarding Brain Gym you can go to www.braingym.org.nz.

You may have noticed while walking past Bounce that we have some yellow footprints at the start of our driveway. These prints lead the Bounce children and their families to our new walkers' and bikers' gate. This entrance has improved safety for our children as they are no longer sharing the car park area at busy times of the day.

We would like to let the Tasman community know that here at Bounce we have an open door policy so if you are interested in early childhood education and care for your child, whether now or in the future, please feel free to come and check us out. We are open every day of the week 8.15am to 3.30pm, catering to two to six-year-olds. We also provide the opportunity for under two-year-olds to come for a play with their caregiver for a small donation. We can be contacted at the details below for further information.

Phone: 540-3330, Cell: 027BOUNCE5, Email: teambounce@hotmail.com Address: 86 Aranui Road, Mapua

Fire Brigade



May-June 13 call-outs

May 12: Light truck hit guard rail near Tasman SH60. Traffic control until road cleared.

May 31: Large permitted burn on Dominion Road. No action taken.

Jun 1: Assist Motueka with a dairy on fire on High Street. Oil fryer on fire.

Jun 1: While Mapua was at Motueka fire, Richmond unit attended a call to a person who fell off a ladder. Medical aid given.

Jun 17: A nose-tail crash SH60 near Bronte Road. On scene until police arrived.

30 calls this year.

Safety Tip – Put your ashes from fireplace into a metal bucket and place outside on concrete or driveway until cold. Ashes can still be hot for a few days. Do not leave them in a heap near vegetation or building as they may ignite dry objects.

For the last few call-outs we have been a bit short of person power. If you work in the Mapua area and are fit and think you could be a fire fighter, contact or visit the Mapua Fire Station on a Thursday night. We would be happy to see you.

Police Report

Now that we are in the middle of the colder and wetter months it can be a little harder to keep motivated and to keep to some routines. Never fear because by the time you read this the shortest day will have been and gone and it all gets better for the next six months from here!

Just a reminder that with the wet and often frosty roads we all need to plan a little longer to get to our destination, unlike the recent spate of speeders referred to below.

Recently there was a rural theft from a property in Seaton Valley Road. A copper cylinder, garden tools and a camera were stolen. This is unusual as there haven't been any other similar thefts for quite a while. be aware.

I have done a couple of daytime checkpoints in the Mapua area over the last month. Good to see most people are complying with vehicle warrants and registrations, and that there weren't any drink drivers.

I haven't been made aware of any other issues in the Village. Long may that last.

With the Motueka station losing four staff in the last year and changing to a 24-hour immediate response coverage for our area our work patterns have changed, and I may not be able to get out to Mapua as often as I'd like.

Grant Heney, Motueka Community Constable. Ph 528-1226 (Direct)

Mapua occurrences:

May 24: Motueka male stopped driving while disqualified in Mapua area. Car impounded.

May 26: 17- year-old male from Lower Moutere caught travelling at 172kmh on Te Mamaku Drive. Licence suspended immediately.

May 27: 46-year-old Riwaka male caught driving at 146kmh on Coastal Highway at Tasman. Licence suspended immediately.

May 29: Male trespassed from the Mapua Leisure Park

Jun 6: Neighbourhood dispute Mapua

Jun 14: Orchard shed entered Marriages Road. Nothing taken.

Jun 14-16: Theft Seaton Valley Road of hot water cylinder, Olympus camera and garden tools Jun 15: Domestic argument Mapua area

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Hills Community Church

Thoughts of home

It has been almost half a year since my family and I moved to Mapua. This time has gone by incredibly quickly. It is hard to believe it is nearly half way through the year. The experience of moving and settling in to a new place has prompted me to think about this question: 'Where is our home?'

My home, where I was brought up, was in the suburb of Bryndwr in north-west Christchurch and, from there, I moved to Dunedin and my sense of home shifted south. Now after 14 or so years in Dunedin, we are making Mapua our home.

Of course home isn't only about where we live physically. It is also about where we find our identity and our identity is only partially about where we have come from. It is also about where we place our hopes and dreams. As the saying goes: home is where the heart is.

For many, the experience of life is that 'home' is somewhere we are still searching for. It is as if we can never really feel completely at home anywhere. In fact this is the common experience of humanity. Augustine of Hippo wrote at the beginning of his 'Confessions': "You have made us for yourself, O lord, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you."

So what do we do with our restless hearts? One option is to try even more to build the perfect earthly home, to find rest in our earthly comfort and achievements. The other option to is to come to the realisation that our desire and longing for home can only ever be fulfilled through learning to find our rest in God, in his love, his mercy and in the 'home' he has prepared for us for all time.

"Make your home in me just as I do in you." (John 15:4)

Rev John Sherlock, revsherlock.hcc@gmail.com

Hills Community Church is a community-based church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children's programme including crèche 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between. 1st Sunday of each month: one family-style service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

Weekly Calendar:

Wednesdays: 10am-noon—Kidz n Koffee Open to parents-caregivers-pre-K kids—a great way to make new friends!

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided. Dropoff for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week.

Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries

EXPLORE, CREATE, EN.

Wintertime – you might think time to slow down? Definitely not at Harakeke.

June was a very busy month for us and it was all about relationships—learning together, sharing knowledge, celebrating and having fun together.

We began the month with a facilitated social evening that enabled parents to share nibbles and drinks while getting to know each other and having some interesting parenting and developmental topics discussed with a professional at the same time.

Brenda Holdaway is a Whânau Facilitator with Nelson Tasman Kindergartens and has supported parents for the pasteight years in the Nelson/Tasman region with a range of parenting issues. She had a wide range of information to share in relation to young children and their development and how parents can best support them so they grow and reach their potential. We heard about:

• parents' role in supporting children's social competence

• boys – why do they behave differently from girls and what parents can do to support their development

• the top ten positive parenting tips

The evening was very informative and equipped everyone to go home with new strategies and ideas to put into practice immediately. The following week we began our preparations to celebrate Matariki, the beginning of the Mâori New Year. Traditionally we celebrate 'Matariki at Harakeke' with a very special family event – a shared dinner followed by a lantern walk, singing round the 'climbing tree' and a camp fire. The children start work on their lanterns a number of days beforehand, the play room gets decorated in a 'starry' theme and on 'the day before' the children are busy cutting and chopping veggies for a delicious warming soup.

This year we were blessed with a fantastic clear starry night enjoyed by all families as well as some grandparents, aunts and uncles and of course the team – over 80 people in total!

But there was more – this year we took the notion of 'celebrating together' a bit further and included the wider community, in fact the wider preschool community.

Country Kids and Harakeke children visited each other, enjoying exploring each other's centre environment and resources, making and sharing kai/ food and singing a newly learned Matariki song together.

Maybe this could also become a tradition!

Ka kite ano, Your Harakeke team

Noticeboard

Double Garage Sale: Sunday 14 July 10am-2.30pm at 16 & 18 Korepo Road, Ruby Bay. Sausage Sizzle (proceeds to charity). Books, magazines, furniture, tools, clothes - lots of stuff. Enquiries: 5402802 Gabriela or 5402500 Gill.

Coastal Connections Social Group. This month's luncheon will be held at Up The Garden Path, 473 High St., Motueka, 11 July. Look forward to seeing you there. Julie H

SPA Body Treatments: July Specials: Clay cocoon 1hr \$45; Moccachino scrub 40m \$30; Freedom foot treat 40m \$30. Other spa treatments available. Elinor Galbraith(qualified spa and wellness therapist) 03 528 0189 / 027 648 1396

Zoom Salon: To all Zooms valued clients who we haven't managed to get personal invites to, it's Zoom's mid-winter party – bubbles and nibbles, 5.30-7.30, 5 July. RSVP for catering to zoomhair@zoomhair.co.nz or 540 2333

Rangers Rugby Club: New players are welcome to play in the senior 3rd Division for the 2013 season. Team trainings Tuesday 6pm at Mapua Domain. Mark 0274229949.

For Sale: 5kg bags of top quality non-treated kindling wood. It is dry, burns great, it will get any fire started. \$10 per bag. Free delivery locally. Call: Cameron Jones, 540 2992

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. **Probus Club** meets first Fridays. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Letty Thawley; 540 2876, Secr. Margaret Butchart 540 2686

Moutere Hills Rose Society. Are you a gardener with a special love of roses? We meet monthly - contact Margaret 03 5288477 or Cynthia 035288664.

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents and caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for a delicious morning tea. Come and make some new friends. Info: Debbie, 5432915

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays at 9.45am. New members welcome. Phone Mary 5402450 or Anne 5403934

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Mapua Art Group: Painting/Drawing Thursdays 9-12.30, Old Church, Aranui Rd. Like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun, social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933

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

Recycling: Printer & Photocopier cartridges can be left at Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Rd, 8am-noon & 3-6pm. Consider reducing landfill and support fundraising. Managed by MDBA with thanks to Tasman Bay Vets.

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. 136A Aranui Rd every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Anja, 544 8733, about membership or casual hire.

Yoga in Mapua: Mapua Scout Den during School Terms, Tues & Thurs 9:15-10:45am, Tues 6-7:30pm. Contact Anna Timms, 027 540 3944 or atimms68@gmail.com

Mapua Friendship Group meets once a month to socialize. We play a game of indoor bowls, and enjoy afternoon tea together (please bring a plate). We are presently meeting at Tasman Bible Church hall. There is a small door fee and a raffle. Info: Valerie 03 540 3685.

YOGA with Robin - Classes weekly. All levels welcome. Call 540 2113 for class times & information. www.rubybayyoga.com

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