

Coastal News

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Some Light Shed on Plaque in Old Hall

Last month we sought information about a small brass plaque found when clearing out the old hall. It was “to the memory of Mrs V Forsyth, 1959.” Thanks to those who responded. We now know that she was Mrs Vida Forsyth who was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1883. She came to New Zealand and with her husband Alan lived on an orchard in Ruby Bay and died in 1959.

Her eldest granddaughter, Margaret Green, said that her grandmother was at one time Dominion vice-president of the Women’s Division of Federated Farmers and was active in supporting rural women, especially during World War Two.

Her daughter Iris married Paul Wells in 1928—the first wedding in the local Mapua church.

We also learned that a flowering cherry was planted as a memorial to her in 1960 and she was named as “one of the local people who gave their time and energy to the township in their lifetime.”

Two months on and getting it sorted: Seeing the hall with cars parked outside and people busy inside has now become the “new normal” for our Mapua community which is just how we would all wish it to be!

Bookings: The website booking system is now more established (maybe familiar?) and we continue to add both regular user events as well as more “special events” – especially with the warmer weather and longer evenings now here.

A reminder again to book soon if you are planning a special event. From this month, the hall link will also be on the TDC website as well as part of the Event Planning Directory for www.itsonco.nz. We are also planning to contact other community halls and wedding organisers to ensure that the news of our splendid facility is as widely known as possible.

The committee is very interested in supporting ways in which the hall can become a community hub with events not specifically related to belonging to any particular group, such as regular community lunches and seasonal festivals. Developing these will be a real focus for the new year so any other ideas from the community will be

warmly welcomed. Contact Margaret Cotter in the “events sub-committee” at rmcotter@tasman.net

Hall facilities: A “Communications Book” is outside the hall office for people’s comments/ concerns and suggestions. Please keep using it as it is really helpful to have users give feedback on what is working well and what needs addressing.

There has been some confusion over the hall notice boards so a reminder here that only notices relating to hall matters and current local events will be posted on the notice boards outside and inside the hall. Any notices relating to rentals, purchases, offers of assistance need to be put on a card on the notice board outside Four Square – the information on how to do this (and a donation of a gold coin or more to the hall) is to be found inside the store. Please do observe this protocol – otherwise the boards become crowded and no-one’s information is clear!

Some people have expressed ongoing concerns about the acoustics in the main hall, as well as in the Bill Marris and supper rooms. We are monitoring this, so please keep providing feedback on your experiences.

Requirements for storage facilities were discussed by those groups at the October Regular User Group meeting. It is clear that there is a need for more storage than is now available – especially for our regular users (some of whom have not yet stated their requirements). This will need to be considered by the committee with priority given to the most regular users who require access to their equipment every session.

The other main item raised at the User Group meeting was the need for a larger morning/afternoon tea facility, especially to provide hot water. A number of groups are now considering combining to share in the purchase of a large urn or in the installation of a hot water zip in the tea station.

Thanks to Lynda Mabin for the donation of the two clocks – this will help keep us all on track.

Hall Resources and fund-raising

A reminder that our hall is not yet debt-free. We still owe around \$50,000 so need to keep the donations and



fund-raising ideas coming in. Contributions will be gratefully received and should be sent to Margaret Cotter rmcotter@tasman.net .or Ph: 540-2195. “We can do it, we will do it, let’s do it.” (Mary Lithgow, Treasurer)

Many people have suggested items they would like to see in the hall – maybe your groups would consider providing these yourselves as there are no funds for such purchases at present.

Grateful thanks to those who responded to last month’s “wish-list” plea with offers.

We still have an ongoing significant “wish-list”, which we are seeking funds for or asking people to consider donating. These include:

- office equipment – lap-top (with USB port) chairs, stationery
- more storage facilities
- a modular stage
- sound equipment including microphones and stands
- projection equipment
- large mirrors
- kitchen and cooking equipment including sharp knives, serving utensils and cutlery
- a large hot water urn
- curtains for Domain gallery and Bill Marris Room
- outdoor furniture and shade sails

What’s coming next? Keep up with events in more detail on our website www.mapuahall.org We particularly encourage our regular user groups to send us general information on your group (including contact information) and on any special events coming up.

What else can the community do? Besides donations and fund-raising,(“say ‘Yes’ to continued Hall development”) the Hall Society still needs:

- 1) Volunteer roster for staffing the office

Several people have offered time volunteering during the week. Thank you so much for that. We are still trying to set up a monthly roster. Until we are able to employ a co-ordinator, this is how we will need to keep things ticking over. Please contact Elena Meredith elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz with times you could be available.

- 2) A donated lap-top. Preferably less than two years old, with DVD and USB port capability. Can anyone help here?

Now let’s get on with using and enjoying our: “Community built, community owned, community run Mapua Community Hall.” (Official re-opening flier).

Elena Meredith – Information and Liaison Subcommittee

Mapua Hall fund raiser

... special sale of high quality local wine for Christmas.

This high quality wine is produced, bottled and sold by Rimu Grove Winery, Bronte Rd East

A limited number of cases have been made available by the Winery as a Hall Society fund raiser. Each bottle sold will provide an important donation to the Mapua Hall upgrade fund.

The bottles will have special Mapua Hall labels and will be sold in a minimum quantity of 6 bottles per order, which could include a mixture of different wines. The orders can be delivered in December and picked up at the Winery or delivered to your door by Hall Society volunteers.

A wine tasting event will be held at the Hall in

December. Further details will be published in the Coastal News December issue.

If you would like an **order form** or further information, please contact the Winery in Bronte Rd (540 2345) or Tord Kjellstrom, 540 3347, kjellstromt@yahoo.com or Margaret Cotter: 540 2195, rmcotter@tasman.net

Orders can be placed already now..... the supply is limited, so order early to be sure to get your high quality Christmas wine. Thanks for supporting the Mapua Hall upgrade fund.

Wine type from Rimu Grove Winery	Usual Winery cellar door price	Hall Society fund raising price
2011 Pinot Gris	\$26	\$20
2011 Riesling	\$26	\$20
2008 Pinot Noir	\$ 39	\$30

Out and About with Hugh

The Tasman District Council process of amending and adopting the amendment to the TDC Traffic Control Bylaw is under way. Public notice was published on 27 September calling for submissions. These closed on 25 October and will be considered and heard between 4 and 11 November. The outcomes of this consultation process will be considered at a full council meeting on 5 December. Anyone who missed the submissions deadline can still speak to the issue at the “forum” time which precedes the start of that meeting.

To refresh your memory on proposals that affect the Mapua wharf precinct: No parking on Sundays, no parking on public holidays, wharf to be closed to vehicles for parking from 20 December to 7 February inclusive, annually.

Sunday 20 October was a perfect spring day. At the entry to the wharf the big ‘NO PARKING’ sign was up, a small ‘hand-made’ sign in the middle of the entry said ‘no parking today.’ And the wharf? Viola! No cars! Young and old free to move about safely.

Parking elsewhere? Waterfront Park parking lot? Full. Designated car parking on Aranui Road? Full. Road verges on Aranui Road and Iwa Street? Full. Designated parking area in the open field west of Tahī Street? Entry gates padlocked with chain despite the ‘P’ sign indicating a parking area. Never mind, they’re working on it. That’s your on-the-spot report for today, folks.

The next Wharf Precinct Committee meeting is scheduled for 23 October.

Local Body Election:

“Did you vote?” The question came unexpectedly and caught me on my back foot for a moment. “Well, yes I did, as a matter of fact,” I replied. “Why do you want to know?” “Just checking,” said my questioner. “You’re always admonishing us to do one thing or another in your column.” “Well, yes, if you say so. I did urge everyone to mail in their voting papers.”

We now know the election results. In the Tasman edition of the *Leader* (17 October), Steve Penny of Golden Bay asks: “Is Richard Kempthorne really the democratically re-elected Mayor of the Tasman District?” He points out that of 17,465 votes that were cast for the five candidates, Richard received 6626. That means 10,839 voters did not choose him. On that basis he was hardly the popular choice of those who submitted their ballots in the election.

This points out the major failing of the ‘first past the post’ electoral system (the Plurality System), in which the candidate polling the highest number of votes cast among the candidates is elected. The solution to this enigma is to have a run-off election between the

two highest-polling candidates. The usual official answer to that suggestion is “Too costly, too much trouble.” The result is our Mayor is elected by a rather large minority of voters. Not the wishes of the majority who voted.

So, is that democracy? Strictly speaking in one sense it is. From the age of 18 we are all eligible to register and vote in our elections. In another sense, it is not, as another hallmark of our ‘democracy’ is the rule of the majority. Majority rules, even if only by one vote. Vis-a-vis our present Parliament. Not so in the Tasman District.

For the record, democracy is broadly defined as a system of government where everyone has a right to have an opinion and to express it openly and freely. It includes things like freedom of the press, freedom of worship, freedom of movement. The things we fortunately tend to take for granted in our daily life.

Of interest: To quote Wikipedia; New Zealand (politics). “New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy.”

Dominion Stream Flats: Good news! We got it! This critical area is now under TDC control. It is an Eco Reserve in the making. Nelmac is prepping the area and providing plants for the 2 November public planting bee. Thanks to Beryl Wilkes, TDC reserves manger, for her organising and the Community Association for printing and distributing the planting bee flyers.

Mapua Community Hall: The first few weeks of the breaking-in period for hall users is going well in most respects. There are still a few “why don’t you...” about, but overall it’s quickly changing to “Why don’t we?” as all of us in our community take personal possession of our Community Hall. The Hall Management Committee is making every effort the keep user charges for ‘locals’ as reasonable as possible. Please give them your support.

Dying, Death & Dollars: Big dollars! Tell us about it! Major reforms are proposed for the laws around funerals, burials and cremations. The New Zealand Law Commission is asking for public submissions to the proposed changes. The deadline is Friday, 20 December. A summary of reform proposals and questions can be downloaded from the Law Commission’s website. This is worth a look.

Alas! No ‘Letters to the Editor’ in October’s *Coastal News* despite our editor encouraging more public contribution. Not even from Ian Uendo. Come on Keith! Where are you?

Lastly: “Life is what happens when you are philosophising about its meaning.” (John Lennon).

Hugh Gordon

Animal Health File

By Dr Matt Evans

It's Over to You! – Post-op Care

Surgery is finished, sutures are in and the anaesthetic wears off, a few hours later it's time to go home... The success of surgery and recovery is now YOUR responsibility.

Unlike people, (and let's face it – we're bad enough!) we can't explain to animals the need to take it easy, the importance of medications and why they should check (not lick) their wounds regularly. So, it's your job. After each surgery you will be given a set of instructions to help you. Here's a summary of the key areas that contribute to a successful recovery:

Exercise & movement restriction

Whether it is for lead exercise only, or more exacting crate rest, these restrictions are in place to optimise healing conditions. At a simple level they reduce the chance of wound contamination. They will also manage the risk of wound breakdown due to excessive movement and tension. After orthopaedic surgeries they aim to prevent recurrent injury or even fracture.

Medications

Anti-inflammatories, antibiotics and other medicines are used for specific and genuine reasons to help your pet's recovery. It is important that you complete the course of medications and that you contact us should you have difficulty giving medications or feel that your pet is not tolerating them.

Nutrition

It may be a simple matter of not overfeeding your pet immediately after an operation; a diet to promote weight loss or one integral to the specific reason your pet had an operation in the first place. Nutritional advice is given for a reason and needs to be followed. As for medications, if you have problems doing this, then please contact us as soon as possible.

Dressings

Types of dressing are many and varied. There are though some points that apply to all:

- They need to stay in the correct place (i.e. not slip)
- Dressings and bandages need to be kept dry and clean
- Dressing changes and checks must be done as directed

Any concerns about a dressing or bandage are worth prompt attention.

Checking the wound

Every visible surgery wound needs to be checked at least once a day for swelling, redness, irritation to your pet and discharge. Before your pet's operation you will be offered an elizabethan collar, while it does not stop your pet from showing signs that the wound is

bothering him it will prevent him from making concerns worse through self-trauma.

Post-op checks

Check-ups with your vet or nurse allow the progress of your pet to be monitored through the healing process. They may be used to change dressings, check healing, advise on physiotherapy or simply to remove stitches and staples. All of these appointments are important and need to be kept.

All's well

That's the aim of the post-op period. The importance of your care and attention throughout can't be overstated. Getting it right and following instructions carefully gives your pet the best chance of a successful outcome from surgery – which we all want.

If there ever are any doubts or questions you as an owner has about this vital period of time, please call us and speak to vet or nurse directly.

Open Studio for PANZ

As part of the Ruby Coast Arts Festival, PANZ is conducting an Open Studio at the Mapua Hall on Saturday 2nd November from 9am to noon.

Artists will be working and available to talk to visitors. There will be papers and pastels on hand for visitors to try as a painting medium and there will be paintings for sale (cash and carry).

It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to visit and feel free to try things, ask as many questions as you like and the best of all, it's free.

Put on a smile and come and join us. If you have an Open Studio Map, we are No. 7 on the list.

Our usual painting days (Tuesday mornings) have been very busy since returning to the refurbished hall. It is taking us a while to get back into a routine and sort out the storage, but the light is good and much warmer than it used to be. We have had the "Big Picture" where we all got a piece of paper and a small section of an obviously much larger painting and we had to enlarge and replicate it. At the end of the session, all the pieces were put back together again like a jigsaw and the picture was whole. Lots of fun and always a surprise at the end.

Enquiries to Glenys Forbes, phone 504-3388

Art Group to Celebrate 5th Birthday

“What if nobody comes?” was the worrying thought when Lisa Chandler opened the doors of the Mapua Hall on a Thursday morning five years ago for the newly founded Mapua Art Group (MAG). But she needn't have worried. Quite a few keen budding artists turned up and numbers have been increasing ever since.

MAG can now count about 60 members as their own, some of them religiously turning up every Thursday morning, some of them popping in only now and then. But one thing they all have in common is their passion for art, be it painting in oils, acrylics or watercolour, or making glass art, mixed-medium paintings or textile art.

Says Linda Morris: “I was one of those who turned up on the very first day, in response to Lisa’s ad. I can’t express my thanks for this group—it changed my life and allowed me to not only pursue an idea that I might like painting, but it has inspired, encouraged and taken me on a journey that still has a long way to go. Thanks Lisa and MAG!”

The key members of the art group arrange tutorials with guest artists for every last Thursday of the month, enticing the group members to get out of their comfort zone and trying their hand at different mediums or styles. Because of this and the generous help from the more experienced artists, each of the members has developed their artistic skills. Without question the quality of the paintings over the past five years has dramatically improved as a consequence of being in the group. A lot of the members have solo exhibitions but for the non-prolific ones there is always one exhibition a year for the art group as a whole. Never to miss out on celebrations, Christmas art outings every year are a must, so are weekend art escapes.



“We have been with MAG since it started; not only have we been encouraged with art, we have also made new friends and enjoy the laughter, fun and fellowship,” say Dianne and Isabella.

The MAGs are a friendly lot, welcoming each new artist with open arms and tons of free advice. It’s a relaxed atmosphere with music sometimes playing in the background, friendly chatter and laughter and always a good cuppa and biscuit. If you live on the Ruby Coast area and are interested in joining the Mapua Art Group, we meet every Thursday, 9am to 12pm at the Mapua Hall, \$5 a session.

To celebrate the 5th birthday all Mapua Art Group members, new and old or future, are invited to mingle, be merry, talk art and catch up with old friends. The lunch will be held on Thursday, 28th of November from 12 till 2pm at the Domain Gallery in the lovely, new Mapua Hall. You won’t go thirsty as wine will be provided and there will be birthday cake too. There will also be a raffle with some arty prizes. Please RSVP to Lisa Chandler at lisa@lisachandler.co.nz See you there and to finish with a great artists quote: “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” Pablo Picasso.

Anne Haswell

MAPUA LIBRARY

We do enjoy welcoming a group to the library – especially when it involves excited and enthusiastic littlies. Recently a group from Harakeke, the place 4325-year-olds (the place for five to three year olds) visited. It was a pleasure to have them in the library and it certainly looked as if they enjoyed their time with us. Several of the accompanying adults joined the library and the group found a great selection of books to borrow.

Displays:

Our October exhibitor was Neil Smith who displayed some fantastic pieces. The next display is from Tasman School and this will be exhibited until the New Year.

We hope that you enjoy the Art in Windows display. The library is thrilled to host this new initiative of the newly formed Ruby Coast Arts Collective.

Reorganisation:

Most elements of Phase One of the reorganisation will be implemented in the near future. This project has been undertaken with a “big picture” outlook and grants applications have been made in support of some elements. It is an exciting change with its key objective being to maximise the use of the space available in the library.

Last but not least:

The Tasman District Council has advised of the approval of a \$2500 grant from rates for the purchase of more library books. A very welcome grant to the library and much appreciated.

Lynley Worsley

BOOK REVIEW

The Puppet Boy of Warsaw by Eva Weaver. This book is available in the Mapua Library. Reviewed by Joyce Bullock

Consider this book an absolute gem and I note that Whitcoulls’ “reader” from head office shares my opinion. The book has Joan’s prestigious gold sticker on the spine in their chain of stores.

Eva is a young German author who has lived in England for 16 years but like many Germans she is haunted by the horrors that some of her kinsmen imposed on innocent victims. This is her first novel.

Here we have an unlikely meeting of two people intertwined by the chaos of war; Mika a Jewish boy, a set of puppets and a German soldier named Max.

The story opens with, “Without the coat nothing would have happened as it did.”

Mika’s granddad had the foresight to have this amazing coat with cavernous pockets made by his tailor. It provided Mika with the opportunity to carry more than his puppets.

Granddad was also the puppeteer and his puppets gave Mika the chance to bring happy smiles to children and adults amidst the chaos of war.

Polish Jews were evicted from their homes and jobs and squeezed into Jewish ghettos and left to starve. Mika walked in the streets amongst the dead and dying and there he met Max the German soldier.

Mika is forced to obey Max which results in frightening challenges but some rewards. The harrowing story of those closest to Mika has a tragic ending for many.

But the story doesn’t end in Poland.

Eva wants the reader to understand that the German people also suffered. Max’s story does not end happily ever after. One little puppet from the Mika’s collection, the Prince, travels with Max from Poland to Siberia and the second story evolves.

Nuremberg, the beautiful city of Max’s memories where the Nazi rallies were held, was amongst the first cities in Germany to be bombed by the allies. Max’s wife and son were living in this city when he left for the war.

Despite deprivation and a huge death toll some characters survive and this epic journey concludes in Manhattan.

Francis Bacon said, “Some books are to be tasted, some chewed and some inwardly digested.”

Digesting this story may leave you exhausted but you will find it hard to forget.

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The guest speaker at the Probus Club of Mapua and District in October was Julian Shields, talking about his involvement with the Nelson affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Julian became involved with this worldwide Christian organisation 18 years ago when he was with Keith Hay Homes in Nelson and Ian Hay, the head of the firm in Auckland, suggested Julian set up a Habitat affiliate in Nelson.

The purpose of Habitat for Humanity is to build or renovate three or four-bedroom homes for underprivileged families. It is a non-profit organisation reliant on donations and grants from businesses, private sources and volunteers in the construction and renovation of homes. Each affiliate is responsible for selecting and supporting partner families within its area.

Habitat for Humanity was formed by a Christian group in the USA in 1967. Former president Jimmy Carter is a big supporter of Habitat for Humanity which builds houses in countries such as Vietnam, Cambodia, and India. The organisation has since set up in many other countries. Julian, with other New Zealand volunteers, has been involved in building in a variety of countries such as Fiji, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

A television publicity demonstration was completed some years ago for the construction of a home by Habitat for Humanity in Auckland. Volunteers built it in a record time of three hours and 44 minutes. The house was passed by a building inspector for a family of five to take rental possession on the same day.

At present there are two houses being built in Nelson and two in Motueka. Habitat for Humanity

has built houses in the majority of towns in New Zealand. The Hamilton affiliate has the largest number of houses under construction.

The mini-speaker was club member Ian Stringer who spoke about financial support of MIVAC—the Mines Victims and Clearance Trust of Laos. Ian's son-in-law, Colin Druce and his 14-year-old grandson Max travelled to Laos for a month before returning home to Newcastle in Australia.

Colin's volunteer work involved upgrading power lines, steel roofs on various buildings and in plumbing water to basic toilet systems. A large number of wooden posts were used for fencing to keep animals and people away from areas of land that had not been cleared of mines or unexploded bombs.

MIVAC is staffed by volunteers, enabling them to dedicate an average of 95% of raised funds directly to identify projects. This organisation was started by ex-soldiers from the Vietnam War and the money raised is used to fund the clearing of land mines or unexploded bombs. This is done by Australian mine-clearing companies at an average cost of \$350 per bomb. It is estimated that 260 million cluster bombs were dropped during the war and 30% of them never exploded.

One of the projects that Ian and his wife Rachael were involved in was giving a donation of \$1200 that paid for 130 school uniforms for a primary school. A large photo of the students in their new uniforms was sent to Ian and Rachael with a big thank you message displayed in front of the students.

David Higgs

Coastal Garden Group

President Adrian opened the second meeting back at the Mapua Hall. Members were reminded to compare this venue with the Tasman Bible Church hall where meetings were held while the Mapua Hall was undergoing renovation.

At our November meeting a written voting form will be issued to members so that the venue for subsequent meetings can be decided on.

Treasurer Marilyn presented her report and detailed the funds for specific areas raised at the Spring Flower Show.

Many folk in the community commented on the success of the Spring Show and feedback forms were distributed to members.

Rachael Stringer's resignation from the committee was received with regret. She was presented with a flowering shrub and the splendid work she has done both as a secretary and a very hard working committee member was noted. A huge thank you from us all Rachael. Great to know we'll still see you at meetings.

Our speaker was the delightful teacher, Keitha King. Her hanging baskets around their home are superb so who better to demonstrate the best way to plant 24 little plants (impatiens in this case).

With her basket liner sitting on an inverted pot she set sail, noting that it takes her a mere 10 minutes from go to whoa! The oval discs that husband Brian makes

from corrugated cardboard forms a little cocoon for the plant and with potting mix filled just below the first set of holes the little plants went from inside to out in a trice, then onto the next plant. (I had done the operation in reverse with a liner full of mix and wondered why my little plants looked rather battered at the end of the process). The next layer is added to the second set of holes and then the third and finally three plants are added on top.

Having revealed her secrets, members were strongly advised to add a little plant, and we did!

There is nothing better than having a go, and by the end of the session even the initially reluctant members were taking a turn. Our thanks too for the completed basket that Keitha contributed as a raffle prize.

An entertaining and informative session. Great stuff Keitha.

After the tea break, knowledgeable member Margaret Satherley discussed spring blooms on the display table, and Brian King showed us some of his amazing orchids.

Another happy gathering of gardeners finished on time at 3.30pm.

Joyce Bullock

Be in to Grow the Biggest Pumpkin

The 8th annual MEGA pumpkin-growing competition is on again and plants are available at the Mapua Tavern—now is the time to get your plot ready for planting in October – November in time for the weigh-in on MEGA pumpkin day Saturday 12th April 2014.

Entrants can also buy seeds from last year's winning pumpkin at Mitre 10 Mega or plants from the Mapua Tavern. Registration is open right up until weigh-in day for those who use their own seeds.

Registration is only \$5 and all funds raised during the day will be donated to a local community cause. This year the Mapua Hall restoration received a donation of \$2500 after Waimea College took out the 2013 school division and the overall MEGA prize with a 170.5kg pumpkin.

All schools are encouraged to have a go at growing a pumpkin this year and all you green-fingered gardeners join in the fun of growing a MEGA pumpkin. As well as the schools division there are great prizes for the kids, the arty-farty and of course the MEGA pumpkin divisions.

All you need to grow a MEGA pumpkin is available at the sponsor, Mitre 10 Mega. It's a great opportunity for everyone in the community to get involved and have some fun challenging your friends and family to see who can grow the biggest pumpkin. Enter at the Mapua Tavern now.

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

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Truck has Little Muscle but is Quirky

Last month I did a story on a cool-looking muscle truck, the Ford 250. Wayne's 1967 Ford Econoline pick-up is a contrast which doesn't have muscle but it does have history and character. The Econoline was designed for the service industry as a work horse with no lashings of chrome, but they did make it quirky.

This Econoline was originally owned by a handyman-contractor in Flagstaff, Arizona, and has only 97,000 miles on the clock. Wayne and Annie bought it from a dealer in Las Vegas and it has yet to be restored. Plans for the Econoline are a 5-litre Mustang V8 motor, automatic gearbox, modified suspension and repainted custom colours. (*Is he serious? Editor*)

There is not much to say about the body until you get to the front where it has an extended cab-over-front with sort of a sad-eyed look grill wrapped around the head lights. Wayne tells me it has a 75kg weight behind the back wheels to counter the over-extended cab. The exterior colour is blue with some paint burnt off by Arizona summers.

The design was based on the English Thames van popular with councils and service contractors in New Zealand in the 1960s. It is 4.376m long but much wider than its English brother at 1.905m. The engine is a 3.9 litre six cylinder based on the early Falcon motors, and a three-speed manual gearbox.

The interior is budget with painted door linings and a screwed on dash, and a cluster of gauges around the steering with a column change. The only luxury is a strip of vinyl padding on top of the dash. I liked the useful space behind the seats for tools etc. It has bucket seats each side of the motor console. It had a heater, which was much better than the Thames vans we used as surfy wagons in the 70s.

The Econoline has an extra number plate which has a dry rusted look about it, appropriate for the age of the vehicle. Arizona historic plates make for cheaper insurance, registration and exception from any current WOF requirements for vehicles over 40 years old. It's a nice bit of memorabilia to keep with the vehicle.

Going for a drive in the Econoline was a contrast to Wayne's other cars. We took off from the bottom of



Pinehill Road with slow gear changes but it was positive on the throttle and I must say it went well. It waddled around the first right-hand corner sounding very mechanical with whines from the gear box and the doors rattling. A great reminder of my youth when all cars whined and rattled.

I must say rounding the first corner in the Econoline was a contrast to last time Wayne took me round it in his Shelby Mustang. Then I had my foot on an imaginary brake pedal but it was not responding. Too late. We were into the next corner before I could say a word of protest. Back to the Econoline, we headed up the Bluff hill with the only gear change required was at the sharp left at the top..

The Econoline is just what its name infers budget, no frills, practical trade vehicle. No air-conditioning on a vehicle in the USA even in 1967—it was budget. As a tradesman I can see the vehicle had some thought put into its design, especially with space behind the seats. I love the quirky look of the front. It has attracted the attention of the boy racers who are fascinated with its looks. Nice one Wayne and Annie. Quirky is as good as muscle.

Fred Cassin

Mapua Health Centre

We are delighted to welcome Nicola Baxter to the practice for the next three months. Nicola has been a house surgeon at Nelson Hospital for the last two years and during her time with us she will be consulting patients under the supervision of our doctors. This is a great opportunity for house surgeons to obtain a greater understanding of primary healthcare in a semi-rural community.

DUMP (Disposal of Unwanted Medicines through Pharmacies). Pharmacies in Nelson-Tasman will be running another DUMP campaign in this month, so please check your cupboards (and those of any elderly relatives) and review your (their) medicines. During the campaign, we are encouraging you to return any unwanted or out of date medicines to the Health Centre or the pharmacy so they can be safely disposed, keeping you, your family and the environment safer.

What can we all do to avoid wastage?

- Tell (or show) your doctor what you are actually taking, as it might differ from what they think you are taking. It is important that your doctor (and you) have the correct information.

- Most regular prescriptions are valid for 90 days. If you have extra medicines at home remember you don't have to collect everything prescribed, but please don't run out of your medicines either!

- Some medicines are taken only when you have symptoms, so you may not always need the full amount of these every time. But remember, if you have been prescribed a medication – it is for a good reason.

Don't be alarmed if you are asked by our medical staff or the pharmacy staff whether you need the full amounts of your medicines. We are all trying to work together to make our health money go further.

The Mapua Health Centre committee AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th November at 7:30pm at the Health Centre. Anyone is welcome to attend

This month is promoting "5+ A Day" (www.5aday.co.nz). The key messages are:

- Eat five or more handfuls of colourful fruit and vegetables every day for better health, taste and variety.

- New Zealand nutrition guidelines recommend that you eat five or more servings of fresh fruit and vegetables every day. Specifically, three or more servings of vegetables and two of fruit.

- A serving of fruit and vegetables is about a handful and everyone uses their own hand, so a child's serving is smaller than an adult's.

- Colourful fruit and vegetables contain many of the vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals (fight-o-chemicals) that the body needs to maintain good health and energy.

- Research conducted in 2010 shows 78% of Kiwis are familiar with the 5+ A Day message with 41% of the population actually eating 5+ A Day. This is up from 31% in 1995. The aim now is to get over 50% of New Zealanders eating 5+ A Day fresh fruit and vegetables by 2015 for better health, taste and variety.

- A family of four can purchase a week's worth of fruit and vegetables for as little as 28 cents a serving.

Many Domain Trees in Poor Condition

Back in July, Kathy Tohill-Curnow, horticultural officer with the Tasman District Council, told me that some of the trees on the Domain need to be removed. An arboricultural consultant had assessed all of the trees in the reserve and found there was at least one tree that needed to come down pretty quickly (over by the cricket nets). As Kathy pointed out, it is always with reluctance that the council removes large significant trees like this from reserves.

Many structural issues which present within the trees appear to be the result of the close planting of the trees and very little developmental tree management over the years, resulting in a number of multiple-stemmed trees and trees with co-dominant branch and stem unions. The result is that we have a high number of trees in poor or just fair condition.

Storms over the years have also caused a high level of branch and stem failures, many of these occurring at weak branch unions. Trees in the north-west corner appear to have developed as a stand of trees with maintenance limited to occasional lower limb removal to lift tree canopies and to provide access for mowing equipment. The resultant close growing nature of the group has “drawn up” the form of these trees.

So, what trees are coming down and which ones are being tidied up? Trees over-hanging the tennis courts will be removed and because the courts are being resurfaced at some point, it has also been decided to remove the fence along the entrance road and with it, the trees along that fence line. The tree consultant has also made recommendations in regard to which other trees should be removed or tidied.

The majority of the trees on the Domain are exotic deciduous trees comprising four lime, seven English oaks, four ash, five cottonwood poplars, three pin/scarlet oaks, two liquid ambers, two tulip trees, one birch, one Lombardy poplar and one sycamore. There are also several exotic evergreen trees: one strawberry tree, one silky oak and one Atlantic cedar. Three native kohuhu complete the collection.

There are two protected trees in the Domain – the Atlantic cedar and one of the two pin oaks.

The consultant has pointed out that removal of all the trees identified as being in poor condition would clearly result in a dramatic loss of trees from the Domain. He recommended staged removal of some of the worst trees over the next five or so years and new tree plantings should take place to add some depth to the range of age classes of trees within the Domain. This will allow some latitude in the future when trees require removal and it will also lessen any impact should a number of trees need removal at the same time.

Careful thought will be given to the placement of new plantings so that future management issues will not be created, and tree stumps should be removed after tree removals.

So there you have it – some of the trees to be removed have been referred to as Coronation trees because they were planted at the time of Queen Elizabeth II’s coronation.

To begin the process, Kathy has advised the community association that they will be planting three new pin oaks on the Domain in the area where some of the Coronation plantings have been removed or failed. By the time you read this article, that planting will have taken place and we can look forward to some really nice replacement trees going in. We have also talked about planting a tree to commemorate the birth of Baby George—so watch this space!

*Pam Stinton, secretary, Mapua & Districts
Community Association*

Harakeke

The place 4 3 2 5 year olds
EXPLORE, CREATE, ENJOY

What have we been up to? Well, we've been seriously exploring our wider community. As a follow-up and extension of the children's interest in the animal kingdom we had a visit to Natureland and would like to thank and congratulate the staff and volunteers there for sharing their knowledge and letting us touch and feel some quite amazing creatures (did you ever hold a two-day-old mouse and feel the oh so soft first fur covering of their siblings that are only a little older?)

On the way to Natureland we stopped at Petmart where we traded some of our rescued fish – no doubt you all read the story about that adventure in September and by the way, their initiative and learning earned our children recognition in the form of a Tasman Nelson Environment Award Certificate, a nature-based book and a kowhai tree.

We also followed the invitation to Mahana School's pet day where we were able to watch a goat being milked and had a wee taste as well. We were impressed by some really cool obedience displays, especially the one involving the police dogs. Establishing close relationships with our local schools is very important to us. It supports children's transition to school and helps parents to decide on the 'right' school for their child.

Harakeke whānau and now have Licorice and Marshmallow, two cute little bunnies sharing our space and are eagerly awaiting the birth of 102's (one of our Highlander ladies) calf.

That's it in terms of animals for now (except of course for our 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 ...lots of tadpoles, whose metamorphosis we are closely observing and learning about). (the place for five to three year olds

Excursions into the community? Yes, there was one more. Just a couple of weeks ago we had a super fun day in Mapua, bike-riding, enjoying the playground and having lunch with an important member of the Harakeke whānau who recently moved there. In the afternoon we visited the Mapua library, registered as members and hope to be able to use this great place as often as possible with small groups of our children.

The teaching team had their own excursion – a weekend away, recharging in Golden Bay, team building and networking with other Enviroschool Early Learning Centres.

Before I close I'd like to mention that as part of our art education programme delivered by Johnna's Little Picasso Art School at Harakeke weekly we are planning an Art Exhibition and Open Day, possibly early in December, so please watch the space and plan to come and see us.

Talking of pets – yes, we recently had a ~~new~~ ~~Harakeke~~ ~~team~~

Mapua Wetland Restoration

Now into its ninth year of restoration, the Mapua Wetland is not only thriving, but continues its expansion into Aranui Park with the valued assistance of pupils from Mapua School.

Most of the planting in the one-hectare wetland has now been completed by the Friends of Mapua Wetland. Canopies here are beginning to spread, while pioneer planting, including manuka, ti kouka (cabbage trees), manuka and hebe is well under way in the park. Weeding is still necessary on both these restoration sites.

As Mapua increases its urban density, with subdivision slated for land immediately west and south of the site, the work that has gone in is having ripple effects into the wider Moutere district. The 62 species of plants and eco-sourced trees include kahikatea, tawa, titoki, karaka, both narrow-leafed and white maire and more recently, hard beech.

Introduced into the wetland from similar sites nearby, this increasingly diverse zone is attracting wildlife. Among arrivals are nesting mallards, pukeko and fantails as well as lizards and spiders. The Mapua group has a permit to harvest whitebait and transfer them into the wetland in the hope of propagating kokopu that can develop a cycle down the Mapua Stream out to sea. Numbers and variety of species are expected to grow.

It is also likely that some of the similar sites in the district, from McKee Domain to Potter's Bush, Tasman, over to the great wetland remnant of Nick and Eve Ward's in Old House Road and the recently weed-busted site at Lancewood Villa in Kelling Road, both in Upper Moutere, will soon be linked by "the flight of the kereru" and other such actively propagating species. The presence of the kereru on such sites, especially their nesting, is strengthened by

what is now a recognised local network of these "ecological islands", all well within their cruising range.

Wetland Committee members are grateful to Titoki Nursery for its assistance with rare plants and to Martin Heine, whose harvesting of local seed using seed traps has provided the group with seedlings of hard beech.

The group values its association with Mapua School, and acknowledges the leadership role of teacher Simon Clearwater in developing Tane's Ark in Aranui Park. This year has also seen another exciting development, the involvement of Whenua Iti outdoor education centre and its staff in the Tāne's Ark project. A group of Whenua Iti trainees, led by instructors, helped us weed a particularly difficult area and Whenua Iti instructors also used the wetland for part of a leadership training programme for Mapua School pupils.

In order to sustain its work the committee is always keen to attract new financial members: \$10 per person, \$15 family and \$5 student. This can be sent with your name and contact to Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc, PO Box 873 Nelson (or given to any member of the committee you may know if that's easier). This gives you access to the QEII wetland and you will receive an occasional newsletter.

David Young, chair, Friends of Mapua Wetland

Say that Again!

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

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MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

The start of the bowling season has been decidedly soggy and we have had more cancellations due to rain than actual play. But bowlers are a resilient bunch and still smiling optimistically for good things ahead.

A delayed Opening Day was enjoyed by plenty of club members and some friends from Motueka Bowling Club who forayed out to be part of the action.

With a flooded green resembling a swimming pool, the first home tournament, due to be sponsored by Lynda Mabin of Holistic Health & Training, had to be cancelled. This was very disappointing as it was also in support of the NZ Blind Association. Hopefully we can do something for the charity later in the year.

Some of our members have put their heads above the parapet and signed up for Nelson Centre competitions. We wish Ben Whitten and Julina Ismail good luck as they embark on seven rounds of 2-4-2 Junior Pairs. And Sue England, Judy March and Julina Ismail will do their best in the two-day Ladies' Triples. It is great for Mapua that we can compete at Centre level.

We have lost some friends as they depart for pastures new but also gained some new members. Happy bowling to them all wherever they may play.

For information about bowling, coaching 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



VIDEO EZY MAPUA - CLOSING THE DOOR

Ray and Kathryn Gill opened a Video Ezy store in Motueka in August 1999. We had a lot of customers from Mapua at that time so we decided to put in a small store where Juggles is now, in March 2002. Back then we had no facilities and staff had to put up a "Back in 5 Minutes" sign while they ran across to the playground!

The demand for rental outgrew the store size so Dr Tim built an extension complete with toilet much to everyone's relief. The store grew from a few hundred video tapes to over 6500 DVDs.

However as technology and downloading has taken place, custom has dropped and we had to make a decision. We decided to close Mapua and put more energy and time and DVDs into Motueka as it is growing steadily.

Ray said that telling the great staff and his great landlord, Dr Tim, was one of the hardest things he has had to do. He felt he was letting the community down.

We hope that our loyal customers will keep supporting us in Motueka where we have the biggest range of DVDs around.

We are setting up a Mapua drop off point for you and when you call into Video Ezy Mapua you will be given a Double Vision card to use at the Motueka store for two months cheap renting and wonderful deals.

We hope Motueka will provide you with the best possible service and you will enjoy the much larger range to choose from.

Motueka Deals

Tuesday is half price day

every other day we do 5 weekly movies for \$5

2 New Release movies \$10

3 New Release movies \$15

3 recent Release movies \$12

5 recent Release movies \$15

Hills Community Church

Recently our boys, along with Mapua School, and thousands of others, were part of the Nelson Mask Parade. It was a great event, with an amazing array of creative masks and costumes on display, not to mention an impressive feat of crowd control of so many children in one place. For a short time, although as our eldest boy reminded me, not that short ('You have to walk for one whole hour Dad!') reality was suspended, and people were given a new identity, a Roman centurion, a character in Star Trek, or a kotuku and octopus, as our boys were.

Sometimes it is an enticing prospect: that we can put on a mask and hide our true self from the world and those around us. In fact, in various different ways and layers, this is exactly how we live our life. But whatever masks we have put on in our life, whether to fit into a role that we wish to perform, or to hide some aspect of ourselves, we cannot get past a fundamental reality: in our inner being we are the same person we are when we were formed.

The novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote: "No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true."

A significant part of learning to live well is coming to an understanding of our true self. The Apostle Paul suggests that we have a limited view. 'For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror'. But he goes on to suggest something truly life changing, that there is a God who knows us, at our very core and that our future lies with him:

'Then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known' (1 Corinthians 14:12)

May we begin to trust that our being is held in the hand of a God who knows us in our deepest places and yet loves us, and yearns for us to take off our masks, to drop our pretences and allow him to unfold the beauty of our true self.

Rev John Sherlock

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

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

Weekly Calendar:

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

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

We offer numerous activities throughout the week.

Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries

A New Initiative for Seniors

In response to the success of what has become the Annual mid-winter dinner at Hills Community Church, and more information that there are some seniors in our community who are lonely, find it hard to meet people, struggle with cooking for one person or eating on their own, the church intends to start hosting a gathering (which will include a meal), to which all those over 60 who would like to come are very welcome. Transport can be arranged.

As it is early days the first such gathering will include asking those present what form they would like these gatherings to take. We are thinking that they could be held once a month and apart from including a meal (mains and dessert) and some time for chatting, maybe some low key entertainment/activity would be in order.

There will be no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a voluntary gold coin donation.

The first gathering is planned for Friday 15 November, starting at 11.30am at the church. Personal invitations will be given to the people we already know but if you don't receive an invitation and have passed the "age test" please feel free to come. We do need to know numbers for catering purposes, a phone call to the church at 540-3848, Judith 540-2298 or Vicky 540-2294 will be welcomed.

Vicky Stocker, on behalf of Hills Community Church

Police Report

Hello to all in the wider Mapua area. Stormy spring weather has made driving on the roads pretty dangerous at times, with trees down and slips on the roads. Well worth planning in advance to allow a bit more time to travel in bad weather. We have been lucky that there is still no active crime trend in the Mapua area. With the summer approaching no doubt there will be a few dishonest people coming to the area, so try not to be complacent. Don't leave valuable items on view in your car and remember to lock up the shed and garage. Be safe out there.

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

Mapua Occurrences:

Sept 21: Attend to a suicidal man. Taken to Nelson for assessment.

Sept 23: Accident Mapua Drive. 48-year-old Richmond man drinking and a disqualified driver. Car impounded.

Oct 1: Car doing burn-outs near McKee Domain. Car impounded. Inquiries continuing.

Minor domestic matter in Mapua.

Oct 3: Male forbidden to drive on Te Mamaku Drive

Oct 4-5: Hot-water cylinder stolen Gardner Valley Road.

Oct 5: 24-year-old caught travelling at 161kmh on Te Mamaku Drive. Licence suspended immediately. To appear in Nelson court.

Oct 7: Assist elderly man with mental condition.

Oct 7: Assist with domestic-related issues.

Oct 15: Man aged 66 from out of the district arrested for indecent suggestions to female tourist he picked up hitchhiking in Motueka.

Minor car accident Aranui Road. No injury.

Fire Brigade



Sept 13-Oct 13 call-outs

Sept 17: A permitted burn that got out of control on Harley Road put out with help from Motueka

Sept 27: Burst water main outside Mapua School. Downers on site fixing, no action taken.

Sept 27: Small fire in ceiling of Tait Street house. Light accidentally turned on in during alterations. Made safe.

Oct 3: Fire in ceiling, faulty downlight fitting at Jellyfish café.

46 calls to date this year.

Safety Tip – all outside fires need a permit, Rural fire network 544-2441. If in doubt phone 111 and ask for fire.

In October we held our annual awards night at the Mapua Station. Around 55 people enjoyed the evening. Ray Bolderson received a Long Service Medal for 14 years service. Ray also got a Life Honorary Medal. As Ray retired earlier this year this award gives him life membership to the brigade. Six other members got two-year bars for their five-year medals.

Visit as at <http://www.ufba.org.nz/brigade/mapua-volunteer-fire-brigade/home>, or Google Mapua fire.

Mapua, Ruby Bay & District Community Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2013

Statement of Financial Performance

For the period 1 Apr 2012 to 31 Mar 2013

INCOME	notes	2013	2012
Coastal News donation	1	\$14,300	\$14,800
Personal donation	2		\$1,200
Business/Club don	3		
Interest		\$3,241	\$2,629
Total		\$17,541	\$18,629
LESS EXPENSES			
Administration		\$176	
Grants	4	\$3,256	\$2,032
NET SURPLUS		\$14,109	\$16,598

Statement of Financial Position

TRUSTEES EQUITY	notes	2013	2012
Cash Account		\$1	\$1
Capital Reserve Fund		\$83,249	\$69,075
Disbursement Fund	4	\$1,513	\$1,579
Total		\$84,763	\$70,655
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Assets			
Kiwibank Now Acct		\$1	\$1
On Line Call Acct		\$86,577	\$72,469
Total		\$86,578	\$72,470
LESS			
Current Liabilities			
Funds held in Trust	5	\$1,815	\$1,815
NET ASSETS		\$84,763	\$70,655

Grants made by the Trust in 2012

May 2012		
Hall Society	\$600.00	towards rebuild
Tennis Club	\$630.00	pavilion
Spring Fling	\$210.50	food items
November 2012		
Hall Society	\$766.00	cutlery
Community Library	\$400.00	shelves
St John Youth	\$200.00	swimming
Estuary Committee	\$500.00	plants
Total for 2012	\$3,306.50	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2013

The Trust was established as an entity on April 16 2004 and a Deed of Trust formally signed on April 28 2005. The Trust was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act on May 5 2005.

1. The principal supporter of the Trust is the Coastal News which makes donations throughout the year. These funds are added to the capital or equity of the Trust.
2. Personal donations to the Trust total \$2,035
3. Donations from local businesses and/ or clubs total \$150.
4. Interest on the capital is the only source of money available for grants – this is held within the disbursement fund. Applications for grants are considered by the Trust biannually in May and November. A total of \$12,434 has been granted to community organisations since 2006.
5. The Deed allows us to hold capital for other designated purposes – in this case we are holding funds that were donated for the Aquarium after the fire.

Andrew Earlam, Treasurer

Postal Delivery

We can post you the Coastal News. To take advantage of this post \$20 with your name and address to Coastal News, PO Box 19, Mapua Store, 7048. or email coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz

Letters to the Editor...

PS to Book Review

Richard and I have just returned from Eastern Europe where we attended a family wedding in Poland. The Polish bride's grandmother and her family were sent to Siberia where they existed in a prison camp for seven years. She was nine years old when they arrived at the camp.

Through an interpreter the delightful Helena, now aged 83, related some of her experiences. We learnt how her father often arrived back from work frozen. (The temperatures were colder than 40deg below). She and her siblings had to hit his arms and legs with branches to bring the feeling back to his extremities.

Six million Polish people died during the war years and that was followed by 41 years of Communism for those who survived. We were very humbled by the effect that war and an imposed government has had on Eastern Europe.

Joyce Bullock

Mapua –Fred McKee Looks Back

As kids we sheltered from the rain in the old shelter shed which still stands on the corner of Marriages and Main Road (now Aporo Road) Tasman. Our etched names are still visible inside the shed—80 years on.

We piled onto the tray of Jim Stutchberry's Dennis truck and rode the dusty gravel track down the bluffs to Mapua School. The only safety measure in those days as we bounced over the potholes was to hang on to each other in an effort to stop falling off the open tray.

Mapua School had two teachers in those days (around 1934-39) Ruth Wix taught the seniors and Vivienne McShane the younguns. There are still a few living in Mapua who will remember those happy days. Inter-school sports were a highlight back then, also swimming the ditch to Rabbit Island at low tide.

Home Guard duties.

At about age 16 a mate and I joined the Home Guard to defend the locals from the advancing Japanese, who had been surveying the coastline for months for landing possibilities. During this period—as a deterrent to slow down the enemy forces venturing on to our coast roads—two 44-gallon drums were placed under the Bluffs road. Pipes led from ground level into the drums and the plan was to insert explosives into the drums and “blow the road” to slow the enemy! (The drums may still be there). We also dug defence trenches along the top of the bluffs.

Another time the Home Guard was split into two groups under our Commanding officers Jack Addison and Frank McKee. One group posed as the enemy and were based in the Moutere Pub of all places. I was in the other group whose job it was to advance through the gorse over the Moutere Hills, armed to the teeth, and capture the enemy. It was a long, hot slog over the



hills in full kit with rifles at the ready. Anyway we got quite close to the pub, advancing quietly, we ran the last few metres and burst into the back bar only to find the “enemy” having a great old time, having sampled the local product for hours. We had no problem capturing these guys as they surrendered gladly and bought another round or two for the victors. A happy ending to another intrepid training exercise—preparing for the “real thing”.

Definitions

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.
BEAUTY PARLOR: A place where women curl up and dye.
CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.
COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.
EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.
MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.
RAISIN: A grape with a bad sunburn.
SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.
SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.
TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.
YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.
WRINKLES: Something other people have, similar to my character lines

Say that Again!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Noticeboard

Epidemiological Study

The Mapua Epidemiological Study has been completed and the University of Otago, University of Auckland and AUT researchers will be in Mapua to report the findings.

A meeting will be held in the Mapua Hall in the Bill Marris Room 7-9pm Wednesday 6 November.

We very much hope that both participants in this study and members of the Mapua and Tahuna Hills communities will be able to attend. The Tahuna Hills community were the comparison population for this study.

Please feel free to contact: Dr Kirsten Lovelock, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago, kirsten.lovelock@otago.ac.nz or (03) 479 8298 if you have any questions regarding this meeting

Kids Fishing Competition. Sunday 24 Nov, noon-2pm. Registration from 11.30am. We have three age groups, Under 6, 6-9 years & 10-12 years. Spot prizes, sausage sizzle & presentation at approximately 2.30pm. More information from Paul Webb 540 3249 (after work).

Coastal Connections Group: The next lunchtime meeting is 7 November at Jester House, Aporo Road, Tasman. Looking forward to a good turnout. Julie H

Mapua Art Group meets in the Bill Marris Room at Mapua Hall every Thursday morning from 9am to 12pm. Like-minded artists get together to paint, draw and help each other in a fun and social environment. All levels and media welcome. \$5 a session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs and easels provided. Lisa Chandler 540 3933.

Tutorial Assistance with Maths and Science. All levels, primary and secondary. Low fees/Free. References provided. David 03 540 2703

Mapua Friendship Club meets at Mapua Hall on the 3rd Thursdays, for a game of indoor bowls and bring a plate afternoon tea. New members are enthusiastically welcomed, no prior bowling experience needed, our game is non-competitive, just a lot of laughs. \$3 door fee and 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540 3685.

Skye Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2013 Frantoio available fresh from the producer. 750ml \$20. Ph 540 2698, email mcleodsarah@xtra.co.nz. Orders delivered or call in 113 Seaton Valley Rd Mapua.

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

Joie de Vivre Vintage Art and Craft Studio. Alterations and Sewing Repairs. Ph: Marijke Lups 03 5403498

Zhineng Qigong classes in Mapua every Friday, to improve your health and wellbeing. Info: Marianne 546 8584, bmtc@xtra.co.nz

New seasons Olive oil. Delicious Leccino 2013, \$20 750ml . ph5266288@xtra.co.nz. Kina Olives.. We will deliver.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Ngaire, 540 3193

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.

Fair Exchange: We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at Hamish Café to exchange homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group: meet new people, make new friends. 10am last Friday of month, Tasman Store. Info: Richard & Viv, 526 6707, rsclément@xtra.co.nz or just turn up. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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