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Global warming and sea-level rise

By David Mitchell

New information on global warming should set off some alarm bells about the vulnerability of Mapua-Ruby Bay to rises in sea level in the coming 90 years.

New information on the effects of warming relevant to Mapua-Ruby Bay has come recently from three main sources:

- New topographical maps with 1-metre contours show that most of coastal Ruby Bay and much of Mapua Village is less than 4 metres above mean sea level and at greater risk from flooding or sea level rise than most residents realise.
- A report by Niwa on Tasman District which recommends measures to deal with higher sea level rise, including higher building platforms for new houses. If adopted, these would reduce areas of coastal land available for residential use in Mapua-Ruby Bay and other coastal towns, including Richmond and Motueka.
- A new manual on climate change and coastal hazards published in July by the Ministry for the Environment. The manual offers guidance for local bodies and communities on the many issues arising from global warming and sea level rise.

The new information is relevant to planning issues being discussed by a Mapua-Ruby Bay Community Association after it took a stand on the TDC's Mapua-Ruby Bay Structure Plan which the association rejected

as "not acceptable to the Mapua Ruby Bay and Coastal Tasman community". The association wants a new, more comprehensive "best practice structure plan". At this stage, the council has agreed to consider its suggestions.

Those attending a public meeting on the plan on 16 September criticised the present structure plan as "more of the same" and a "rezoning plan". Proposals for change suggested to the meeting included:

- A longer-term plan than the proposed 20-year timeframe;
- Consideration of a wider range of issues;
- A clear vision for the community, and
- A commitment to some long-term goals.

Maps show vulnerability

Large poster-sized maps on the wall at the meeting were part of information provided by the council to encourage more community discussion about options for Mapua-Ruby Bay. Four large poster-sized maps showed, in different colours, the areas of Mapua-Ruby Bay below the 2-metre, 3-metre, 4-metre and 5-metre contours.

They were produced from a detailed contour map of the Mapua-Ruby Bay using LiDAR, a laser-

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Meet the Candidates

The Mapua and Districts Community Association has organised a "Meet-the-Candidates" night on Wednesday, 8 October, starting at 7pm in the Mapua Hall

This is a great opportunity for the community to come along and hear what the candidates have to say and, just as importantly, for the community to have a voice in the electioneering process.

The candidates and the parties they represent will be:

Damien O'Connor, Labour; Chris Auchinvole, National; Kevin Hague, Green; and Steve Richards, McGillicuddy.

Pam Stinton, secretary

Sea level rise: contd

scanning optical device which can produce highly accurate topographical maps.

Information in the maps raises questions about the controls on residential development in coastal or low-lying land and about the location of the vital parts of our village infrastructure – such as our medical centre, community hall, shopping areas, fire station and school. According to the maps, all are below the 5m contour line and vulnerable to possible flooding and sea level rise.

Niwa suggests changes

A second recent source of new information is a National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research report on climate change as it affects Tasman District. It is based on the latest report by the International Panel on Climate Change, an international advisory group set up in 1988 to guide governments on global warming. The fourth IPCC report, produced in April last year, said that the facts showing that global warming was under way were simply “unequivocal”.

For the Tasman District report, IPCC data has been supplemented by Niwa’s New Zealand information. The resulting report anticipates an average temperature increase for Tasman District of about 2°C by 2090 and a small increase in average rainfall. Rainfall is expected to drop about 5 per cent in summer, but significantly more rain is expected in winter, particularly by 2090.

Projections for Tasman also include a drop in frosty days and in increase in the number of very hot days. A rise in the number of very heavy rainfall events is also anticipated.

The Niwa report predicts a sea level rise of 0.5 metre by 2090. However, it also urges councils to allow for an additional contingency of “no less than 0.8 metre”. This is to allow for areas of uncertainty, including possible sharp rises caused by melting from the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets.

As the flow of information about climate change increases, fears about possible melting of the world’s big ice sheets seem more warranted. Until recently, it was thought that the Arctic

ice sheet would not melt entirely in summer until later this century. However, in mid-August this year, it was reported that open, navigable water stretched all the way round the Arctic, making it possible for the first time to circumnavigate the North Pole.

In the Southern Hemisphere, our Ministry for the Environment reports that satellite observations of disintegrating ice shelves have raised new concerns about stability of the huge West Antarctic Ice Sheet. If this huge ice shelf collapsed, the ministry says it would trigger an additional 5-6 metres of sea level rise which,



This map shows land at and below 4m above mean sea level (in light grey). This height is equivalent to the present day highest astronomical tide plus storm surge and wave run-up effects, with the addition of 0.5m sea level rise (the amount predicted by 2090). . Colour maps can be seen online at www.mapua.gen.nz in the Coastal News site.

of course, would be disastrous not just for coastal Tasman Bay, but for huge coastal areas in many parts of the world.

As a result of the Niwa predictions, the Tasman District Council in July raised the minimum height for a building platform for a home in coastal Mapua-Ruby Bay by 0.5 metre, but it does not appear to have added the recommended 0.8m allowance for other contingencies.

The council went further in a recent draft planning change for Richmond West, an area adjoining Waimea Estuary near Lower Queen Street across to State Highway 60 and extending from the Railway Reserve to the MDF plant.

There, the council has proposed a minimum building platform height of 4.6 metres above mean sea level, which includes an allowance of 0.5m for sea level rise and 1.8m for other associated contingencies. However, several submitters object to this proposal and the council has not yet made a final decision on their objections.

In Richmond West, the council has also proposed that land in the area that is below the 3m contour should be placed in an Open Space Zone, and it wants to retain the rural and recreational zoning between the 3m and 4m contours, to preclude building on low-level ground and to secure the coastal edge of the Waimea Estuary.

If a similar rule preventing development below the 3m contour and restricted development below the 4m contour was adopted in Mapua Ruby Bay, according to the new LiDAR maps, development would be precluded in the Mapua Leisure Park and in some parts of Iwa and Toru streets and restricted in many other areas.

Coastal structures opposed

A third new source of information on climate change and coastal hazards is an updated Ministry of Environment Guidance Manual on Coastal Hazards and Climate Change designed for local government.

Recommended planning measures include:

- Recognising the importance of “specific and well-defined coastal setback zones for coastal hazard areas covering a long planning horizon, such as 100 years”.
- Specifying coastal hazards “as a regionally significant issue and stating a preference for risk avoidance for new development and risk reduction for existing developed areas”, and
- “Maintaining natural coastal defences and buffers and encouraging mechanisms for their enhancement”.

The manual also discourages the building of coastal protection structures (like the walls in Mapua-Ruby Bay) which it says are “rarely the most effective or sustainable option in the long term”.

The manual says that most constructed coastal defences on New Zealand’s coastlines that protect residential property will have a limited lifetime “at best probably around 10-20 years. Generally, they are not constructed to a standard to effectively withstand the more significant storm events that can occur.”

The manual suggests specific rules that control the use of such coast protection works. Without such rules, it says that “there will continue to be considerable pressure to give consent protection for structures – particularly in the aftermath of storm events where retreat or inundation has occurred.

“There is a temptation to use coastal protection works as a short-term measure to ‘buy some time’, but in reality, once defence works are in place, it is extremely difficult to remove them,” the manual says.

An example from Nelson

Another development relevant for Mapua Ruby Bay residents is way that the Nelson District Council has responded to the issue of climate change. Rather than dealing with arising issues piecemeal, it has accepted climate change as a major challenge and, along with 27 out of 86 New Zealand councils, joined a Climate Change Protection Programme.

Nelson’s “Communities for Climate Change Protection” policy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in all relevant council decisions, to reduce waste and encourage composting. The initiatives may be small, as in council staff using bicycles where practical, to larger projects, including capturing 50 per cent of the methane from the York Valley tip, and promoting public transport.

The Nelson District Council also commits to consideration of climate change effects in planning decisions, to involve the community in the plan, and to review what has been achieved later.

Given that the majority of the population of both Nelson and Tasman districts live side-by-side on a coastal strip around the margins of the same bay, it seems fundamental that the two councils should work together on a co-ordinated policy on an issue as important as climate change. It is hard to understand why the responses of the two councils seem so unaligned and so different.

Garden Notes



October weather marks the high point of the spring flowering season. The warmer weather brings a rush of flowers after the cold winter, plus such wet weather of late.

When planting out seedlings, a weak solution of liquid fertiliser will help the roots re-establish. Strong fertiliser given at this time will burn the roots and damage plants.

Roses will require special care during this busy growing and flowering time. Regular moisture is essential for the development of strong healthy buds.

Pests like aphids, whitefly, codling moth, and all the nasties appear at a rapid rate from now on and must be kept in check with soapy water or a spray of your choice. Slugs and snails can wreak havoc in no time. A planting of delphiniums can be demolished in a single night, so do keep a close watch; sawdust works well as these two don't like to walk over it.

All perennials should be planted out quickly as they will soon be in flower. All hardy annuals can be planted in the open ground where required.

Valuable cuttings can be struck from recent prunings of ornamental plants, azaleas, fuchsias, and hydrangeas will strike well if taken now. Dahlias and chrysanthemums will also strike from cuttings. This is

the last month that sunflowers can be planted for those of you who love them. So many new varieties available now too.

Tuberous Begonias for baskets or pots can be potted up. Plant gladioluses at fortnightly intervals until Christmas.

Plant your main crop of potatoes this month. October is an ideal month to trim the hedge. Trim only, do not cut too far back into the old growth.

Any broadleaf weeds in your lawn can be controlled with Feed-n-Weed, and mow every fortnight to keep it growing at a healthy rate. Late October is the best time to feed the lawn with a suitable nitrogenous fertiliser, to strengthen it before the hot, dry weather.

Continuous plantings of all veges from now on will ensure a continuous supply for the kitchen. Capsicums are so expensive to buy so give them a try.

Colour is everywhere, lovely smells are everywhere, so do enjoy this special season, what with no wind to speak of it is so much better, and our display stays a little longer, especially the magnolias. Happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

Meeting on site clean-up 'Useful'

A useful meeting resulted from the gathering of around 50 people at the Fire Station on Sept 15. Information from the report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment was presented. Our thanks go to Dr Russell Norman, co-leader of the Green Party and a member of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Local Government and the Environment. He is hoping that there will be an independent Commission of Enquiry into the clean-up. He feels there needs to be some accountability and that this process is the best hope of bringing it. Chris Auchinvole, a National Party list member, supported this view. Thanks to these men and Dr Nick Smith, (National MP for Nelson) for their attendance. Damien O'Connor (Labour) was invited but did not attend.

There was a feeling from the meeting that blood tests to check chemical exposure should be offered. People understandably want to know if they have been affected. As Dr Tim Ewer explained, though, blood tests were of limited use after time had passed because the chemicals were fairly quickly stored in the fatty tissues of the body. Also, depending on luck in the genetic draw, some people will get sick from a very small amount of chemical exposure while others can tolerate large amounts with no ill effects. More detailed fatty tissue testing was not straightforward or cheap, especially as there were a number of chemicals that would need to be checked. A

group of volunteers, including Dr Ewer, will meet to explore what sensible options might be pursued.

Site lab worker Sherry Prauner spoke of her experiences. There are now three official notifications to the Department of Labour of sick workers, with a fourth pending. The Labour Department has been reluctant to reveal the scope of its investigation but has now said its focus will be whether a site visit should have been made when a worker complained, and other minor details. This means that evidence of breaches of health and safety legislation, why a worker's serious accident was not investigated, and why some disturbing monitoring results were not reported to the workers concerned are still not being investigated. Sherry is waiting to hear back from the Labour Department on whether they intend to expand their investigation.

Re-surveying of properties neighbouring the site is still not completed and there has been no contact from the Ministry for the Environment regarding this. TDC just expresses surprise that the Ministry hasn't done it yet. Following this up will be another task for the working group.

People who would like more information, would like to register with us to be kept informed, or who would like to join the action group should phone Jill on 540-3419 or email toxicmapua@ihug.co.nz

Jill Reade



Mapua Hall Society

September saw the first Spring Show organised by the club for members to celebrate spring. Despite the wet weather we were pleased to see so many entries and the hall was filled with colour. Once judging had been completed the hall was open for all to come and see the show ahead of our usual monthly meeting.

The meeting was an informal affair where we asked a panel made up of members to answer gardening questions, share information and generally natter about all things related to our gardens. After a plentiful afternoon tea the plant auction proved to be a lively affair which was followed by a closer look at the blooms and floral arrangements entered in the show.

Our thanks to the many hands that helped set up the hall and tidy up afterwards.

Regular meetings take place on each first Thursday with the next meeting to be held 2nd October at 1.15pm in the Supper Room at the Mapua Village Hall. All enquires to either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

Some months ago the hall committee raised money to fund the purchase of new chairs and tables for the hall. We are very grateful to the Mapua & Districts Business Association, the Tasman District Council and the Canterbury Community Trust for the donations that allowed this purchase to happen.

Unfortunately the hall is again in need of a significant cash injection.

Our insurance company requires that the switchboard at the hall be upgraded and reports from electricians indicate that for this to happen the 1945 vintage wiring in the main hall will need to be replaced as well. This will cost several thousands of dollars, money that we will have to raise from a source other than rental revenue.

We have made an application to a trust for support but we cannot predict the outcome or the time until a decision is made. From our position, the matter is urgent since the insurance company has placed a time limit on this. We are unable to wait for the outcome of the feasibility study since this will involve a significantly greater fund-raising effort to renovate the hall and take a deal of time.

I am therefore appealing to the community for financial support. The Hall Society is registered as a charity and meets this obligation by providing the hall for your use at a very low rental. Any donations to the hall are tax deductible and may be sent to the hall care of Post Office Box 19 in Mapua.

The feasibility study is not complete at the time of writing but is expected before the end of September. Once complete it has to be sent to the Lotteries Commission for approval at which time funding for the study will be granted. Once this approval is granted other funding doors open – but this takes time.

The Hall Committee has disposed of the old chairs from the hall. They have been given to the Pigeon Valley Steam Museum in return for a donation to hall funds.

John Sharman, Chairman

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Waterfront Park

At the monthly meeting of the association, Robin Simpson described the background and experience of her firm relevant to the design and consultation process for the Mapua Waterfront Park site. The scope of services the firm has been contracted to undertake by the Tasman District Council was explained, as was an update of where the project is at present, the proposed timelines for the process, and the way in which consultation with the community would be undertaken – that particular process is important as it involves community input and an understanding of what the community wants.

Hugh Gordon emphasised that one of the main issues that had always been approved and demanded by the community was that the land on the corner of Tahi Street be retained in public ownership. Much like the E2 plan, that notion seemed to have drifted; it was time to refresh people's memory. "Let's not start talking about the council selling any of that land!"

The next meeting of the association will discuss some fundamental principles in regard to the park.

Neighbourhood Watch

Community Constable Grant Heney addressed the meeting in regard to establishing Neighbourhood Watch support groups. He said that generally speaking, the police had good support from this community, with lots of eyes and ears and a sense of community. There were 10 support groups in the area. He maintained contact with the co-ordinators of those groups on a three-monthly basis.

Sea wall

After an open day attended by up to 30 people, some changes were proposed and an application for resource consent was imminent. Realistically the project will not get under way before Easter 2009.

Seaton Valley Upgrade—pedestrian access

Planning is under way for pedestrian and cycleway access to be integrated into the upgrade to provide safer walking and cycling choices along this road.

Mapua Inlet Restoration Project

A planting plan has been put in place, and a community day to commence the planting will be announced for some time in October. Initial planting will take place along the edge of Moreland Reserve to create a barrier from predators for nesting birds. This project initiative is very important in the context of sustainability in looking forward to the development of this community.

Draft Mapua Structure Plan

Tord Kjellstrom and his sub-committee group have been working very hard. By the time the next general meeting of the association comes around, the group will have a submission ready for approval by the association's members. Once approved, it will be sent to the TDC. The aim of the submission is to take Mapua in the direction of a number of long-term developments that the Mapua community has been indicating for some time that it would like to see happen.

The next meeting of the association will be on Monday, 13 October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend...it's your community!

Pam Stinton, Secretary

TEAMS QUIZ NIGHT

FUND-RAISER for Hills

Community Church building

Friday 17 October

7.30pm at Mapua Hall - BYO

Organisations and Groups, make up your team of six

Entry fee \$8 per person

\$48 per team

**First Team Prize \$100 cash
also**

Four Raffles – \$50 vouchers

Meat, Petrol, Groceries, Garden Shrubs

Supper – Gold Coin donation

Register your team by the

14th October by phoning

Pamelene Cuttle

540-2466

Helen Bibby

540-3830

Animal Health File

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

Trade Me's Most Popular!

As a recent convert to Trade Me (it took me a while to figure out what all the fuss was about!) I have to admit that I was surprised to receive their recent e-newsletter and to see that the No.1 most-searched item was dogs! Unfortunately this email arrived in my inbox the very same day I was presented with the worst case of hip dysplasia that I have seen. And, you guessed it, the dog was bought off Trade Me.

Now I'm not knocking Trade Me as it fulfils a very valuable purpose but this event has led me to give some thought to exactly what it is you should be looking for when you purchase a dog from any dog breeder. As a general rule I would say that the best breeders seldom need to advertise and they will often have a waiting list for pups.

1) Research the breed

Do some research of your own on the breed you are wanting to get. There are plenty of good sites on the internet, just Google the breed. If you are unsure about whether a breed is right for you come and speak to us at the clinic. We have a good understanding of most breed's character traits and can assist in matching you with the right breed. The other thing to be aware of are the potential health problems of the various breeds. Your internet search should reveal these. There are many common conditions that are specific to certain breeds. For example, many large breeds of dog are prone to hip and elbow dysplasia (both parents should be tested for this prior to breeding and you should ask to view these documents), Cavalier King Charles and Dobermans are prone to heart conditions, Shar Peis are prone to skin complaints. If you want to know more just drop in and ask us. Remember you are going to have your dog for 10-15 years so it pays to get this right!

2) Visit the breeder and interview them.

I would always recommend you visit the breeder. If they live too far away then get a friend to visit the breeder. The very first thing you want to look at is how the dogs are being kept. What are the kennel facilities



ASK THE VET

From next month I am changing the format of the Animal Health File to an Ask-the-Vet format. Email your questions to coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz or post them in the donations boxes, and your local vet Paula will reply in the next *Coastal News*.

like? How many dogs are on the property? What sort of condition are they in? Meet the mother of your pup and the father if possible. Are they good looking dogs, free of disease and with nice personalities? Avoid any breeder who appears to be "puppy farming". Is the breeder a member of the NZ Kennel Club? This is usually a sign of a professional breeder who is committed to breeding quality, healthy animals in the long term. How are the pups raised? You want to get a pup that has had plenty of socialisation.

3) Expect to be interviewed

A good breeder will want to be sure that their pups are going to a good home. So expect to get the third degree. Questions you may be asked include, is your property fenced? Have you got kids? How much time do you have to spend with the dog? What experience do you have with dogs?

The breeder should select you in the same way you have selected them! A good breeder will also normally ask you to sign a contract and this will usually include a clause requiring the dog to be neutered at a certain age.

Warning bells should ring if:

- 1) Pups are very cheap (you get what you pay for, research the going rate for the breed)
- 2) Pups are not vet checked and given their first vaccination before going to their new homes
- 3) You appear to know more about the breed than the breeder (I have seen dogs advertised on Trade Me and the name of the breed is not even spelt correctly!)

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

The present global financial crisis highlights that the world is a very small place and the implications of the American financial meltdown will be felt in all corners of the globe. The seemingly unethical actions of some in the financial investment sector will cause a great deal of hardship for many people who trusted them with their savings after having worked hard, over a long period, to save money for their retirement.

On a lighter note, I was impressed by a presentation to council of Robin Simpson's and Heidi Meadow's draft concept plan for the development of the Mapua Waterfront Park.

It is wonderful to see something positive emerge from the former fruitgrower's site that will give Mapua residents and others a great deal of enjoyment in the future. I look forward to hearing the response when the residents of Mapua are consulted.

Council for some time has been working on the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) a ten-year vision for the Tasman District. Community Associations throughout the district are putting together a list of projects that they would like to see done in their respective areas. These will be presented to council, costed and then council will decide what projects are affordable and the timing of when the work will be done during the ten-year period. A draft LTCCP will be presented in a series of workshops to the community in mid-March.

The Mapua Draft Structure Plan first looked at in 2004 is again on the drawing board with the council asking the Mapua Community Association for some input. Planning a vision for the long-term growth of Mapua is no easy task with the added challenge of possible sea level rise and the potential energy crisis. It is encouraging to hear residents talking about building a sustainable community with less reliance on the motor vehicle, more walkways and cycle ways, and an environment that people can both work and live in.

Cr Brian Ensor

Mapua Boatshed Café

Adrian and Alison Hill, local residents and ex-proprietors of BarDelicious and The Oyster Bar in Nelson, have acquired the lease to The Mapua Boatshed Cafe & Bar at The Mapua Leisure Park.

They are very excited to be doing something in Mapua and promise it will be a welcoming addition to the café scene in Mapua this summer. Aiming to be open at the end of October they are looking forward to creating simple fare in the ultimate waterfront location.

Mahana School



Community participation has been the theme at Mahana School this term. Small country schools are renowned for their community spirit and Mahana has been no exception.

We've had a lot of interaction with other schools in the district this year with sporting events, plus we've had a lot of family participation that inspires a real sense of belonging in our school community.

The entire school recently went on a day trip to the Rainbow ski-field. Around 20 parents signed up for the event and after two false starts due to an inaccessible access road finally made it up to the ski-field in early September.

All the kids participated in skiing lessons before trying the beginners' slope. Some quickly outgrew that course and headed off to the intermediate slope. Thanks to the large numbers of parents, teachers and supportive older pupils available on the slopes to offer advice or encouragement all learners had plenty of support and before long most were skiing happily.

It was a great experience for the kids and inspiring for the parents to witness chaos evolving into new-found skills as the inevitable frustration new skiers encounter was steadily replaced with big smiles of delight as confidence increased.

Another great opportunity for the school community was the school curriculum evening held mid-September. Parents were invited to come along to the school after hours to attend a presentation by the teachers outlining today's curriculum. Parents were invited to participate in focus groups to provide their input to the school with suggestions on what they would like to see included going forward. An emphasis was placed on what parents perceived to be their values and hopes for their children.

The teaching staff are working on integrating parents' input into Mahana's curriculum for the future. Many parents commented that it was a fun and interactive evening, with the shared supper topping the evening off superbly. Thanks to those who entertained our children in the school library for the evening, making it possible for such a good number of parents to attend.

The newly-appointed school kitchen is progressing well and proving to be a valuable asset for the school with the kids already enjoying new cooking experiences.

Thanks also to the turn-out of parents and teachers who participated in the recent "garden makeover part 2" working bee. The gardens around the schools grounds are starting to look great thanks to the commitment from the school community.

The popular bi-annual Mahana School Gala will be held this year on the 18 October. The gala will be held from 10am till 4pm and will include activities such as produce stalls, plant stalls, garage sale, silent auction including art by local artists, Scottish dancers, karate demonstration, bouncy castle and pony rides. As with previous years there will be no shortage of food on offer, plenty to do and people looking for something a little different can try the Mobility Scooter confidence course.

Mahana's Home and School committee has been working hard to make this event another successful gala. Thanks to everyone in the community who have been donating items for the garage sale we will hold on the day.

Come along and enjoy a day out in picturesque Mahana. You can find us on School Road opposite Woolaston Estates.

For further information about Mahana School and to view our children's recent activities, visit us on www.mahana.school.nz – much of the content on the site has been contributed by our pupils. If you are considering a school in the district and would like to have a look around, please call Jenny in the office on 543-2887 to arrange an appointment.

Tony Brown, school parent on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Mahana SCHOOL Gala

- Plant stalls
- Local Artists
- Garage Sale
- Silent Auction
- Pony Rides
- Produce Stall
- Bouncy Castle
- Scottish Dancers

PLUS Karate Demo!
Try the Mobility Scooter confidence course!
And....more food than you can poke a stick at!

Saturday 18th October
10am till 2pm
Sunday if wet

Letters to the Editor...



All Go and Still Counting

Yes, still counting. Last month I gave you a fairly detailed summary of how the tender process works leading up to the selection by Transit NZ of contractors who would be qualified and capable of undertaking the construction of the Ruby Bay by-pass project. You will recall that tenders for the project were closed on 18 August and a very vigorous and thorough process was undertaken to rank those contractors by the Transit evaluation process. As of today, 22 September, more than a month has passed since I wrote my report for the September issue of *Coastal News*.

The following is a summary of what has taken place in that period. Firstly, Transport NZ who succeeded the former Transfund NZ has now been succeeded by what is now and in the future to be known as the NZ Transport Agency. Whatever they choose to call themselves, it is they who control the purse strings. Secondly, the five tenders for the project have been opened, the contractors who tendered have been evaluated and their "bids" examined and scrutinised. The bids have also been considered in relation to the estimated costings of the project made by the Transit NZ staff which, by the way, were independently audited. After all this poking and prodding, the result would be a recommendation by the Transit NZ staff for a "preferred contractor" to take on the project and be awarded the contract. All of this information would then be forwarded to Wellington for the board of the NZ Transport Agency to act upon. I understand this has been done.

The board of the now NZ Transport Agency met on 19 September and hopefully considered the Ruby Bay by-pass project as a part of their business agenda. At this juncture, one can only assume that they have made their deliberations and awarded a contract.

Last month I said, "We will have to be patient". This month I guess I have to say it again. In the meantime this whole process has moved along in a positive and timely fashion. I think the Transit NZ and Opus NZ staff have done a great job in meeting all the deadlines. If anything, the project is ahead of schedule. In view of that, I'm not in the least unhappy.

I'm optimistic that before this letter is printed in the October *Coastal News*, there will be a press release by the NZ Transport Agency to the effect

that a contract has been awarded. And, following on from that there will be an early date set for a "sod-turning ceremony" which will officially initiate the commencement of the construction of the Ruby Bay by-pass. Hooray!

The wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly, but they do turn.

Hugh Gordon

Rare birds and a walkway

Jill Reade and John Lord are quite right in their letter to urge protection for three rare bird species seen recently near the Moreland Place Reserve (*Coastal News*, September). These are shy birds that have been forced out of other areas around the Waimea Estuary and we are lucky to have them in Mapua.

However, I feel that they misrepresented the position of the Walkways Group by suggesting that its members had little regard for the birds in their advocacy of walkway access from the causeway to the reserve. That is not correct.

The Walkways Group initiated an onsite meeting on July 4, 2008, to establish the facts about any threat to the birds from an access-way. It involved key representatives from the Department of Conservation, the TDC Reserves Department, the Community Association, the Walkways Group and local councillor Brian Ensor.

Ornithologist Peter Gaze from DoC was the main speaker, and he was accompanied by the biodiversity manager for Motueka, Gavin Udy. They explained the importance of these birds and the desirability of protecting them. However, they also appreciated the desire of residents for better access to the reserve and the Mapua Inlet.

Peter Gaze said that the main threat to the birds was not from people or dogs, but from domestic cats. The birds were shy of the movement of people's legs, he said, but this could be screened either by barriers on the side of a path, or planting. In a similar situation at Marahau, a walkway had been built through one of the prime Nelson habitats for banded rail, and because of effective screening, there had been no adverse effect on the birds.

The conclusion of those at the meeting was that an access-way from the causeway could be added and, provided it was done in a way recommended by

Letters contd:

DoC, the birds should not be adversely affected. To assist the process, TDC parks manager Beryl Wilkes undertook to supply trees for an alternative habitat for the birds and members of the Walkways Group and the Community Association offered to plant them as soon as they were available.

The original decision to provide the access was made by the Tasman District Council about four years ago. The decision has since then been supported by the Community Association and the Walkways Group as the start of a walkway that could link the Iwa Street area with the Old Mill Walkway and the school. A major advantage of such a walkway is that it would mean many schoolchildren could get to and from school by a safer route than Aranui Road.

David Mitchell, Mapua

MAPUA Bowling Club

It's that time of year when League Bowls will be getting under way, starting on Monday the 3rd of November. So come along and play bowls. Get a team of three together, wear flat shoes and you are ready to go.

We have bowls available at the cub house and plenty of help for new players. We play from 6pm to 8pm. For more information contact Vicki and Don Sixtus on 540-2960 evenings. See you all there!

Thank you from Mapua Country Trading

I'm writing this thank you note as our 3rd week of trading from the new store at the wharf comes to a close. Andrew and I wanted to thank everyone who has come down and wished us well during our set-up week and supported us in our first few weeks of trading.

I'm not sure our plan of opening the store quietly in spring and building towards summer has worked but we're not complaining. We've had some lovely feedback and talks with people about our products. The chooks, fruit trees, cheese-making kits, vege gardens, smokehouses and our heirloom seed range have been the most popular items and topics of conversation.

Many people have admired the large rooster weathervane made for the store by Edward Bongers and the signs made from boards off an old local apple packing shed which were painted by Donny from Mapua Signs.

This positive feedback and support has been really appreciated. Whenever you start something a bit different there's always that time when you wonder if anyone else will be into this stuff. There aren't many stores you can go into and buy a kit to make ginger beer and some worms for your compost! In truth though we weren't coming at the venture cold; we've been trading through our website and at markets and fairs for the past year and our products have been getting a good reception.

When we tell people about Mapua Country Trading we describe it as a store for gardeners and small-

holders, those who want to grow their own fruit and veges, make their own cheese and preserves, have a few chooks and generally live the good life. We also sell a range of garden furniture for when you want to sit back and look at your efforts.

On starting the company we made a conscious decision to stock products made in New Zealand from renewable or recycled materials, and with a couple of exceptions like gardening gloves and string, it hasn't been nearly as difficult as you might think. It helps that we live in a region rich in talented "makers of things", people you can go to with a rough sketch and say, "could you make me a prototype of this". We now have over 130 product suppliers locally and throughout New Zealand.

We also haven't found it difficult to be competitive on price with the big box retailers for standard items like weed-mat, bird netting, compost bins and worm farms and people have said it's nice not to have to traipse into town for these.

We've taken the lease on the store in Mapua so we have a good base to operate from and our plan is to continue to grow the online and catalogue side of the business over the coming years. Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks and months.

*Heather and Andrew Cole,
www.mapuacountrytrading.co.nz*

Travelling via the Moutere Highway on the 11th of September, we could see newborn lambs, fresh green grass, and trees in blossom with new leaves emerging; this made us feel that spring was really upon us at last. Many paddocks had large pools of water after the recent unusual rains, so we were glad to sit by a welcoming fire at the Riverside Café. Sixteen ladies attended and three were congratulated on having birthdays that month. Heather thanked Dot for organising our outings.

Our choices of food included pumpkin soup, roast seasonal vegetables, bread and dips, wild venison and salad, salmon with scrambled egg and salad. The homemade wholemeal bread was delicious and the meals were served attractively and promptly. This venue is delightful and will be even more so in the summer. A wide range of drinks is available.

Our next luncheon will be on the 9th of October commencing at 11:45am at The Smokehouse on the wharf in Mapua. Please phone if you are unable to attend so that an accurate number of places can be booked beforehand.

Reported by Barbara Halse.

Nelson Arts Festival events in the *Coastal News* area include:

The Mamaku Project: French-Kiwi co-founders Tui Mamaki and Monsieur Escargot in a musical project linking peoples, landscapes and languages. Their stylish costumed show had recent acclaimed performances at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, AK07 and the Big Day Out.

‘Sprouting their own version of New Zealand song, taking in Pacifica, dub/reggae and jazz styles with a distinctly cinematic weave. A new national treasure,’ according to Simon Sweetman, in *North and South* magazine.

Neudorf Vineyards, Upper Moutere, Sunday 19 October at 3pm. Tickets at Everyman, \$25.

Wollaston Readers & Writers, Cilla McQueen—Poetry in the Vineyard

Cilla McQueen is a major New Zealand poet who has published ten poetry collections, most recently *Fire-penny*. This year Cilla received an Honorary Doctorate of Literature from Otago University. Supported by local poet Panni Palasti.

Wollaston Estates, School Road, Mahana, Monday October 27, Labour Day 12.30pm.

See website or programme for details of cost and lunch pre-orders. Tickets at Everyman, \$12-\$15. The programme is online and bookings can be made direct at www.nelsonartsfestival.co.nz.

New shop in mall

Brenton and Anne-Maree are excited to open their new fruit and veggie store, "Village Veg," in the Mapua Village mall (next to the chemist) and are hoping to open the doors on the 8th of October.

With nine years in the market garden industry, the couple have solid product knowledge, which is enabling them to provide healthy, fresh produce, while minimising their environmental foot print, by sourcing the finest local produce for you to enjoy, at very competitive prices.

The store is owned and operated by your friendly local family, opening hours will be from 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday. We will open on Sundays if there is local demand,

Look out for the daily specials advertised outside the store.

"Local produce for Local people."

Mapua Auction Results

The auction on 13 September brought in a total of \$2031, the highlight being the sale of the kayak.

Private sales accounted for over half the proceeds with the Hills Community Church receiving \$350 and the Mapua Hall \$300. The considerable interest greatly benefited the other stalls who enjoyed increased patronage. A big thank you to John Cuttle for his contribution as auctioneer.

Anne-Marie Giddens

Police Update

Hi everyone. Great that the worst of winter is over and the days and nights are certainly warmer. This means that there are now more people out at night wandering around. Not terribly much happening in the Mapua area at present which is good. As you will see below there have been a couple of thefts in the area. Be aware that as the nights get warmer there will be more activity outside overnight, so don't hesitate to call if you hear any disturbances or damage going on.

I went to the last Mapua Community Association's meeting and was asked to put the names and contact numbers of all the neighbourhood co-ordinators in this *Coastal News*. It has been difficult to get everyone's permission to do so, so instead here is a list of the locations of support groups currently active. If you'd like to join one of these groups please contact me via e-mail or phone as below:

Permin Road (Tasman), Korepo Road
Stafford Drive (near shop), Pinehill Heights
Stafford Drive (near Tait Street), Broadsea Ave
Pomona Road, Higgs Road (Near Citrus Grove)
Langford Drive, Seaton Valley Road
Dawson Road, Iwa Street (Moreland Place end)
Crusader Drive, Brooks View Heights (Tasman)

Mapua Occurrences:

Sept 14: Accident SH60 Marriages Road

Sept 14: Accident SH60 Permin Road

Sept 13: Accident SH60 Car into pole at Tasman

Sept 10-11: Theft of copper planter from Stafford Drive

Sept 6: Mountain bike found at Aranui Park

Sept 3: Theft of 100 litres of fuel from farm at Marriages Road

Aug 29: Domestic argument, Aranui Road

Aug 28: Fire in toilet at Mapua Domain. Four youths spoken to

Aug 23: Domestic argument, Aranui Road

Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.

Ph 03) 528-1220, grant.heney@police.govt.nz

Hills Community Church

Wasted

I'm not big on refrigerator art, partly because we have no children in the house, but mainly because I prefer an uncluttered look to my kitchen. However, I must admit I have three magnets on our refrigerator door. One is the head of a pug. We had a pug for 11 years. Someone once told us, "You haven't been owned until you've been owned by a pug." That pretty much sums up our 11 years with Reggie. The second magnet reads: We plan, God laughs. I can't tell you the number of times my short view of things were sabotaged by God's longer range thinking. The third magnet was given to me by a good friend. It's a plain white magnetic strip with these words typed on it, "God, whether I get anything else done today, I want to make sure that I spend time loving you and loving other people—because that's what life is all about. I don't want to waste this day."

I think I make good use of my time most days. I'm pretty organised and efficient. I can navigate quite handily the shortest distance between two points even if I am occasionally directionally challenged. Nonetheless, when I read that magnet on my refrigerator (not often enough I might add) I find that in the grander scheme of things I do indeed waste a lot of time with non-essentials. Perhaps that's true for you, too.

How many days have you wasted—
worrying about something that didn't happen?
nagging your kids?
arguing with your spouse?
holding a grudge?
striving for perfection?
buying things you really didn't need?
gossiping with friends?
hiding a secret?

Jesus said the greatest commandment is love. So, whatever else you might do today be sure to spend some time loving the God who created you and loving the people around you. Spend some time in prayer or worship. Spend some time with a good friend, get down on the floor and play with your kids, make a date with your spouse. Every day is a gift—don't waste it—start loving.

With love, Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church

Regular Happenings @ Hills—

Hills Community Church is a community-based church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship settings each with an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call 540-3848.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & SPACE for Kids 10.30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea between services. First Sunday of each month: one service @ 10.30am. 5th Sundays: one service @ 10.30am led by our Youth.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12.15pm—Anglican Communion service

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

Special Community Events— Quiz Nite, Friday, October 17th, 7.30pm Mapua Hall

Costume Carnival, Friday, 31st October, 5pm Aranui Park & Hills Community Church

Sam's Spam

October 2008

Hello readers. There is a scheme becoming more popular with the emergency services that could help inform relatives when people are involved in accidents etc. It is for use with mobile phones and helps to quickly locate the most important phone numbers from all those that are stored. Called the ICE scheme, it started in the UK and is being adopted by some organisations over here, eg, some scouting units use it and St John supports it.

How does it work?

The initials ICE stand for "in case of emergency". The idea is that you nominate ICE numbers on your mobile phone so that those people can be contacted quickly in an emergency, eg, ICE will allow ambulance crews and other personnel to quickly find that number from the list.

All you have to do if you're a mobile phone owner is type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (eg, ICE - mum or ICE - David) into the address book of your mobile phone and save the phone number. Most people would only have about three ICE numbers so it doesn't take long to do. It is also a good idea to number the ICE numbers in order of importance, ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3. You should also inform your ICE contacts of the arrangements so that they understand how and why they have been listed. It could help save your life as these nominated people will know you well and be able to tell emergency services about any health problems, allergies etc if you are unconscious.

Free download of the month: Telecom McAfee Security Suite

Did you know that if you are already a Telecom Broadband customer you're eligible for a free subscription with upgrades to McAfee? This is worth over \$95 dollars a year! New customers who sign up to Telecom Broadband also get it free, plus it is also free for the first licence for the following customers with an Xtra email account: Telecom Broadband customers and Telecom Dial-Up customers Mobile Broadband customers on a plan with 200MB of data per month or greater

Key features and benefits of McAfee:

- Stop viruses
- Block spyware and stop hackers : Secure Your Identity
- : Improve PC performance : Keep your family safe online

You can download this software package now from www.telecom.co.nz/security That's all for this month!

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I don't want to achieve immortality through my work... I want to achieve it by not dying!

— Woody Allen

Call on God, but row away from the rocks.

— Indian proverb

Work is the refuge of people who have nothing better to do.

— Oscar Wilde



***Wave Action:** Last month Doreen Blundell wrote to the Coastal News and said that Broadsea Avenue in Ruby Bay got its name from Fraserburgh, which is on the coast above Aberdeen in Scotland. She mentioned having a photograph of the lighthouse at Fraserburgh with waves breaking over it. It reached us too late for the September edition but we have printed it this month, and let us hope that we don't get waves of this size in Ruby Bay!*

Mapua Health Centre

Dr Tim Ewer will be away on conference leave for part of October and our thanks go to Elizabeth Wood, Richard Thomas and Sally Harris, along with the locum doctors, for taking care of his workload.

We now have ACC funding approval for the use of our hyperbaric oxygen chamber for helping to heal chronic wounds and skin ulcers. Other conditions that can be treated with HBOT are certain neurological conditions and injuries, burns, sports injuries and fibromyalgia.

One of the minor hassles that many suffer from time to time is blocked ears. Although our ears are continuously cleaning themselves by moving a thin layer of wax to the outside with debris on it, sometimes the hearing canal gets clogged with wax. It may then be necessary to use some drops to loosen the wax (eg, Cerumol or Waxol from the chemist). Only if this doesn't work is it necessary to consider getting the wax syringed out. There is a special service at the hospital ENT department that offers ear toileting (using a specialised suction device). For more information please contact the practice nurse.

The after-hours service is now being run from 96 Waimea Road, Nelson. If you ring Mapua Health Centre after 5.30pm weekdays and any time during the weekend your call will be diverted automatically to the Nelson Regional After-Hours Service. If you have an emergency please dial 111.

National and global health promotion events for the month include the following:

- October 1-31 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
www.nzbcf.org.nz/home
- October 1-31 Kidsafe Month
www.kidsafe.org.nz
- October 1 International Day of Older Persons
www.un.org
- October 6-12 Mental Health Awareness week
www.mentalhealth.org.nz
- October 9-15 Save the Children Fund Appeal Week
www.savethechildren.org.nz
- October 13-19 Plunket Society Appeal Week
www.plunket.org.nz
- October 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
www.un.org
- October 20 World Osteoporosis Day
www.bones.org.nz
- October 20-26 Bandana Week (Canteen)
www.canteen.org.nz
- October 28-3 Blind Appeal Week
www.rnzfb.org.nz
- October 24 United Nations Day
www.un.org

Lynda's Aerobics Classes

Term Four 2008.

Term starts Oct 13th, ends Dec 19th.

Mapua fees have had to go up a bit to cover the increase in Hall Society fees. But it's still cheaper and more sustainable to stay local ☺

Monday Mapua Hall Cardio Circuit
6 - 7.15pm \$70.00

Tuesday Mapua Hall Aerobics
9.15am - 10.15am \$60.00

Wed. Moutere Rec Centre Pilates
9.15am - 10.15am \$55.00

Wednesday Mapua Hall Cross Training
6pm - 7.00pm \$65.00

Discount for two Mapua evening classes
= \$15.00 (\$110.00)

Thursday Wakefield Anglican Auditorium
Aerobics 9.15am - 10.00 am \$65.00

Thursday Wakefield Anglican Auditorium
Pilates 10.05am - 10.50am \$65.00

Discount both Wakefield classes =
\$15.00 (\$115.00)

Friday Mapua Hall Cross-Training
9.15m - 10.15am \$60.00.

Discount for both Mapua morning classes
= \$15.00 (\$105.00)

If you do a mix of morning and night time classes, or use two venues, please talk to me ☺

Please make sure you have appropriate footwear, a towel and water for all classes.

Please email lynda@mapua.gen.nz or ring 5432268 to book.

Postal Delivery

We can post you the Coastal News. To take advantage of this post \$10 with your name and address to Coastal News, PO Box 19, Mapua Store, 7048. Include your new postal code for rapid delivery. Existing subscribers can also send their new code in by email coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz or by post.

Gain Peace of Mind

This unique personal safety training with realistic role-plays and safe practices on a padded instructor has already made a positive difference in the lives of over 20,000 people in New Zealand. Invest a few hours that will benefit for years to come.



- **KIDPOWER** Holiday Course for 8-12 year olds.

8 Oct, 9am-3pm

- **KIDPOWER PARENT/CHILD** workshop for 4-7 year olds. 18 Oct, 1-3.30pm

- **FULLPOWER** introduction for women and men (10am-12pm), women only (1-3pm), men only (3.30-5.30pm). 19 Oct

- **FULLPOWER** comprehensive course for women and teenage girls. Three Wednesday evenings, starting 22 Oct, 6-9pm (especially well subsidised course! Book now to reserve a space)

Thanks to ACE and George Brown Trust the fees for these public courses are flexible.

Please spread the word so no-one misses out. For more information call the KIDPOWER TEENPOWER FULLPOWER Trust on (03) 543-2669 or email newzealand@kidpower.org

MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

Every month at Playcentre we have an outing, in order for the kids to discover more about our environment and the facilities available. Last month we had a great trip to Melanie Drewery's farm (you may have seen our five minutes of fame in the local paper—Farmer Bo on the tractor, and Luc with one of the horses), we saw rabbits, sheep, spring's new lamb arrivals, pat-able chickens and even had a few rounds on Pikelet the Shetland pony (myself included. Poor Pikelet).

After our locust-like descent on the Mapua Toy Library, we carried on to our outing for this month which was to be at Mapua Library. Here the very kind staff had organised a rather posh 'private viewing' for us and just as well, as we were full of the joys of spring (okay, that was my son). We were read stories, explored the shelves, rearranged the Dewey decimal system (um...my son again), chose piles of books to take home and generally had a jolly good time.

At the library we also saw the beautiful display of flax weaving by our Playcentre supervisor, Carol Greenall. She is very talented and creative and it was wonderful to see her work.

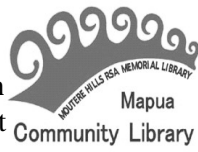
Thanks again to the kind ladies from Mapua Library, and sorry about exhausting your ink supply, but obviously not your patience. The stamps and your hospitality were very much appreciated.

Natalie Towler

Playcentre hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9.30am-12 noon

MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545



September was a very busy month at the library. More about that later. First the latest news for October.

Weaving Workshops for Kids!

Wednesday October 8th

Venue: Mapua Community Library

Tutor: Carol Greenall Cost: free to all

Morning Session 10am – 12 noon, for 8–10-year-olds

Afternoon Session 1pm – 4pm, for 11 years and up

In order to ensure a quality workshop for everyone please register your intention to attend, by phoning Sarah at 540-2698, leaving your name and contact phone number

You may have already seen Carol's artistic and creative weaving of kete that has been exhibited at the library during September. We are very grateful to Carol for her generous offer to tutor the local children. Make sure you pass the word around so as many as possible can take advantage of this great opportunity.

Now, cast your minds back to September... Our second-hand bookstall was a huge success, thank you to all in the community who donated books. There was happy chaos at the beginning of the morning as keen book buyers haunted the boxes as they were being unloaded! A healthy trade all morning meant we raised around \$250 for administration costs for the library.

Antiques Road show & Collectables Fair. At the time of writing this event is still a week away. We are expecting a great day with lots of treasures coming out of the back of cupboards or off the mantelpiece. Stalls selling interesting items such as hand-made lace should add interest. Many thanks to the hard working committee and library volunteers who have worked towards staging this event, and special thanks to Maxine Cook, for doing the bulk of the planning and advance preparations.

Comics are Coming!

"Oh no, not comics," you might say. We say "Oh Yes, our graphic novel collection is under way!" For readers aged 9–109, the graphic novels are found in the Young Adult section of the library, on the Graphic Novel shelf. Look for them on your next visit to the library. Tell your family about them too, great for the school holidays.

Sarah McLeod

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 2pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 5pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 10am – 12.30pm

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

At the September meeting of the Mapua Combined Probus Club members celebrated the eighth birthday of the club.

The speaker for the day was Frank Gibbison, whose subject was Army life and the Korean War. In 1948 Frank ended a year's service with the Occupation Force in Japan, and he took his discharge to work at home on his brother's farm.

At the end of WW2, with the defeat of Japan, Korea was divided into North and South Korea. It was an unequal division. The North had the industrial and mineral resources, and the south was agricultural, with almost three-quarters of the population.

In 1950 when North Korea attacked and advanced rapidly into the South, Frank volunteered to serve in Korea, and entered Papakura military base for all-arms training

His reasons for volunteering stemmed from listening to stories from ex WW2 servicemen, combined with a genuine wish to be involved. There were times when he wished he was far away from the action, but he was still able to do what was required of him.

After completion of training in Papakura, Frank was one of 30 selected to join other men from Linton and Burnham for a further six weeks of training at Trentham. He then went to Waiouru to learn artillery, survey ballistics, gun drill, ammunition etc, and all the time, how to be an officer.

Frank delivered an interesting account of trials and successes, also including some amusing anecdotes of army life.

Roosalie Waterreus

News from The Smokehouse

It's just over a year ago now that Julina and I had the privilege of acquiring The Smokehouse, and what a year it has been!

Firstly, I would like to mention how wonderfully welcome we have been made to feel by the Mapua community. We were very sad to leave the Motueka Valley area after eight years but the encouragement, warmth and friendship extended to us here has more than made up for it.

When we started we made a pledge that the restaurant would be open daily (except Christmas Day) for breakfast, lunch and dinner and I am pleased to say that apart from a recent four-day refurbishment period we have been able to honour that pledge. The takeaway too has been open daily for lunch and dinner. We are very grateful to all the loyal customers who have supported us so well during the long winter period. It is definitely our intention to remain open all day, every day.

We are keen to dispel any notion that The Smokehouse is "high-end" and perhaps therefore only for special occasions. We welcome everyone to come and enjoy this beautiful location at the water's edge whether it be for breakfast, coffee and muffins or just a drink. Breakfasts start from just \$8 and our all-day menu has a number of delicious options in the \$12.50 to \$20 range.

Many of you have been taking advantage of the fact that our delicatessen now offers a range of fresh fish as well as the traditional smoked selection. This too is something that we intend to be ongoing.

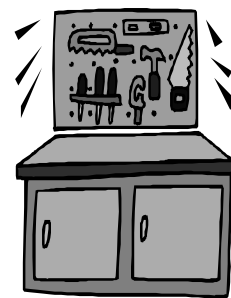
Recently we acquired The Nelson Smoked Cuisine business (suppliers of high quality smoked seafood to supermarkets) and have been busy incorporating this into The Smokehouse. Nelson Smoked Cuisine originated in Mapua a few years ago before relocating so in many ways this is a homecoming. Particularly exiting for us is the fact that their very experienced smokers Daniel and Justin have joined us.

Many of you may know Dennis Crawford, the man who first started smoking on the wharf 18 years ago and subsequently founded The Smokehouse. Dennis still lives in Mapua and over the years has been adviser to Nelson Smoked Cuisine. We are delighted that Dennis has agreed to continue advising The Smokehouse.

Well, spring is definitely in the air now, Hamish the white heron has already departed to the summer breeding grounds at Okarito, travellers are beginning to appear and we look forward to enjoying a wonderful season with you all in this very special part of the world.

*The Smokehouse, Shed 3, Mapua Wharf,
smokehouse@iconz*

The ShedLight Blokes



Our visit in August was to John Dobbe's (New Zealand Canoes) many sheds in Harley Road to see his canoe/kayak building operation. About 20 blokes turned up and John explained the work that goes into building a kayak. Many hours of work is necessary from the design, modifications to the design and building using laminated timber pieces to fibreglassing the kayak. This prototype is then used to make an aluminium mould which is then used to make the finished polyethylene kayak.

The finished kayak has about 20 minutes in the mould and another two days to shrink about 6%. Many kayaks can be made from this mould so it is important to get the design right. John has found that different markets require different characteristics. Windy countries like New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom require higher freeboard than the continental countries such as the United States where there is far less wind.

Paddles are made using laminated timbers to get the strength and flexibility needed.

Unfortunately due to epoxy resin poisoning John is no longer active in this work and in another shed he showed us his latest project which is building a Ford GT40 car. This is being virtually hand-made and at the moment is almost ready to be primed and painted.

As well as the car he has a 1938 Ford Ute pick-up that has been restored.

ShedLight Blokes

- We go to someone's shed, about once a month, about 7pm
- We take a mate [or some young person who may have an interest] some nibbles and a drink [if you want any of these]
- The bloke shows us what's in his shed, or what he's done, doing, or wants to do
- We talk to the bloke about his shed and what's in it
- We decide whose shed we visit next month
- We go home about 9pm

To advise people of our shed visits we rely on emails, if you are interested in coming along to any visits please advise your email address to Tim at collegial@xtra.co.nz, Kerry at mitchsplace@xtra.co.nz, Brian at Brian.Holbrook@xtra.co.nz, or Graham at grahamcox@xtra.co.nz.

A NEW TUNE LAUNCHES AT MAPUA WHARF

As you wander down picturesque Mapua Wharf, you might never know the unique history of this long-loved destination.

Mapua Wharf was a local favourite where the vast apple crop production from the Tasman area was shipped. The event of the year, the whole district would turn out for the dances held in the packing shed with music by the Mahana orchestra.

Now Mapua wharf will play to a different tune with the launch of a new restaurant called “The Mutton Bird Bistro”.

Boasting contemporary Kiwi cuisine using the best of New Zealand ingredients and global flavours, The Mutton Bird Bistro is all about good times, good food, good music and, of course, good friends.

Design Consultant, Pauline Evill, worked with the natural character of the old boat shed; the interior evokes coastal Kiwi features, the original timber rafters and ceilings were white washed allowing more light, and a cosy atmosphere is created with old weatherboards and furnishings from a bygone era.

With sun, sand and sea at the doorstep and visible at every turn; the picture postcard and iconic location is a destination in itself.

Chef, Scott Wynn, after several years abroad, has returned to roost at this exciting new restaurant. His

emphasis is simple wholesome dishes that change with the seasons, creating the finest food and dishes using fresh, local ingredients at even more palatable prices.

Like the ‘good ol’ days’, when community events greeted guests from near and far, The Mutton Bird welcomes one and all looking for that special taste of Mapua hospitality.

There is a bar area, a small sitting area, and tables & chairs for meals, open for breakfast (pastries & coffee), lunch and dinner seven days a week.

The month of October is our soft opening so to welcome everyone back we are offering all our local residents a special 10% discount when you dine at the Mutton Bird Bistro. Just bring this bottom piece of the News in. They look forward to seeing you all.

John & Marie Rouse welcome you to come and see what The Mutton Bird Bistro has to offer - and yes they sell mutton birds. Have a try, you may like it.



VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

August-September call-outs

Aug 28: Toilet block at Domain, toilet paper set alight

Sept 14: Car v pole SH60 Tasman.

Sept 14: Vehicle in paddock near Permin Road.



Safety Tip – Do not drink and drive

On the 1st November we are having an open day at the station with many display and activities. So come and visit us at 3 Iwa Street, across from the old coolstore.

The brigade has done Hazardous Substances training so we can identify and deal with hazardous substances.



Hamish digests his meal at the Smokehouse before leaving for Okarito

Noticeboard

Dancemoves for Women resumes for term 4, Mon 13 Oct 11am-noon, at Mapua Hall. Short low impact routines and ideas for new ways of moving when you Dance. For your fitness and confidence. Beginners Level. All welcome! To enroll: Catherine, 5488046, or learn@dancemoves.co.nz

Skye Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil available fresh from the producer. Ph 540 2698. Orders delivered, or call in 113 Seaton Valley Rd Mapua.

Toastmasters Motueka. Want to learn how to speak, think and listen better? Improve your self confidence? Come along to Toastmasters Motueka, Wednesday nights 7.30-9pm. Phone Kerri 540 3386 or Don 03 528 4031 for more details.

Rugby Coach: Upper Moutere Rangers Senior Rugby Team is looking for a new forward coach and a new back coach for 2009. Please phone Mark 5403704 if you are interested in taking on either of these roles for a progressive country rugby club.

Wanted: Garage sale items for Mahana School Gala, 18 Oct, 10am to 2pm. We would appreciate donations of goods in clean useful working order. Books, pre-loved toys, plants, clothing, and all other garage sale goodies. We are happy to collect. Phone Carmen Gale 5402777 or Jo Miles 5432229.

Sponsorship wanted for Alan Rolfe riding the Source to Sea Bike Challenge, Nov 8, St Arnaud to Westport 100 mile cycle Challenge. See www.sourcetosea.co.nz and read about Alan – the man behind the idea. Last year his team of 4 raised over \$4000 for a defibrillator for St John Ambulance.

Wanted: someone to carpool with. I travel to Nelson from Tasman Monday to Friday, arriving Nelson 8am and departing Nelson at approx 4pm. Anyone interested ph: Linden 03 5266 178

Mapua Art Group: Painting/Drawing mornings every Thursday 9am-12.30pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. A group of like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun and social environment. All levels and media most welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables and chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933.

House for Sale: sunny, 2 double bedroom brick house at the top of Higgs Road. Private, easy-care section. 540-3911. Trade Me listing # 174744110.

WhizKid Sam. Need Help? Can't connect your DVD / Video player/ Lost your computer work? Can't download your digital photos? Need help setting up an email account? Average job price only \$15! Basic web design, average price \$25/page, including advice on domain registration. Call WhizKid Sam! 540 2804. sam@realspecial.co.nz - <http://whizkid.awardspace.com/>

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

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Enquiries: Barry Highsted 540 3139, Anne-Marie Giddens 540 2335.

Kidz'n'Koffee Playgroup, every Wednesday (in school term), 10am-noon at Hills Community Church. Ages 0-5yrs. All parents & caregivers are welcome to attend, no cost, donation for morning tea. Come & relax & meet some neighbours. Enquiries: Lisa Gant 543 2530, Tressa Waynan 540 2632.

Toy Library: check out our extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Located behind the Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Kerri 540 3386 or Gill 543 2195 about membership or casual hire.

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Laurie Metcalf 540 2295, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

Women's Recreation Group: meet outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Early group leaves at 9.15am and walks for approximately 1½ hours, various walks. Join us whenever you can. Lynley 5402292 for more info and to talk about cycling. Later group leaves 10am and walks approx 50 minutes. Val 5403931.

PANZ (pastel artists of NZ) meet each Tuesday, Mapua Hall, 9am-noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 540-3388.

Mapua Hills Rose Society (est 1949) meets 1st Mondays (except J months) 7.45pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Rose lovers, growers, visitors and guests very welcome. Enquiries: Letty Thawley, 540 2876, Margaret Sinclair 03 528 8477.

Friendship Club meets 3rd Thursdays, supper room at the Hall. We play indoor bowls and have cards for Euchre & Crib, etc, and have a lovely afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$1 donation and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers!) We welcome old and new members. Enquiries: Val Roche 540 3685

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group. This year our meetings will be 1.30pm 2nd Saturdays, bimonthly on the following dates: Oct 11; and Dec 13. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686

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