

Coastal News

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'Public Forum' proving popular

At the September meeting of the Mapua & Districts Community Association a small but select group turn out to discuss a swag of issues. The public forum is proving to be a popular time to raise issues – anyone in the community is welcome to come along and voice their feelings or opinion on any community issue. So if you've got a brickbat, a bouquet or a suggestion to enhance our community, come along and let us know about it.

Hugh Gordon raised some issues about the corner of Aranui Road by the Tavern and Mapua School which continues to cause consternation and confusion for some drivers when turning into Mapua. The right-hand rule applies—anyone driving into Mapua from Motueka is making a left-hand turn and should give way to anyone turning into Mapua on their right. Members were more than happy for Hugh to check out what can be done about signage and, in the longer term, the design of the junction as a whole. Watch this space!

Andreas Niemann's forum focus was the sad state of the footpath leading from Mapua School into the village which is becoming particularly hazardous for children who use their scooters or bikes along that route to and from school. A general tidy-up of that whole corner wouldn't go amiss.

Twelve months ago members of the association raised concerns about the construction of a seawall by the Mapua Leisure Park. Questions were sought from council at the time as to whether it was going to be robust enough to do the job and who would be responsible for cleaning it up if it wasn't?

Coastal Initiative Group

Graeme Stradling was invited to provide an update on the Coastal Initiative Group's work. CIG members represent interests across the community and businesses overlapping Kina, Tasman, Ruby Bay and Mapua. The consultative and partner-sharing model is about developing relationships with those stakeholder groups and corporate agencies responsible for the Ruby Bay by-pass and the ongoing development of the area.

The group's aim is to develop answers in the interests of the community as a whole. One aspect of the Group's initiatives has been the question of an overarching promotional naming alternative so that the area

as a whole can move forward into the future as a coastal area with its own specific marketing destination. This entailed an ongoing consultation through local organisations to get feedback. Identifying a good promotional name was not the easiest change and while some are not sure about the term Ruby Coast, Graeme noted that it was the group's experience that as the term was used more and more, the idea of a promotional name would develop the strength of our joint communities to move forward. Kapiti Coast is a good example of this kind of marketing and promotion. Reaction to Ruby Coast from local tourism marketing and promotion operators has been very positive.

Youth Initiatives

An area that the association wants to focus on more are issues around young people in the area and the facilities provided for them. The association welcomed Paul McConachie, TDC youth officer, to the meeting. Paul's overview of the initiatives under way for the summer was well received. It is pretty evident that while youth service providers say they have a reasonably wide focus and cover Tasman, typically it's about Nelson, so the council is to be congratulated on identifying and resourcing initiatives aimed at youth in our community.

That sentiment was endorsed by Rural Community Constable Grant Heney, Grant was very enthusiastic about the TDC being prepared to put funding in place. In his own experience, he noted that youth problems in the area are very seasonal and quite often just a small hard-core group were the ones creating problems. If anyone observed something out of the ordinary, Grant strongly urged people to call either Motueka police or, if unable to make contact, contact Nelson police direct. Often there was a patrol car in the area and concerns could be checked out. Youth drinking in Aranui Park

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and the Mapua Domain will be a focus for intervention and signage will be improved to remind people that there is a liquor ban in those areas.

Waterfront Park

When the series of consultation meetings have concluded, it is expected that another community meeting would be held in regard to park design.

Mapua Domain

Work continues on the Domain, with the addition of cricket nets and basketball hoop. Nadienne Cookson and Bridget Wild have been very busy working with council staff to get these facilities up and running in time for summer.

Old Mill Walkway

Those of you who use the walkway down to the beach from the school will have noticed that gravel has now been applied to areas of the path prone to flooding – a hazard for walkers and cyclists. At last reporting, the gravel appears to be doing the trick. The council has also been requested to keep an eye on the trees which overhang the pathway, something of an obstacle, particularly for cyclists.

The next meeting of the association will be Monday 12th October, 7:30pm in the Mapua Hall Supper Room – everyone welcome.

Pam Stinton, Secretary

Fire Brigade

June-September call-outs

June 19: MVC Tasman/Kina not found, wrong address.

July 3: Car off road Ruby Bay, no action by brigade.

July 17: MVC Tasman, wrong area. Near Takaka.

Aug 5: MVC Ruby Bay. Following too close.

Aug 8: MVC car v bank, Bluff Hill.

Aug 9: Chimney fire Westdale Road. Out on arrival.

Aug 10: MVC Bluff Hill.

Aug 11: House fire Motueka, helped put out..

Aug 21: Vegetation fire Nuttall Road. Helped Upper Moutere.

Aug 26: MVC car v horse.

Sept 2: House bus fire. Put out.

Sept 7: Beach fires Pine Hill reserve. A group of Scouts from Nelson had a series of small fires. No action by brigade. Told they needed a permit.

Safety Tip – never leave heaters on when not at home. Keep heaters one metre away from objects.



Coastal Connections

Most of us travelled north to Motueka to the Gothic Restaurant for our September spring luncheon. On a rather dull day (weatherwise), we made the most of the day catching up on everyone's news. Dot showed us her new "toy", an awesome pocket-size camera, so we all offered her our smiles for a photo shoot.

We welcomed our newest member, Anne-Marie from Mapua, who for six years now calls our beautiful area "home". Matt, our waiter at the Gothic, was a delightful young man who gave us perfect service. The food was good too.

Looking forward to catching up again with you all this month at the Wharfside in Mapua.

Julie Haliday

Garden Trail planned for November

Right now, there is great activity in some of the gardens belonging to members of the Mapua Recreational Group's Thursday morning walking group. This is in the expectation of a Garden Trail to be held on Sunday, 1st November which will encompass Upper Moutere, Mapua, Ruby Bay, Tasman and Kina.

Money raised from this fund-raising event will go to the Cancer Society's Relay for Life which takes place in March next year. This will be the fourth time the group has participated in this event and our fund-raising over the years has been varied and very successful. All agree that being involved with the Relay for Life on the night is a very moving and special experience.

With many new areas having been developed within the district over the past few years, the initial hard work in establishing gardens is now starting to show results, so we are able to offer, through the generosity of the various owners, a chance to enjoy their places designed for enjoyment and relaxation. From life-style blocks to village gardens, there will be an interesting variety for garden lovers to enjoy. Please join us on this interesting tour and help us raise funds for the Relay for Life; you may come home with some new design ideas.

Tickets and the programme are available from Tessa Maes, Mapua Trading at the wharf, Jester House, Kennedy & Associates at Motueka, and Baku at Richmond.

Date: Sunday, 1st November. Time: 10am to 4pm. Cost: \$10

Coastal Garden Group

The club held its Spring Flower Show on the morning of the last meeting. This was well supported with about 170 gorgeous entries. Thanks to the Spring Show subcommittee for all their hard work in making this a great success.

The highlight of the September meeting was the talk by Mike Gafa and Robert Fryer from Nelmac on hanging baskets. Nelmac is a council contracting company and one of the services it provides is the creation and maintenance of the hanging baskets in Nelson, Takaka and now Blenheim. The Nelson hanging baskets have been voted the best in New Zealand. Mike explained in great detail the construction of the hanging baskets: from the specially made liners they use, to the recipe for the compost mix, the types of flowers, watering regime and even how to insert the flowers in the baskets. Nelmac creates 800-900 baskets, of which 650 are in Nelson, and grows 20,000 plants for the baskets. They treat the

creation of the baskets as a community project, so the public can go to their nursery and help to make them. The talk generated so much excitement that we all wanted to go off and create our own baskets.

Max then gave his garden notes before tea, including: remove moss and feed lawns, spray roses with copper, with roses aim for an upturned umbrella, so go around rubbing out interior shoots. Remember to keep room for summer vegetables, as it's easy to get carried away now spring has arrived and fill up your veggie garden to soon. After tea, we finished with a lively and competitive plant auction, with some bulbs going for premium prices.

The next meeting is on 1st October, meeting at 1pm in the supper room at Mapua Hall for a 1.15 start. Our guest speaker will speak on the topic of tomatoes. If you'd like to join us, please call Barry Highsted, 540-3139.

Richard Bamfield, Secretary

Garden Notes



October weather marks the high point of spring flowering, with fruit and blossom trees in full flower. Daylight saving month means longer hours to weed, water, and plant all tender plants.

Liquid fertiliser is a great help to establish young plants in the garden. Weak liquid fertiliser on young plants will give them just the boost required.

Roses require special care during this busy time. Regular moisture is essential for the development of strong healthy buds. Pests multiply quickly as the temperature rises, if left unchecked they can do damage and can be removed with soapy water or washed off with the garden hose. Or use a general insecticide if these homely remedies don't work.

This is the month to plant tuberous begonias and gloxinias in pots. Pinch back tips of chrysanthemums to encourage more flowering heads.

Sow lettuce and radish every few weeks. Spray apple and pear trees after blossom-fall to protect bees.

Gladiolus bulbs should be planted at fortnightly intervals from now until Christmas to provide a succession of summer blooms. Camellias which have finished flowering can be trimmed to shape and tidy up, the same for proteas, only be very careful not to cut too far back into the old hard growth as they will not come away again.

At this busy time there is still time to plant apple, citrus, feijoa, fig, peach, pear, plum, persimmon and quince trees. These will give late summer fruiting. Good drainage is essential for the wellbeing of all the trees mentioned.

This is tomato month, but remember all varieties are highly sensitive to cold weather and fungal disease. Given a warm spot, good drainage and a little compost they will flourish. Young tomato plants should be starved until the first set of fruit has formed, then fed regularly with the fertiliser of your choice.

October is my favourite month so please go and enjoy this time as well. Happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

Mahana School

If there is one thing that stands out at Mahana School at the moment, it would have to be the air of enthusiasm about the place. Maybe it's the longer spring days or upcoming term break, yet the school has always been passionate with everything it does. One event that is inspiring the school is the upcoming mask parade in October. Each classroom has adopted a theme for their participation causing an excited buzz about the school.

The juniors have been making round discs, representing the world. The middle room are making headbands incorporating handprints representing the races of the world and the senior students have been making doves on sticks, representing peace.

Some of the senior students have been teaching the other kids a dance they will exhibit at the event, another student-led initiative that has extended into impressive lunchtime practises.

Enthusiasm also extends to sporting events. The latest being the interschool seven-a-side tournament. Mahana School entered a mixed team of year five and up in the hockey event, scoring a credible sixth place. Our netball team took out fourth place, which was a great achievement considering the team was to comprise of year four and up and needed to rally some year three support to make up numbers. Our intermediate netball team came second, another outstanding result. The other team to achieve were our soccer players, finishing fourth overall.

The latest cross-country tournament highlighted exceptional athletic ability within Mahana School that could mean the start of a successful running career for

some young runners. Three of our students achieved outstanding results with a first, second and tenth place in their respective age groups and have been selected to represent Mahana in the upcoming national championships. Good luck to Pako, Remus and Kate for the event.

When you consider Mahana has a total of 66 students it's a great overall result for a small school. We don't seem to have any shortage of volunteers for sporting events, testified by the pile of excited juniors anticipating the start of t-ball. We're proud of our young sportspeople and appreciate the support given by coaching teachers and parents.

The enthusiastic vibe around the school has spread to the parents with a good contingent supporting the September working bee, tackling a pile of projects around the grounds, including the preparation of the school pool in readiness for the swimming season, something the whole community is looking forward to.

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.

Thanks to our school reporters for this content: Briar (11) Hannah (10) Josie (9) Kate (9) Sapphira (8) Elizabeth (8) and Thomas B (6)

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

Mapua School

Mapua School has a star student in the form of Sophie Mephan who at the tender age of seven years chose to apply for a 'Nelson Mail – Prices Pharmacy Aim High Award' because she wanted to support the school's goal of providing a gymnasium so that she and her peers could develop and practice skills that would make them high achievers. Sophie's letter of application was well received by the judges and she became one of just 21 recipients of an Aim High Award. But her support of the school gets even better when you take into account the fact that Sophie not only gained \$200 for the school toward this important project but she has also donated her own share as well, thus providing the school with a sound starting point to this project. Sophie, you are one special girl.

In recent weeks we have seen such growth and success in children here at Mapua School. There were several very impressive results achieved in the ICAS Science and Computer Skills exams – congratulations to Haydn Bannister and Catherine Jemmett for their Credit Awards, and Oliver Sircombe-Kohen for his Distinction Award (top 2% in NZ) in Computer Skills. In Science Peter Bamfield, Cameron Jones, and Jamie Morgan received Credit Awards, Haydn Bannister a Distinction Award (top 2% in NZ), and Oliver Sircombe-Kohen a High Distinction Award (top 1% in NZ).

Four groups of students were selected to work as a GATE extension opportunity with Mrs Stephens in preparation for this year's regional Science Fair and three of these received awards. These were a gold award (top 6 projects) to Georgia Bueno and Georgia Elliston, and a highly commended (top 15%) to Libby Gray and the two-person team of Jake Perks and Kaleb Webster.



sophie methan (middle) with fellow recipients at the Award ceremony

Arts Festival

The Nelson Arts Festival is on its way and you don't have to go to the city to see some great shows. Singer-songwriter, and former West Coaster, Mel Parsons, will perform at the Riverside Community Hall, on Friday 23 October. Supporting her will be the Wellington-based Rhythm Kings,

International chanteuse at The Cellars

In the stunning surroundings of The Cellars at Woollaston Estates, Belgian chanteuse Micheline Van Hautem abandons herself to the passion of Jacques Brel's repertoire, accompanied by virtuoso guitarist Erwin van Lighten. This will be an emotionally charged performance of classics from the Brel songbook, such as 'Ne Me Quitte Pas', 'Seasons in the Sun' and many others.

Tea time at Neudorf

For foot-stomping good times head to Neudorf Vineyard on Saturday 24 October for Wellington indie-folk group, Rosy Tin Teacaddy. Their playful live show is packed to the gills with wry asides, snappy dressing and endless cups of tea.

Artists talk and tour works

Manifest Sculpture takes a break this year from making works, to a more thoughtful look at the part of the arts in our built environment. We have internationally recognised sculptors such as Phil Price and Andrew Drummond taking part in lectures and forums; and Drummond, Marte Szirmay and local sculptors Christine Boswijk and Tim Wraight walk and talk about their sculptures in the Vineyard Tour at Woollaston Estates."

This year Poetry in the Vineyard at Woollaston Estates welcomes Nelson poet Cliff Fell and former Te Mata Estate NZ Poet Laureate, Brian Turner.

Pick up a Nelson Arts Festival programme from the Nelson City Council offices, libraries, retail outlets and cafes, or view it online at www.nelsonartsfestival.co.nz <http://www.nelsonartsfestival.co.nz>. Tickets on sale now online and at Everyman Records (03 54 8-3083).

Eight students prepared and entered the Nelson Regional Mathix Competition where competitors work in teams of four to answer problem-solving questions as quickly as possible. The Year 7 team of Alice Reade, Storm Steer, Keegan Prosser, Samuel Wilson and Patrick Hewson performed extremely effectively and finished in the top half of the smaller schools section. The Year 8 team of Oliver Sircombe-Kohen, Libby Gray, Haydn Bannister and Kaisa Tsuruta performed exceptionally well to finish 2nd equal.

All of these children are to be congratulated on their achievement and success.

Neil Chalmers, Principal

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's guest speaker had been booked for the club's meeting on the 4th of September, but unfortunately had to cancel the day before. However, the meeting went ahead with a quick change of plan by the committee. Five hall tables were set up in the meeting room. The 30 members divided into 10 teams. Audrey Kitto handed out a thought-provoking 20-question challenge related to fish names. There was a high degree of concentration by each team of three to come up with the most correct answers. After over half an hour with much discussion and concentration, Audrey gave out the correct answers. Two teams came up with the highest score of 16.

Treasurer Peter Butchart read out several jokes before the second part of the meeting which was the annual paper bag auction. Each member brought along a gift worth about \$5 wrapped in a paper bag. Peter became the auctioneer, getting bids from the members not knowing what the bags contained. Some of the bags were marked "ladies" or "men" that gave some indication of what to bid for. The committee was pleased with the money raised that will go to subsidising the club's Christmas social. The rest of the meeting involved afternoon tea and a more relaxed time for the members to socialise.

On Wednesday the 16th of September 20 club members had their monthly outing at the Nelson Surf Life Saving Club on Wakefield Quay.

Marcus Gardner, the president of the club, gave us some interesting facts. He rated Nelson as having the greatest percentage of people being actively engaged in water activities in New Zealand. The club averages about 30 callouts a year. The majority of these are for people getting into difficulties due to lack of knowledge, risk-taking, and stupid acts often influenced by alcohol.

The club has 22 volunteer members, and ongoing need to recruit new members. The club covers a coast line from D'Urville Island to Golden Bay.

The club's seven-day-a-week service is solely reliant on donations from various sources such as businesses, including BP that funds two of the inflatable rescue boats. Also Gaming Trusts, Lotto, and public donations are other sources of income. Marcus finished his talk by inviting the club members to climb three flights of stairs to the operational office. The office has a panoramic view looking out over the Boulder Bank, Haulashore Island and beyond. John Sharman gave a vote of thanks to Marcus for his most interesting talk.

David Higgs

Police Update

It is good that I can report a pretty quiet time on the crime front in the Mapua area, long may it last. Unfortunately there has been a bit going on traffic wise—people not driving appropriately or very wisely. All of us who drive can get a bit complacent at times and it isn't until you have a bit of a near miss that you think about that large mass of metal you are sitting in at up to 100kmh. It doesn't take much for things to go wrong. A moment's inattention or a small misjudgement, or something unexpected suddenly in front of you. Take care out there for goodness sake.

With warmer weather on the way there will be more foot traffic at nights—don't hesitate to call us if you hear someone up to no good at night.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable,
Motueka. Ph 528-1226*

Mapua Occurrences:

- Aug 22: Wilful damage, mailbox, Stafford Drive
- Aug 27: Motueka youth drink-driving in Mapua, also did wheelies in Lionel Place. Car impounded
- Sept 2: House bus fire Ruby Bay
- Sept 9: Battery stolen from electric fence, Aranui Road
- Sept 6: 20-year-old Mapua man drink-driving in Mapua at 1.50am
- Sept 11: Female drink-driver in Mapua. Three times over legal limit
- Sept 12: Diesel spill Coastal Highway
- Sept 13: 17-year-old Mapua youth disqualified driving in Mapua. Vehicle impounded

“Nothing to do,” say young people

The following is the text of a talk given to the September meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association September meeting by **Paul McConachie**, Community Recreation Officer with the Tasman District Council.

Youth Issues – Richmond/Waimea

Young people have been attracting a lot of media attention, unfortunately of a negative nature in response to a series of late night anti-social behavioural incidents unfolding in the community.

In response to this, the TDC in partnership with the police have endeavoured to address the reasons why these behaviours are occurring. A recurring theme that ‘there is nothing to do’ has emerged and has been communicated loud and clear by the young people consulted on our streets.

It has been proposed that a co-ordinated community response be adopted to provide young people with more opportunities, where by consulting with and engaging young people in all facets of the decision-making and planning process.

The development of a ‘Waimea Summer Youth Program’ has incorporated existing TDC Community Events, with a series of new youth-focused recreation programs. Conversations are continuing with possible project partners and financing options of the project are being explored.

A significant recent development has been a \$52,000 two-year partnership project with the Ministry of Justice to address graffiti vandalism issues in the Richmond and Motueka communities. A steering group has been formed comprising of representatives from different sectors of the community, and they are being educated on ‘best practice’ and ‘what works’. The project will focus around ‘youth-led solutions’ in developing key campaign messages, and will use participatory media mediums to communicate these messages to those most likely to commit acts of community vandalism. It will enable youth workers to work alongside young people and provide them with opportunities to positively contribute to their local community’s – through community art projects and promotional campaigns.

A component of the Graffiti Vandalism Prevention Project is the appointment of qualified youth workers to our streets over the busy summer holiday season. Their role is to work with the police and Nightwatch in promoting safer partying messages to young people

and diffusing any anti-social situations they may encounter on our streets late at night.

Based on the successful model that has been operating in the Nelson CBD for the past few summers, the service will rotate between a Richmond – Brightwater – Wakefield – Waimea West circuit, and a Mapua – Motueka – Kaiteriteri circuit on a ‘as-required’ basis. The 12-week pilot programme runs between 9pm-3am on Friday and Saturday evenings, beginning the first week of December.

Publications

The TDC produces an array of publications which can assist your community to communicate to your intended audience. Starting with the young ones, *Boredom Busters Magazine* is distributed a couple of weeks before each school holiday and contains information pertaining to holiday programs and events happening around the region for 5-13 year olds.

For 14-20-year-olds, *Jam Magazine* provides a snapshot of youth happenings from around the region. The magazine is entirely published by youth, for youth, ranging from the content submitted, to the design and layout presented. *Jam Mag* is distributed quarterly to high schools, youth centres, and regional youth service providers.

Community Events

The Tasman Skate Park tour rolls around the six Tasman skate parks during January, offering BMX and skateboarding competitions for local communities. Mapua is first stop on the circuit (Wednesday 6th January, 5-7pm), and we are always blown away by the support and enthusiasm of this local community. Young and old come out in force to support the young grommets. As well as showcasing the array of talent on offer, the tour also attempts to communicate positive skate park culture, via challenging and breaking down traditional skate park stereotypes.

The In Your Neighbourhood programme will be offering recreational sport and play at the Mapua reserve on Wednesday 3rd March, 3.30-5pm. This is an opportunity for the whole community to partake in games which require very little equipment.



Clean-up not clean

What has the community gained from a \$13 million “remediation” of the FCC site? The auditor’s report (PDP, 2009) says groundwater is more contaminated now than at the beginning of the project and may have to be remediated in the future. According to PDP “...the groundwater has not returned to pre-remediation concentrations suggesting the remediation is having on-going effects on the groundwater quality.” PDP says there are options for managing it, if it becomes a more serious problem. Justification for the “remediation” appears to have been based on less contamination than is now present. If there are other acceptable options today, there were other options in 2003 when the Tasman District Council chose to inflict an unsafe, experimental technology on the community.

In addition to elevated organochlorine levels, there are also high levels of new contaminants as a direct result of the remediation. Excessive levels of forms of nitrogen and phosphorus have been leaching into groundwater since 2005. The source of these is the 730 tonnes of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and 36 tonnes of urea (and 13 tonnes of ecotoxic copper sulfate) that EDL added to their process. Most of this now lurks in ugly lumps where a waterfront park with lovely sea views should be. It is absolutely negligent to use high levels of these water-soluble chemicals near any body of water because they cause “toxic effects where seepage discharge runs on the surface at low tide” and algal growth is already apparent. The PCE reports say the Ministry for the Environment failed to take action on the groundwater contamination, breaching the resource consents. The TDC did too little, too late and basically allowed continual breaches through their ineffective actions.

The MFE and TDC can’t plead ignorance here. They were well aware that EDL was adding these chemicals to the process. When the resource consents were granted in 2003, it was promised that EDL would use only small amounts of urea and slag. But immediately upon starting the project, EDL was allowed to start trialling other chemicals and additives because of major problems with the technology. (I was working there). This illustrates how experimental the full-scale technology was. The bottom line is, the public were misled during the resource consent

process regarding EDL’s process, including failure to provide promised safety equipment.

In addition to the chemicals mentioned, 26 tonnes of Golden Bay sand was added per week by EDL. All of these additives amount to about an 11% dilution factor of EDL processed soil. There is also the matter of about 6000kg of spent, very highly contaminated filter carbon which was disposed of on the site, which has been covered up and requires explanation. There is “the possibility of phytotoxic effects on deep-rooted plant species used in amenity planting” on the east and toxic ammonia gas may be generated. And TDC calls this a park?

This saga is not over. The site isn’t clean and is still haemorrhaging money. It’s important that future monitoring and reports are genuinely independent and unbiased.

Sherry Prauner, toxicmapua@ihug.co.nz

Heartfelt thanks

After our tragic bus fire, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the businesses and residents of Ruby Bay, Mapua, Motueka and Nelson, who gave us gifts, vouchers, food, clothing and monetary contributions. Both of us are so overwhelmed and humbled with the generosity.

Carl and Chris Climo.

Doggy Do Offends

As regular walkers on the Mapua walkways we are disgusted with the amount of dog faeces that the dog owners are leaving on the tracks, especially the Old Mill Walkway. It is unfair on the responsible dog owners who clean theirs up. Those who don’t want to pick their dog faeces up should not be allowed on the walkways. There is no excuse for not picking it up as the council has got bins and bags at various points for everybody to use.

Don and Valerie Andrews.



More than a letter

I admit it. My "Letter to the Editor" each month has become more than just a letter. Someone I don't know stopped me outside the Mapua store and asked if I was Hugh Gordon. Upon admitting my identity, they went on to say how much they enjoyed reading my monthly "column" in the *Coastal News* about the by-pass project. I was chuffed. The whole purpose of my letters has been to keep the residents of our area informed and up to date about the project. It is pretty gratifying to realise that is happening. It is also gratifying to realize that growing numbers of our local residents are reading the *Coastal News* to keep up with local issues and affairs in general in and about our community.

So, what is happening with the by-pass project? Marc Papke, site manager for the contractor, Downer EDI Works, tells me that placement of the base material aggregate for some of the roadway is now commencing. This is the sub-base and will be followed with a base grade. There will be a long stretch of new roadway involved in this phase of construction. Work is continuing on both the Dominion Road and Higgs Road box culverts. Good to know that the Dominion Road culvert will be suitable for use as a pedestrian underpass. There is to be another fish and eel capture and relocation coming up when the Dominion Stream is diverted from its temporary location into and through the culverts. Just up the hill from there work will resume on the Chaytor Road reinforced soil-sloped walls. While major works in August have continued at the Tasman end, Marc says they anticipate resuming major earthworks at the Apple Valley cut in mid October.

Thanks to Jo Orr, the Downer Environmental Manager, we are getting regular monthly updates in

the *Coastal News* with detailed information and photos about what is going on and where along the route of the project. Thank you Jo for your input.

Going on to speak of local affairs and issues: The major issue for the Mapua community concerns the placement of "treated soil" at the Fruit Growers Chemical Plant site. I should say "mis-placement" of treated soil, and it is surely mis-placed. Many of you are aware the Mapua & Districts Community Association sent letters to the Ministry of the Environment and the Tasman District Council on the 1st of September. These letters pointedly raised the issue that the so called "cleaned up" chemical plant site in its present state was not only unacceptable but also posed a potentially serious and ongoing pollution problem for both the Waimea Estuary and the land around the site itself.

At the date of writing this letter (20th Sept), the TDC has acknowledged receipt of the MDCA letter. Lloyd Kennedy of the TDC when asked by a *Nelson Mail* reporter was quoted as saying that the TDC was already considering options regarding the misplaced soil but "not in response to Mapua residents' concerns" I guess maybe he hadn't read the MDCA's letter.

From the Ministry of Environment? No comment. Not even the courtesy of an acknowledgement. But then, three weeks is not such a long time for any sort of bureaucratic digestion. All in all, the present situation is environmentally and politically unacceptable not only to the residents of Mapua but to the citizens of New Zealand. In a sense it is a betrayal of public trust. A long-time resident recently said to me, "It is a pathetic way to leave the ground".

Hugh Gordon

Sam's Spam

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Digital cameras have really come down in price and are also incorporated into other devices, such as phones and the new iPod Nano, so most people have access to them. I have occasionally given advice on how to operate cameras, but as to how to take good photos, I am no expert at all! Reporter Simon Osborne got some great tips from professional photographer David Parry. I have chosen my five favourite tips from the article below:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/gadgets/news/article.cfm?c_id=238&objectid=10583467

1. When you get somewhere new always take a wide photo of the whole scene first. It helps add context and it will help you remember where you were when you flick through hundreds of pictures.

2. It's always good to crouch to the same level as your subject. If you're looking down on a small animal or a baby, in the picture they'll look short and you won't see their face.

3. A good way to make buildings look more interesting is to capture lines that lead your eye to the subject. These can be railway lines, a path or a road, all of which will add depth to your photo.

4. In portraits, aim to get the eyes roughly two-thirds of the way up the frame. It's also great to fill the frame with your subject's face but to avoid distorting it, take a step back and zoom in – the face will look more natural and will stand out more because the background will tend to blur.

5. "Lots of people come back from holiday and their photos have nobody in them," Parry says. "People instantly add scale and interest to any shot. If there are crowds, it can be fun to try and blur them while the background stays focused. If you can control your shutter speed, slow it down; hold your camera steady and experiment.

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Of course, this month's free download has to be connected to photography. Go to the Bighugelabs website and it lets you upload photos of yourself and your friends to create movie posters, pop art imagery, photo mosaics and jigsaws, calendars, badges and even CD covers.



In last month's *Coastal News* I had a brain explosion and gave you the incorrect dates for this year's Mapua Show. I would like to be able to say I was just testing to see if anyone noticed but this sadly, was not the case. Here are the correct dates. The Mapua Show will be held on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of November.

Our show will be a celebration of art, crafts and flowers. Acrylic, oil and pastel artists will be exhibiting, some for the first time. Rag dolls, stone art, glass art, copper work, copper jewellery, mosaic art, hand-made cards, wooden furniture, locally made wine and quilting will also feature. Expect our local hall to come alive with colour and the energy of artists along with flower and rose enthusiasts. It will be well worth your while just to come and browse but

remember that most items will also be available for purchase. With Christmas just around the corner, this may be your chance to get something unique for someone special.

Home-made finger food will also be available at the show along with tea and coffee.

Our organising committee is small and we are keen to hear from anyone able to help with setting up the hall on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, 12 November. Tasks include the erecting of a wooden framework to support trellising, attaching the trellising and decorating the hall. If you are willing and able to help, please contact either Richard or Joyce Bullock at 540-2311 or on richbull@clear.net.nz We will be delighted to hear from you.

Richard Bullock

Mapua Hall committee seeks input

Everyone with an interest in the future of the Mapua Hall has been invited to a public meeting in the hall on Wednesday, 14 October, starting at 7.45pm.

It has been called by the hall committee for the following reasons:

1) Endorsement of changed positions on the hall committee executive.

2) Presentation of possible scenarios of the future of the Mapua Hall.

3) Where to from here?

The new hall committee, elected at the last AGM, is full of enthusiasm, enhanced by local business acumen. It has been meeting twice a month for some time now and innovative ideas, based on the fairly recently undertaken community survey, have been discussed.

The committee would now like to share the outcome of these discussions with the community, so

that everyone can take part in determining the future direction for our hall.

The first major decision, and one of the reasons for calling this meeting, is that the community needs to make an informed decision on whether it will be in the best interest of the community, present and future, to renovate or rebuild the hall. A big decision indeed!

The committee will present the positive and negative aspects of both a renovation and a rebuild of the hall, and it is important that you come along and have your say in making this important decision.

Your Hall Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, and if you are unable to attend, then you are welcome to send a written comment to: Mary Garner (Secretary), C/- PO Box 19, Mapua, or by email at m.garner@xtra.co.nz

Support Works

Support Works is the part of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board that assesses the needs and coordinates the services for people whose lives are affected by a disability to achieve their goals, retain their independence and self-reliance, and to enjoy optimum quality of life wherever they live.

If someone needs support because of a disability they can ask Support Works for a free needs' assessment by making a self-referral by phoning Nelson 546-3980 or free phone 0800 244 300. Or they can ask their doctor, social worker, family member, friend, or anyone who supports them to contact Support Works on their behalf. www.nmdhb.govt.nz/SupportWorks.aspx has more information about Support Works and the referral form.

I am also keen to speak to groups about how Support Works can help people with life long or age related disabilities in the community. If you would like me to talk to your group and answer any questions you have please let me know.

Thank you: Liam Butler, Consumer Advisor, Support Works, 1 Harley Street, Nelson 7010.

Moutere Hills RSA

The monthly meeting of the branch was held in the clubrooms at the Mapua Library on Monday 14 September with a smaller than usual attendance. In fact the number of apologies equalled the number of attendees.

Fallen comrades were remembered in the traditional way with the reciting of the Ode.

The president reported on his attendance at the Regional Conference at Kaikoura, Bill Hunter was re-elected as regional president. The branch's winter lunch was held at the Community Church on 26 August, members expressed their appreciation of the way this was organised.

Our August meeting approved a donation towards the cost of the plaque erected in the Nelson Cathedral to commemorate RNZAF participation in the Second World War in the Pacific. Percy Roche attended the dedication. He reported there was a good turnout of ex-RNZAF personnel as well as Air Force Cadets. He was impressed by the plaque of white Takaka marble with gold lettering.

The branch will hold its Christmas lunch in early December, invitations will be sent nearer to the time.

F H Gibbison

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Mapua & Districts Soccer Club



Team profile

Mapua Tigers 10th Grade: Finished 5th in the playoffs after winning a tense penalty shoot out in the final game. We had a great season full of commitment and team spirit and everyone is looking forward to next season.

We had two players selected for Nelson Reps—Josh Smith and James Crosbie, and at the awards presentation Emma Mackay-Smith was the Most Valuable Player, Oscar Symmonds was the Most Improved Player and Tom Lusty took the golden boot for Top Scorer.

Chris Lusty

Saturday 5th September saw us celebrate another great season of Junior Football with a 'Hero' party. There were some excellent costumes to be seen—Robin Hood, Michael Jackson, Wonder Woman etc, and some delicious food. (If you were quick). The coaches had an opportunity to present awards in recognition of individual achievement during the season. Congratulations to those individuals.

A big thanks to the Nelson Building Society who donated the obstacle castle for Saturday's event. It proved a great hit, thank you Howie and NBS for your support.

Saturday 19th September was the adult's turn to celebrate the end of the season. This was done in the form of a hero's party at The Tap in Mapua. Many thanks to Andy and his team who provided an amazing buffet and great entertainment from the Gypsy Pickers.

Thanks for all of the support over the season, financial and in kind. The club would not function as it does with out your help.

Enjoy the summer and don't forget to clean those boots now so they are ready for the 2010 season

Mapua Spring Fling

For the third year, "The Mapua Spring Fling BBQ. Thursday 22nd October 5pm to 7pm.

Work is well under way for the third Spring Fling. After two successful years it just had to happen again.

This event grew from working with Celia Lashlie to address concerns in our community. It resulted in the acknowledgement of the importance of community and partnerships to support the belief that "It takes a village to raise a child". The "Mapua Strengthening Our Community" group was formed.

The "Spring Fling BBQ" exemplifies this and is a proactive action to develop a greater sense of community as a core value of where we live to ensure everyone is included, valued and supported. It's about making connections in the community we live in.

Once again we have enlisted volunteers such as Kahu Marfell, and the Tasman District Council activity trailer is available. There will be lots of fun things to do during the fling and the atmosphere buzzes. Everyone participating in these activities is what contributes to the success. Last year was well supported and we know this year can be bigger and better. It was wonderful to see members of the community sharing their tea time together enjoying a sausage sizzle, ice cream in a cone and home made lemonade.

We encourage all members of our community to come along, enjoy and make connections with others. Put it on your calendar now and keep free Thursday 22nd of October between 5pm and 7pm.

For more information or you want to help in any way please contact: Debbi Bamfield, scrapperdo4u@yahoo.com, or Rose Barnes, barnes126@xtra.co.nz, ph 540-3600

More pictures of the Ruby Bay by-pass construction



Field Creek diversion excavation.



Dominion culvert construction.

Update on Tasman District Council Projects

Council staff have been busy working on the following projects in Mapua/Ruby Bay:

Planning

The Mapua Draft Plan Change is being formulated with work under way on updating the Coastal Hazard Area using the new LiDAR information. Work on the Mapua Structure Plan is virtually completed.

Roading/Footpaths

Council will be resurfacing the Aranui Road shared path this year. Minor upgrade of Aranui Road outside the Aranui Park frontage is also being considered.

Coastal Protection

The contract for the coastal protection works along the remaining unprotected northern section of the Old Mill Walkway reserve is expected to be advertised for tender in early October. Once awarded the work is expected to take about six months to complete.

Wastewater

Preparations are under way to upgrade the wastewater main which takes wastewater from Mapua along Rabbit Island to Bells Island. The resource consent application has been lodged but a decision has not yet been released.

Stormwater

The stormwater upgrade works at the Mapua Causeway are scheduled to begin in the new year. Negotiations are continuing with landowners along the route of the Seaton Valley Stream and bridge or culvert replacement is expected over the summer period.

Reserves and Walkways

Planting has been done at the Moreland Place reserve and further track work is proposed at Aranui Park and on the old Mill Walkway. Recently a subdivision has been granted which will provide for the future formation of a practical walkway connection within a new road to vest from Pinehill Rd to Pinehill Rd West. Investigations are continuing to identify the most appropriate sites for an additional indicative reserve area as part of the proposed Mapua Draft Plan Change.

Youth Programme

The recreation officer is working on a summer programme of activities for youth which includes a Skateboard Tour which begins in Mapua on 6 January, 5pm to 7pm. The In Your Neighbourhood programme will be offering sport and play at the Mapua Domain on 3 March.

Rose Biss, Policy Planner

Mapua Waterfront Park

While the interest in the Mapua Waterfront has focused lately on the remediation status and existing landform of the FFCS, the park design moves forward where possible.

Design development has been on hold awaiting a site management report, site survey and decision by the Tasman District Council on movement of excess soil. Progress on these varies:

- Design team being briefed on Site Management Report this week
- Survey completion overdue, due Tuesday 15 September
- Discussions by the TDC on excess soil now possible as Site Management Report is prepared although not yet adopted

Meanwhile, progress has been made in areas not dependant on the Site Management Report or decisions on landform. These are:

- Discussions re sponsorship to enable working with artists in the environmentally themed play gardens
- Developing a parking area to accommodate users identified in consultation. Will present to Boat Club re boat facilities
- Staging strategies to enable waterfront amphitheatre to be constructed as first stage irrespective of delays in other parts of the park
- Liaison with Nelson Tasman Sculpture Trust to promote the park as a possible site for a significant artwork under the Trust's strategy

It is not possible to put a date on development stages as all this is subject to outstanding information.

Robin Simpson

Hills Community Church

Good Neighbour

A recent movie entitled “Gran Torino” (Warner Home Video, 2009) presents an interesting tale about Walt Kowalski who is a widower, Korean War veteran, retired auto worker, and the last white resident in his Detroit neighbourhood. It’s hard to say who irks him more—his own blood kin or the Hmong families who are his new neighbours. Kowalski is a racist, because it has never occurred to him he shouldn’t be. Circumstances—and two young people next door, the feisty Sue and her conflicted brother, Thao—contrive to involve Walt in their community, and anoint him as its hero after he stands up to some ruffians. A mint-condition Gran Torino, which Walt helped build in a different decade and continues to preserve, suggests themes of change and grief. Christian concepts of reconciliation and sacrifice are also evident.

I enjoyed the movie not only for its content but for the fact that I myself grew up in a Detroit neighbourhood quite similar to Walt’s. He even reminded me of one or two of my own neighbours. Prejudice ran deep in my neighbourhood but so did generosity, compassion, tolerance and acceptance. It was a mixed bag—racially, ethnically, economically and attitudinally. Some folks got along with everyone, others only got along with their own kind, while still others didn’t seem to get along with anyone.

Someone once asked Jesus about neighbourliness. They wanted to know: who is my neighbour? Jesus very cleverly turned the question around through a parable and then asked: Who was the neighbour? (Luke 10:25-37).

“Who is my neighbour” suggests a boundary. It’s a question that asks for limits. “Who was the neighbour” suggests behaviour. It’s a question that asks for involvement. Are you into boundaries or behaviours? Limits or involvement? Are you into distinguishing who you will or won’t associate with or who and how you can help?

Jesus was into behaviour, not boundaries. He saw that what was most important wasn’t identifying who a neighbour was but how neighbourly we ourselves

should be; to get beyond who we should associate with to whom can we help.

Walt ultimately discovered that shutting out his neighbours didn’t make them go away. He also discovered that entering into their lives brought meaning to what had become a pretty meaningless existence. In a society that is ever more fragmented and where people live more isolated from one another than ever before (sometimes within their own household) we may need to ask ourselves what is important to us—having a neighbour or being one?

*Your friend and neighbour, Rev Marilyn Loken,
Hills Community Church*

Happening @ Hills—We are a community-based, multi-denominational church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome. For more information call: 540-3848.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & “God’s Garden” 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 followed by a shared lunch.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12:15pm—NZ Prayer Book Communion service followed by intercessory prayer

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 You can make a contribution to the Community Food Bank in Motueka by dropping off your non-perishable food items to the church (123 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon. There is a basket marked “Food Bank” in the front entry. We deliver these items on a monthly basis to the food bank.

Ruby Bay By-pass Progress

Spring is definitely in the air in Nelson and the Ruby Bay by-pass team has started taking advantage of the recent fine weather and longer days. This past month earthworks has moved from the area around Dominion and Apple Valley Roads to the Tasman end of the job to allow for construction of two further culverts.

Total earthworks shifted to date on the project has now past the 1 million cubic metre mark and work has either begun or been completed on six of the seven major culverts.

Milestones in September were:

- Continued bulk fill operations in Dominion flats and Higgs Reserve area with fill from Apple Valley West area.
- Re-established crews to the Tasman end of the project to complete earthworks in preparation for pavement laying.
- Kidson Construction began work on Dominion major single box culvert which will contain a raised platform for pedestrian access.
- Completed preparatory work for Higgs major culvert including excavation and placement and compaction of granular foundation (backfill) hardstand.
- Continued Rush's Orchard pond reshaping and the stream diversion of Field Creek at Tasman 1 box culvert outlet;
- Began installing riprap stilling basin downstream at Tasman 1 box culvert.



Undercutting of sub-base through forest corridor

Looking forward:

Earthworks will continue on the north end of the project including backfilling around structures and preparatory earthworks so that pavement laying can advance. The AP65 pavement crew will begin laying material from where they stopped in June and heading north towards Tasman. We will have a separate AP40 crew who will be establishing to site soon to begin laying material in the AP65 wake.

Drainage work will be completed at Tasman 1 inlet and outlet riprap lined stilling basins. Rushes Orchard pond and stream diversion will be completed including a fish and eel transfer once the water has been put through Tasman 1 culvert and into the new stream diversion. Dominion major culvert construction will be completed and work begun on Higgs Reserve box culvert.

Jo Orr, Environmental Manager, Downer EDI Works

MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

At Mapua Playcentre we are very pleased to be able to offer the SPACE programme at our centre on Thursdays at 11am, beginning late October. SPACE sessions are for predominantly first-time parents and their babies. The SPACE programme runs for 3-4 terms, with a 2 ½ hour session each week.

The SPACE programme includes:

- Developmentally appropriate play for infants
- Discussion on wide ranging child development and parenting topics
- Opportunities for parents to give and receive support
- Raised awareness of community/professional organisations.

Our qualified facilitators along with other professionals share their collective knowledge and experience with the group. Reading material and ideas

for home-made play equipment are provided. A different discussion topic is introduced each week that is relevant to parenting and to your baby's growth and learning. These include:

Sleeping, Understanding me, Establishing attachment, Uniquely you (Temperament), What do I see? Natural movement, Understanding thinking, The beauty of the brain, Expressing myself, Music, Heuristic play.

If you are interested in the SPACE programme at Mapua please contact Louise Busby on 544 9525 loubuzz@xtra.co.nz or Michal Gray on 540-3460 richardandmichal@xnet.co.nz For more information on the SPACE programme visit www.space.org.nz

Mapua Health Centre

We are about to go “live,” that is, we now have a web site which is due to be fully operational this month. If you go to www.mapuahealth.com you’ll find the home page with our new logo, along with a menu that offers a range of options that cover how the health centre works – hours, services, staff, enrolment, fees, integrative medicine, hyperbaric medicine, a page for various articles and a Google map showing how to find us. We welcome feedback and ideas – info@mapuahealthl.com.

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 up 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 and an appointment with the practice nurse can be made. 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 the 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:

- Sept 28- Oct 4 Save the Children Fund Appeal Week
www.savethechildren.org.nz
- October 1-31 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
www.nzbcf.org.nz/home
- October 1 International Day of Older Persons
www.un.org
- October 5-11 Mental Health Awareness week
www.mentalhealth.org.nz
- October 12-18 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 16-31 Bandana Week
(Canteen) www.canteen.org.nz
- October 24 United Nations Day www.un.org
- October 27-2 Blind Appeal Week www.rnzfb.org.nz

MAPUA LIBRARY

A big thank you to all who patronised our Book Stall last month. It is always fun and often very rewarding to fossick through the boxes and find the books you had wanted to read. Funds raised from this stall assist us in the administration costs of the library, therefore we are always grateful for your support.

We are now able to confirm that Janet Marshall, artist and author, will run a session in the school holidays for children aged seven and over on how to sketch birds. This will take place on Monday, 5th October from 10.30am to 12 noon; reservations are necessary. If you have not already done so, please phone Dot, 540-3276, or leave your child/children’s names at the library to reserve a space. This should be a fun morning. Materials will be provided, however, if your child has special pencils or crayons they would like to use please bring these along.

For the past eighteen months we have displayed work by local crafts people, artists, photographers, jewellers and others, which has created another level of interest in the library and received favourable comments. While our exhibition area is limited, to further enhance the exhibition we are able to display a range of books we hold on that particular subject. We are always happy to hear from anyone wanting to exhibit their work so do not hesitate to make yourself known.

Our exhibition in October will feature photography by Barbara Ingram-Monk. Many of you will remember her thoughtful and beautiful work featuring war graves in Belgium, which we displayed during April of last year. Make sure you check out Barbara’s new work this month.

Dot Moriarty

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday	2pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	5pm – 6.50pm
Thursday	10am – 12.30pm

Under The Bonnet with Fred

A Morris Minor, 0 to 60mph in 56 seconds!

In 1950, with car sales restricted to British-made and if we were lucky enough to have overseas funds, the Morris Minor was an affordable, economical car. Marketing and design were well thought out with the Morris Minor. A five-gallon fuel tank on a car that does 40mpg or 7.1 litres/100km



You had to have a economical car as fuel was expensive and petrol stations few and far between in New Zealand in 1950. Simple under the bonnet and easily repaired. The car was marketed to the British Commonwealth, USA, South Africa and Canada The ladies loved them, not for their speed or acceleration but for the high seats and easy access. Well, not a muscle car but an everyman's car that was a winner in its day. Brian Holbrook used to look after us at the Flavour Restaurant but is now looking after and restoring his brother-in-law's 1950 Low-Light Morris Minor.

History on the car is hard to find but there is some service records from Taradale, near Napier. The present owner brought the car on a whim after seeing it for sale on someone's front lawn in Christchurch, as it was an identical car he wrote off hitting a power pole in 1968. It was originally grey but he had it painted the same forest green as his original car. Brain has started a scheduled restoration supervised by Perrys Auto here in Mapua . Second-hand parts are not an issue as this little car was so popular and durable many clubs and dealers can supply parts.

Inside the car there is full leather upholstery and the front seats tilt from front so the whole seat tips forward. This was modified in later models. No seat belts required because of its age. A handy parcel tray under the dash, useful for putting small items. They carried this idea through to the Minis. The dash has a small diameter speedo, a fuel gauge and oil pressure gauge with a wiper switch in the centre. Instrumentation is basic but it told you you had petrol and how fast you were going. How much information do you need? There is no driver distraction from the instrumentation.

Brian tells me that he and friend Tim when seated in front fill the car from one side to the other, making gear-changing difficult. In the back seat there is enough

space for small adults or children. The size of the car was designed for the people of the day. You would not get four fat people of the 2000s in this car.

Under the short green bonnet is a small, simple side-valve engine of 918cc with good basic components. A single SU carburettor for good fuel economy and no water pump, power steering,

or air-conditioning to take horsepower from the engine . I see this as good as this car weighs only 787kg and the need for power steering with the big diameter steering wheel is not required. Air-conditioning—just open the quarter lights fully and you have instant cooling. Heater not included, so that must be why you see old news clips of people getting out of cars with warm coats on. Under the bonnet the engine is only twice the size of the battery and can be removed by one man with a good tug. Specification: one says 27.5hp and the owner's manual says RAC rating of 8hp, which is the horsepower at the back wheels. Hard to imagine the Morris having a tug-of-war with a team of seven horses and winning!

The gearbox is a manual four-speed that cannot be changed too quickly. You need to hesitate between gears but I did like the rattle from the gear lever; it was like a rev counter. As I accelerated the gear stick would change from a hard rattle moving to a high speed ding ding rattle, telling me the revs were right to change up. It brought back memories of my youth except there were no surf boards on the roof.

It was a privilege to drive the Morris as it had been many years since I had driven a 1950s car. Again it brought back flashes of my youth of getting to Ohope Beach to go surfing in my mate's Morris. We rumbled along Higgs Road, with that gear stick telling me when I should change. We turned out on to the Coastal Highway at the Tavern and I accelerated hard again, the gear stick rattled, telling me to button off and at 40mph I changed into top. Brain and I were chatting about motoring in the old cars when we reached the 100km sign out of Ruby Bay and again I tested the car by changing down quickly to third but hesitating, otherwise the gearbox might crash, and we reached 50mph at the first right. A slight lurch as we went around the corner and heading for the lazy left and a few bumps from the

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Under the bonnet with Fred:

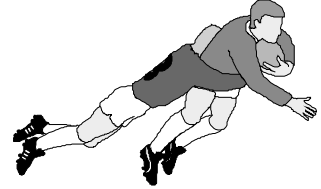
corrugations in the tar seal. Approaching the Bluff I had forgotten how to drive old cars! You have to size up the hill and start accelerating the same distance before to make it to the top. In the 50s and 60s it used to be a great measure of a car if you could make it up in top gear. The Morris faded half way up and I changed down to third with the gear stick rattling away to assure me the revs were right as rounded the hard left at the top. As we cruised on towards Motueka the Morris had no problems maintaining 50mph on the flat road.

Now there is something modern car manufactures have missed that this classic 59-year-old has. Modern cars struggle to better 40mpg or 7.1 litres/100km for fuel consumption. This car weighs 787kg, has 8hp at the back wheels and an engine that has one function and that is to turn the back wheels. No air-conditioning or power steering to increase fuel consumption. It was made to look functional; not a marketing manager's idea that a small car should be sporty looking to sell. More than one and half million Morris Minors were manufactured from 1948 to 1970 and sold throughout the world in both right and left-hand drive. Don't overlook this car at 40mpg in our green world. Thanks to Brain Holbrook. It was fun driving the old Morry.

Fred Cassin

Rangers Rugby

Rangers Rugby Senior B team had their end-of-year prize giving in September. The following players picked up prizes: Most Improved Junior, Marc Mitchell; Most Improved Senior Player, Chris Atkins; Best Back, Milton Paaka; Best Forward, Mark Hyatt; Best Sportsman, Jared Prestidge; Players' Choice, Murray Silcock. Murray also picked up an award for reaching 300 senior games for the club!



Thanks to the sponsors for the help over the season—Moutere Inn; Moutere F'N Chippa, George Perry; Acclaim Finance; Superliquor Richmond; Speights; Perry Auto and Redwood Cellars. Without their help we wouldn't be able to function. Thanks also to the supporters for all their support.

The AGM is planned for November. The date will be advertised. We are looking for help with managing and coaching the senior team. If anyone can help come along to the AGM or give Mark a call on 0274 229 949. The club is also looking for help on the committee, especially with publicity and the position of treasurer.

Social touch football is being played at the Moutere Hills Community Centre at 6pm on Tuesdays for anyone that wants to turn up for a run around.

Mark Forward

Coastal Initiative – We want your input!

This year is speeding by and progress on the new Ruby Bay by-pass route is moving ahead faster than most expected. As we realise that the opening of the new road could be only months away rather than years, it's time to take stock. It's time to ask the communities along our coast what the priorities are for them, which paths to take. The Coastal Initiative Group was formed by the community and business associations in our area to review the changes and look for best outcomes for the community from the by-pass project and the new road arrangement.

The Coastal Initiative Group plans to host a consultative community session early next month. Hear about the ideas that this group has developed, give us your views, help us develop a community plan.

This session will be an informal Friday afternoon event at the Mapua Boat club rooms at the Mapua Wharf on Friday 6th November at 4.30pm. It will include a presentation about the Coastal Initiative Group and its approach, plus a session to tease out priorities from the midst of the long wish list, to track and to include the views and values of our community. You just have to live here, between the estuaries, to come along. There will be refreshments, nibbles and plenty of friendly faces. So if you want to be part of the process, come along and you will be!

The Coastal Initiative's approach has been as interesting to informed onlookers as it has been successful in the field. It has adopted a partnership/consultative model and worked alongside the Tasman District Council, the project engineers and other stakeholders. It has combined the interests of the key groups and associations representing the community and worked hard to represent, lobby and consult on our behalf. The emphasis is to find solutions from within the community and then work hard to achieve these solutions and goals. In order to successfully do this two key ingredients are required: good information and good consultation.

Any project of the scale of the Ruby Bay by-pass generates unpredicted or unforeseen issues and problems. These have been a focus for the Coastal Initiative Group so far this year and the pace has often been hot, but the results have been rewarding and

beneficial for us all. The Coastal Initiative Group's view is now sought out by the agencies and the value of a group like this is appreciated well by the community stake-holders and by the organisations that the Group works with, such as the council, the contractors and the project engineers at the clay face of change.

An example of this is a community-evolved solution to the issues around the Higgs Reserve amenity and associated car parking being assisted by a Coastal Initiative-convened consultation between affected parties and the roading agencies. In another example, Coastal Initiative members met Tasman District Council engineers to discuss the status of the old road once the by-pass is complete. Speed restrictions, cycleways and safety, plus preferences for renaming the old highway were discussed; after all, it won't be called State Highway 60 any more in a year's time. So a number of key items are "on the table" for later discussion.

The next phase for the Coastal Initiative Group will hopefully be "wish list" rather than "problem" based as the contractors achieve the major physical land changes. The community has some great opportunities coming up and some exciting options to consider; such as cycleway linkages, coastal wetland restorations, interpretive signage and a "tell me more" map, entry gateway sculptural features at either end of the new bypass, better pedestrian access/walking linkages, community activities, winter festivals, farmers' markets, the list goes on...

Come down to the Boat Club next month and help to shape and refine the direction of our communities' exciting new plans!

Put this date in your diary—Friday November 6th Mapua Boat Club rooms, Mapua Wharf, 4.30pm. Coastal Initiative is contactable through the secretary, Janet Taylor, ph 540-3364 or email coordinator@mapua.biz.

Noticeboard

SPACE : Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education. A programme for first time parents and their babies is blasting off soon at Mapua Playcentre. Weekly sessions include discussions, guest speakers and infant play, music and stories. Contact: Louise Busby 544 9525: loubuzz@xtra.co.nz

Children's Gymnastics: Gymnastics and whole body movement sessions are designed to improve a child's strength, balance, coordination, spatial awareness and eye tracking by letting them climb, jump, spin, turn and crawl We use hand apparatus, songs, and gym equipment to achieve this in a fun, positive learning environment. **Thursdays** @ The Old Hills Community Church Hall, Mapua. Sessions for 3 months to 9 years, ring Sam, 5402896. **Fridays** @ Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere. Sessions for 2-8yrs, ring Linda, 5466013

Bellydance with Raewyn in Mapua October 13 to December 1st, Mapua Hall, 6.30pm. For enrolment and information: Raewyn, 5402442, raewyngraham@clear.net.nz

Harakeke/flax weaving weekend: for beginners, and intermediate level. To be held in Mapua on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November. Start 9.30am to 4pm. To enrol and further information please phone Carol 5402287.

500 or poker: Calling all people., Interested in starting a weekly card 500 or poker evening/ afternoon at our local Mapua hall. Jim Bryse.540 3139

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

Garden Trail: Sunday, 1st November, 10.00am - 4.00pm Fund raising by the Women's Recreation Group for the Cancer Society Relay for Life. Tickets - \$10 - available from Tessa Maes, Mapua Trading, Jester House, Kennedy & Associates, Motueka and Baku, Richmond. Visit gardens in your local area.

Mapua Village Quilters meet each Wednesday evening. We are a small group, anyone interested to join us, please contact Rinny, 540 2117

Accommodation wanted in the New Year for professional mature couple on longish term rental, non- smokers and pet free. Telephone connection essential Please contact 03 545 2261 or ct789@hotmail.com

Barley available - bag or bulk - 5432715

Dancemoves for Women: Improve your Posture, Co-ordination, Grace, and Confidence, while having fun dancing short low-impact Latin routines with a touch of Pacifica. Join us on Mondays 11am-Midday, Mapua Hall, Term 4 starts 12 October. Enrolments phone Catherine @ DanceMoves 03 5488046, 0273 232098.

Country Occasion at Neudorf, Sunday Nov 29, 10am until 4pm. 70 stalls under the trees at Neudorf. All proceeds to Child Cancer and the Moutere Community Centre. To enquire about a stall email judy@neudorf.co.nz

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Rosalie Wattereus, 03 582 9486, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

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. Indoor bowls, Euchre & Crib, etc, 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. Val Roche 540 3685

Need technical help? Can't connect your DVD player? Don't know how to download photos from your digital camera? Computer running slowly? Local help is at hand! Average job price only \$20! Basic web design also available - pages start from just \$35. Call Sam on 03 540 2804. - sambennett@live.jp

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. For more info Lynley 540 2292.

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group: This year our bimonthly meetings will be 1.30pm on Saturdays on the following dates: Oct 10 and Dec 12. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

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.

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. Barry Highsted 540 3139.

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. 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.

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

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