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If Only the Hall Could Speak...

Our Mapua Hall could tell a tale or two if it could speak. More than 60 years of knees-ups, each decade's exercise trends, industries of apples, community worthies, local body persuasions and cups of tea for England. All the Doug Heinz generation, raves and random gatherings (both legitimate and other) and almost a complete attendance of Mapua School. Six decades of children have passed through the doors and danced or sung over the stage. Several miles of extension cords held down by the ubiquitous black sticky tape so hated by Bill Marris.

Community associations have argued, politicked and suppered their way through the decades. MPs (earnest and excitable), have used the hall as a venue to persuade, cajole and humour the public into supporting this policy or another – usually some sort of “new” social or health system, often of a dubious nature (“dubious” being defined as any system that requires a flow chart in order to explain itself).

Speaking of less than legitimate gatherings, youth of the day have enjoyed the hall's environs – the rear shrubbery and even the squeeze under the floorboards at the back. They usually give themselves away by the whiff of pungent smoke, the left-over cigarette butts and even the odd used condom which, given the narrow darkness of the squeeze, begs questions I would rather not think about.

Youth in fact, were the bane of Bill Marris's life. Bill was always the unofficial maintenance person at the hall and used to go down there often to sort out the plumbing, electricity, broken windows and youth (all of which were sometimes connected). He also used to maintain the clocks. He was meticulous and the clocks kept good time.

Leisure activities have probably changed little over the years – dancing, photography, gardening – but the one that for me, typified the eccentricities of life in a village, was the Pythonesquely entitled Parrot Fanciers' Club. I believe the group actually originated in Rakaia but it is unclear whether the Rakaia parrots travelled up

or whether there was an existing but deeply hidden attraction of Mapua parrots.

The hall's lovely matai floor has been seasoned over 60+ years with chalk, sausage rolls, lamingtons, splodges of play dough and an alarming quantity of spilt alcohol – although mercifully, not always at the same time. Any Mapua resident of a certain age will remember the dances. All the local community groups used to take turns to run a dance as a fund-raiser on a Saturday night (one slice and a loaf made into sandwiches for each committee member please). They would run buses from Motueka. My father says that all the men would congregate out the back where they had their half gees hidden under the bushes. Dad remembers the local cop would come in, wander around and sometimes even stop for an interminable cup of tea while all the blokes milled around, forced to dance or (even worse), talk to the women. When the officer would eventually get up to leave, he would invariably say something like, “OK then – you blokes can go back to your booze now”. The music was ALWAYS provided by Doug Heinz and Bill Marris was ALWAYS on the door. The organisers used to borrow chalk dusters from the school and chalk the floor before each dance. The lovely old floor in the hall has seen more chalk in its day than all of the years of school blackboards combined.

I went to playcentre in the Mapua Hall and my son also attended playcentre there. In my day, there was only the main hall—little tables and wooden chairs in a dark cavernous space. It was extremely noisy. There were always large bowls of playdough on each table. Each mound was a different colour, much of it ended up on the floor and it was very, very salty. The playcentre supervisor was Dorothy Wells. By the time my son's time came, the playcentre had progressed to the Supper Room. A smaller space to clean but still just as noisy.

Everyone remembers the packing competitions – even people who weren't there. All the packing stands and makeshift bins would be lined up on the stage, the



stop-watch would call action and the paper – along with a virtual tree of apples – would fly. Everywhere. The action was so fast and furious that the few apples that managed to escape the waiting paper, would sometimes roll to the very end of the hall. My Mum was a very fast packer but she was too shy to go into the competitions. Dad would enter but he reckons he was never as fast as Bill Rush. My sister remembers Alice Spain winning a lot of the women's competitions but the queen of the packing competitions was Ruby Aberhart. She and Ray had the Fraser and Bledisloe cups kicked to bits.

Then there are the hall toilets. I have written about them before. The gents' of course is quite, quite hideous. My Dad says it was always grotty, even in his day. We think it was ctually built that way. The urinal

is totally impervious to any cleaning solution known to man. In the bad old days when those of us lucky enough to be on the hall committee had to do regular cleaning duties, I tried everything. Except hydrochloric acid but that was only because I couldn't get my hands on any.

I think we should have a toilet demolition party when the time comes and we could auction the opportunity to strike the first blow. I'll be first in line.

I encourage all residents of Mapua and particularly the old established families to make a donation to the hall development fund. I am proud to know that our family name will be featured on the apple tree donation mural in perpetuity. Give yourself, your family, business or group every opportunity to be a positive memory for future Mapua residents. It is a good time to stand and be counted.

Mary Garner, Austin Orchards

Tidings from Tasman & Kina

The Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) is delighted to provide another update to the *Coastal News* to inform residents of the Ruby Coast of our issues, challenges and successes in Tasman and Kina.

Finally our walkway around the Blind Bend on Kina Beach Road on the edge of the Moutere Inlet has been constructed for locals and school children to walk that section of road in safety – many thanks to TDC and Concrete & Metals for making it all happen. We are delighted that the three voluntary “slow down” signs on Kina Beach Road, designed by Tasman School children, are now in place, despite our attempts to get official speed limits for the road reduced to less than 80kmh. There will, however, be another opportunity to submit on the speed limits on the Ruby Coast around Christmas time when the Speed Limits Bylaw 2004 will be reviewed.

A further bus shelter for school children is the process of being designed and will be erected shortly opposite Tasman Store as a result of the kind efforts of the Motueka Community Men's Shed.

Our pump track for BMX riders at Tasman Domain is now complete for the children of the area – we are just awaiting a good stretch of fine weather before we make it available to users to avoid undoing all of the good work already done.

As part of our upgrade of Tasman Domain, TACA is continuing the planting of productive trees around the Domain to enhance its look and to provide an ongoing source of free food for the community. The

emphasis for the next planting is on low maintenance tree crops with fruit and nuts that fall when ripe.

The Baldwin Road flood relief work is scheduled to proceed in 2012/2013 at a cost of \$417,000. The council has reviewed the speed limits on Aporo Road; the limit through the village will be 60kmh, rising to 80kmh at the present 70kmh sign, as far as Jester House when it will then rise to 100kmh until Ruby Bay (as at present). The decision not to reduce this to 80kmh is disappointing, particularly as our local councillor lobbied hard on our behalf.

On the Baigent Domain issue on the Kina Peninsula, a hearing date is set for 29 October for the Environment Court appeal by Carter Holt Harvey against the Commissioner's decision to reject their sub-division proposal.

The Tasman School Centennial will be held on 15-17 March 2013. It will be a weekend to remember, so all those who are interested are urged to contact the Tasman School office on (03) 526-6818 to register. Check out their Facebook page for lots more details. We encourage you all to spread the word to family and friends who may wish to attend.

TACA's next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the Tasman School staffroom. All residents on the Ruby Coast are welcome to attend.

David Short

Rebuilding of Hall About to Begin

Another busy month for the Mapua Hall teams is under way and the committee is really thrilled to be ready to begin the project. We are able to schedule the building and renovation works around the existing user groups and will make sure we have minimal disruption as we transform the old facility. All bookings are firm unless you are notified otherwise, it's business as usual down at the hall!

Colin Anderson, our project and construction manager, will be around more this month and activity on site will begin. By the end of the year the hall will be abuzz with contractors, local building tradespeople and crew as the fun begins! The first part of the project is to build the new amenities wing at the south boundary. This is the site of the sports changing rooms, new Toy Library and at last, some decent toilets. The Domain wing, with its foyer and kitchen, then the new front entrance wing, complete the new build. The old hall and supper room will be renovated, hi-tech additions incorporated, the floors restored and expanded—all in time for Easter! Yes you are right, we are all going to get very busy for the next few months.

The community has been really supporting our “donation tree” contributions as well as the programme of events and fund-raising opportunities. The “donation tree” will be a wall mural created by local artists and featuring an apple tree bough linking all the contributors who are making the project viable. To get more information on being part of our “tree”, phone Margaret Cotter on 540-2195.

Over the few years I have been involved with the Hall Committee there have been changes to the faces in the team as people come and go from Mapua or need to get on with life. The hall is completely community owned and managed by group of volunteers who have all made significant contributions over the recent years. None more so than Jim Bryse, who as our honorary

hall manager has “held it all together” for many years. Jim always had his eye on things in the building and the booking system and has really made it possible for the committee to devote itself to fulfilling the project. Thank you Jim and best wishes for your new life up north. Jim left for his new place at Papamoa Beach last month. Anyone who would like to be involved in helping in this sort of role, now is your moment. Phone our secretary, Trish Smith, on 540-3455.

The hall project is not just about the building transformation; we are also updating the management and booking systems and adding a web site: <http://mapuahall.org>. The whole project aims to deliver a brand new million-dollar facility combining the old with the new, debt-free to the community. As ever, this facility belongs to everyone and it is up to us all to try and make it as well loved and splendid as we can over this significant summer.

Please keep the generosity out front as we dig deep to make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. See you at the long “packhouse” lunch in which we give the old facility it's final send off! Long Lunch, Sunday 7th October, the usual Mapua outlets have tickets. Please show your support. For further information phone Graeme Stradling 540-2050.

Donation tree: Local artists young and old are invited to participate in making the new wall mural donation tree for the expanded Mapua Hall. This series of panels will line the wall in the new hall entry and each leaf, apple and golden branch will be hand-coloured by local artists. If this interests you, phone Graeme on 540-20 50 or come and see the mural plan at Korepo gallery in Ruby Bay.

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Graham and His American Ute

Many know Graham the panel beater. I have always ribbed him to go American and buy a real car. Could I say he has stepped up to the mark and changed his culture a little and gone V8? In Graham's own words, "It makes quite a good noise too." Graham's ute is a 1965 Ford Fairlane 500.

The history of the car is all Nelson, New Zealand. The car's origins are probably out of Canada as in those days New Zealand was allowed only cars from the Commonwealth.

Note I have said car and not ute. Graham's vehicle started life as a car assembled at the Ford plant in Lower Hutt and sold new as a Ford Fairlane 500 to Laurie McVicar by MS Ford. The second owner was a rodeo champion who used the Fairlane's big five-litre V8 engine to tow his horse floats around New Zealand competing in rodeos. The car was great but a ute would be better as he had to carry feed for the horses with him on his travels. In 1971 he had the car chopped into a ute by Southern Cross Panel Beaters in Nelson. I must say in those days chopping a six-year-old up-market car into a ute would have been a hard call.

Graham brought the car as a project car and has slowly been working on it. He's enjoyed customising it, an expression of himself. He decided to keep sort of classic by not modifying the running gear but has modified the deck for carrying motor bikes. It has a short tailgate and ramp for easy access for the bikes.

Graham has a history of building and modifying cars, having completed two Quantum kitset cars in England. Quantum even brought his second car back from him for showroom display. The ute is all imperial and Graham had to find and use his Britool spanners given to him by his father when he started his apprenticeship.

Under the bonnet is the original 305 V8 (five-litre). It even has the original two-barrel Motorcraft carburettor. The work space around the engine is refreshing compared with a modern car. With the Fairlane ute you don't have to take anything off to get at something else. It has an automatic Ford C4 three-speed transmission. There is no power steering for the old Fairlane as it was exported to the Colonies, but it does have a large diameter steering wheel so there is plenty of leverage when parking. It still has the standard drum brakes.

This 1965 body has a wide, flat as bonnet with the front guards turned up a little almost in protest to those

rolled guards of the 50s. The sides again only rolled just enough to be functional with the chrome on the wheel arches just enough. Graham has painted the ute a nice blood red with a dark grey stripe down the sides. He bought the upholstery fabric first and matched that colour for the stripe which I thought was clever. The grill has long, horizontal bars and double head lights and the big chrome bumper which say, "I'm an American." The ute still has its original rectangular tail lights. Gunger mag wheels also from the 70s and 205x75x15 Michelin tyres.

Graham took me for a drive in the ute, accelerating steadily out of Warren Place towards Ruby Bay. It did



make a good V8 noise with the slow transmission changes after an initial roar from the exhaust. Graham and I were yakking away as we left Ruby Bay but unexpectedly it slid to 2nd gear and we were off. We were on the first right corner quickly with the 1965 suspension lurching to the left. Whoooo! "Hey Graham!" Too late, we were on the left turn but the old ute seem to hang in there quite well on the steep camber. Up the Bluff the old girl was still accelerating with tyres squealing on the hard left. The closest experience to this might be a fast but lazy ride in a Cadillac, if you can afford the petrol.

This ute is not a muscle or prestige classic but is in a class of its own—"Cool Classic." Graham has done a great job of customising his 1965 Fairlane ute. The colours are good with thought being put into matching upholstery colours. I like the idea of making the deck useful for motor bikes and keeping the running gear original. Classic.

A Fairlane ute that looks good, it makes quite a good noise and it looks the way Graham wants it.

Fred Cassin

Out and About with Hugh

A 'Cocktail Party' fund-raiser for the Mapua Hall rebuilding project on 6 September at the Apple Shed restaurant was a sell-out success. A lively crowd enjoyed excellent hors d'oeuvres (that's fancy nibbles, Trev), champers, wine and yes a few "real cocktails." The guest speaker, Richard Griffin, Radio New Zealand Board chairman and now a Ruby Bay resident, calling on his many years on the Wellington scene dating from Rob Muldoon and Jim Bolger down to the present, regaled us with his political anecdotes and asides, Thank you Viv and Tom Fox for providing the venue and food and the great service from your family and staff. Thanks to the Hall Project Committee for all your efforts. \$2000 raised! How about that!

What do you know about cocktails? Not much? Me neither. What about the word "cocktail?" Where did it originate? Where does one look for anything these days? Google it and viola, a whole screed of stuff.

The first recorded use of the word "cocktail" is found in *The Morning Post & Gazetteer* in London on March 20th, 1798. In the USA it appeared in *The Farmers Cabinet* on April 28th, 1803. In answer to the question, "What is the definition of a cocktail?" the May 13th, 1806, edition of *The Balance and Columbian Repository* (Hudson, New York) replied: "A cocktail is a stimulating liquor, composed of spirits of any kind, sugar water and bitters—it is vulgarly called 'bittered sling', and is supposed to be an excellent electioneering potion, inasmuch as it renders the heart stout and bold and at the same time that it fuddles the head. Also said to be of great use to a democratic candidate: because a person having swallowed a glass of it, is ready to swallow any thing else." All you politicians out there, take note! Have a pre-election cocktail party and you might swing the vote!

Now I know where the word "sling" got into it. Ah yes, remember the "Singapore Slings" we drank with great gusto those many years ago when I was learning about the vagaries of consuming alcohol in its many forms. We delighted in the variety of cocktails on offer.

The first publication of a true "bartenders' guide" with cocktail recipes appeared in 1862 as *How to Mix Drinks; or, The Bon Vivant's Companion*, by "Professor" Jerry Thomas. Obviously the "Professor" had a PhD. He did his research and lists not only cocktails, but punches, sours, slings, cobblers, toddies, flips etc. What distinguishes cocktails from other drinks? It's the bitters. Cocktail parties aren't the

fashion now but that's a bit of cocktail history for you to mull over.

Mapua Wharf: The Waterfront Park and Wharf Precinct Group met on 12 September; a continuance of their ongoing effort to arrive at a reasonably equitable solution to the present unsatisfactory mix of pedestrians, vehicles coming and going and boat-launching. Curly questions and with no easy answers to satisfy everyone.

Annette Walker presented a Position Paper on behalf of the Mapua Boat Club. Gary Clarke presented a Draft Mapua Wharf Management Plan on behalf of the TDC. Don Robertson reported on the Waterfront Park Project: the sewage treatment plant (now fully operational) and the toilet block amenity area which is to be finished before Christmas.

What was the outcome of this meeting? The wharf area to be managed on a seasonal basis. Basically vehicle-free with access and parking restricted to certain times. The boat ramp will stay where it is; there is no intention to move it to Grossi Point. The toilet on the wharf will stay until the former aquarium site is developed. The toilet block for the Waterfront Park will have two toilets. The former aquarium site will be developed; proposals are under consideration by the TDC.

That's more than a mouthful of information. But, then there's the impact of the cycle and walkway trail to consider: The bridge over the Waimea River is almost finished. A flood of cyclists and walkers this summer? Then what? Cyclists and walkers can come all the way from Nelson to Mapua via the cycle trail. They're coming! That's good news.

What else to talk about? Dominion Flats and Stream Reserves, the Aranui Road streetscaping project, the Mapua Hall rebuild, the TDC Commercial Property Committee, rates and rating. Could do an entire column on that alone. Just watch this space.

Finally, Don't forget The Mapua Hall fund-raiser—the *Long Lunch!* Coming our way on 6 October. An opportunity to contribute towards the hall rebuild, to share a pleasant day with friends and neighbours and a high quality three-course meal with wine to boot! A good cause for our community. So be there! See you there!

Hugh Gordon

Animal Health File

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

A Hairy Problem This Time of Year

With spring well and truly here many of you are probably experiencing the same problem that I am having in my household—moulting! With one cat, one dog and a concrete floor the pet hair during moulting season gets very noticeable. With a toddler crawling about the floor collecting it all up on his trousers it is even more noticeable this spring. While there is nothing you can do to stop your pet moulting (unless you are lucky enough to have a breed of dog which doesn't shed or a Devon Rex cat) there are a few things you can do to keep hairy problems under control.

Regular grooming throughout the year is important, but particularly in spring when the winter coat gets shed, a good brush once or twice a week is key. Cats that get particularly knotty may benefit from daily brushing. There is a wide range of grooming tools available and it pays to get good advice so you get the right type of product for your pet. Some types of coats do better with combs and some with rakes. Grooming mitts are also becoming very popular as pets love them and they are easy to use. If you are unsure of what is right for your pet do come in and ask for advice.

For high maintenance coats then professional grooming is a good option. There are many good dog groomers in our area and they charge pretty realistic

fees. We routinely sedate and clip cats such as Persians and other longhaired breeds in spring in order to clip out the knots that inevitably form over winter in these breeds. So if your cat is masquerading as a mat then this is the best option.

The other problem we see a lot of during moulting is hair balls in cats. A common misconception is that hair balls occur only in fluffy cats. In fact, all cats can get hair balls. My own short-hair tabby is particularly prone to them and without hair ball treatment she regularly deposits a sausage of half digested hair and food on the bedroom floor (usually at 4am) I have her on a product called cat lax which helps the hair balls to pass through the digestive tract. This is a paste which you squeeze a small amount of onto their food or onto their paw so they lick it off once a week. Another really good and easy option is the Hills Hair Ball diet. This very popular diet is highly effective at both treating and preventing hair balls in cats. It is good quality and highly palatable.

One further thought, before summer. If your dog has particularly hairy paws then keep this area trimmed short once the grass seeds are about. Grass seed awns can be very nasty when they get caught in the hair between the toes and work their way under the skin. Once in the body they set up an infection and can be very difficult to find and remove.

BOOK REVIEW

The Help by Kathryn Stockett, Reviewed by Sue England. This book is available in the Mapua Library

The year is 1962. The place, Jackson Mississippi. John Fitzgerald Kennedy is soon to be assassinated, Martin Luther King will have a dream and a black skin defines its own boundaries.

The Help is a story of courage written in three voices, Miss Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny. Black maids raise white children. When Skeeter returns home from college to find her beloved maid Constantine, the black woman who nursed and raised her through childhood, disappeared she wants to know why. She meets a brick wall. Constantine was “let go”.

Skeeter slots into the daily round of bridge parties and the League with her white girlfriends but her ambition is to write. When she lands a job with the local paper she is tasked with answering questions about domestic chores and cleaning conundrums. What does she know about housework? Nothing. She is saved by Aibileen, the black maid who works for Skeeter’s friend Elizabeth. A friendship develops and together they realise there is a bigger story to tell.

Minny is Aibileen’s friend, another black maid in a white woman’s world. Minny is renowned for her cooking and also her quick tongue. She speaks out to her employers and loses jobs, but she will not speak out against her abusive and alcoholic husband. Like Aibileen, Minny is ripe for change and they both bravely cross the subservient boundary.

The two maids agree to tell their stories to Skeeter. Stories that are occasionally good, more often disgraceful; stories of the working lives of black maids in white households. It is done secretly and all three live with the daily fear of being discovered. Other maids are asked to tell their stories too and with an editorial deadline to meet, there is finally enough material to submit.

Kathryn Stockett was raised by a black maid and used her experience to write *The Help*, her debut novel that has also been made into a movie. It is an excellent read with highly believable characters set in a period of recent history where the USA was moving on a path towards racial integration. It is moving, humorous, sometimes tense but ultimately uplifting and definitely one for the book queue.

Coastal Garden Group

Our meeting on Thursday 6 September was Barry Highsted’s last Coastal Garden Group meeting. So a special afternoon tea was provided and Barry was presented with wind chimes with the hope that when they chime in the wind he will be reminded of his time with our group. Barry has been an enthusiastic and energetic chairperson of the Garden Group for the last seven years and we wish him well in the future.

At the meeting Michael Wraight, retired beekeeper consultant, was the guest speaker. He gave a fascinating talk about bees and their amazing abilities. He brought in a beehive to show us the different parts that make up a hive. Lots of questions from interested members and as we didn’t have time to allow Michael to finish we hope he will come again.

Spring Market Day Stall morning was showery and cold as forecast, so we and other stall holders moved

inside the Mapua Hall. The group is very grateful for all the donations of plants and produce, time spent setting up the tables, selling plants and everybody who came out on such a horrible day to support us. The delighted winner of the raffle was Susan Hawthorne. We would like to thank the Mapua Business Community for being so willing when we approached them about displaying posters and the help given on Saturday morning.

Mike Gaffa from Nelmac will be the guest speaker at the next meeting. He will be demonstrating the planting of hanging baskets, discussing the plants used by Nelmac and simple irrigation systems. Meeting to be held on Thursday October 4th at Mapua Public Hall. 1.30pm start. New members welcome.

UPDATE re the Mapua Big Night Out Clothes Swap for Women Sat 10 November, 7:30, Mapua Hall

It's just over a month to go to the third Mapua Big Night Out Clothes Swap! Hopefully you've diarised the night, you've organised a group of women friends to go with, you're all set to get your tickets and you're now sorting through your spring / summer clothes for those pre-loved quality fashionable items.

As well as having a social night out as you score some new clothes, you'll also be supporting fundraising as well as recycling. The small profit from the previous two clothing swaps is safely tucked up in a trust account. We're hoping to help out with the Mapua Community Hall fundraising and also to donate money for some books that have a recycling or sustainability theme to the Mapua and Districts library, so that everyone can benefit from the proceeds. If

you have a particular request please let Paula or Adele know – details below.

A few reminders

- Bring your ticket and your clothes to the Mapua Hall between 3.30 and 5pm on Sat 10 November
- Please only bring fashionable spring/summer items that are clean, in great condition with no marks, missing buttons, pills, pulls, rips, missing zips etc - hangable clothes on hangers please.
- Items can include quality clothes, scarves, bags, shoes - no underwear, swimwear or jewellery.
- We will record from 1-10 + on your ticket the number of clothes you bring.
- Bring as many items as you like but you can only take a maximum of ten items away - more to go round.
- If you don't have clothes to swap, you can still take some home if you want to for an extra cost (i.e. on top of your ticket price) \$5 for 1-2 items, \$10 for 3-5 items, \$15 for 6-10 items.
- If you want to treat your ticket purchase like a donation and come just for the social occasion, that's fine!
- Unswapped clothes will be donated to charity - you can't ask for your clothes back - sorry.

Swap begins at 7.30

Things to do

Buy your tickets A.S.A.P. please. There are limited numbers

Tickets are available at Tessa Mae's

Tickets are the same price as for the previous two swaps \$20

Your ticket entitles you to a glass of fruit-laced bubbly (licensed premises conds apply) or juice. complimentary supper and a hand-made chocolate sweet.

Top-ups of the bubbly will be available for a small extra cost

Bring plenty of cash with you for extra drinks and purchases.

If you plan to drink, please organise a sober driver, someone to pick you up or walk home with friends.

ALSO - let us know please if you can lend us your full length mirror for the event - we'll need lots.

Contact Adele on 5402793 or Paula on 03 526 6789

MAPUA LIBRARY



Well, who would have guessed, it rained on Saturday 8 September! Fortunately the volunteers at the library under the guidance of Analee Emery were prepared and for the first time ever, a book sale was held inside the building.

Tables were laden with books of all categories and from the moment the doors opened until the minute they shut (and after) people were busy ferreting to find their bargains. It was a very successful morning and some welcome dollars were raised for library funds.

Thank you to all the volunteers who willingly gave their time to set up, sell and clear away afterwards and to Eileen Dobbie who nobly kept us all fed and watered. And of course thank you to everyone who braved the weather to come and support us. One apology goes to those people who thought we might be open also for book issues; it was selling-only in the morning but back to regular business in the afternoon.

Fund-raising translates to lovely new books on the shelves. Fifty new books are already available and their titles can be seen on the library website or the list available in the library building. Three intriguing titles to tempt you – *The Boy who lost his Bellybutton* (Children's), *The Ant and the Ferrari* (NF) and *The not so perfect life of Mo Lawrence* (F).

All our patrons need to know that we are no longer able to renew books by telephone. Books can be renewed still but to do so you need to pay a visit to the library ... and you can check out the new additions at the same time!

Sue England

Library Hours:

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| Monday | 2-4.30pm | Thursday | 10am-12.30pm, |
| Tuesday | 2-4.30pm | | 2pm-4.30pm |
| Wednesday | 2-6.30pm | Friday | 2-4.30pm |
| Saturday | 2-4.30pm | | |

Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

Footballers Had Plenty of Play

The end of the football season celebrations came with the deluge of wet weather that seems to have plagued us all winter. Nevertheless all teams in the competition had a long season with plenty of football to keep young and old happy. With an age range from five to 50-plus playing again this year (not in the same competition!) you can certainly expect some longevity from your football legs at Mapua!

This season a very strong dragons team again who competed in the A grade 12th division league and enjoyed a very competitive season, coming third overall. The team of nine players ended the season with six players making Nelson Reps teams in their age group. Ben Price won Most Valuable Player for 2012 and Zac Richardson-Hall, who played for the team for the first time this season, won Most Improved Player, and also made it into the reps A team in his age group.

The Mapua Knights had a great season this year and placed 2nd in 9th Grade Yellow Division. The entire team gave it their all and were unlucky not to knock the top of the table Richmond team off. Shawn Renwick was a pocket rocket around the field all

season and Zander Edwards was able to knock the ball in from anywhere on his side of halfway. A great season all round from this team.

The senior men's team made it all the way through to the semi-finals of the Glen Stevens trophy round, qualifying for the first time. Unfortunately, under lights in Richmond, the team was thwarted by Golden Bay 2-1. A hard-fought effort and a fantastic season for the aging squad. Jon Williams had a great year as coach, and increased the skills of the men, and their general game sense on the field.

Awards this year went to:

7th grade MVP - Liam Day; MI - Finlay Cotton; 8 Grade MVP Angus Hellyer and Sam Lightowers; MI - Noah Fay and Isaac Dean; 9 Grade

MV - Ben Polak; MI - Macgregor Jones; 10th Grade Scorpions MVP Sean Gallagher; MIP Theo Gabbites; 11th grade MI = Peter Bamfield; MV = Scott Porter; 12th Grade MI Zac Richardson Hall; MV Ben Price; Senior Men MV Hamish; MI Anthony Roberts; Senior Women MV Bridget Wild; MI LJ Lawson.

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The guest speaker for the club's 14th birthday in September was Pauline Samways of Motueka, who spoke about her interest in and study of the Alaskan godwit.

Pauline first became interested in these migratory birds in 2002. The next year she took a year's teacher's fellowship course to study the godwits. She showed a wide variety of photos of the godwits and other migratory birds. Most of the photos were taken on the 5km Motueka sand spit. The Tasman District Council has erected notices on the spit to warn dog owners not to exercise their dogs on the last 2km of the spit for the birds' protection. The godwits arrive around the Tasman Bay area about the second week of September in groups of about 100 birds. The total number of birds can range between two and three thousand. At Farewell Spit there can be over 10,000 godwits.

The birds arrive after a non-stop flight of some 11,700km from Alaska to various parts of New Zealand. Pauline had a map of the Pacific area that showed the bird's annual migration route. On their return flight they covered a distance of 10,300km to China. From there it is another long flight of a further 6500km to Alaska, after the snow has melted. They are then able to hatch and rear their chicks. Once the young godwits develop their independence the adults head off on their long flight back to New Zealand. At a later date the young godwits have an amazing ability to follow the same flight path to follow the adults to New Zealand. The birds arrive to spend several months feeding on worms and other insects to gain more body

weight before they prep themselves for their flight north to China.

There are a group of scientists and research staff in various countries who are able to study the bird's migration. Pauline showed photos of nets and large plastic boxes which enabled the staff to catch the birds. Some of the larger female birds are fitted with minute radio-transmitting devices. With this technology the research staff can track the flight path of the birds. These birds are weighed and fitted with specific coloured plastic straps around their legs. It has been found that the average life of a godwit is about 25 years.

After Pauline's interesting talk she joined club members for the birthday social. There was a good variety of jokes read out by several club members, finishing the afternoon with a good selection of food for the afternoon tea. Every one enjoyed a sample of the birthday cake, baked and presented by Joy Sharman.

The club's next monthly meeting will be held at the Mapua Hall on Friday 5 October at 1.30pm. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome.

David Higgs

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Police Report

Hi to you all. Great that the days are getting longer and warmer. Now just waiting for it to stop raining so much! Crime in the Mapua area has been pretty slow, thankfully. We have noticed an increase in smaller burglaries in the Motueka area though, and there are the first of few new people coming into the district. It won't be long until there are a lot of new arrivals in the district so do not get complacent and leave your cars and sheds unlocked..

Mapua Occurrences

Aug 27: Minor domestic issue at Seaton Valley address

Aug 28: Female on Aranui Road forbidden to drive

Sept 29: Male on Mapua Drive forbidden to drive

Sept 6: Wilful damage at Aranui Road

Sept 7: Spray painting at Mapua skate park

Sept 10: Assist a mentally unwell female

Sept Motorbike impounded Aranui Road. Male forbidden to drive.

Sept 16: Bright yellow mountain bike found Stafford Drive

Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.

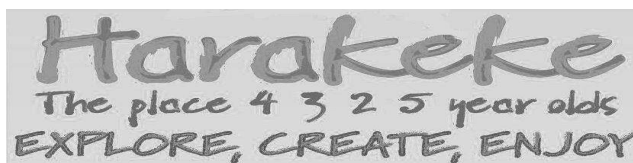
Ph 03 528-1226 (Direct)

Letters to the Editor...

Thanks for Support

We wish to thank all of the Mapua residents who took time to give us your very warmest wishes for our departure up north. We feel very humbled and overwhelmed by it all—those cards, emails and send-offs, plus all the phone calls. A big thank you, you won't be forgotten.

Barry Highsted. and Jim Bryse



Last month we introduced our new Kindermusik to you which really is fantastic and we are thrilled to see how well our children participate.

We asked for this music programme to be offered at Harakeke because we highly recognise the importance of Mahi Toi, The Arts in children's holistic development and wellbeing.

We feel very privileged to have specially trained, skilled and experienced teachers available to us to support our curriculum and are super excited to be able to now also welcome Johnna and her "Little Picasso's Art School" to our curriculum.

We see this programme as a great opportunity to assist our children in their transition to school while doing fun things and expressing their creativity. Our four-year-olds are supported to listen to and follow instructions, to increase their concentration span, staying on task – skills needed when entering the more formal education system.

I am aware that all this sounds very structured and organised, but be assured the bulk of our children's time is lived PLAYING...using play as a tool for learning about, understanding and mastering the world around them through exploration, engagement, participation and enjoyment.

Ka kite ano, Your Harakeke team

Hills Community Church

The Ancient and Modern Art of Fire-lighting

I love a well lit glowing log fire. An electric heater or heat pump just doesn't cut it for me. I know there's the mess and the dust, but a flickering, cosy log fire is a source of inspiration. Perhaps the ritual of fire lighting stirs up the pioneer adventurer in us and brings back fond memories of a childhood around a camp-fire. Just like the hunter gatherer of old, being drawn together around a communal fire, staring and dreaming into the flames, the young re-living the excitement of the day's hunt while their elders reminisce of by-gone days when the animals were bigger, faster and fiercer!

We have a phrase in our house called "doing a Spitzbergen". Let me explain. Years back we had come across real stories of adventure and one of these was a Norwegian polar bear hunter on Spitzbergen Island in the Arctic Circle. He wrote of the deep snow and ice and the bitter, numbing cold and how he would lay a fire in old huts scattered over the island so that if he was ever caught in fierce weather after a day's hunting, he had a chance of survival. Barely able to move, he would just need to light a match without having to build a fire. It saved his life more than once and, less dramatically, has given us a head start when we have come home from a day out on a cold winter's evening.

Some can be very territorial about their fires. It has to be done in a certain way and often only *they* can put the logs on, as only *they* know how each will fit together and add to the burning pile rather than put it out.

Starting the fire, like a car on damp mornings, is not a given and it can be embarrassing for an old hand to have to take everything out and start again, while an onlooker may mock with "Do you need a hand, dear?" Of course it is invariably blamed on damp wood or the wood being too thick or there is too much ash, but of course defeat is not an option for a seasoned fire-lighter.

I look at the small stack of paper full of yesterday's news and look expectantly at a mound of kindling in a freshly swept firebox and put a lit match to it. This mystical ritual shared by a tide of humanity has begun and the pile slowly catches and then suddenly bursts into flame and begins a life of its own as larger pieces are added.

I stare into the flames and muse...it's a bit like us really. A huge amount of potential, but without that spark of "let there be light" we cannot release and realise the energy within. Lonely sticks struggle and are soon spent or smothered by ash but close together they seem to draw on each other and keep one another glowing, the energy originating from above.

Yes we do need each other—let's keep those fires burning where young and old can gather to get light, warmth and encouragement to retell stories and dream, always making room for those who need to pull up a chair, who have been out in the cold for far too long.

If you would like to pull up a chair and informally look into the claims of the "Light of the World" and if this has any relevance for you today, then send in your email address or contact details to 'Small Groups' and we will let you know when a group will start.

ct789@hotmail.com or office.hcc@xtra.co.nz
(03 540-3848). 122 Aranui Road.

Charlie, a member of Hills Community Church

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

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

Weekly Calendar:

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

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided

Drop-off For Area Food Bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Rd) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.

We offer numerous activities throughout the week. Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries.

Postal Delivery

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

Mapua Health Centre

We have been busy getting ourselves ready for re-accreditation with the Cornerstone “Aiming for Excellence” programme. It is more than three years since we originally qualified and it’s been good to revisit and optimise all the systems that we have put in place to help deliver high quality health care.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a patient we now have a spirometer. This is a computerised gadget that accurately checks lung function and can help sort out the diagnosis and response to medicine of various breathing disorders, such as people who may have asthma.

Although the original meals-on-wheels is not available for our area, there is a new provider available called “Made2Eat” which can provide meals at a very reasonable price. They can be contacted on 0800 328 333, www.eat.co.nz or email orders@eat.co.nz.

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 organised. 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.

As the beginning of this month celebrates the International Day of Older Persons it’s interesting to read that green tea consumption is significantly associated with a lower risk of functional disability as we age, as well as a lower risk of diseases that cause functional disability, such as stroke, cognitive impairment, and osteoporosis (Am J Clin Nutr. 2012). By adding some vitamin D at a daily doses of 800 to 1000 IU it’s been shown to have beneficial effects on

strength and balance (J Am Geriatr Soc. 2011 Dec). The same has been found by taking up tai chi twice a week for 45 minutes (Am J Chin Med. 2012). And if you are looking to lose weight it looks as if a low-carbohydrate diet might be more effective for both weight loss and for improving several metabolic parameters (JAMA 2012 Jun).

The controversy about whether coffee is harmful or healthful recently got a shot of caffeine. Results from the largest study to date indicate that coffee consumption is inversely associated with total and cause-specific mortality. Men who drank two to three cups of coffee daily had a 10% decrease in their risk for death during the 13 years of the study compared with men who drank no coffee. Women who drank two to three cups of coffee daily had a 13% decrease in their risk for death.

The study, conducted by the National Cancer Institute, USA, appears in the May issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

This month’s health and school events include:

- October 1 International Day of Older Persons
www.un.org
- October 1-7 Safety Week www.homesafety.co.nz
- October 1-31 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
www.nzbcf.org.nz/home
- October 8-15 Mental Health Awareness week
www.mentalhealth.org.nz
- October 12 Pink Ribbon Day – Breast Cancer
www.nzbcf.org.nz
- October 15 Global Handwashing Day
globalhandwashing.org
- October 15 Term 4 begins
- October 20 World Osteoporosis Day
www.bones.org.nz
- October 24 United Nations Day
www.un.org
- October 23-30 Blind Appeal Week
www.rnzfb.org.nz

Kidpower Junior Education at



Transition to school is an important element of our children's learning journey at Bounce.

We recognise that primary school learning environments are quite different from early childhood settings. Our aims are to prepare children emotionally, socially, cognitively, and physically for school. We aim to empower children with a love of learning to make the transition from Bounce to primary school as smooth as possible.

In order to support the children's emotional well-being with this massive change when they turn five we use a variety of strategies. We encourage self-help skills including toileting, dressing/undressing, being responsible for their own belongings, carrying their own bags and asking for/seeking help when needed.

Our children and teachers have reciprocal conversations about the differences between pre-school and school. Books about the local schools, pictures and outings are also used to give children some insight as to what to expect.

The new entrant teachers from local primary schools are encouraged to visit the soon-to-be schoolchildren before they begin school. We also take a group consisting of the child and their peers to visit their new teacher, the playground, the classroom and

their soon-to-be school mates. This provokes further discussions back at Bounce and a shared understanding of where the child will be going so the teachers can really support the emotional needs when or if they arise.

Parents and teachers discuss the changes that are coming up so the teachers are more able to support the children and their families with the transition.

Each child has a Learning Journey book which records their learning journey while at Bounce. We encourage the families to share this with the new entrant teacher. A couple of advantages in sharing the books are that the child can begin to develop a relationship with the teacher along with a sense of belonging while the teacher gains an insight into who the child is. Each strand of our Early Childhood Education Curriculum (Te Whāriki) has links with the primary school curriculum.

We know from experience here at Bounce that happy children are ready and open to learning so in order to make their transition as smooth as possible we endeavor to keep the changes as positive as possible.

MAPUA Bowling Club

The Write Bias

It is raining ... again ... and as I stare out of my office window it is hard to believe that we are days away from the new bowling season. But we are ready. The green is in excellent shape and under the watchful eye of Les McAlwee, a group of willing helpers has shaped up into the "green team" to care for our prime asset in the months ahead. I hope to be able to report soon an advance from "green team" to "dream team." Watch this space!

A working bee on Friday 7 September completed the work that has been continuing throughout the winter months and the grounds and clubhouse are just begging to be used. Why don't you come along and see for yourselves what an excellent facility for bowling or for hire is right on your doorstep?

During August a letter was sent to the regular Monday evening bowlers of last season. This was to keep them informed of some changes at the club and to inquire if they wanted to play in the new season. To date only five people have answered, my thanks to them. But this makes planning virtually impossible. To those bowlers who haven't yet registered please could you do so promptly by contacting Dave England. If no interest is shown after this appeal then League Bowling will cease.

For information about bowling please call the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765) or the president, Dave England (540-2934) or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

Sue England

Sam's Spam

Hi everyone! It's almost the holidays and I'm sure many of you will be going away and taking photos. I've got some great free photography apps below.

On that subject, I won't be available for jobs until after the 10th of October because I am going to Japan! I have been selected to represent New Zealand as one of 20 contestants in a televised singing contest called 'Nodojiman The World'. The show will be broadcast to an audience of over 10 million on one of Japan's largest networks.

If you would like to keep in touch and follow my progress with the show, please 'Like' my Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/samuelanthonybennett>. You can also listen to and download some of my songs for free.

Free apps

Instagram is the most popular mobile photography application. Since it was bought by Facebook for over \$1 billion US last year, the application has grown to have over 80 million active users. The program can be used to apply various filters and effects to your photographs, which you can then upload to your Instagram account and share with your friends.

Available on both Android and iOS

Naver Line Camera is Japan's answer to Instagram, although the program is entirely in English. Like Instagram, it has a number of filters and effects that can liven up your photos. However, the main difference with this app is that it can also be used to add "Stamps" to your images: small graphics which add fun decorations to your photographs.

Available on both Android and iOS

Snapseed follows the same vein as the other two apps, but its features are much more precise and suited towards more advanced users. It can be used to make selective adjustments to any specific part of the image, rather than a filter which covers the whole photograph.

Available on iOS

Photosynth from Microsoft is a fantastic app which you can use to make 3D panoramas with your smartphone. It works by stitching a set of images together to make one virtual 3D image. All of your panoramas are stored on your device so you can view or share them at any time. Plus, you can view everything in your existing Photosynth.net account on the device with the interactive streaming viewer.

Available on Windows Phone and iOS

All of the apps mentioned above are completely free and can be downloaded from your phone's App Store.



Hello

Mapua Tennis Club

A new season is starting and with the advent of daylight saving we can look forward to twilight play, adjourning after to the club rooms for a refreshment - you wish! Our "pavilion" is hopefully about to rise from the ashes though. A donation from the Mapua Ruby Bay Trust is helping us with the materials. We were all ready to start the rebuild, but even though it is only a glorified bus shelter it still requires Council approval, engineered drawings and supervision by a Certified Builder. Brian Holbrook of Holbrook Architecture has kindly stepped forward to fulfil that role. This is so that the next vandals don't hurt themselves when setting it alight or adorning the walls with clever phrases.

Now could be a good time to think about membership as we are quite far advanced in funding a resurface of two of the courts with a carpet type surface. When this eventuates it will mean that two courts will be accessed only by those who have paid for a key. This of course will cost more than the current \$40 membership fee.

We welcome new members or casual players. We have two or three teams that play friendly interclub once a week - Wednesdays or Thursdays - and we have casual Club play on Sunday mornings. Come along and join in. Phone the Treasurer if you want to join - Andrew 540 2845

Tennis Coaching

Vanessa Mairs is continuing to coach this season. Junior coaching commences for Term 4 at the Mapua Tennis Courts. Lessons for 6 yrs and over will be held on Fridays from 3.30pm for an hour. Sessions include technique, games based learning and match play. Younger players have the use of mini courts and modified balls and racquets.

Both adult group lessons and private lessons are available also. To register or for more information, please email Vanessa.claybrookestate@xtra.co.nz

Sixth Mapua Spring Fling BBQ Coming

Work is well under way for the 6th Spring Fling to be held at the Mapua Domain on Thursday 25 October from 5pm to 7pm. It is an event for everyone young and old to make connections in our very own community.

Once again we have enlisted volunteers so there will be lots of fun things to do during the fling in a buzzy atmosphere. Come along and enjoy a fun-filled time with plenty of action for all, from the TDC "Way-to-Go" trailer full of games, viewing a classic car or just enjoy a relaxing time. Joining in these activities helps create the success.

This event has always been well supported and we know this year will surpass previous years. We say this every year and it does! It is 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 have always been lucky to have donations that help this event to happen.

Put it on your calendar now and keep free Thursday 25 October between 5pm and 7pm.

For more information or you want to help in any way please contact: Tina Johansson tina.john@clear.net.nz, ph 540-3377, or Rose Barnes barnes126@xtra.co.nz, ph 540-3600.

PANZ

The Pastel Art group is a vibrant and lively group. We get together each Tuesday morning to swap ideas, techniques a generally talk art while earnestly working away at our own particular 'masterpiece'.

There are many different styles within the group. Some enjoy landscapes and they can be created loosely or finely detailed. Others enjoy portraits; human and animals, domestic, farm and wild!. Others tend to buildings and ships which can need a more technical side to the painting. Whatever we choose to do we enjoy the process. It's always a challenge and once you get something on paper and you look at it there is a great sense of achievement.

Do come along on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 12noon or call Glenys on 540-3388 for more information.

Noticeboard

Community Association: Mapua & Districts, General Meeting, Mapua Hall Supper Room, Monday 8 October – 7pm sharp. The meeting will kick off with a public forum so everyone welcome to have their say.

Health Centre Inc. Mapua & Districts AGM, Wednesday 7 November, 7:30pm, at Mapua Health Centre, 62 Aranui Road. All Welcome

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

Redwood Valley Country Market: Saturday 20 Oct 9am-1pm at Redwood Valley Hall. Our market provides the local community the opportunity to sell products or goods which they have created, grown, gathered or rejuvenated themselves. Enquiries welcome regarding a stall, car boot sites or busking opportunities. Contact Diane, 544 8275 or maisey@internet.co.nz

Motueka Social Dance Group are holding a dance in Mapua Hall on Saturday 20 October, 7.30pm start. \$6 and a plate. The theme for the dance: Spring/mask. All welcome, excellent music, always a good night.

Coastal Connections Social Group: venue for October lunch-time gathering is “Riverside Café” on the Moutere H’way. The date has been set down for the 11th. Here’s looking for a good spring fling. Julie”

Friendship Club meets third Thursdays 2pm, Supper room at the Hall. Indoor bowls followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$2 door charge and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers). We welcome new members. Val Roche 540-3685

Writers Group, Mapua, meeting monthly. Next meeting 18 Oct. 540 3058 for info

Ironing: Is your ironing piling up? Not enough time to do it? I can pick up and drop off or it may suit you better to drop off /pick up. Give me a call or text 0274612983

Motueka Garden Trail: Sat/Sun 27/28 October. Beautiful gardens to visit around the Motueka area. Spot prizes, plants for sale and more. Tickets \$10 from: Tessa Maes, Upper Moutere Store, Mitre 10 Motueka. All proceeds to Motueka Toy Library. Info: 03 5287705

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome.

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, 544 0737. – sambennett@live.jp

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.

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

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

Sewing: Don’t put it in the clothing bin yet! Sewing repairs & alterations. Phone Marijke Lups: 03 5403498, 5 Perry Way, Mapua

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

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

Children’s Gymnastics: improves a child’s strength, balance, coordination, spatial awareness & eye tracking using hand apparatus, songs, and gym equipment. Thursdays @ Mapua. Mondays @ Upper Moutere. Ring Sam, 5432512

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

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

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. John Sharman; 540 3642, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

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

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.

RSA Meetings: RSA room, Mapua Library, 2pm, second Mondays, refreshments served at the close.

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

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