

# Coastal News

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## “Misleading information” on clean-up

The Mapua community was starting to get all sorts of information, some of it misleading and verging on misinformation, Cr Trevor Norris told the August meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association.

He asked “How many people were here prior to the clean-up?” The Tasman District Council inherited the site and, under public pressure, the Ministry for the Environment decided it had to be remediated.

The council went through the process of how to remediate the site with the Ministry for the Environment—one of the options was to export the soil out of the community and clean it off-site. There were objections to this so the council had no alternative but to clean up on-site.

“Some of those objections came from members of this community”, Cr Norris said.

He suggested that the community should avoid becoming paranoid. “Let’s wait and see what the reports will be and when all the facts are released.”

### Mapua Waterfront Park

Elena Meredith reported that the sub-committee saw the clean-up and the landscaping as separate projects and they should be treated as such. The Ministry for the Environment had indicated it would be finished by the end of July, which had not occurred. The Ministry had now been directed to finish by October. Robin Simpson had been appointed by the council to design the landscaping. As part of the brief for this project, she would go out to the community for extensive consultation, ie, consultation would come before the plan.

### Seawall

David Stephenson of TDC’s engineering department manages the day-to-day application and construction of the seawall project. A consented design was essentially complete at this point, with the assessment of environmental impact also near completion. The TDC had consulted iwi and local landowners. The final stage of this process would be an open day for the public to have input on 30th August at the Mapua Bowling Club from 10am to 3pm. In terms of design, the seawall

would be similar to existing work along the seawall, with access at the northern end of the beach at Chator Reserve and also possibly part-way access. David informed the meeting there had been no significant changes in terms of funding. Once the application was lodged, tender documents would go out to move in parallel with the consent process. The timeline for this whole process was three to four months.

It was reported that flooding occurred on the walkway leading from Ruby Bay to the Mapua School, a path often used by children going to school. Bridget Wild found herself up to her knees in water during recent heavy rains, so she contacted Cr Brian Ensor who inspected the problem. Gravel will be placed in areas where there is excessive water and closer to summer, Parks & Reserves will look at the problem, with possible installation of a boardwalk once the track has dried out.

### Seaton Valley Upgrade

David Stephen reported that the consent application for culverts through the causeway and rest of the work upstream had been worked on. Fourteen submissions had been worked through and it was hoped these could be resolved without going to consent. The next thing was to schedule capital works. As for Seaton Valley Road upgrade, an off-road walkway is included in the plan. This will eventually connect from Seaton Valley walkway to the Causeway, around past the school, along SH60 through Ruby Bay, up the hill and back down to Dominion Road. The strategy for this work will be addressed over the next three years but not necessarily completed within that timeframe.

*Pam Stinton, secretary*

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# ***Water, water everywhere!***

**M**only yesterday that we were on water restrictions and now we have had the most impressive stretch of rainy weather I can remember. So we've gone from one extreme to the other in a very short time. Ironically during this period of great wetness I was reading a book all about water called *Blue Covenant: the global water crisis and the coming battle for the right to water*. Written by Canadian water activist Maude Barlow, this is one of the most interesting books I have read in a long time.

In fact it's actually quite a depressing read. The book summarises how a few very large corporates are gaining control of the world's dwindling water resources and depriving millions of people around the world of the right to water in their hunger for huge profits. Equally depressing are the accounts of the environmental destruction that our frivolous misuse of water is causing, from the amazing number of rivers that no longer reach the sea through to the level of pollution of some of the world's great waterways. The outline of the impending global water crisis is nothing if not thorough. In her speech at the recent launch of the Sustainable Business Network in Nelson, entrepreneur Melissa Clark-Reynolds, who has trained with Al Gore's climate change project, stated that in the near future we will be fighting over water, not oil.

Of course down here in New Zealand we like to think that our small population makes us immune to the problems faced elsewhere in the world. Unfortunately it is rapidly becoming quite clear that this is not so. Many cities and towns face water restrictions over summer, in Canterbury farmers have been over-allocated water, we are using up our fossil ground water at a rate far faster than nature can replace it and an embarrassingly high percentage of our rivers and streams are too polluted to swim in. Our simple, quick fix solution is to go and try to find more water sources rather than seek to use the water we already have in smarter, less resource intensive ways. We are already seeing this in Mapua where the quick-fire solution is to just build a pipeline to transfer water from Motueka's aquifer. What happens when this, too, is all gone?

The recent Ecofest was a great chance to have a look at some of the innovative water solutions we have available to us. There was everything from water tanks for collecting and filtering rain water through to grey water systems which reuse water to water the garden. Like so many aspects of climate change and sustainability it seems that we have all of the answers right here in front of our eyes. Maybe its time to stop the "think big" projects and start thinking smart, sustainable and local!

*Paula Short*

## ***Community Association -Annual General Meeting***

**T**he Annual General Meeting and monthly general meeting of the Mapua & Districts Community Association was held on Monday 11th August. Attendees included four ward Councillors, Trevor Norriss, Michael Higgins, Brian Ensor and Tim King. David Stephenson of the engineering department of the Tasman District Council also attended to provide an update on the seawall and Seaton Valley Road realignment project.

The chairman's report, which provided a comprehensive overview of the association's activities for 2008, was well received.

The executive was re-elected as follows: Devin Gallagher (chair), Helen Bibby (deputy chair), Dave Wilson (treasurer), Pam Stinton (secretary), Hugh

Gordon, Nadienne Cookson, Sal Randall, and Bridget Wild, with Hanne Bjorklund elected on the resignation of Liz Lock.

The meeting voted to retain the \$5 subscription fee for membership of the association. If anyone is interested in joining, all are welcome at the next meeting of the association on Monday 8 September. You don't have to be a member to attend the meeting.

The following sub-committees were formed: Mapua Waterfront Park, Mapua Domain, Affordable Transportation, and Draft Mapua Structure Plan. Oversight of the Seawall, Seaton Valley Walkway and Ruby Bay by-pass will be provided by Bruno Lemke, Fiona Bibby-Smith and Hugh Gordon over the coming months.

# Garden Notes



As winter passes into September, the return of spring is a wonderful thing. Even though we have experienced the wettest July/August for a long time, better days do lie ahead, I assure you.

This is the smelly season—just lovely. Daphne, Daffodils, freesia, stocks and much more, all add to bring joy to the senses. Magnolias are in bloom—black tulip, Vulcan—just two from the “Jury” range and grown here, they are most rewarding although take some years to produce the best blooms.

Flower buds are swelling on the plum, peach and nectarine trees and now without delay spray against leaf curl and also brown rot, as both are most prevalent in this area.

Spring is the season for major planting, also a time to deal with general garden renovations that were missed during autumn.

Temperatures begin to rise now, but it would be naive not to expect a few cold snaps yet. Here is a tip from my Grandmother, “Always remember a red or black current can be fooled, but check your gooseberry bush and when the leaves start to show then spring is on its way.”

Because of our wintry conditions, might I suggest to sow any seeds in trays right now and plant out later. Right now I am feeding, roses, rhododendrons, clematis, and all plants in pots with blood and bone, it is a natural by-product, and they all love it.

Also I am feeding my cuttings taken now and earlier with fertiliser. This seems to give them a boost even before the roots arrive.

All vege planting will be in full swing this month right on until November. At the Garden Club we notice there is a renewed interest in growing our own veges, and no wonder considering the prices at supermarkets (wow!).

I am pleasantly surprised at how well lettuce grows all year round here in Mapua. When one fancies a lettuce sandwich in say June/July one can be had fresh from the garden.

I among others am still having trouble growing carrots worth speaking about. So will try adding sand to the mix and see how we fare. Parsnips I have seemed to crack and this could be due to planting the seed while still weather is still cool, which gives them the long growing season they need.

Because the number of cauliflowers, cabbages, and broccoli, etc, planted at the same time all come ready together at once I am planting only six at a time then can continue as required.

Also I have taken the cage from the trailer to use for my beans to climb. It works well. I am trying a new bean as Kentucky Pole can be very stringy and tough. So here goes. Enjoy the spring as I intend to.

*Barry Highsted*



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## Mapua Public Auction

**When?** Saturday 13th September  
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**Where?** Mapua Hall.

**Who?** contact Allan Mulligan 543-2019.  
Owen Milne 540-2298, Jim Bryse 540-3139  
for all enquires.

*also*

### Plant Stall

**at 9.30am** the Coastal Garden Club are having a plant sale at the Mapua Hall. Other groups will be with us also selling such things as cakes, books etc.

**at 10.45am** there will be the Public Auction. Some items to be auctioned include a TV, a two-man tent, fish pond, hall table, a paper shredder along with many others

# Mapua & Districts Soccer Club

## 11th Grade

On 26 July I watched the 11th grade play at the Domain. Wow! what a great game. They had an extremely well deserved 4-3 win. With some spectacular goals and great skills from both sides, it was a very exciting match to watch. As usual Mapua Mums were out in force and in great voice! James Wilde, assistant coach, has a hard time competing with such enthusiastic vocal support.

James and Leigh have done a great job coaching these kids; their dedication and support is very much appreciated. We rely heavily on the coaches and they all do a great job.

## Saturday 2nd August Club Day

Thankfully the weather was in our favour for this year's club day. Thanks to Toby Wild for coordinating all the teams and to Shelley Williams for organising the ever popular sausage sizzle. It was an amazing atmosphere, with a great turnout of players and supporters.

We saw some great games being played, with Mapua securing some well deserved wins. As well as the sausage sizzle, the kids had a great time with the bouncy castle and lots of excitement all round with the lolly scrambles. The club was generously donated a number of soccer items from Umbro, which were included in



two raffle prizes. Congratulations to Geoff McAlpine who won the sports pack and Edward Hohepa who won the pamper pack and ball.

## Domain Lights

As I'm sure you are aware, the club recently requested a grant from TDC, to assist with putting flood lights up at the Domain. This would be a great asset to the club as it would allow our teams to take full advantage of the domain through out the year. We can officially confirm that TDC has granted the club \$15,000. Although we still have some work to do to raise the total cost, this will be a great start. If anyone is interested in sponsoring this project or supporting the club in any way please contact Shelley on 03 540-2417. We are always looking for new ideas to raise funds, so if anyone has any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

## Prize-giving

Saturday 6 September is this year's date for the prize-giving. A great way to end another exciting season!

Can we remind players that all kit must be returned to the team coaches immediately after the last game.

## Sponsorship 2009

One of our aims for next season is to purchase nets for the junior goals. If anyone is able to help in any way we would love to hear from you. Obtaining sponsorship in any form is ongoing all year round so any help, ideas or advice is always welcome.

Mapua and Districts Football Club, PO Box 38, Mapua  
Tony Jemmett 540-3664  
Gary Breakspeare 540-2044  
Toby Wild (Senior Men's co-ordinator) 540-2030  
Bridget Wild (Senior Women's co-ordinator) 540-2030  
E-mail Jemmz@xtra.co.nz





## Mapua Hall Society

It was back to our regular monthly meeting for August with a good turn-out of members, 61 in all. We were given a most interesting and informative talk from Matt Davidson, our local bee keeper. Thank you Matt, you really did keep us all interested with your general knowledge about bees, the flora needed for pollination and the production of honey and especially the information on the breeding of queen bees. You certainly are a fountain of knowledge.

Our next meeting will be held in the main Mapua Hall on Thursday 4th September at 1.15pm. A gentle reminder to all members that it will also be our Spring Show. All enquiries to either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

### **ARCADIA Winter Workshops**

#### **Indian Head Massage 2 day workshop**

September 13, 14 (Sat & Sun) Motueka

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November 22nd 23rd (Sat & Sun)

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Matters are in a state of limbo in relation to the Mapua Hall at present.

We await a final write-up of the feasibility study, which is due in about one month, and contact from a building consultant which is also necessary to allow finalisation of that study report.

At the request of our insurance company we have installed mesh grills across the ventilation ports around the foundation of the hall to prevent rubbish and other material getting under the floor. We are also awaiting quotes for the re-wiring of the main hall to meet insurance requirements. This is a major job and is urgent. It will cost a substantial amount of money that will have to be raised.

New fluorescent tubes were fitted into the hall within the last month and this has resulted in a much brighter room. We are very grateful for the loan of a mobile scaffold from Fred Cassin that made the changing of the tubes easier than it might have been.

We also fitted a new heater in the supper room to replace the one that had failed.

Users of the hall are reminded that the coin meters that control the heaters are timers only and do not run for a longer time if some heaters are turned off. Users are also reminded that the use of portable heaters, plugged into the wall sockets, is contrary to the terms of use of the hall. Users will have recently received a document setting out these conditions.

*John Sharman, chairman*

# Hills Community Church

## *True Champions*

I write this article in the final days of the Olympics. I've enjoyed watching the events (well, most of them). I cheered for two countries (USA and NZ), and managed to get choked up when either national anthem was played. The media hype will be over by the time you read this article and they'll be on to other topics—unless some controversy lingers over performance-enhancing drugs, under-age athletes or some such scandal. These incidents seem to be on the rise in recent years as the pressure to perform and win at all cost seems to take precedence over good sportsmanship and personal integrity.

Of course it's not just the Olympics or professional sport where this happens. It happens in politics, the workplace, the classroom, even the church.

In our quest for the number one spot we are sometimes willing to go to dangerous—even disastrous—lengths. We might “win the gold” but it can come at a steep price: compromised ethics, diminished health, sacrificed relationships. And our moment of glory is fleeting because no matter how high we scale the ladder of achievement there is always someone just around the corner capable of climbing a little bit higher. Yet, despite the risks, we continue to strive for the right to say: I am number one!

Jesus paints a very different picture of what's worth striving for and his words are as counter-culture today as they were when he first said them: “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (Mark 10.31) and “Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.” (Mark 10.44)

These words jar our senses and sound illogical and foolish. These are not the words that get one ahead in the world. This is not the sort of thing one highlights on a CV!

But I guess that was Jesus' point: don't worry about getting ahead in the world or spend all your time and energy striving after things that are here today and gone tomorrow. That's thinking too small, too limited. Jesus says we should set our minds and hearts on something larger and everlasting. If we really want to come out as winners we put God first and others first.

I don't know anyone who, at the end of the day, looks over their life and says, “Gee, I wish I'd spent more time at the office,” or, “I wish I'd put more effort into getting to the top of my field.” Most people I know wish they'd spent more time with loved ones, spent more time ‘smelling the roses’ and enjoying each day, spent more time with God. But of course, those things require effort and sacrifice and endurance and training and dedication and ... an Olympic game of a whole different sort.

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.” Acts 20:24

*On the run, Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church*

### **Regular Happenings @ Hills—**

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

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & SPACE for Kids 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea between services. First Sunday of each month: one service @ 10:30am. 5th Sundays: one service @ 10:30am led by our Youth.

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## *Rewarding good behaviour*

Those of you who are regular readers of my column will know all about my little chocolate labrador puppy. Well, his teenage years are well and truly upon us and as pet parents we are learning the value of rewarding good behaviour. Traditionally, dogs were taught by punishing bad behaviour, which is where the old wife's tale of "rubbing a dog's nose in it" comes from! These days the saying is "what gets rewarded gets repeated". That applies to bad behaviour as well and reward isn't always food, often it is simply attention. Khumbu has found that to initiate a game of chase all he needs to do is grab something that we value (the TV remote is a classic example) and run away with it. He is then rewarded by two screaming parents running after him. Haven't we been sucked in!

Fortunately for us we have a dog that is incredibly food-oriented. There is almost nothing he wouldn't do for food and I really feel for anyone trying to train a puppy that doesn't have that level of desire for fine doggy cuisine. In fact so desperate is he for food that now that he can reach up to the kitchen bench nothing is safe. Last week he pinched off the bench a sharp knife that I had been using to cut up meat and ran around the house with it. I comforted myself with the fact that at least I could stitch him up myself.

When I tell people about this little incident they just laugh and remind me what good training dogs are for having kids! Generally though, things are going well

except on the odd occasion where he actually does find something more exciting than food – usually this is another dog. Although, he is also pretty fond of the village cat Tiger Lily, and is very perplexed when she doesn't want to play.

Anyway it gets me thinking about the human race and how we respond to both punishment and reward. Many of you will remember that the clinic joined the Sustainable Business Network in May last year. On August 20th we were lucky enough to win the Sustainable Business Network's Southern Regional Awards in the Emerging Small and Medium Business category. For us this is the ultimate reward for good behaviour! We have been putting a lot of effort into reducing our impact on the planet and to be recognised for that is just fantastic. We hope that the saying "what gets rewarded gets repeated" will apply here too and other veterinary clinics and pet shops will take on board our example and begin to look at sustainability within their own businesses.



## Drive-through computer recycling event helps keep e-waste out of landfills

Electronic waste (e-waste) can seriously harm the environment, wildlife and human health when dumped in landfills. Landfilling e-waste is not a long term solution because it stores potentially toxic waste rather than allowing for recovery and reuse of valuable materials.

eDay is a simple, free and effective way to dispose of your household computer waste and old mobile phones in an environmentally sustainable way.

Last year 6,900 carloads across 12 regions dropped off 415 tonnes of e-waste and eDay organisers are expecting even higher numbers this year.

eDay in Nelson/Tasman will be held from 09:00 until 15:00 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at ENZA International, 484 Nayland Road, Stoke and Fonterra, 68 Meihana Street, Takaka.

What can I drop off? computer hardware · monitors · networking equipment · scanners · keyboards · mice · computer speakers · laptops · printers · toner and ink jet cartridges · games consoles · mobile phones. We are unable to accept televisions, stereos, appliances and furniture.

For more information or to volunteer to help on the day, visit [www.eday.org.nz](http://www.eday.org.nz) or contact Karen Driver on 03 545 9176 ext. 2 or [karendriver@nec.org.nz](mailto:karendriver@nec.org.nz)

## Car-pooling from Mapua

At last car-pooling is gathering popularity as a convenient way to travel to work and casually. It's also a good way to make new friends in the neighbourhood while you use less fuel and reduce our carbon emissions. There are already some car pools operating from Mapua into Richmond, Nelson and Motueka and you might be able to link into these just by asking around.

Clickcarpool.co.nz is the Nelson City Council's car-pooling website, and it is also on the Tasman District Council's website. It includes locations, drivers and passengers in the Nelson region, not just Nelson City. There is a small group of us working towards building a Mapua-specific website for car-pooling and ride-sharing, and you will hear more from us soon.

The "house rules" differ for each car-pool group and can be based on a roster of who takes their car each day or the people who are only passengers paying the driver a donation of about \$1/10km. It doesn't have to be for every day of the week, and you could be in different car-pool groups on different days, or just share a ride on a casual one-off basis for shopping or other trips.

In the near future there could be possibilities of "Share a ride" pick-up points/hitching posts/ car-pooling "bus stops"/park and ride stations, and the Sustainable Transport Futures group is looking at these options with the two councils.

It would be great to have buses as our public transport in this region but until this happens lets share our cars and help our friends, neighbours and community be more resilient as we cope with the end of cheap oil.

Bruno Lemke ( phone 540-3338, email [Bruno.Lemke@nmit.ac.nz](mailto:Bruno.Lemke@nmit.ac.nz)) has offered to be the contact for people who don't want to use the Clickcarpool website but would still like to be "matched up" with a lift or car pool.

*Jenny Easton*



## Mapua Inlet Restoration Project

In the last *Coastal News* we asked for those interested to attend a meeting regarding the Mapua Inlet. A small group attended who are really enthusiastic but we need more to make this project work.

To give some background on the subject-

In 2002 a group was formed to study the Mapua Inlet area, which is that area above the causeway leading to the Leisure Park. The plan was to restore the area to what would have been the natural state by removing weeds such as gorse etc and planting plants suited to the area. A lot of background work was done at this stage, including a very comprehensive study by Michael North, but because of illness and relocation of some members the project was put on hold.

Now, because the TDC is working on the culvert under the causeway to improve the water flow and there is work being done on the Seaton Valley Stream which outlets into this estuary, it was thought it could be a good time to revive some interest from the community.

The hope is that a group would commit to possibly a five-year period, where we donned gumboots and grabbed spades to remove the gorse and other unwanted and do some planting to enhance this wonderful area. This would be done in consultation with TDC and DOC locally, and other interested parties.

There are many birds calling this area home, including some uncommon crakes and rails, so for this community to have an area like this so accessible and beautiful is such a bonus.

There is money that could be applied for from a Government Conservation Fund to help with costs and that would need to be done by the beginning of November.

At the next meeting of the Mapua and District Community Association on the 8<sup>th</sup> September we plan to ask if the community wants to form a sub-committee to manage this project. If this would interest you please come and support us or ring me on 540-3830.

It should be fun, not a huge commitment from each of us and a very rewarding outcome for the community with a wonderful natural resource for all to enjoy.

**Remember:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm, or phone 540-3830 to register your support.

## MAPUA Bowling Club

The Mapua Bowling Club new season's opening day is Saturday 20th September at 1pm. We extend a warm welcome to other bowling club members to join us.

This welcome is also to any one who would like to come along and take up the sport. We are an easygoing and friendly club and can offer help in coaching for those who are interested.

For further information please ring the secretary, Alison Brett, on 540-3795.

A reminder also to our league bowling members that your season starts early November; a date is yet to be confirmed. For league information please contact Vickie Sixtus on 540-2960

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# Mahana School



It's been a busy winter at Mahana School with a term calendar full of varied and interesting events.

The school kicked off August with a school cross-country taking place around the front playground for juniors, building up to the long distance event around Woolaston Estate and the back field for the seniors.

It was great to see a huge turnout of parents on the day cheering on the children. The support and sportsmanship displayed by the kids towards their peers was commendable.

The effort the kids put in was recognised with an awards ceremony, with certificates given out to the first three places in each category.

In true community spirit the staff accommodated the pre-school siblings in attendance, providing them with their own mini-event, complete with certificates.

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were held early August, allowing all parties to have a frank, open discussion regarding the child's progress and any aspects of the written report sent home earlier in July.

Expanding on interaction with parents, staff have been proactive in inviting parents to attend an evening in September to learn more about the school curriculum and how school communities play a part in deciding what to include. Mahana School are planning to make this evening more accessible to parents by providing supervision and entertainment in the library for the children to allow more parents the opportunity to attend.

Year Six students have had a visit to the Motec facility at Parklands School, allowing them another hands-on opportunity to experience the resources provided for the practical development of primary students in the Motueka district.

The theme for this term is "The Body in Action" with the objective of enhancing the school's understanding of the human body.

Out-of-classroom education is an integral part of student development at Mahana School. The Nelson Provincial Museum recently hosted the "Body in Action" display. The theme underpinned the school's term theme

and staff, realising the educational benefits this exhibit offered to our students, arranged trips for each class to view.

Our children enjoyed the interactive displays, including the "walk through the nostril", testing of the senses, measuring their heart rates and the test of strength by swinging the hammer to ring the bell, sideshow fashion.

Education outside the classroom also extends into physical education. Aligned with the school's "Body in Action" theme and topical current events, Mahana combined with Tasman School to hold an Olympics Day. Year Seven and Eight students from both schools teamed up to organise and participate in a range of Olympic events, including a medal ceremony.

Selected students from Mahana have also been participating in the Motueka School's cross-country events.

The next entire school outing we have planned is a trip to Rainbow Ski-field. Unfortunately we have had one postponement due to an abundance of snow prompting avalanche management, so the school is patiently waiting until the weather is a little more in our favour

Finally, we welcome Alison Hart to the staff as teacher aide and Jane Bosecke as principal release teacher.

For further information about Mahana School and to view our children's recent activities, visit us on [www.mahana.school.nz](http://www.mahana.school.nz). Much of the content on the site is by our pupils.

If you are considering a school in the district and would like to have a look around, please call Jenny in the office on 543-2887 to arrange an appointment.

*Tony Brown, Mahana School parent, on behalf of the Board of Trustees*

# Letters to the Editor...



## *Broadsea Avenue*

Earlier this year I made a visit to the Mapua/Tasman district, staying with my sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and Ray Kitto, who live in Bronte Road. Mainly to launch my book, *The Amazing Apple. A History of Apples*, at the most successful Taste Tasman. As the name implies the book is all about apples, with chapters relating to growing up on an orchard in Marriages Road in the 1940/50s. Plus some history of the Moutere Hills district and the pip fruit industry. Also proverbs, sayings, facts, recipes, health, cider, place names and even jokes.

During my stay I heard some comment about Ruby Bay's Broadsea Avenue and the possibility of the name being changed. This letter is provide you and your readers with the background relating to Broadsea Avenue.

Out father, Peter Tait, bought and developed the Ruby Bay subdivision some years ago after he and our mother, Ivy, retired to Ruby Bay. He died in 1983. As you know one of the streets is in the family name.

Our father was born in the Shetland Islands, way north of Scotland, and emigrated to New Zealand with his family in 1912 when he was 13. He always felt very strongly about his birthplace and was able to make some trips back in his later years. (Where he quickly reverted to the native dialect!)

Dad's mother was Margaret Strachan—pronounced 'strak-han' in the Scottish way. She was born in Fraserburgh near Aberdeen, Scotland. On one of his visits over there he went to see where she was born, which was in the suburb of Broadsea. And that is where the Broadsea Avenue name came from.

As a postscript to this tale let me tell you this story: I am a member of the Auckland Shetland Society and regularly read the weekly Shetland Times newspaper. Earlier this year there was a story in it about a bottle with a message that had been found on a remote Shetland beach. The letter inside explained that a Charles Masson had thrown the bottle into the sea from an oilrig support-vessel, near Aberdeen, five years previously. He gave his address as Broadsea, Fraserburgh. A further coincidence is that Margaret Strachan's maiden name was Masson.

Yes, I wrote to him and he replied with photos and family details. One dramatic picture showed waves crashing against a lighthouse. Certainly a vastly different coastline compared to Ruby Bay's.

Re the book, *The Amazing Apple*. The second edition now out and is available from E D Blundell, PO Box 13 322 Panmure, Auckland 1072. \$27 post free.

*Doreen Blundell*

## *All Go and Counting*

As of August 18th, tenders for the Ruby Bay by-pass project were closed. Five tenders have been lodged with Transit NZ. That's good news as it indicates strong interest from major contractors with the capability to build the new highway.

Tenders for this type of project which are public and taxpayer-funded require careful consideration. There are rules. Strict rules. Rules which must be adhered to and followed to the letter in order that there be no possibility of favouritism or prejudice on the part of the public agency which accepts the tender and offers the contract. However, the procedures leading up to picking the successful tenderer/bidder, while quite straightforward, can be time-consuming.

Each tender consists of two envelopes. The contents of envelope No. 1 give a description of the resources, personnel, equipment, machinery and the management structure of the tenderer. Of particular interest to Transit NZ will be a detailed description of how the tenderer intends to do the project. In essence, the methodology they propose to follow and any other information they consider pertinent to their tender.

These No. 1 envelopes were opened immediately after the tenders were closed. They are now being scrutinised by members of the Transit NZ staff who are charged with evaluating each tenderer on both their ability and their suitability to undertake and complete the project in a satisfactory manner. This is the "tender evaluation" portion of the tendering process. And, as mentioned before, can be time-consuming. Just keep in mind that there are "five" of these to be looked at. We will have to be patient.

The whole rationale for this procedure is to enable Transit NZ to "rank" each tenderer. Then, and only then, will the No. 2 envelopes be opened. These contain the "bid" from each of the tenderers. In essence, the "we propose to do the job for 'X' amount" of dollars". Ideally, the No. 1 ranked tenderer will offer to do the project for an amount reasonably close to the Transit NZ costing estimates for the project and a contract could thus be offered without further ado. "Ideally" doesn't always work out. If not, let's hope there is room for the parties to give and take a bit to arrive at the desired result.

It is my feeling that this is just what will happen and in September or October there will be a press release from Transit NZ stating that a contract has been signed with a successful bidder for the Ruby Bay by-pass project. Am I optimistic? Yes!

*Hugh Gordon*

# Letters to the Editor...



## Clean-up

*The report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the environment has now been published. Hopefully many have read both the report itself and the informative technical annexes. These sound complex but are straightforward, easy read documents. The report and annexes are available at [pce.govt.nz](http://pce.govt.nz). There is a lot to grasp in it and when we met with the Mayor, Richard Kempthorne, last week even he had not read all of the report and seemed unaware of the technical annexes. For this reason I ask that an article by Simon Upton, (the National government Minister for the Environment from 1991 to 1999) be reproduced here as it is a good distillation of the report, seeming to readily grasp the concerns. It is reproduced here with the permission of Mr Upton and Tim Pankhurst, Managing Editor of the Dominion Post.*

“Two weeks ago I delivered some less than charitable words about the proposed national policy statement on water dreamed up by the Ministry for the Environment. In passing, I alleged that of the Ministry’s 262 employees, only five had specialist qualifications in water science – notwithstanding the fact that water quality is the country’s No. 1 environmental challenge. Within 48 hours I received an email correcting me: my correspondent insisted there were only three!

I have no idea how many there are. But it would appear that they still outnumber specialists in contaminated site remediation.

I’ve just read the report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment’s investigation into the Mapua contaminated site clean-up. It is a short report – just 49 pages of widely spaced text. But it is a bombshell. It would be hard to imagine a more comprehensive indictment of a central government agency.

The Ministry appears to have had no understanding of appropriate roles and responsibilities and no technical competence to perform the role it took upon itself. The problem was not confined to environmental management. The Commissioner, Dr Jan Wright, has felt compelled to write to her colleague the Auditor-General inviting him to investigate some of the contractual failings she uncovered.

The list of shortcomings is breathtaking. The Ministry never finalised or signed the deed under which it contributed million (sic) of dollars to the Tasman District Council to conduct the works. The remedial action plan and project management plan were never completed or signed off by the council. And the remediation work deviated significantly from the process that had been approved.

The resource consents contained significant errors and omissions. Serious risks identified by the specially appointed peer review panel weren’t acted on in a timely manner. There were numerous “potential breaches” of resource consents (the commissioner’s tactful way of leaving it to others, to use the prosecutor’s terminology). The remediation process, as installed, was “not capable of complying” with the consent conditions.

As a result, the plant almost certainly pumped toxins into the environment but because of flaws in the way monitoring of the project was set up, we will never know what or how much harm was caused, although the community was almost certainly exposed to dioxins.

Meanwhile, groundwater contamination exceeded thresholds for over three years. According to the commissioner, the Ministry took no effective action to address the discharges, despite requests from all those charged with monitoring the process.

But on one absolutely key question, the commissioner’s report is silent. Why did the Ministry ever end up taking over the resource consents for the clean-up itself? The original plan – and it was a well-designed one with many safeguards – had a reputable Australian company, Thiess, contracted to do the job. Thiess held the resource consents. Why did it pull out? And why did the Ministry, with no operational expertise but a bundle of contractual and statutory responsibilities screaming out for independent stewardship, leap into Thiess’ shoes?

This is the smoking gun in the commissioner’s report. All we know is that Thiess pulled out not long after the completion of proof of performance trials that were completed in early 2004. Did they encounter problems with the process that led them to lose confidence in the project? We don’t know. But if they weren’t happy to proceed, why did inadequately qualified corporate managers step into the void?

The Ministry helped design a sophisticated set of accountabilities and monitoring processes which it promptly flouted, having turned itself into the principal operator. Not surprisingly, the local council had difficulties treating the Ministry – which was funding the project and at the top of the statutory hierarchy – like any other resource applicant.

Ministers have every reason to be very angry with the way in which the project was handled. How many of us can have any confidence in the Ministry’s ability

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*Cleanup - contd:*

to protect the environment when its own performance has been so woeful?

The Ministry's new chief executive Paul Reynolds – who is in no way responsible for this toxic legacy – should waste no time in completely reviewing the roles and accountabilities of those around him and see to it that he gets some technically literate people on board, fast.

The new State Services Commissioner should take an equally close interest. Concern has smouldered for some time that policy and regulatory ministries have insufficient scientifically and technically literate people running the show. Before any more money is spent on managing “stakeholders” and “clients” we need hard-nosed, sceptical engineers, toxicologists, biologists and quantitative economists installed.

Dr Reynolds is a plant biologist. Sceptical rigour should be a part of his DNA. If I were him I'd invite the three water specialists in for morning coffee – and any other technical experts he can find marooned in the Ministry – and ask them what sort of management jungle they've lived in these last few years. He could have it sorted by the weekend.”

*Jill Reade, 8 Moreland Place, Mapua*

## Coastal Connections

Despite the cold and rain there was plenty of laughter and conversation, thirteen members enjoyed a range of hot tasty meals at the Stoneridge Café, Redwood Valley:

There was a great menu of pumpkin and carrot soup, salmon bagels, venison patties and lamb and rosemary pie.

Birthday greetings were given to three for the month. One of our ladies introduced a new member to join our group.

Our next luncheon will be at the Riverside Café, Moutere Highway, 11th September starting at 11.45am.

*Dot Siddle*

## Blood donors in Mapua

I would like to thank those who responded to my last appeal for blood donors in Mapua, but so far with only 23 donors there are not enough for the service to come to Mapua to do regular collections. Are there more of you out there who would be willing? We need 60 to make it happen. Please contact me on 540-3830.

*Helen Bibby*

## Boardwalk opposed

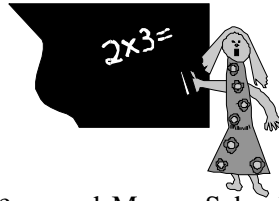
At the village edge we have a treasure that would be the envy of many. We have three species of rare native birds—the banded rail, marsh crake and spotless crake—all seen in recent months and living in the inlet bordered by the Moreland Place Reserve.

The local walkways group has lobbied the Tasman District Council to install a boardwalk into the reserve from the Leisure Park causeway. This would go straight through the habitat of these birds. The banded rail is particularly in evidence here, and there are also kingfishers nesting on that stretch of bank. It's the area of the inlet most used by a huge range of birds for feeding and resting.

There is already good access to the reserve via the lane beside our house, No. 8. It just needs signposting. An alternative walkway down past the new subdivision, now that the beach has become less accessible, is a good idea. The boardwalk is not essential for it and we hope that people will be prepared to save the \$40,000 set aside for it, walk just a few minutes further to the existing access and preserve a native wildlife feature that many villages would be extremely proud to be able to create.

*Jill Reade & John Lord, Mapua*

# Mapua School



It has been a real pleasure and honour to join the Board, PTA, staff, and parent body of Mapua School in their quest to provide the very best educational opportunities for the children of this fabulous school. I've been given a very warm welcome to this community and look forward to working alongside everyone concerned to achieve the school's vision catch-phrase, 'To Be All I Can' for each and every student.

Everything I have seen to date tells me that Mapua is a great school whose students, supported by a skilled and dedicated staff, are achieving highly and are provided with a broad range of opportunities: academic, physical, and social.

I'm a strong advocate of full primary schools (New Entrant to Intermediate – Year 1 to Year 8) and can see here at Mapua that the senior students both receive and provide a great deal within the school setting. Those senior school years are a crucial time in a student's personal development and there is no better setting, in my view, than that provided by a full primary such as Mapua. As staff know these children incredibly well by the time they are Year 7 & 8 there is no time wasted in settling them into the year's programme, teaching is focused on their particular and clearly defined needs, and a broad range of opportunities are offered for them to grasp. They can grow and shine in a whole range of fields.

Equally, senior students in this environment have the opportunity to participate in a variety of leadership roles. In this way they grow as individuals and contribute to the wider school in many significant ways: house leaders, buddies, sports, etc. Anyone watching the recent school cross country event would have to be impressed with those year 7 & 8 who buddied our junior runners as they took on their very first cross-country after only being at school for a few days or weeks.

Physical activity and sport play an important part in a child's development at Mapua School and so far this term there has been a wealth of such events. Daily fitness, the school cross-country, and an annual sporting interchange with Takaka School have all taken place. School sports coordinator Malcolm Hepburn, supported by the staff team, has been active in arranging these events and to their credit these events have been very successful. Coming up in the sporting area we have the combined Moutere and Motueka Schools Cluster cross-country event at Rabbit Island and a snow day at Rainbow.

Our staff have noted the close and effective relationship existing between the Mapua Football Club

and Mapua School. It's great to have such a quality club available to students and to have so many children participating in this sport. Our thanks go to the club's management for providing this opportunity.

Academically our programmes are full, balanced, and appropriately challenging for students. Staff have been extending their skills in the areas of numeracy, literacy and ICT and students have been testing their abilities through both school assessment and the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) examinations. We wish to congratulate Ben Karalus for achieving 'high distinction' in the area of science within the later of these. This places Ben in a very elite group of scholars across the many countries that participate in these examinations. Well done Ben.

Another close link of note between the school and local community involves the Mapua Wetlands group and a group of Mapua School's Gifted and Talented students. Under the guidance of Mapua Deputy Principal, Mandy Stephens, this group of students are involved in a programme that covers both skilled work within the wetlands area and considerable knowledge related to the care and development of this unique environment. An overview of their work can be seen on our display at Ecofest for those attending this event. Our thanks to The Friends of Mapua Wetlands for their openness and input to this programme.

Other Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programmes starting this term are a public speaking programme that focuses on preparing students for the Motueka Schools Cluster Speech Competition, a thinking skills programme looking at creative and critical thinking, and a literacy programme involving a local writer which will focus on the surface and deeper features of narrative writing. Opportunities abound for our students!

I look forward to meeting everyone as the term and year develop and do invite your input to the school. Working together (school, community and students) we can achieve amazing things for these children who are our future.

*Neil Chalmers, Principal.*

## *Chance to see wetland growth*

Mapua Wetland's Open Day this year will be a chance for visitors to see some remarkable growth among the 6000 or more trees, shrubs and grasses in the reserve.

Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc plans to hold its annual Open Day on Sunday 2 November from 1pm to 3pm.

This will be the fourth annual wetland Open Day and it coincides with an application by the owners, the Beere Family, to have the wetland registered as a Queen Elizabeth II National Trust covenant.

The wetland has had spectacular growth during summer and autumn 2008, when growing conditions were exceptionally good. Planner Claire Garrett took measurements of tagged plants earlier this year and these confirmed high growth rates of most types of trees.

Many of the species planted in the wetland had individual specimens over 2m high, with a cabbage tree planted in the summer of 2005 topping 3m, representing a growth of 1.3m in the last year.

The most impressive growth was from kahikatea trees. Of the tagged kahikatea trees that were measured, the maximum yearly growth was 70cm, with an even more impressive average growth rate of 56cm for 11 trees. More trees have been tagged for ongoing growth measurements.



*Mapua Wetland worker Karole Turner with cabbage trees in the Mapua Wetland. These trees planted as seedlings three years ago were amongst the earliest planted on the site.*

Many of the kahikatea trees are now higher than the 2-metre shelters built to protect them in their first years. The high growth rates have also meant substantial increase in the amount of ground cover, significantly reducing weed competition in many areas.

Our rare plants, narrow-leaved maire, the reed *baumia articulata* and the grass *carex fascicularis*, are all doing well. The *baumia* is growing so vigorously in and around the waterline of Len's Pond that the original three clumps have now been divided to increase the planting area. The rare grass *carex fascicularis* is now growing strongly in four different places within the wetland.

*David Mitchell*



# Sam's Spam

September 2008

Hello readers! This July hailed the release in New Zealand of the most sought-after phone in history—the iPhone 3G. Why all the hype? Well, here's some quick info about it:

It has no keypad or keyboard, so all text is entered by an on-screen touch keyboard. I tried out a friend's iPhone and found it quite easy to use and navigate between screens but it does take some getting used to. Holding your finger down on a menu icon lets you move it around. There are multiple screens to put icons on plus four quick launch icons on the bottom.

The iPhone can tell which way you're holding it, so you can switch to a widescreen view (great for surfing the web or watching video) just by turning it sideways. All the main functions (clock, photos, phone, text, maps, settings, YouTube, etc) are on the main screen, so it's just a matter of touching an icon!

Another nice feature is that the phone contains a built-in iPod which supports MP3 and a built-in YouTube application to watch clips from that website. Battery life for the iPhone 3G is 12.5 days standby, five hours 3G talktime, 10 hours 2G talktime and 24 hours music!

Some drawbacks to the phone include a hefty starting price tag of \$979 for the 8GB version. Also, US provider AT&T made controversy last year when iPhone customers received excessively detailed bills (some over 300 pages long), so it looks as though many trees will be needed if they send such huge bills here!

## Free website of the month.

There is a lot of talk about financial worries at the moment so this month's choice of website is [www.sorted.org.nz](http://www.sorted.org.nz). This site has some really good tools you can access to help with all sorts of financial matters. It has budgeting information for kids, students, people planning retirement, advice on mortgages, Kiwi saver etc. etc. Perhaps following some of these tips will help me save for an expensive iPhone!

That's all for this month! Remember, I have my Whiz Kid Sam advert in the Noticeboard section of the *Coastal News* for anyone out there needing help with computers, designing websites, setting up DVD players etc (03 540-2804). Average job price only \$15. Bye for now!

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# Mapua Public Auction

**When?** Saturday 13th September  
starting time 10.45am

**Where?** Mapua Hall.

This is an opportunity for you to have unwanted goods sold on your behalf, turned into cold hard CASH, as the saying goes: "someone's trash, someone's treasure."  
OR you may wish to donate your goodies to either one of –

**Mapua Hall or Hills Community Church**  
the two big projects under way at present.

Private sales, ie your own, will warrant a small fee to cover costs of \$3.00 per item up to \$100. \$10 on larger items.

All donated items gifted will be auctioned free of charge. Goods remain the property of the owner until the new owner claims it. Unsold goods will be required to be removed directly after the auction.

**Who?** contact now as lines are open.

Allan Mulligan 543-2019.

Owen Milne 540-2298, Jim Bryse 540-3139  
for all enquires.

*This is your chance to take part,  
and we all enjoy a good Auction.*

*What fun we can have here in Mapua.*

## Police Update

Greetings to you all. I have just returned from a two-week break. I visited New Plymouth for 10 days and it is refreshing to return to our area and realise how few problems we have, long may it last.

Just before I left I was dealing with a burglary that had happened in the school holidays. A local youth has been identified through fingerprints and two others are involved directly. The two over 17 years will be arrested and the third under 17 will be dealt with by Youth Aid. Disappointing to hear that one of these lads knew the place was vacant for a while and he invited others to the address, and they decided to break into the house.

Recently a young girl in Motueka broke into several cars one night and she was apprehended. Most of the cars were unlocked up driveways. As the occurrences state there have been two incidents involving parked vehicles in the Mapua area so be warned. Just because a vehicle is parked on your property doesn't mean it has an invisible cloak protecting it. Lock it and don't keep valuables in it.

The Zoom hair salon also had a rear door damaged one Friday evening, and two youths stole some property from the early learning centre on Toru Street.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka.  
Ph 03) 528-8120*

### Occurrences:

Aug 18: Minor accident corner Aranui Road and Coastal Highway.

Aug 15: Zoom Hair Salon, security bulbs removed and door damaged.

Aug 12: Domestic in Stafford Drive

Aug 7: Theft of fuel from car Stafford Drive. Fuel cap jemmied.

Aug 5: Prowler disturbed around car at Permin Road

Aug 2-3: Copper radiator stolen from property in Aranui Road

Aug 2: 4WD crashes into Village Inn stairs. Blood sample taken from driver.

Aug 2: Theft Mapua early Learning centre. Two youths caught.

July 24: Domestic corner Aranui Road and Stafford Drive.

Mid-July: Burglary at Stafford Drive. Three youths apprehended

# Mapua Health Centre Health Centre Board of Management

We are looking into the option of increasing the size of the waiting room. This would involve relocating the nursing office at the front to one of the rooms at the back and knocking down a wall to make a larger space for seating and a separate kid's play area. It would be good to have the extra space before the influx of visitors over the summer, although there could be a week or two of disruption while the alterations are happening.

As we start emerging from the frosts and flu's of winter into the new life of spring its good to become aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The main factors that can improve our risk for heart disease (the No. 1 cause of death in our society) are:

- Stress management
- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Social / Spiritual interaction
- Education (including non-smoking, etc)

*[Ornish, D. et al. (1998) JAMA, 280(23): 2001-7]*

So what is happening in Mapua to help develop our common SENSE? You might be surprised to know that the following activities and classes are available:

exercise - pilates  
tennis  
walking groups  
yoga  
tai chi  
meditation  
aqua aerobics - Richmond  
stop smoking (MHC)  
healthy lifestyles (MHC) + green prescription

The practice nurses at the health centre can help you find out more about any of these. Please let us know if you are aware of other healthy lifestyle activities or groups happening in the area.

Here are some of the local and world health initiatives for September;

1-30 Cervical Screening Awareness Month  
1 Gamble Free Day  
1-7 Epilepsy NZ Awareness Week  
2-8 Continence Awareness Week  
3-9 Multiple Sclerosis Appeal  
3-9 ADD/ADHD Awareness Week  
8-14 Stroke Foundation Awareness & Appeal Week  
12 World Dental Day  
14 Maori Language Day  
15 World Lymphoma Day  
19 Loud Shirt Day  
19 International Talk Like a Pirate Day  
21 International Day of Peace  
21 World Alzheimer's Day  
22-28 Deaf Awareness Week  
26/9 -3/10 Arthritis Foundation Annual Street Appeal

At the Mapua Health Centre's annual general meeting the resignation of Colin Mann as secretary was accepted with regret by the chair, Angela Fon, who said the work that Colin had done as secretary for several years was greatly appreciated and was a good example of the volunteer spirit in the Mapua community.

Colin said he would continue to do his usual task of maintaining the Health Centre building and its equipment.

The members of the board of management for the year are: Angela Fon (chair), Geoff Stevens (treasurer), Terry Smith (secretary), Dr Tim Ewer, Colin Mann, Jim Bryse, Alan Keys, Liz Lock, and Cr Brian Ensor.

# PANZ

It's been rather a long winter and very cold on our Tuesday mornings, but the Hall Committee have replaced a faulty heater and now it is rather pleasant after the first half-hour.



Many of our members have been away on their holidays to warmer places and others have been unwell, so it has been a rather quiet few months for us. However, as the weather picks up and the wanderers return, then so will the attendance. It is hoped to have invited artists on the first Tuesday of each month to give us some tips and help with problems, but we will wait until we are back to "business" as usual.

The "Top of the South" pastel exhibition is planned for 20,21,22 February 2009, so put these dates into your calendars now. Impressions, art supplies and framers of Richmond, are again willing to sponsor our "people's choice" prize so we are very happy indeed. PANZ members from Marlborough and West Coast have also been invited to enter works.

Lyn Diefenbach, a Master Pastellist from Australia, is taking a pastel workshop here on March 17 and 18 so our members are looking forward to that very much. Lyn's work can be seen on [www.ldief.com](http://www.ldief.com). She is also a wonderful oil painter and most of her work is pre sold at exhibitions in Kenilworth.

Don't forget that we meet every Tuesday morning at the Mapua Village Hall and you are welcome to come and visit us, have a play with pastels and see what we are up to. \$2 per session covers a cuppa and goes towards the hall hire and heating. New members always welcome.

*Glenys Forbes*

# MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

We've heard a rumour that spring is lurking nearby!

So in honour of our much-anticipated guest, our theme at Playcentre this month has been "Things that grow". As well as a gorgeous flower display on our wall that each child helped to make, we have planted pumpkin seeds, yeast and beans and eagerly await their sprouts. Indeed, the lone daffodil that stands in our Playcentre vege garden indicates that it is time to round up our pint-sized labour force, arm them with spades and forks and get digging to plant some veges! Frost cloth begone!

High on our excitement list this month has also been the Olympics which the kids are keenly following. In fact, I think some of the mum's themselves have aspirations of winning a few medals when we set up our own mini-olympics with the new coloured climbing boxes and balancing beams that we have recently purchased.

We would also like to say a reluctant farewell to some longstanding families from Playcentre. Their tireless efforts and contributions will not be forgotten and are very much appreciated by us all.

If you'd like to spend some special one-on-one time with your child or grandchild, why don't you grab a spade and some seeds, come on down and meet the families at Mapua Playcentre? Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 12 noon.

Roll on spring!

*Natalie Towler*

# MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545

**S**econd-hand Bookstall at the Coastal Garden Club's community stall day, Saturday 13 September, outside the Mapua Hall. If anyone has any good quality books they would like to donate, please bring them to the library, or contact Analee on 526-6099 to arrange collection. Last year we had many very satisfied customers going home with a few good reads tucked under their arms. Come along and see what you can find. We'll be there somewhere behind the pile of books ready to help!

**Antiques Road Show & Collectables Fair** Sunday 21 September at the Mapua Hall.

Ever wondered what that old thing of great-grandma's is worth? Here's your chance to find out!

Ever collected something but never had a chance to exhibit your treasures? Here's your chance at collector fame!

Do you love taking time to admire beautiful things? Looking for that special something? This is your opportunity right here in Mapua!

Watch out for our advertisement in this edition of the *Coastal News* for more details.

Enquires to committee member Max Cook, Ph 540-2177 or maxine@greatevent.co.nz

This will be the library's major fund-raiser for the year with all proceeds going towards our administration costs. We are lucky enough to have received grants from various sources that enable us to keep our book stock up to date, but it's the community's support that helps us with other expenses, so please come along and enjoy the day. We'd love to see you there, and there's lots for you to see!

Interesting fact: In July 2005, a total of 791 books were issued for the month. In July 2008 it was 1587 books issued – nearly a 100% increase in three years! Membership now stands at 1200 families, compared with 1000 families in 2005.

*Sarah McLeod*

## Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday	2pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	5pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	10am – 12.30pm

## Postal Delivery

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

## Scouts Quiz

The Tamaha Scout and Cub Group are running the popular annual quiz night once again. It will be on Friday 19 September starting at 7.30pm in the Mapua Hall. A bar will be available and supper with a cuppa will also be served. We will also be having an auction and a raffle that will run for the evening. Teams will be able to have a maximum of eight persons and the entry cost will be \$10 per head. Anyone wishing to book a table or individual tickets can ring Nadienne on 540-2507.

The Scouts wish to acknowledge the help and support of many local businesses in donating services and prizes. So set a night aside for a good night out and help a good cause.

Also coming up is the annual fireworks evening at the Leisure Park on Friday 7 November.

# MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

At the August meeting of the club the president of Motueka Rotary Club formally presented the club with a certificate of accreditation, which formalizes the setting up of the club eight years ago.

Guest speakers at the meeting were three members from the Mapua Fire Brigade. Spokesman Aaron Thawley explained that the brigade was formed in 1972, and during the 36 years since there have been 97 members, including several women. At present they have a staff of 17. Throughout last year they attended 50 call-outs, which included motorcycle accidents and animal rescues, as well as fires. The brigade's area covers from Tasman to Maisey Road. 111 callouts go through the Christchurch exchange. New recruits have three months trial observing the services, followed by three months practical work.

Spokesman Ian Woolfe focused on fire prevention, noting the importance of suitably placed smoke alarms. He emphasised the need for people to remain in the kitchen while cooking, and spoke about the dangers when using candles. He demonstrated the dry ice extinguisher.

Matt Davidson demonstrated a protective suit and breathing apparatus. The cost of a suit is about \$1000. They are sent to Auckland annually for inspection and repairs.

Most firemen are able to administer CPR and they work closely with ambulance and police staff. On completion of the firemen's interesting talk, everyone

was able to go outside to inspect the fire engine parked there .

This month's mini speaker was club member David Evans, who recounted some early family history, which included stories of his childhood in Reefton and Inangahua during the Depression, through to his involvement with the Second World War in Britain.

Back in New Zealand, he worked for the Reserve Bank. David later became a teacher, and was able to return to Britain in a relieving capacity. He ended his talk with a display of photos dating back to 1926.

A beauty is a woman you notice; A charmer is one who notices you.

— *Adlai Stevenson*

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

— *Abraham Lincoln*

A narcissist is someone better-looking than you are.

— *Gore Vidal*

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## *Motoring* with *Mapua Auto*

### Noise Testing is now part of a WOF Inspection

Vehicle noise via the exhaust system and silencers is now part of a WOF (warrant of fitness) inspection.

A Noise Quick Check (NQC) has been developed by the NZ Land Transport Agency (formerly Land Transport NZ) to enable Vehicle Inspectors to carry out an exhaust noise check to ensure the vehicle exhaust systems which have been modified from that of the original equipment fitted by the manufacturer, remains below the maximum noise levels specified in law.

Vehicles which fail the NQC will need to be made quieter and re-inspected and/or referred to a Low Volume Vehicle Certifier for an Objective Noise Test.

There are specifications for the test site and test procedures, so readings can be achieved accurately with as little interference from other noise sources as possible.

The following are samples of some specifications.

1. Open outdoor site, free of loud background noise, eg road traffic, wind, planes flying past, doors banging, dogs barking etc.

2. Predominantly flat.

3. Free from large sound reflecting surfaces, including buildings, walls, billboards, vehicle, canopies, trees, shrubs.

4. Have a solid surface such as concrete or asphalt, free from loose sound absorbing material

If there is background noise, a separate reading of this must be taken from the exact spot of the noise meter test either prior to or after the test.

Currently, it is not mandatory for inspecting organisations to obtain a noise meter.

As with all WOF inspection check items, passing a WOF inspection simply means at the time of the inspection, the inspector has interpreted the rules within the VIRM (Vehicle Inspection Requirements Manual) as a pass. This, does not mean you are immune from being prosecuted for having a noisy vehicle. If you are stopped by Law Enforcement Officers, who test your vehicles exhaust using an approved noise meter which is regularly calibrated resulting in a fail, you could face being immediately green stickered, with possible prosecution.

**We wish you Happy & Safe Motoring**

Info source: NZLA VIRM

## **MAPUA AUTO CENTRE**

7 Warren Place (behind Mapua School) 540 2180



Phone us to arrange for a  
**Winter Motoring check**

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## Gluten-free at The Naked Bun

In response to a demand for gluten-free products, The Naked Bun, already acclaimed for its excellent coffee, wonderful patisserie and warm welcome, is now set to provide gluten-free bread, gluten-free breakfasts and gluten-free patisserie.

There has been an increasing demand for gluten-free products at “The Bun” over the last few weeks. Josef Hodel, who is joining the staff as a baker, is well versed in producing gluten-free and rye products. Josef has for many years produced bread and produce for this speciality market in the area.

Local Mapua GP Tim Ewer is delighted that there will be an opportunity for those people who have an intolerance for products made with wheat, to enjoy first-class bread and products in a local setting.

Wednesday 10th September will be the launch date for both gluten-free and rye products at “The Bun”. In addition to providing all the popular lines, patrons will now be able to join us for a “Naked Bun” gluten-free breakfast including sausages from O’Neill’s and pick up some delicious gluten-free and rye bread, freshly baked on the premises. We shall be delighted to take orders for bread prior to this date.

**Please telephone 540-3656 to avoid disappointment.**

## VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

### July-August call-outs

July 16: Gorse bush fire in reserve Brabant Drive, out on arrival, unknown cause

August 2: MVC into stairs at Village Inn, minor injures.

August 10: MVC SH60 & Dickers Rd, Tasman, Nose-to-tail at intersection.



***Safety Tip – Safe disposal of Smoke alarms: Because the radioactive source in alarms is very small we recommend disposing of alarms by means of conventional refuse collection & subsequent landfill.***

Last Month FF Tony Baker resigned from the brigade. Tony’s practical skills will be missed.

All our Emergency Response Drivers passed a five-yearly refresher course in August.

## *Tamaha Cubs*

The cubs all designed and made the raft and floated it in the estuary. The Tamaha cubs meet each Thursday from 6.30-8.30pm in the cub den on the Mapua School grounds. It is a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls from 8 to 10 years old to come together for a combination of outdoor activities, games, team work, life skills and lots of fun. It is run by trained volunteers from the community with rostered parent help once a term.

If you have a passion for the outdoors and want to make a positive contribution to our community and our young people then why not consider offering to become a leader? It is not a big time commitment and lots of fun. For more information please ring Daniel on 543-2876.



*Photo shows Tamaha cubs at Grossi Point trying out a raft they have made. Just how far they got is not known!*

## *Friends want to ‘Meet the Neighbours’*

Owners of blocks of native forest or wetland, or those planning to plant native forests are being invited to meet one another in Mapua during Conservation Week.

The Friends of Mapua Wetland is taking up the theme of this year’s Conservation Week – “Meet the Neighbours” – to host a gathering of those involved in native plant conservation. The idea of the gathering is to get to know others and consider ways of exchanging information and ideas.

Conservation Week runs from September 7-14 and the Mapua “Meet the Neighbours” event will be at the Mapua Wetland on Saturday 13 August starting at 10am.

The Friends of Mapua Wetland say the gathering will be informal, with opportunities to chat to others and a chance to see new planting and development in the Mapua Wetland. The Friends hope that the event will lead to further similar gatherings, hosted by different property owners.

Those attending the Mapua Meet the Neighbours event are asked to confirm attendance with the Friends of Mapua Wetland before the day. The society can be contacted at [wetland@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:wetland@mapua.gen.nz), or by phoning the secretary, David Mitchell, at (03) 540-2873.

Other Conservation Week events in Nelson include planting at Wakapuaka, organised by the Nelson City Council, a free tour of Labyrinth Rocks Park in Golden Bay, and helping to build the Canaan Downs mountain bike track.

## *Spring Fling BBQ to be repeated*

Back by popular demand—the Mapua Spring Fling BBQ. Work is well under way for the second Spring Fling. After the success of last year we just had to repeat it.

This event was an outcome from working with Celia Lashlie to address concerns in our community with youth. 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 grew from this.

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.

Last year we were fortunate to have enlisted volunteers such as Kahu Marfell and Mike Tasman-Jones with the Tasman District Council activity trailer and we will try for similar again. The atmosphere was buzzing with lots of fun things to do. Everyone participating in these activities contributed to the success of this event. Last year was a learning curve 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 Thursday 23rd of October free between 5pm and 7pm.

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



# Noticeboard

**Quiz Night:** Tamaha Scout Group Annual Quiz Night: Friday 19 Sept 7.30 pm at Mapua Hall. \$10 per head. Bar and supper plus great prizes donated by local businesses, also raffles and an auction on the night. Make up a team and come along - max of 8 people per team. For bookings ring Nadienne 540 2507.

**Mapua Clean-up:** Meeting for residents at the Fire station, Iwa St., Monday Sept 15, 7.00 pm. We will discuss the issues raised in the PCE report and the pending Dept. of Labour and Ministry of Health reports. Led by concerned residents and site workers. For more info write to toxicmapua@ihug.co.nz

**To Let** one bed room apartment in the heart of Mapua. Semi furnished, \$250 per week includes power phone & gas. Phone or text Lisa 0275402112

**Office/therapy room** available to rent in village centre \$120 a week. Tel 5402705

**William Meader**, astrologer and psychology professor, will talk on "The Science of Relationships" - taking notice of the signs, Wednesday 10 Sept, 2-5pm at Mapua Bowling Club. Cost \$30 or \$25 with CSC. Email Julie Ewer to register a place julie@inhealth.co.nz or tel 5402705.

**Yoga:** September 5-7, Tui Community, Golden Bay. *Move your body, still your mind.* Experience an inspiring weekend of Hatha-Yoga, meditation, dance & organic food amongst native bush and paradise beaches. For more info & to book contact Inna, 03 525-8399 or email: tuiyoga@gmail.com

**Property Maintenance:** Need help with tidying-up your property? Experienced maintenance man and arborist available to take care of your home and surrounds. Advise your requirements to Keith 540 2540.

**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.

**Office Assistant Wanted.** We are looking for a skilled office assistant who is happy to volunteer 3 to 4 hours per week. This position can grow into a part time job. For more information call Cornelia from the KIDPOWER Trust at 543 2669

**House for Sale.** sunny, 2 double bedroom brick house at the top of Higgs Road. Private, easy-care section. \$325,000. 540-3911. Trade Me listing #156510364.

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

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

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

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

**AGM:** Mapua Community Toy Library, Tuesday 16 Sept 7.30pm Mapua Hall (next to Toy Library)

**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 Tracey, 5403307, or Kirstin, 5402811 about membership or casual hire.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**YOGA with Robin** - Classes weekly. All levels welcome. Call 540 2113 for class times & information. [www.rubybayyoga.com](http://www.rubybayyoga.com)