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# Coastal News

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## 'New' Mapua Hall a Credit to All

It was standing room only for many of the hundreds of people who turned up for the opening of the rebuilt Mapua Hall on Friday afternoon, 23 August.

It was the culmination of eight months of hard work by a hall committee, volunteers and tradespeople, who transformed what started life as a packing shed into a multi-purpose building of double the space with a new kitchen, changing rooms and meeting rooms.

Before the opening the Motueka Brass Band performed, distinguished guests arrived in vintage cars, and a group photograph was taken in front of the hall of a big proportion of those present.

The "Grand Dame" of Mapua, Netta Perry, who had been at the opening of the original hall on 9 March 1945, was given the honour of cutting the ribbon before leading the community in.

Mapua School pupils sang a Maori welcome song, performed a kapa haka and introduced speakers. A ukulele group provided a couple of items.

Graeme Stradling, the acting chairman of the Hall Committee, thanked the community for the way it had supported the push to have the hall rebuilt. In particular he thanked John McDougal, architect, and Dave DeGray for their part in designing the new hall.

The Deputy Mayor of the Tasman District, Tim King, and the MP for West Coast/Tasman, Damien O'Connor, praised the work of the committee and the community in achieving such an amenity and congratulated all concerned.

Margaret Cotter, a committee member and convener of the fund-raising group, said after the opening that the hall had become what it was destined and built for—the use of the community, in many forms and guises.



*Netta Perry cutting the ribbon, assisted by her daughter-in-law Pat Perry (partly obscured), and her grandson, Matt Davidson.*

*Photo by Chocolate Dog Photography*

"It was such a pleasure to see it all and the weekend events will cement that in place for the next 60-odd years to come, until the next need of a revamp," she said.

At 7am on Friday there was a blessing led by Archdeacon Harvey Ruru, supported by Rev John Sherlock of Hills Community Church and attended by 50 community members. Every space was lit-up, blessed with holy water, karakia our hand touches and singing. A meaningful and heart-felt beginning.

A Family Variety Concert on Saturday afternoon was another chance for people to appreciate the versatility of the venue as music from the big-swing band Aspire

and Stella a Capella filled the air. “I heard songs I danced to in my youth,” commented one appreciative audience member.

At a Packhouse Ball on Saturday evening there were 31 tables of formally-garbed dancers who rocked and swayed to the swing-beat of Aspire in an exquisite apple-themed setting provided under the able and enthusiastic guidance of Hillary Gregory and her team, Fred Robertson competing with the high-level “Sound of Mapua” as MC and auctioneer, while Stella a Capella also provided stirring harmonies to fit the mood..

For more detail on all these events, go to *Out and About with Hugh* elsewhere in this edition.

So many hands contributed to the wairua and wonder of the weekend – special mention of the beautiful and varied apple-themed floral arrangements by the Coastal Garden Group. And to those who generously fed us so well throughout – Jude Taylor, Vivienne Fox + Appleshed team; Kristin Harris for catering, all those delicious “plates” at the ball so professionally presented and served by a superb team



*The crowd that gathered for the opening of the rebuilt Mapua Hall*

*- photo by Chocolate Dog Photography*

from the Mapua School Committee. And of course thanks to the many who set-up, served, packed out, photographed and cleaned.

You all know who you are – thank you! Kia ora mo tenâ!

*Elena Meredith – Information and Liaison Subcommittee*

## Funding for Hall Still Required

The Mapua Hall Committee wishes to thank so many for their past and ongoing support and generosity in time and money. Recognition of some of this is now evident in the first panels of the apple mural on the foyer wall – an ever-growing apple tree.

As noted last month, the hall has opened with a \$60,000 shortfall which means that we all need to continue to fund-raise and support the project financially for the foreseeable future. Contributions will be gratefully received and should be sent to Margaret Cotter [rmcotter@tasman.net](mailto:rmcotter@tasman.net) .or Phone 540-2195.

Thanks go to the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust for the \$12,000 grant it has made.

**Bookings:** These are sure to increase now more people have seen what is available. Information about how to book is on the website, [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org) All booking enquires and applications as well as hiring the tables and chairs should go to [mapuabookings@gmail.com](mailto:mapuabookings@gmail.com) .

Use of the hall begins on 2 September as does Colin Hills’ work as our caretaker/cleaner. Those with bookings will be sent information about collecting and returning keys. We will hold a user group meeting later in September to discuss how it is going.

**What’s coming next?** Keep up with events in more detail on our website [www.mapuahall.org](http://www.mapuahall.org)

On 4 September at 9am BNZs “Stopped work for good” has selected clearing space for landscaping our hall as the winning project this year. You are welcome to join them, spade in hand –cake and good coffee guaranteed !

A time capsule with mementoes relating to the opening and the present hall will be placed in a secret (but recorded) location in the next week.

**What else can the community do?** Besides donations and fund-raising, the Hall Society still needs :

1) Volunteer roster for staffing the office. We are following up a suggestion that some community members may be willing and able to volunteer a few regular hours for a day each week to staff the hall office,- help with meeting/greeting users ; organising keys and the office. If you could do this, please contact Trish Smith [smiffsnz@gmail.com](mailto:smiffsnz@gmail.com)

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

Now let’s get on with using and enjoying our “Community built, community owned, community run Mapua Community Hall”

*Elena Meredith – Information and Liaison Subcommittee*

# Out and About with Hugh

**M**aking Local History: The Dedication of the rebuilt Mapua Community Hall. Or should we be saying the “re-dedication”? Whichever way, it doesn’t matter. 23/24 August 2013 are dates that will long be remembered in Mapua as a week-end that was a ‘one-off’! The transformation, re-birth if you will, of our Community Hall is truly amazing. There is no lack of words to describe it. I won’t even try.

The blessing ceremony: Truly a moment of spiritual remembrance. On the morning of 23 August, under clear skies, a waning full moon in the west and the rising sun in the east, at 7am the Mapua Hall Blessing ceremony commenced. Archdeacon Harvey Ruru repeated a Karakia, standing over the spot where we laid and buried our sacred ‘stones’ months ago at the beginning of the re-build project.

After the appropriate remarks and prayer, Archdeacon Ruru and Reverend John Sherlock of Hills Community Church led us, single file, through the various rooms. He asked that we lay our hands on the walls, fixtures and furniture as we passed by in order to imbue the renewed building with our spiritual energy.

Refreshments were provided. It was our opportunity to have a good look around and visit with friends and absorb the inspiring atmosphere. The hall was truly christened that Friday morning.

Official opening ceremonies: All historical celebrations should start with a band and old cars. The official opening of the hall on Saturday was no exception, thanks to the Motueka Brass Band and the lovingly restored old cars which delivered the honoured guests. And the group photograph. Are you in it? A repeat of the one taken at the first hall opening day in 1945.

Netta Perry walked up the red carpet. What a wonderful moment for Netta. Viola! The doors were opened and the programme began with Toia Mai! – Welcome. The Mapua School children were in charge, treating us to a medley of items including an impressive haka, by their Kapa Haka group, ukuleles, singing and some well-spoken words, “What Mapua means to me” by Jake Williams. Students Jamie Morgan, Analese Fon and Stella Stevens introduced the guest speakers; Graeme Stradling, vice-chair of the Hall Committee, Deputy Mayor Tim King and our MP Damien O’Connor. Accolades, compliments, thank you for’s and acknowledgements. My own special thank you is to and for the volunteers, who were present on the day, or missing or hiding under a rock. Our community just wouldn’t function without you. You are what make our community what it is. Thank you most sincerely.

MC Mary Garner closed the official part of the programme by passing on the “ownership of the hall” to the students, and encouraging them to use, enjoy and look after it. “Cherish it and then pass it on to your children and the generations to follow”. Oh yes!

A special mention: For the delicious food, enjoyed afterwards, that was generously donated by Kristin Harrison Catering, Vivienne Fox, Tersha Coppell and the Apple Shed.

The Concert: One and one-half hours of pure musical enjoyment and pleasure. The Aspire Big Band from Tawa; they are just so good! Big band era selections took us down memory lane. Glen Miller, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. Two vocalists reminding us of forgotten words. Their menu was by no means all just old stuff and they have a saxophone player who sure grabbed my attention! Our local ‘A Capella’ ladies followed the band with a medley of selections and their own brand of innovation. They are such a treat. The Big band returned for a second session. A wonderful launch of music for the hall to absorb. The applause said it all.

Dine & Dance: Where do I start to describe an evening like this? I’ll have a try. A sell-out crowd. Beautifully set out tables crammed into every available space. The ‘bring a plate’ food concept a great success. No one left hungry. The Big Band dance music again a treat. Did we have fun? YES. Was it noisy? YES. Did it run on until midnight? I don’t know. We ran out of steam at 11pm. Bottom line? Go back to my opening remark. “There’s no lack of words to describe it.” I’ll say this again, but only once. “I won’t even try”. Yes, yes, I know, Allo, Allo!

Was the whole thing a success? YES! My comment? It’s the VOLUNTEERS!

**Musings:** Parking at the wharf. Still to be addressed properly: No parking violations without a TDC by-law. “It takes time to do that” How often do we hear that lament? However, a flash new ‘No Parking’ sign at the wharf entry that can be displayed or not when required. At least it’s a start. Dominion Flats; New signage for the cycle trail through the Village: Concept Plan, Take a look at Ray Bolderson’s plan on page 25 and on display in the library, for a future domain in Seaton Valley; Please remember and attend the Community Association’s AGM on 9 September. Remember, it’s the volunteers who make it all happen in our community. See you there!

. Hugh Gordon

# Animal Health File

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

## Dental care for your cat and dog

There is little difference physically between dog or cat's teeth and human teeth. We all have a set of baby teeth that come in and fall out to make way for adult teeth. We all have nerves and blood vessels in our teeth surrounded by dentin, surrounded in turn by a hard coat of enamel. So why should their dental care be any different?

Like most things, prevention is far easier and cheaper than treatment and there are lots of things that you can do at home for your pet:

**Brushing:** Nothing beats brushing. The fibres of the toothbrush are able to reach between teeth and under gums to pick out tiny deposits of food and remove plaque accumulation. You can use a human toothbrush but you may have difficulty manoeuvring it in your pet's mouth. There are pet toothbrushes and finger brushes to make things easier. Always use pet toothpaste as human toothpastes contain agents that are not designed to be swallowed. Studies have shown that brushing three times a week was adequate to maintain healthy teeth and gums but daily brushing was needed to control existing gingivitis.

**Dental Treats:** If brushing your cat or dog's teeth every day is not an option then dental chews are a good second best. Chewing on a proper dental chew can reduce plaque by up to 69%, but do need to be given at least five times a week.

**Chew toys and bones:** Take care with chew toys and bones – some can be readily swallowed in large pieces and lead to intestinal blockages or tooth fractures. Cooked bones are especially dangerous as they tend to splinter into sharp pieces.

**Dental Diets:** These work well because they are larger than your average biscuit or kibble, so must be chewed and not just swallowed. Secondly, they are high in fibre, so the biscuits stay in close contact with the tooth without shattering, which scrubs away plaque.

Teeth-cleaning at home is never perfect and periodically tartar must be properly removed and the

tooth surface polished and disinfected. Though animals need a general anaesthetic to properly treat their teeth, the rest of the process is very similar to what a person receives from their dentist.

If you are concerned about your pet's dental health, please contact us to book in to see one of our vets.

## Mosaic Project Update

Since our initial idea to decorate the Ruby Bay toilets with mosaics, our focus has shifted to the toilets in Aranui Road. In retrospect this is the more obvious place to start, with its proximity to our wonderful new hall, and to the well-used playground, sports fields, skate park and courts.

A growing group of local people interested in taking part have met twice to discuss practical aspects and design ideas. We are collecting names of people who would like to work with us on building the mosaics, and you are welcome to send us your contact details if you would like to join us when the fun part starts.

We invite members of the community to turn out their sheds and keep an eye out at recycle centres for items that could be added to our growing range of colours and textures. We can use durable materials with a thickness of around 3 to 7 millimetres such as very flat beach pebbles, tumbled glass, blunt metal machinery blades, china and pottery, wall tiles (preferably) and floor tiles.

We are looking for a special person interested in taking on the role of artistic director. Do you know who this could be?

Contact person: Bridget Castle, 12 Iwa Street Mapua, or email [bridgetcastle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bridgetcastle@xtra.co.nz)

# Mapua School



The term marches relentlessly on and Week Four is almost done and dusted too! Time seems to be flying by, causing me to wonder what it is like for the children who arrive here happily every day. I was speaking to one boy who remarked that he really loves mathematics and looks at the clock with regret when there are only a few minutes left until the end of the session. As I move around the school and visit classrooms, I see really animated children who are engaged with their teachers and their learning and seem oblivious to time. In some classrooms there are children still involved in activities, well after the last bell has sounded. Schooling has certainly changed, and largely for the better. I often found the school day long when I was small but recall how an interesting topic or activity melted the time away. That seems to be the norm now, and learning and teaching has become a positive and pleasant partnership between the teacher and the learner.

Class environments must have an impact on learning too. Classrooms at Mapua School are bright and interesting, and colourful student work is prominently displayed. We recognise that supermarkets capitalise on colour and positioning all the time to promote the sale of products, and packaging influences our

perception and recognition of the goods we buy. I guess that philosophy permeates education too and a colourful environment and a well-packaged lesson is conducive to relaxed and effective learning. Perhaps here, we could be showing commerce a thing or two. Where retailers lure and pressurise us into buying, our teachers nurture learning in a natural and non-threatening way.

Extra-curricular activities also draw the children into learning situations outside the walls of the classroom. In the last four weeks we have had visits to the Colleges for our Year Eights, Otago Problem Solving, Miniball, Enviro-Rich learning, Debating, Choir, ICAS Competitions, the Takaka Sports Exchange, the WOW visits, House activities, a Wharf Trip, MHS Grand T "Photograms" and the BP Challenge. Next week is the annual Snow Day and we will be half way through the term! Thankfully we still have five weeks of action-packed schooling to go before the holidays. Like the Nelson slogan, "Live the Day," we too will hope to make the most of the opportunities ahead and progress towards our ideal of aiming "To be All I Can."

*Tony Draaijer, Acting Principal*

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# Tasman School



How blessed we are to have such mild weather in the deep of August. It makes such a positive difference in focus and interaction for the students to get their outside quota of fresh air and exercise. We are still getting 20+ year 1-8 students playing football on the bottom field. The winter sports tournament is coming up soon, so netball, hockey, and football are all under way. We also have a volleyball team, and a miniball team competing in the local draw. It takes a while to hear all the results at the Hui on Monday morning. The winter sports keep us all warm.

The good news for Tasman School this term is the appointment of Rob Boomer as deputy principal, after returning from several years in international schools in the UK and Germany, taking our male teacher count up to 50%, away ahead of the national statistics of 14%.

Rob has taken on the year 6-8 students who are fervently fund-raising for their week's camp/trip in Wellington in Term 4. Muffin Monday is under way as well as Sushi Friday and some excellent raffles have been drawn. \$10,000 is a lot of money to raise, and a lot of muffins. Morning teas for the teachers can be a 'full'-filling time.

Future events for our school include, the BP Challenge, the Cawthorne Quiz, an artist-in-residence working with the students, and new visual signage which will include cut-outs of children drawn by children directing visitors up our semi-hidden driveway. Meanwhile our school role stands at a healthy 86 students, who are a delight to teach.

*Fred Robertson. Year 4-5 Teacher.*

# BOOK REVIEW

*Fifty Shades of Grey* by E L James. Reviewed by Janey Clark. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library

When literature student Anastasia Steele interviews young entrepreneur Christian Guy, she meets a man who is gorgeous, brilliant and intimidating. The innocent Ana is surprised to find she wants this man and despite his enigmatic reserve, discovers she is desperate to get close to him. Unable to resist Ana's beauty, quiet wit and independent spirit, Grey confesses he wants her too, but on his own terms.

Shocked yet thrilled by Grey's extreme erotic tastes, Ana wavers. For all his success; his multinational businesses, his extensive wealth and

his loving family, Grey is a tormented man and a control freak. When the pair embark on a daring, passionate, and highly physical affair, Ana discovers Christian Grey's secrets and explores her own dark desires.

I fully expected to be unimpressed by the content of *Fifty Shades of Grey*, however, despite finding much of the dialogue repetitious, I couldn't put it down. Spice up your cold winter nights with this piece of pure fiction and discover what the hubris is all about!

## MAPUA LIBRARY



We are pleased to announce our next book sale. This will be in the library grounds {or, if wet, in the library foyer} Please invite your friends along for some bargains – and support the library at the same time. There will be lots of good-as-new fiction books, and also interesting non-fiction books.

**BEAR** – Be Excited About Reading – co-ordinator required.

This programme, which invites fluent readers to listen to and encourage younger/less fluent readers, has been run on a number of occasions during past school holidays.

Our present co-ordinator would like to hand over the reins, but is available to be on the BEAR committee to provide some continuity. We would like to run the programme in the next school holidays in October so planning and advertising needs to get under way in the next few weeks. Are you passionate about encouraging a love of reading? Would you enjoy co-ordinating 'listeners' and local advertising? If so, please do not hesitate to contact Lynley at the library email address or on 540-2292.

**Displays in the library:** We have enjoyed displaying Sue England's artwork recently. Thank you Sue for sharing this with us all. Our September exhibitor is Jane Smith. We look forward to displaying Jane's work – and that of other local, talented people.

Do pop in and enjoy the creativity that is on show.

Lynley Worsley

### Library Hours

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

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# Coastal Garden Group

The August meeting opened at the earlier time of 1pm and Adrian introduced those of the new committee members who were present.

After the formal business Adrian and Brian provided members with suggestions relating to the forthcoming “Festival of Flowers and Market Day” which will be held at the renovated Mapua Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. (Take note readers – this will be a great day.)

Members were asked to keep potting plants for the sales tables and bakers were asked to provide food for the catering. Volunteers to support the raffle and help with catering were also requested. Mapua school pupils and preschool children will be invited to submit non-competitive entries.

Our first speaker was Gordon Mongi-Grassi, the enthusiastic sales manager for Silex Tools. He demonstrated and circulated his high quality tools which included a large variety of snips, secateurs, saws and loppers. These tools are sold to professional growers but many can be bought at Mapua Trading. They are imported from Japan, Germany and Italy.

We were encouraged to maintain our tools by cleaning them with hot soapy water then drying and oiling them. Olive oil was not recommended as the tools then smell unpleasant.

The next speaker was Heather Coles from Mapua Trading, who is always very informative and interesting. This time her topic was growing mushrooms.

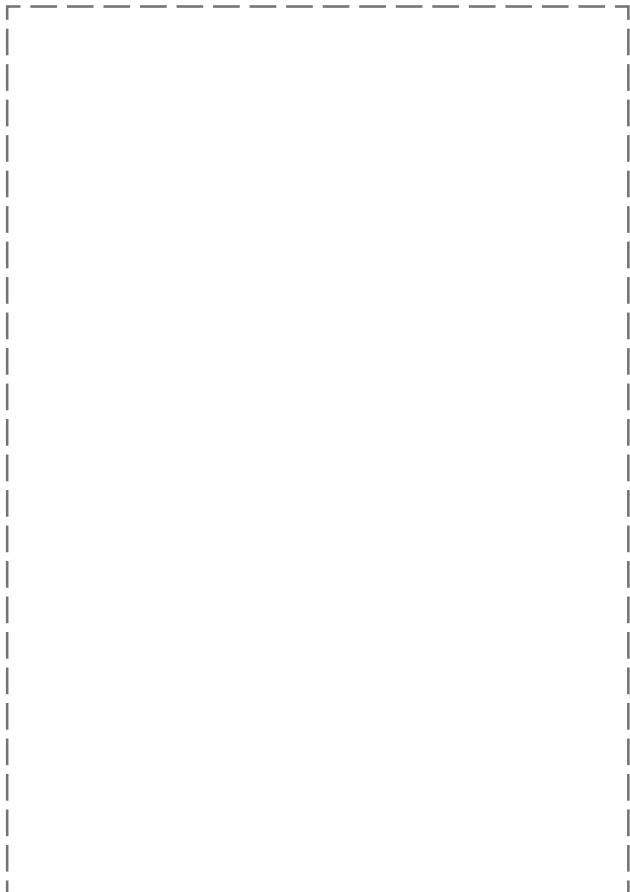
She provided colourful slides to accompany her information on how to grow a number of mushrooms using a fascinating variety of “homes” which included straw baskets, wooden logs, coffee grounds and old phone books.

Depending on the mushroom selected the growing time can vary from two weeks to 18 months.

Heather has all the information and packs available at her store.

After afternoon tea the flowers members had brought for displayed were discussed by Margaret and this was followed by a lively plant auction. Another happy meeting at the Tasman Bible Church for the Coastal Garden Club.

*Joyce Bullock*



# MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The guest speaker at the August meeting was Darryl Wilson of Wilsons Abel Tasman National Park. In 1977 the coastal area between Kaiteriteri and Golden Bay was officially given its present name. Their boat service was started by Darryl's father, a boating enthusiast. His first boat sank in rough weather at Torrent Bay. Darryl's father built his own boat with the intention of taking the family sailing, but his mother wasn't that keen on his plan as she wanted to spend the money on a holiday home.

By 1982 his father was able to buy several small passenger boats, at which point Darryl and his brother took over the tourist business. By 1986 another new boat was added to the fleet to expand their tourist business. It was in the early part of the 1980s that the park was developed with walking tracks, and the Awaroa Lodge was built for trampers' accommodation.

By 1993 the company was able to rebuild to the same plan of the original early homestead of Meadowbank at Awaroa. It took about three years before his grandmother could get consent to rebuild the homestead. The original four bedroom property was built by Darryl's great grandfather in the 1860s. His daughter married into the Hadfield family that took over the property.

Darryl showed a copy of their book, *The Awaroa Legacy*, which gives an in-depth history of the early

family members. Darryl's daughter and her grandmother are compiling an early record data of their family. The Wilson Company is working on a new web site to attract more tourists to the national park. The company employs up to 45 staff during the busy Christmas-New Year period.

The mini speaker was club member Ron Salmond. He showed a film he took of the club's recent mail boat cruise around the Marlborough Sounds. Ron has always had a keen interest in photography, having his first camera in 1940.

Eleven club members used the Nelson Building Society bus for the two-day trip. The Pelorus Express mail boat left Havelock at 9.30am. The boat's skipper was a very pleasant Scotsman who gave a lot of information about the Sounds, and his three-day-a-week service to many of the residents living in the Sounds. Ron's film showed tranquil bush landscapes and a mussel farm. The group saw wool being processed during a stop at a sheep station. Flocks of gannets diving into the sea large shoals of jellyfish swimming close to the boat were filmed. Ron and other members of the group agreed that it was an enjoyable and interesting experience.

*David Higgs*



# Under The Bonnet with Fred

## Racing Boat has Chequered Career

Dick Shuttleworth was trialling his hydroplane, “Flak,” on Lake Rotoiti in 1948 when he flipped it. Dick survived but sadly “Flak” sank to the bottom of the lake. Some years later Dave Shuttleworth of the Mapua Tavern inherited “Flak Too,” the replacement hydroplane built in 1952 by his Uncle Dick with a 27 litre engine. Yes, 27 litres. No, I haven’t pushed the wrong key. A Rolls Royce Merlin aircraft engine with a 60deg V12, 1200 hp, direct-injection and a dry sump. This motor was out of a Hawker Hanley, used as a trainer at Wigram air base, Blenheim, during WW2. The same engine with different specifications was used in Spitfires.

The boat is a 6m x 3.2m hydroplane of plywood construction built by Dick Shuttleworth himself at Lake Rotoiti. The first motor in “Flak Too” was a flat-head V8, then the 27-litre Rolls Royce was put but it could pull only 3000 revs, so with a hacksaw he cut two banks of cylinders off the front and one bank of cylinders off the back and then joined them to make a V6. The modified Rolls Royce V6 could pull 7000 revs but apparently two representatives from Rolls Royce turned up one day to see what Dick had done as the patent on the engine did not allow modification! Later the “Flak Too” was refitted with its present 27-litre V12 Roll Royce engine.

The modifications Dave has made to that last engine are well done and definitely show his engineering heritage. The original carburettors were removed and now has twin line fuel injection to each cylinder, twin turbos, dual spark to each cylinder with a coil boost to both. Believe it not you start it with a chainsaw motor. If no parts are available Dave, like his uncle, makes them.

It has been a family boat with all the boys in the extended family having raced the boat at some time. “Flak Too” has a top speed of 130mph so you would want to put a stopper on the throttle for the teenage son. The boat was kept mostly up at the family batch at Lake Rotoiti where my grandfather had the bach next door and I remember the noise of thunder from the engine when it started



From talking to Dave about the boat there are other dangers, apart from drowning, in racing “Flak Too,” with mention of the pieces from the gear box deflecting off the steel seat backing and hitting the back of his safety helmet. On a trial run the drive shaft broke and the spinning propeller came up through the floor and batteries and chopped off one corner of the stern of the boat. Dave made it back to the boat ramp but sank before they could get on the trailer. The boat has been sunk three times by floating debris on the race course. I guess it’s no different from racing a car—the attraction is the danger.

Apparently Uncle Dick after he lost his first boat spent 14 years of spare time looking for his old boat in the lake by trawling with a grapple hook and one day he got it. The boat was pulled ashore mostly intact.

It took Dick three hours to change oil and clean things up but the engine started first time. Talley’s motor museum in Nelson has Dick Shuttleworth’s modified V6 Rolls Royce engine.

I like the heritage of the boat and motor and how the family and other Shuttleworth generations have stayed involved. The boat was the highlight of the boat races at Lake Rotoiti for many years with everyone waiting for the big hydroplane to race. I remember the noise on starting and maybe we are attracted to noise more than we think.

Dave, when you’re finished with “Flak Too” make sure it goes to a Nelson museum to remind people that it took courage to race these boats, and the history is not lost.

*Fred Cassin*



### Signage Pollution

When travelling around locally, what annoys/frustrates you most? Do you need a prompt? Gone are the days when one travelled according to the conditions. now absolved of that discretion, we are dictated by visual pollution and the proliferation of road signage (and the TDC rate increases to fund some unnecessary managers existence).

I refer to all the speed sign changes, directional signs, etc., which, to my mind, add to confusion and dilute the focus of the driver to the task-at-hand. I mean, what is the point of putting a 100kmh (now 60kmh) sign before a 55kmh corner, or a recently erected 80kmh sign in front of a 45kmh recommended corner sign (which also shows the direction of the corner, duh!)?

Why must we tolerate these inept impositions? All this conflicting signage cannot hope to enhance road safety. The attempt to frustrate user traffic and shift usage to the boring by-pass (to justify the construction cost over-runs and projected traffic counts), may be achieved.

However, the confiscation of cars in the act of proving the Ruby Coast road is quicker than the by-pass, could offer the desired outcome. Incidentally, falling debris from the cliffs above the McKee Reserve could remove some of the signs and close the road—the final solution?

**Neudorf Vineyards** is a premium small winery in Upper Moutere.

We need someone to join our cellar door team for 3-4 days a week.

The person we are looking for is confident, has a warm and friendly manner, is interested in wine (no need to be an expert – you will get great training), and enjoys people.

You will also have an eye for detail, be computer and numerically literate and enjoy being part of the Neudorf team.

The job entails serving wine buyers and visitors at the cellar door, helping out with orders, keeping the cellar door attractive and attending to the thousand and one little things that make Neudorf special.

The basic hours will be 9.15–5.15pm Sunday to Tuesday or Wednesday. There is some night time work during concerts etc but this is not regular. We are flexible (open to job sharing) but you would need to work during the summer school holidays.

The position is for a fixed term, starting mid-September, running through until the end of May.

If you are interested please contact

Ken Packer, General Manager

ken@neudorf.co.nz or phone (035432643)

Oh! And what happened to the ‘roundabout’ at the school intersection? The present road configuration is an accident waiting to happen. I hate to think it will take a death before a safe remedy is constructed. More signage is just not acceptable (and don’t tell me it works down at the wharf, either).

So what else is happening? The new toilet block at Port Mapua has taken off. Well, it looks as though it’s about to...has anyone been game enough to embark/use ‘it’ yet? Talking of toilets, about now there could be a rush on at the renovated Community Hall, let’s hope higher user charges are not a deterrent, not that I wish to put a damper on things.

Internationally, it’s same old, same old wars and pestilence. Our sportspeople are doing better than our exporters. Nitrates in milk products have encouraged some entrepreneurial mummies in Egypt to make land mines that look like prayer mats. This business diversification is doing well and prophets are going through the roof!

*Ian Uendo (WK Darling) Ruby Bay*

### Work on hall appreciated

I would like to publicly acknowledge my appreciation of the Mapua Community Hall Committee for their huge effort and generosity of time to the hall rebuilding project. With their associated trades people, they were truly focused, energised and achieved a magnificent result. I hope they will look back with pride. Thanks a million!

*Jenny Ralfe*

### Mapua Hall raffle results

Firewood: Bo Mansfield

Sea Shuttle trip for two: Heather 540-3235

Stihl electric hedge trimmer: Gary Sinclair

Shanti Massage, two vouchers: Catherine Butchard

Cycle helmet & two cycle hires from Wheelie

Fantastic: Erin Kingan

Leisure Park, two nights’ accommodation: Alan Sinclair

*Thank you everyone for your support. If you weren’t successful this time, try our next round of fund-raising raffles.*

# Mapua Health Centre

We would like to welcome Alison Nankivell (a 6th year medical student) to our practice. As some of you know, Alison is a local Mapuian so we are delighted that she will be completing some of her training back on home turf. During her time with us Alison will sit in on consults (with the patient consent) as well as consulting patients under the supervision of our doctors.

As part of the training programme for doctors we have also been asked to host second-year house surgeons for three-monthly placements. Where does a house surgeon fit into the training of a doctor? House surgeons have completed their training at Medical School and are doing a two-year placement at the hospital. Once they have completed the hospital placement they then spend three years as a registrar at local practices such as ours or in a hospital speciality. This is a great opportunity for medical students to obtain a greater understanding of primary healthcare in the community and also a wonderful opportunity for us as a practice.

In November 2012 a campaign called DUMP (disposal of Unwanted Medicines through Pharmacies) was run throughout the Nelson region. As a result of this campaign a substantial amount of medication was returned to the pharmacies to be destroyed, including over 20,000 paracetamol tablets. If you do not think you will use the medication being prescribed please tell the doctor or pharmacist. This will help reduce the amount of wastage and also ensure safety in the home.

In October local body elections will include voting for seven representatives to serve on the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board. The NMDHB mission is "to work with the people of our community to promote, encourage and enable their health, wellbeing and independence." The seven board representatives can come from anywhere in the district.

We have a representative with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of health who is on our health centre committee (which looks after the building and the community's input into local health matters). Judith Holmes has given a huge

amount of time as a volunteer in the Mapua community, namely at the primary school, Mapua Boat Club, as a Sea Scout leader and board member at the Health Centre.

Judith is now putting herself forward to represent our interests as members of small rural communities alongside the interests of all people in the Nelson Marlborough Districts. We endorse her candidacy and hope that she will continue to represent us on the NMDHB. *(See Judith's background elsewhere in this issue.-Editors)*

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

1-30 Cervical Screening Awareness Month  
[www.nsu.govt.nz/](http://www.nsu.govt.nz/)

1-30 Prostate Cancer Month  
[www.prostate.org.nz](http://www.prostate.org.nz)

1-30 Save Our Sight month  
[www.nzao.co.nz/](http://www.nzao.co.nz/)

1 Gamble Free Day  
[www.hsc.org.nz/problem-gambling.html](http://www.hsc.org.nz/problem-gambling.html)

8-15 Conservation Week  
[www.doc.govt.nz/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/)

9-16 Stroke Foundation Awareness Week  
[www.stroke.org.nz](http://www.stroke.org.nz)

12 World Oral Health Day  
[www.nzda.org.nz](http://www.nzda.org.nz)

14 Maori Language Day  
[www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz](http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz)

16 Canteen - Bandana Appeal  
[www.canteen.org.nz](http://www.canteen.org.nz)

21 International Day of Peace  
[www.unesco.org.nz/homepage.htm](http://www.unesco.org.nz/homepage.htm)

21 World Alzheimer's Day  
[www.alzheimers.org.nz](http://www.alzheimers.org.nz)

22 World Carless Day  
[www.carfreemetrodc.com](http://www.carfreemetrodc.com)

22-29 Deaf Awareness Week  
[www.nfd.org.nz/](http://www.nfd.org.nz/)

24-31 Arthritis Orange Appeal Week  
[www.arthritis.org.nz/](http://www.arthritis.org.nz/)

# Sam's Spam

Hi everyone, I am in my second year of a Bachelor of IT degree at NMIT, and I was recently given an unusual task. To demonstrate the issues of 'security' online, the tutor asked the class to find out some personal details about him, eg, his father's middle name.

It felt strange to deliberately 'stalk' details about another person, but believe me there are people who do it all the time, often for sinister reasons such as identity theft. Interestingly, although my lecturer does try to protect his privacy, we were able to find the information as another family member had posted his extended family tree on the internet.

Although it is virtually impossible to stop other people posting stuff, most of us assume our privacy is nothing to worry about. Recent changes in Facebook though, could mean some of your information may be more 'public' than you think.

Graph Search makes any of your Facebook content easier to find, eg, your photos, statuses, etc, so check your settings.

On Facebook.com, click the little padlock on the top right, then under "Who can see my stuff" 'Public' is the default setting, so if you want

information to be for friends only, make sure you select 'Friends'.

For even more privacy you can keep a person as a friend but restrict their access (how many people have regretted the boss seeing their party photos?) To do this, go to their profile, hover your mouse over the "Friends" box, select "Add to another list" and then select "Restricted".

Facebook also provides a way to see how your profile looks to both your friends and public. Go to your profile, click the little gear besides "Activity Log", and then click "View As". Immediately it will show you how your profile looks to the general public, but you can set it to see how your page looks to your friends as well.

## Recommended website of the month: GeoGuessr

<http://geoguessr.com/>

I have recently become addicted to Google's free new game. GeoGuessr drops you onto a random spot in the world in Street View, and leaves you to guess where you are on the map! You can use Street View's tools to pan and travel around and look for clues. The closer you are to the actual location, the more points you earn.

# MAPUA Bowling Club

## *The Write Bias*

Unforeseen circumstances led to a change of plan regarding the proposed lunch on Saturday 31 August. This was intended as a fund-raiser for the Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital and we apologise sincerely to anyone who turned up on the day expecting a bowl of soup or some fish pie. It is hoped that the event will be rescheduled for later in the year when we will be very happy to feed you and take some money from you!

With a hint of spring in the air it is full steam ahead at the club to prepare for the new season. Internal walls have been given a fresh coat of paint and the weeding crew has been tidying up the green and

surrounds; we are ready and eagerly looking forward to the start of our lawn bowls year on Saturday 28 September.

Mapua is one of the smaller clubs allied to the Nelson Centre but one of the few to have not one but two accredited coaches. This is a real plus and means that free coaching is always available for beginners and improvers. Our two club coaches will be delighted to help individuals at any time and a 6-week programme of group sessions will commence in October.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the club house and facilities please call the secretary, Jean Daubney (543-2765), the president, Dave England (540-2934), or email us at [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

*Sue England*

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# Health Board Election Coming Up

**T**wenty-three candidates are contesting seven positions in the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board election this year. This is the fifth highest number in New Zealand health board areas.

The chief executive for the NMDHB, Chris Fleming, said, "I would like the voting public to understand that those candidates successfully elected to the board will represent the whole of the DHB and have to make decisions that benefit the whole of the district."

"What we aim for are sustainable health services for all Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough people. We have 2000 staff members and are responsible for the health and disability services for a population of 140,000, with a budget of \$426 million, it's a big, complex organisation."

DHB elections use Single Transferrable Voting where voters number the candidates that they would like to vote for rather than ticking candidates' names.

## **STV in NMDHB election**

In October this year in the elections for District Health Boards everyone will be using the 'Single Transferable Vote' or 'STV' voting system.

The DHB elections are held at the same time as the local authority elections for city, district and regional councils. All voting in the DHB elections are held under the STV voting system.

## **How do you vote with STV?**

In an STV election, you use numbers instead of the ticks you use in First Past the Post elections.

It is simple to vote. Instead of putting a tick beside the candidates you want to vote for, you rank them with numbers. In other words you put them in order of preference. You begin with '1', for the person you like best.

By giving the number 1 to a candidate, you are saying that the candidate is your number one choice. By ranking candidates in your preferred order - 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on - you are saying which other candidates you prefer if your top choice doesn't have enough support to get in, or does not need all the votes they got to be elected.

You can rank all the candidates on the voting document, or as few candidates as you wish.

## **How are candidates elected?**

Candidates must reach a certain number of votes to get elected. This is called a quota and is based on the total number of votes cast and the number of people needed to be elected to fill all the vacant positions.

## **How are votes counted?**

With New Zealand STV, votes are counted using specially developed computer software after all votes have been received.

## Judith Holmes: Mapua Candidate for District Health Board

**I** am standing for the Health Board after many years of both volunteer and professional involvement in health related fields. I am standing because I believe that we need someone local at the board table to represent our community. I am 62 years old. I was born in Picton and have cultural affiliations in both the Nelson and Marlborough regions. I farm my small lifestyle block and provide health-related services locally. For the last 11 years, I have given a huge amount of time as a volunteer in my Mapua community, namely at the primary school, Mapua Boat Club, as a Sea Scout leader and board member at the Mapua Health Centre.

I have been involved in the health field all my life. I taught and provided counselling at the secondary school and university level for 10 years and then worked as a counselling psychologist, adolescent, couples and family therapist and intern trainer for 33 years. I am registered with The New Zealand Board of Psychology. I have also practiced psychology in California, USA, as a visiting specialist for 16 years.



In the course of my lifetime in the field of health, I have been asked and have served on various health-

related boards and committees. The most recent and relevant to my application to serve on the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board are; more than seven years on the Community and Public Health Advisory Committee to the Nelson Marlborough District Board, and four years on the board of the Mapua, Ruby Bay and Moutere Districts Health Centre Incorporated. I am the Mapua, Ruby Bay and Moutere Districts Board representative to the District Health Board. The focus of these roles has been a striving to get and maintain access to the best health care system for all people throughout our district.

I know our area very well. I am well aware of the different needs of particular people in our large and geographically widespread area including Golden Bay, the Murchison and Seddon areas and believe that I bring this awareness and a sense of fairness to the table in discussions leading to decision-making about the fair and equitable distribution of health resources to all of

our people whatever age, level of physical ability, ethnic and cultural affiliation.

I believe in a health system that provides the very best free and equal access to all of our people. I take my representative and volunteer roles very seriously. I believe that I am involved in the community enough to be an informed representative and pledge ongoing support for the people of Mapua and districts. I ask you to vote for me as your No.1 choice in the upcoming postal vote.

I am happy to give back to my community through service on The Nelson Marlborough District Health Board should I be elected. I will continue to be at Hamish's Cafe at the wharf every Thursday at 9am. to talk with you about any issues that you wish to bring, as I have for the last four years in my volunteer representative roles. My goal is to have my "finger on the pulse" of all local health related concerns. Thank you.

*Judith Holmes*

## Exploring the Sea

Over the last month our children have been exploring marine life and the sea. Our waterplay area has had many sea items in it including dolphins, whales and paua shells. A paua was brought along so the kids could experience first-hand what had lived in the beautiful shells. They have taken the sea theme a step further and made their own fish and caught them from the Playcentre boat. We are going to round off the sea theme with a trip to the beach.

About Playcentre: Do you ever drop your child off at their day care and wonder what they get up to in their day? Have you considered coming down to your local Mapua Playcentre and spending some precious hours with your child while they play and explore what we have to offer?

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for the past 60 years. It is an undervalued resource in the centre of our community for you and your children to use in a fun social learning environment and really worth having a look at.

Playcentre is Ministry of Education-registered centre, the difference being parents' input into their child's learning, development and fun. Come and stay and meet other parents from the area. It is a great way to really have your hands-on day with your child, while you also get the benefit of having social interaction with other parents.

We are not just a playgroup—we follow the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki which is unique to New Zealand. We have two supervisors on team on each session, whose experience and knowledge is awesome as you get to see first-hand what your children do in a social learning environment. For you as a parent having that input can be extremely rewarding.

Any enquires please phone Mahala on 540-3744 or Selina on 021502065. Or come down on our opening hours of Mondays and Fridays 9.30am – 12noon (school term time). We are on Aranui Road behind the tennis courts and by the scout den.

We offer a free term for first-time families!

# Police Report

**H**i all. Great to see that the worst of winter appears to be over. The days are getting longer and the grass is growing.

We have had a spate of active youths offending in Motueka and we are just getting on top of their spree now. That group has done a burglary at the Tasman School recently.

Luckily they haven't been out Mapua way, but as I keep saying, just because Mapua is normally a quiet relatively crime-free place doesn't mean that people can't come into the Village and have a crime spree.

The main road has been quite busy with a couple of accidents at intersections and people driving when they shouldn't be.

*Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka. Ph 03 528-1226 (Direct)*

## **Mapua Occurrences:**

July 28: Male forbidden to drive. Medical conditions

July 27: Attend to suicidal female in Tasman

July 26: Domestic dispute Ruby Bay area

July 25: Man driving while licence suspended on SH60. Another man driving while disqualified on SH60. Both cars impounded

July 24: Graffiti on toilet block Ruby Bay

July 21: Motorbike accident Moutere Highway/ Gardner Valley intersection. Woman drink-driving State highway 60

Aug 1: Discarded cigarettes cause smoke in building at Mapua wharf

Aug 2: Accident on SH60. Driver charged with careless use.

Aug 13: Theft of 8ft dinghy from Grossi Point, fibreglass, light blue exterior and tan interior

Aug 16: Burglary at Tasman School

## 'Slices of Singapore'

**A**rtist Lisa Chandler shares stories of Singapore, a global city of five million people living on an island the size of Lake Taupo. Singapore was the base for a two-month artist residency and the inspiration for Lisa's next exhibition in November this year.

Lisa will discuss the highlights of the residency and insights into urban living, the Singapore arts scene and the local artists she met.

She works from her studio in Ruby Bay but increasingly considers herself a global nomad, travelling to research, create and exhibit. In 2012 she graduated from Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design with a Master of Fine Arts. Her trip to

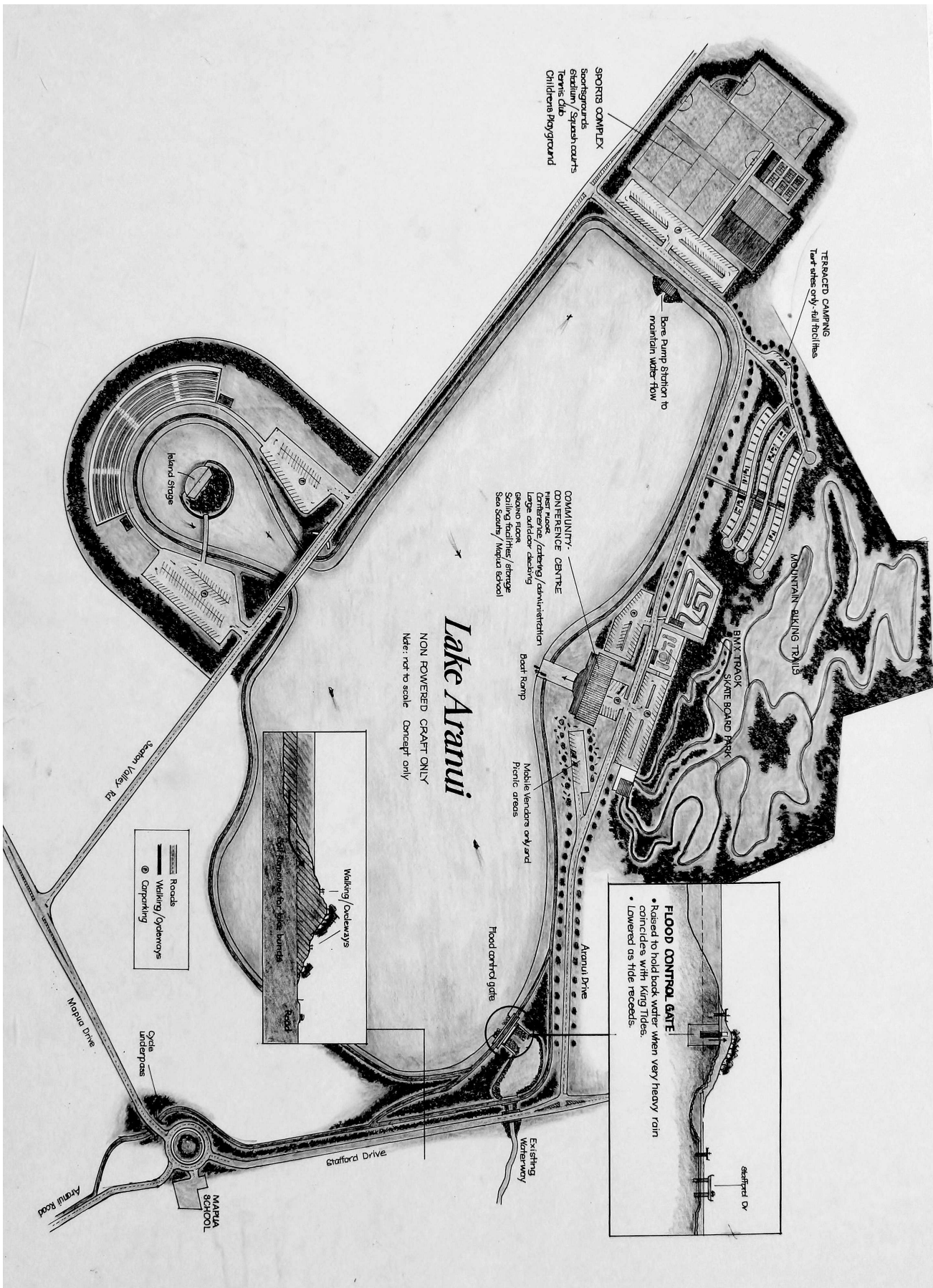
Singapore was supported by the Asia New Zealand Foundation and Instinc Gallery, Singapore.

Date: 4pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: The Playhouse Cafe and Theatre, 171 Westdale Road, off Coastal Highway

Cost: \$5 at the door

Food and drinks available for purchase. Dinner available afterwards, bookings preferred but not essential. Ph 540-2985, [www.lisachandler.co.nz](http://www.lisachandler.co.nz)



Concept plan for a recreation area in Seaton Valley. The original is on display at Mapua Library



# Hills Community Church

About a year ago, in September 2012, my wife, Connie, and I travelled to Mapua from Dunedin, for a job interview at Hills Community Church. It seems like a long time ago and a lot has happened in a year. As I look back, it has been an interesting process going from one place to another. But this journey has also been accompanied by another journey: that of, bringing a new life into the world. The day we left Dunedin, we found out that we were expecting our third child. It seems a wonderfully symbolic way to set out on a journey of new life together. The hope and promise of new life here in Mapua has many dimensions.

As I write this there are still three weeks until the due date. So preparations are in full swing. We put together the cot and bassinet last night, having learned last time that leaving this task until after the baby arrives home is not a great idea. In fact, not collecting the cot from a friend before taking the baby home from the hospital is also not a great idea. It is wonderful what experience teaches you.

The hope and promise of new life is a deep longing in each of us. As we live our lives, though, our hopes and dreams are often diminished or even extinguished by the difficulties and challenges that we face. For seasons in our life it can be very hard to see any way forward.

Each year the coming of spring is an amazing reminder that winter isn't a permanent state. At the very end of the Bible, John the Apostle tells of a vision of God's plan for his creation, and it is a future of new life: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth... He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away...I am making everything new." (Revelation 21).

This is the hope that God has placed within the human heart, that death isn't the end of the story. The hope and promise of new life in him.

*Blessings In Christ, Rev John Sherlock.*  
[revsherlock.hcc@gmail.com](mailto:revsherlock.hcc@gmail.com)

**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

# Harakeke

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

The official Conservation Week this year is from the 8<sup>th</sup> of September to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Celebrate Conservation Week. What's your whānau doing?" It's about getting friends and family together to experience the natural environment and all it has to offer.

At Harakeke we already had enthusiastic conservationists in action during the whole month of August.

A little while ago I read a quote saying that "humans have an innate desire to know and be with nature and life forms; that provides a basic philosophical grounding for the conservation of species and ecosystems.

That children have a remarkable capacity for learning about creatures and that child participation in conservation can help children grow into environmentally friendly adults."

We would like to share the following example with you:

The story of a rescue mission that began on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2013 that started like this...

"Today the children took our new 'student teacher' Chloah on a guided tour of 'our place'. As usual the tour included all their favourite places—the climbing tree, the duck pond, the forest with the fairy pond, the garden, the chicken and the 'pond where the old boat is.'

"Oh, what a surprise—where there was water before, there now was only mud and the children could spot only a small area of water amongst the raupo towards the middle of the pond. What was happening here?



"Full of excitement, questions and expressions of dismay the children reported the unspeakable on their return.

Gundula was able to explain that Johannes purposely turned off the constant trickle of tap water from the bore that fed fresh water into the pond in order to conserve water and to let nature do its course. There might just be one problem: many, many years ago, when Leah was about the same age as our Harakeke children she released five little goldfish into the pond and now there might be lots and lots of their children and grandchildren swimming about."

Fish without water, no way! The children were reminded of the story of the goldfish Otto in the fantastic book, *A Fish Out of Water*, by Helen Palmer. Something had to be done and so it happened that a big goldfish rescue and relocation mission was planned and put into action.

With nets and bravery we waded into the shallow pond and rescued about 70 fish so far.

Otto and Jacinda now live in our aquarium inside, others went to loving homes. A large number (we forgot to count) relocated into the duck pond and nine 'handpicked' by Harley according to colour and size ("This is a Mummy one!") now live in our new goldfish tub in the playgarden.

*Ka kite ano, Your Harakeke team*

# Fire Brigade

## July-August 13 call-outs

July 19: Light in a light/fan unit in bathroom exploded, no damage to house, investigated.

July 19: Clean-up for a MVC on SH60. Turned back.

Aug 2: Smoke in wharf Shed 6, building full of smoke, out on arrival. Possibly caused by cigarette on wharf beams. Public urged to be careful with cigarettes.

Aug 2: Car v motorbike, person trapped. Assist with three persons and road control.

Aug 6: Smoke on first floor of house in Tahi Street. Help with removal of smoke, large candle left on wood fire

39 calls this year.

***Safety Tip – Remember the ‘Heater Metre Rule’ this winter – keep all clothing, objects, curtains, furnishings and furniture at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces***

Gavin Lambert has resigned from the Mapua Fire Brigade and the New Zealand Fire Service, Gavin has been with Mapua for 14 years, and had three years with the Huntersville brigade. We wish him the best for the future.

# PANZ

For the past many months, PANZ has been well looked after by the good folks at the Tasman Bible Church, but come 3 September we move back to the re-vamped Mapua Hall. During our time away, we have lost a member to cancer (Anna Wraight) and have gained several new members through an introductory workshop taught by Judith March. This was run through Arts Council Motueka and held at the local Mapua Boat Club rooms on the wharf.

On 21 September we will be exhibiting at the Spring Flower Show at the Mapua Hall. Our works will be displayed in the Bill Marris room and will be for sale (cash and carry). We look forward to seeing lots of people at this event.

On Saturday 2 November we will be back at the Hall with an “Open Studio” from 9am to noon. This will be open to the public to come and see what we do and how we do it. There are so many ways to use pastel as a painting medium and there will also be pastels and paper for you to try your hand at. Come and see our members at work and ask as many questions as you like.

February will be the “Top of the South” members’ exhibition back in action. The opening night will be on 21 February and it will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with entry free. This will be held in the main hall.

With our membership growing, Tuesday mornings have become a real buzz of activity as members share learning and friendship. Remember that you are most welcome to call in any time on a Tuesday morning. For further enquiries, please phone Glenys Forbes on 540-3388.

## Welcome back!

Hello everyone, the Mapua Toy Library is back again in the newly renovated Mapua Hall. We have had a major makeover and now you can find us at the front of the hall on the right-hand side.

In our new premises we have beautiful toys clearly displayed and arranged to cater for every child’s needs and interests.

We can provide you with educational and fun toys for ages 0 and up to 5 years. We also have a bouncy castle for hire that we can offer to all our members, and also to non-members.

The Mapua Toy Library provides the Mapua community with high-quality toys to promote the importance of free play in a child’s life, to help build the pathways of the brain, develop social skills and understand problem-solving.

Play is a child’s work. It is through play that they develop skills for the adult world. Interaction, reading people’s moods and understanding our world all comes through play. It teaches resilience and coping skills.

Play is not only about having fun, but also the learning that goes with that fun, and for a family a toy library can open up a whole new world of learning, provide opportunities to interact and have fun as a family.

We would love to welcome you and your family, come and join us and enjoy all the toys we can offer to you and your children.

Anja Varvoda

# Noticeboard

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

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

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

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**Childcare Services:** Professional Nanny just moved to Ruby Bay available for any nanny work or babysitting. Police checked and excellent references. Phone Keryn 0273585227.

**Coastal Connections Social Group.** This month's lunch time meeting will be held at the Playhouse, 171 Westdale Road, Mapua, on 12 September. Look forward to celebrating the end of winter. Julie H

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

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Letty Thawley; 540 2876, Secr. Margaret Butchart 540 2686

**Moutere Hills Rose Society.** Are you a gardener with a special love of roses? We meet monthly - contact Margaret 03 5288477 or Cynthia 035288664.

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

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

**Mapua Art Group:** Painting/Drawing Thursdays 9-12.30, Old Church, Aranui Rd. 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.

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

**Toy Library:** extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. 136A Aranui Rd every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Anja, 544 8733, about membership or casual hire.

**Mapua Friendship Group** meets once a month to socialize. We play a game of indoor bowls, and enjoy afternoon tea together (please bring a plate). We are presently meeting at Tasman Bible Church hall. There is a small door fee and a raffle. Info: Valerie 03 540 3685.

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

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

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

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