



Plan to Move Wharf Ramp ‘Disquieting’

The closing off of the Mapua Boat Club’s ramp at the wharf to members and the general public without any consultation with members was a matter of “disquiet” at the annual general meeting of the club recently.

They were also upset that there had been no suggestion for a suitable replacement somewhere else, in spite of submissions to the 10-year plan.

It was decided to form a subcommittee to tease out the issues and suggest a way forward. The subcommittee, led by the vice-president, Tim Robinson, had already met and Tim had aired the subcommittee’s ideas with the Wharf Advisory Group and the Community Association. This document was now back in the hands of the committee for discussion.

The club president, Annette Walker, said in her report that, “Although there appears to be little movement in the museum at the moment and the photo boards are empty, I am extremely busy behind the scenes developing the new photo boards which will have all the original photographs displayed as well as many new ones, including digitised images of some relevant watercolours of Charles Heaphy’s, one of Kaiteriteri which has never been published before.

“The display will start with the waka of Maori, then the story of the immigrant’s Deal boat which sailed into the Mapua estuary with Captain Wakefield on board. It will then move on to the immigrant ships, with little-known paintings of the early Nelson waterfront, early dinghys and paddle steamers. This will be followed by the small hookers who carried immigrants and cargo around the bays. Then the scows and Anchor shipping boats, many of which played an import part in developing the Mapua wharf. There will be photographs about

the apple industry, cargo, signal flags and wharfs and landings of the district. “

Annette said a glass display cabinet should be built before Christmas and she would be calling for memorabilia of the area to display under lock and key. The video screen would be moved to the recess by the entrance. Vinyl black and white images of the past will be displayed on the front windows in the appropriate place to correspond with the view seen today when looking through the windows.

The Christmas Party will be held on 12 December and an email had already been sent to members. It was important to book and pay beforehand.

The fishing competition would be held about March/April next year and some volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. Please let the secretary know if you would be willing to help at our email address mapuabcsecretary@gmail.com

The following officers were elected for the club: President, Annette Walker; vice-president, Tim Robinson; secretary, Clare Kininmonth; treasurer, Jenny Marchbanks. The committee consists of Dennis Crawford, Jan Lord-Ralfe, Ted Perry, Margaret Pidgeon, Heather Quinn, Pam Sampson, Dale Smith, Kathy Trott and Jack Willetts.



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Coastal Garden Group

Our speaker, Richard Easton, at our November meeting gave an in-depth discussion on the production, picking and exporting of peonies. In 1993 Richard decided to look at what they could do commercially to coincide with having workers in the packing sheds during their apple season and found that peonies were a viable option.

Sir Peter Elwood was one of the pioneers with peonies but the tubers were not available in volume. However, Mr Archer-Woodend at DSIR grew different varieties which were imported from the USA (quarantined) planted, and grown in clay soils. The number slowly expanded to 25,000 tubers in the ground. In the 1990s there were eight growers exporting, now there are 160 growers regionally. The Nelson weather is also an advantage, particularly the coastal areas where the winter chill and warm coastal breezes are advantageous growing conditions.

Plant in the winter on clay soils. Avoid shady, wet soils. Control weeds, particularly couch and mallow. Use Round Up but ryegrass has a resistance to Round Up and needs to be dug up by hand. Fertiliser is dependent on trace elements required but for extra stem length use nitrogen, potassium and Nitrophoska Blue TE works wonders for the foliage.

Once the peonies have finished flowering spray with fungicide, hand-fertilise before Christmas and run two lines of string down the length of the rows because of the height of the stems. Chop off at ground level and burn. After 10 to 12 years you should lift and divide.

Flowers are picked when the head feels like marshmallow. They come into the sheds in specially built trailers and within five minutes of picking are sized and sorted into colours, taking out rogue plants taken out and inspected for fungal disease.

The diameter of the head size is checked, using a wooden template, then the stems are cut to 60cm or 40cm. The boxes for the flowers were standardised in the early 90s. Dyes for the print on the boxes are owned by the growers, as are plates for graphics. The boxes are lined with newsprint and tissue paper is placed for the heads, with frozen gel packs going into the middle where the stems meet. They are packed two buckets of flowers at a time. There are between 35 to 120 in the box, then it is documented and tabulated with information for transport to the exporter.

Tasman Chill Freight pick up peonies from Invercargill to Auckland. They are checked by biosecurity and put into aircraft containers and sent around the world. The export market is 80% to the USA, 40% Australia, 40% NZ and the balance to Asia and Hong Kong. Richard's team picked and graded 30,000 stems over Labour Weekend. The preferred colours for export are Sara Bernhard (Bowl of Cream) Madam Clautane, bridal showers and corals.

Florists like a standard stem length of 60cm and most prefer a greater percentage of greenery left on the stems.

An extremely informative discussion. Many thanks Richard for taking time from your extremely busy schedule to come and talk to our group

Judy Sisam, Secretary

More Weeding at Dominion Flats

We are now in the phase of weed, weed, weed. With the rain we have recently had, the weeds have grown apace, but then so have the plants and you can see a lot of tops of precious plants sticking up above even the taller grasses.

Our Tuesday planting sessions are attended by a faithful few and we may not be winning with the weeds but I think we are not losing either. We now have some other volunteers helping with the track-clearing as well, which sounded like a huge swarm of bees a couple of weeks ago as three of them were in action at once.

The Tasman District Council recently provided some assistance with the heavier pests like gorse, broom and blackberry which is a huge help.

Recently we were asked to contribute to a video being produced by TDC which is to show the health of the streams in the area and the Dominion Stream, which we are working to protect, is to be shown as a working example of stream protection. I asked around and more than 30 people of all ages came to show what we are doing to support our restoration project, which is such a good feeling of community support. Thanks to all those who came.

We will not be planting again until the autumn and next year will not have so many plants to go in as we have not

had quite as much success with grants this year. We have over 20,000 plants in the ground to date but to complete the project will need about 60,000 in total with a lot of those in the ground in the first five years, that is in three years' time. They can't start to grow until they are planted. Can't you just see what it will look like in 10 to 20 years' time!

We have to remember that the community as a whole committed to being a big labour contributor to this project when we encouraged the TDC to buy this piece of land as a reserve, so it is up to us to play our part. Anyone can weed around any of the plants at any time. It doesn't have to be on a Tuesday morning.

Perhaps you are part of a group who would like to take ownership of a numbered block and keep it weed-free. Once the trees are big enough the weeds will be suppressed so it is not a forever commitment and there is real pride and ownership to be had when you become part of the project. We like the appreciation shown for the work being done on the reserve but we are not an exclusive group and we welcome anyone who is keen to help. Just phone me at 540-3830.

Helen Bibby

Mapua Makers Market

The Mapua Makers Market is a contemporary craft fair held four times a year in the Mapua Hall. This market has been running for several years and was the brainchild of local artists Lynn Price and Sally Reynolds. They wanted to have an indoor market that emphasised art and craft. Their focus was on hand-made, good quality products, made with love, by talented makers. Over the years the market has proved to be highly successful.

Earlier this year Lynn and Sally decided they wanted to focus on their craft so stepped back from organising the market. They handed the reins over to Vikki Heays and Miriam Clark who ran their first market in September. This was an overwhelming success and received great feedback from the public attending and the stall-holders. Based on this success subsequent markets have been organised for 6 December and 17 January.

Vikki and Miriam are really excited about the Mapua Makers Market showcasing the region's di-

verse and innovative crafting talents. Vikki bubbles with enthusiasm when discussing the market, 'We really want the markets to be dynamic and vibrant, featuring high quality affordable products. Our emphasis is on traditional crafts but with a modern and funky feel. We're not afraid to think outside of the box and try something and someone new'.

The Mapua Makers Market has several points of difference. It is an indoor market, entry is free and it features an eclectic array of crafters, many of whom do not exhibit elsewhere. This market provides a real opportunity to see something new and unique. The upcoming December and January Markets includes a fabulous range of unique hand-made goodies, including beautiful items crafted from fabric, wool, wood, glass and paper, alongside hand-made skincare products, clothing, homewares, candles, jewellery and mosaics. Some are very quirky but all are gorgeous and lovingly hand-made.

Buskers, in the form of harpists, create a relaxed atmosphere ideal for browsing and shopping. The Naked Bun Café in Mapua is right next door for those who want to grab a coffee or a bite to eat. The Mapua Makers Market is offering a giveaway of goodies from the stall-holders to one lucky member of the public who attends the December market.

The Mapua Makers Markets run from 10am to 3pm on 6 December and 17 January. Please direct any enquires to the Mapua Makers Market facebook page: www.facebook.com/MapuaMakersMarket.

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Conservation Work Outlined

At the November Community Association meeting our guests were Al Check from DOC and John Katene, Aneika Young and Rima Piggott from Tiakina Te Taiao. Tiakina Te Taiao is the environmental agency for the eight iwi of Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui, the top of the South Island.

Al Check has the job of developing programmes and relationships with community and he outlined work the Department is undertaking around the Waimea Estuary. He acknowledged the Mapua community project to restore and conserve Dominion Stream Flats and encouraged us to continue. He described the work of the Department and other agencies such as the Tasman Environmental Trust and the Waimea Inlet Forum.

It was a valuable presentation, using maps and graphs our guests showed areas of Maori significance and how these are monitored along with monitoring ecosystems, fish stocks and any area of ground that may have any sort of Maori artefacts. Those from Tiakina Te Taiao explained which iwi they represent in the top of the South, and expressed their appreciation for inclusion in the presentation.

The wharf is forever changed with the new Shed 4 development. In a welcome move, the Tasman District Council is fast-tracking a professional landscape plan (by Canopy Landscape Architects) for the wharf commercial area. Canopy is the landscape architecture group the association has been working with on the Waterfront Park planning. The draft plan was tabled at the meeting. Comments were compiled and submitted to council, as requested by them.

As we all start to enjoy another summer in and around Mapua it is good to be able to report these positive developments. There are always some issues that are harder nuts to crack. Association members and particularly the executive group have ongoing work through the summer. The Rabbit Island Moturoa Management Plan submission is due in February, and our December meeting will try and reach a consensus and direct this document.

A resolution to the boat ramp issue is also urgent and we will be working with TDC on that. The recent Boat Club submission to TDC was circulated to all members. Also of ongoing interest and concern are the specific and broader issues relating to the Mapua Coastal Village subdivision. A Joint working party was set up with Friends of Mapua Wetland to consider this.

The association's final meeting for the year is 7pm on Monday 14 December followed by our Christmas Social. This year we combine with the Hall Committee in celebrating a year of challenges and surprises, a busy year and yet one where the community has reached a new level of collective strength and confidence. Come down to the hall on the 14th, show your support for the community and enjoy a glass and a bite to celebrate a year well served.

On behalf of the association executive we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. There's no January meeting, so the first meeting for 2016 will be Monday 8 February.

Graeme Stradling, secretary



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Community Association

A Christmas Social, with drinks and nibbles, will follow the Community Association's final meeting of the year. The Hall committee, the Community Association and other supporters will combine for the get-together, all are welcome. The December meeting will be brief and be immediately before the social.

December meeting: Monday 14th at 7 pm
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Mapua/Ruby Bay & Districts Community Trust - \$299.00 - Which we used to purchase another chair trolley for stacking the chairs on to make them easy to move about.

Tasman District Council - \$3,450.00 - This was from their Grants from Rates Scheme and is allocated to providing a closed-in advertising board and shelter on one side of the bus stop outside the hall, and a second shade sail for the back deck .

The hall's financial position is better than forecast, but the halls finances are still in the red. Today the hall account shows we're around \$2500 in the black. However, we have some residual grant money. The insurance bill in March 2016 of a \$12,000.00 will put the finances back in the red.

The Committee continues to apply for grants to help us along and we're fortunate to have **The Rata Foundation** (formerly the Canterbury Community Trust) who have supported my role as Hall Coordinator for 2 years. Here's hoping they support us again next year!

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From us . . .

The Hall Committee, Megan & Colin would like to thank everyone for their support in 2015. Without the support from our beautiful little Community, the hall wouldn't be what it is today. Enjoy your Christmas with family & friends and we wish you a safe & happy Summer. See you in 2016!

Two years on . . .

It's been another fantastic year for the Mapua Hall. Since re-opening in August 2013, the hall has continued to grow and thrive into a very busy, well used and diverse venue for the community and beyond.

This year we have managed to achieve a lot to ensure our hall can be utilized by a wider group of users while still managing to create a warm and welcoming place for our local people to gather.



I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge **thank you** to the lovely **Eileen Thawley**. Eileen recognizes that the history of our hall is vital and that our community remembers this in it's future. Eileen has also donated a trophy cabinet, made by **Andreas at Rare Creations**, to house the trophies from the Apple Packing Competition days here at the hall. She then organized a steel apple tree, which was made by **Russel at Forest Fusion**. Thanks to **Jane Smith of Chocolate Dog Photography and Design** for the design and implementation of the apples, with which photo's and explanations make a stunning addition to the halls walls.

It's this collaboration of good people, donated time, energy and thoughtfulness that is breathing life into our community hall for all to enjoy.

THANK YOU to all the other volunteers that have put in huge hours this year. Your contribution is very much appreciated in so many ways!

*You're invited to join us and the Mapua Community Association for some
Christmas drinks and nibbles on
Monday 14th December from 8.30pm at the hall.*

What's On at the Hall In December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
	1 1pm Beginners Tai Chi 2.30 Sit & Be Fit 3.45 Junior Music Club 6pm Cardio/Pump 6pm Yoga 7pm Pilates	2 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 12.30pm Tai Chi	3 9am Mapua Art Group 3.30pm Karate 6pm Zumba 7pm SALSA 7pm Comm. Assc. Meeting	4 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 6.30pm Mapua Youth Group	5 12-4pm Painting Class	6 Mapua Makers Market
7 9.30 Yoga with Robin	8 1pm Beginners Tai Chi 2.30 Sit & Be Fit 3.45 Junior Music Club 6pm Cardio/Pump 6pm Yoga 7pm Pilates	9 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 12.30pm Tai Chi	10 3.30pm Karate 6pm Zumba	11 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates	12 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates	13
14 9.30 Yoga with Robin 6.30pm Hall Committee Meeting 7pm Community Assc. Meeting 8.30pm Hall Christmas Drinks	15 2.30 Sit & Be Fit 3.45 Junior Music Club 6pm Cardio/Pump 6pm Yoga 7pm Pilates	16 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 12.30pm Tai Chi	17 2pm Friendship Club 6pm Zumba	18 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates	19 7pm Motueka Dance Group	20
21 9.30 Yoga with Robin OFFICE CLOSED	22 UNTIL THE 11TH	23 JANUARY	24 2016	25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	26 BOXING DAY!	27
28 BOXING DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVED	29 6pm Cardio/Pump 7pm Pilates	30 8.30am Aerobics 9.25am Pilates	31	<i>Happy New Year!!</i>		

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We are delighted, however, to advise that Dr Taisia Cech has chosen to join our staff after her success in the final GP exams and we look forward greatly to her enthusiastic and skilled contribution to the medical team. We would also like to welcome Dr Alexandra Fox, who will be with us for six months as our new GP Registrar. There have been a few other changes in the medical team with Dr Michelle Cliffe moving into locum work last month, and doctors Cindy de Villiers and Elizabeth Wood have cut back slightly on their work load.

We continue to become an active and well respected teaching practice which is good in terms of experience and the service offered to trainee doctors. However, it does involve a lot of extra work and again we thank you for your support in allowing the future generation of GPs to be part of your healthcare.

Sadly we say farewell to Alicia Ridgen this month. Alicia has been with the practice for 13 years and during that time she been part of the many changes here at Mapua Health Centre. Alicia has developed an amazing wealth of knowledge and skills and has always been willing to share these with everyone. Alicia will be missed by us all and we wish her

and Alan all the very best for their next journey and hopefully they will pop in from time to time to see us.

We are very pleased to welcome Shelley Williams to our team as one of our receptionists and Issy Rae as our new Healthcare Assistant. We look forward to working with Shelley and Issy and hope you will make them feel welcome when you next pop into the practice.

It looks as if we could be in for some sunny weather which means that there is likely to be plenty of UV light to zap our skin and potentially lead to skin cancer if we get over exposed. So please don't forget the Sunsmart slogan of *slip under some shade, slip into some clothing, slop on some sunscreen and slap on a hat*. This is especially important between 11am to 3pm, although getting some sunlight exposure outside those hours can be helpful for vitamin D production.

If you would like to get any skin lesions checked Dr Tim Phillips is now holding regular Minor Surgery and Skin check clinics every Wednesday. The skin checks take about 30 minutes (although some checks may take longer) and will be focused on checking for any suspicious moles or lesions. This is a full comprehensive body check and will give opportunity to discuss any issues that may arise.

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

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BOOK REVIEW

Dot, Queen of Riverstone Castle, by Dot Smith with Nathalie Brown. Reviewed by Terry Smith. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library.

As one who thinks he has a pretty good knowledge of New Zealand it was a surprise to come across a place I had never heard of—Riverstone Farm and Riverstone Castle. I was quite a way into this book before I worked out that it is at Hilderthorpe, just south of the Waitaki River off State Highway One. On glancing through the book again I found that its setting is given on page 10—so much for my reading skills.

The back cover blurb describes Dot as “green-fingered, clever and eccentric.” Eccentric perhaps as far as her lifelong desire to build a castle is concerned, but another trait that comes to mind is her energy; it is amazing.

And her memory is pretty good too. She is probably 10 years younger than me but she recalls things I had long since forgotten. She was brought up on a farm in Northland in the 1950s and describes a frugal but happy home life. She left school at 16 and worked in a bank, met her husband to be, Neil, at a tennis club, and in 1967 did her “OE,” which was practically *de rigueur* for young Kiwis those days. Her description of leaving the Auckland dock on the *Oriana* was a reminder that even a ferry trip from Lyttelton to

Wellington was a festive occasion with streamers and toilet paper flung to families and friends on the dock.

Dot toured Britain, Europe and a three-week tour of Russia then returned to New Zealand. She married Neil in 1969 and lived on a small farm he had bought near Wellsford, Northland. For 14 years they milked 120 cows on 66 hectares, greatly increasing production in that time. They moved to North Otago in the 1980s.

Dot wrote: “We did a lot of thinking and planning before moving from 67ha of lush, rolling Northland clay/limestone country with a mild climate to the treeless plains, stony soil and low rainfall of the Waitaki district in the middle of the South Island.” It paid off, because after hard work with a small herd of cows they now have six farms and 4000 cows, and Dot can afford to build her castle.

It’s an entertaining read and quite a trip down memory lane for anyone who grew up in the latter part of last century. A minor criticism is that it is printed on paper that looks like newsprint, and the many black and white photos don’t reproduce too well. But a note says, “Printed on paper pulp sourced from sustainably grown and managed forests using elemental chlorine-free bleaching, and printed with 100% vegetable-based inks.” There are two groups of colour photos, printed on glossy paper. There are also some recipes.



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More donated books for the sale would be appreciated – in particular of the holiday reading genre!

Christmas Raffle Donations and support appreciated

We will once again run our Christmas raffle. This is an important component of our local fund-raising and is always so well supported. Funds raised will go to maintaining and updating our catalogue system.

We welcome donations for the prize hamper(s) from ‘anyone and everyone’ in the community – there is a box in the library foyer to receive your donation.

Look out for our ticket seller outside Mapua 4 Square in the week before Christmas week – the hampers always look magnificent.

Displays

Bounce will display art in the children's section over the school holidays and Anne Bannock will display her pastels art through December until mid-January. You are welcome to view local talent.

Thanks to our book suppliers

We have a wonderful working relationship with the bookshops that supply many of our new books, and they regularly offer a meaningful discount. Our thanks to Paper Plus Motueka, Whitcoulls Richmond and Page and Blackmore Nelson.

Visitors to Mapua

If you are visiting Mapua, you are welcome to become a temporary member of our library. We are a community library staffed and run by volunteers and it is free to join. We have free magazines to take away as well as current magazines to borrow, second-hand books to purchase and a great selection of up-to-

date books to borrow. We look forward to welcoming you to our library.

Thanks

We continue to receive wonderful feedback about the treasure that our community library is. There are so many people and organisations that are a part of maintaining this as an up-to-date, welcoming and special place. It is truly a COMMUNITY library. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the library, do pop in and put your name down. There is a one-page information sheet with a little more information, and I am sure that the volunteer on desk duty can also answer questions. We would love to have you join us and have lots of areas that you may like to become involved in.

Our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a safe and happy holiday season – may you always find time to read a good book!

Lynley Worsley

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(See Top Ten Teen books on page 11)

Shed 4

Construction work on the Mapua Wharf retail complex, Shed 4, continues at a steady rate, and the builders are working extra hours to ensure we are ready to hand the spaces over to tenants around the end of November.

Windows and doors have been installed, and the internal ceiling and wall linings are going up. We have six new tenants who will be moving in and setting up ready for a pre-Christmas opening. They include:

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- Wheelie Fantastic bike hire
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Project staff are working with the tenants and supporting them to make sure the handover happens as soon as possible so they can get on with completing their fit-out. The first stage of landscaping will follow, improving drainage and providing paving, plantings and outdoor furniture.

The wharf will be a vibrant, family-friendly place for residents and visitors to enjoy over summer.

Please remember there is still no vehicle access to the wharf during construction from Monday to Saturday, 7am to 5pm, apart from service vehicles. When the new building opens, limited vehicle access outside peak periods will be permitted for boat access and deliveries only. There is parking available on Aranui Road and Tahi Street.

Ninth “Spring Fling” Continues to Flourish

This article was unfortunately overlooked for inclusion in the November issue of this newsletter, for which we apologise.
 Editors

Thursday before-Labour Weekend arrived with the sun shining and the sky clear! The scene was set for another fantastic Spring Fling event. Then in rolled the fog mid-afternoon! Thick and damp! It didn't stop the Spring Flingers though! Groups of children were playing various games across the Domain, others were swinging and sliding on the playground and skaters and BMX riders were making maximum use of the skatepark and BMX dirt mounds. Lots of younger children were enjoying the ground parachute, hoops, cones and slalom course and other wonderful play equipment that arrived with Paul McConachie and the TDC Way2Go activity trailer.

The annual “Spring Fling” is organised for all Mapua residents to come together, meet neighbours and friends and have fun! The organising group emerged from a “Strengthening Our Village” project team that worked with Celia Lashlie over of 18 months in 2006-2007. Celia donated her time, knowledge, wisdom and facilitation skills to this project and left a great legacy. It was our first ‘Fling’ since Celia died and the organising team was very mindful of her contribution to our community—and to so many others across New Zealand. Memories were also shared

of Dot Moriarty, a long time supporter and contributor to this event. Two wonderful women with total commitment to ‘making the world a better place’. It is sad we don't have them with us any more.

As in all good stories, one door closes and another opens. The organising team was thrilled to welcome Tamaha Scouts to the volunteer team, and new helpers to erect the NBS marquee. Cubs from the Tamaha Scout Group served the donated Talley's ice-cream and the home-made lemonade and volunteers put the Mapua Football Club BBQ through its paces. Parents waited with mixed feelings for the arrival of the Mapua Fire Brigade. Would the brigade make it this year? The children certainly hoped so! The sound of the siren heralded their arrival with three hoses soon spouting water forth and children racing to get a soaking, before stumbling back towards the marquee looking very wet and rather cold. Towels and in some cases PJs appeared before home to the warm and bed.

As well as the people and businesses mentioned above, the organisers also acknowledge the generous support of New World Motueka, Mapua Auto Centre, Couplands, Hamish's, Club Mapua and Mapua/Ruby Bay and Districts Community Trust. Huge thanks to everyone else who was involved in any way in making this such a successful event. Finally, we farewell Paul who has been part of Spring Fling for a number of years now. Best wishes for your next venture Paul.

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Top Ten Teen Books for Christmas

Recommended by Emily Polak.

1. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard. Young adult fiction, dystopian.

This is a world divided by blood, Red or Silver. The Reds are commoners ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like powers and to Mare Barrow, a Red girl from the poverty stricken silt, it seems like nothing will change.

The plot is easy to follow but very unpredictable!

2. *The Book of Ivy* by Amy Engel. Young adult fiction, dystopian romance.

What would you kill for? After a nuclear war, America is left divided. After conflict over which family will govern the new nation, Ivy is left a choice. Will she follow what is right or what she was brought up to do and have blood on her hands?

This book is scarily realistic.

3. *Halo* by Alexandra Adornetto. Young adult, romantic paranormal.

Three angels—Gabriel the warrior, Ivy the healer and Bethany the youngest and most human—are sent to bring light into a world falling into darkness. As they fight to free girls and boys from possessive devils, darkness begins to seduce the angel.

Amazing book, romantic and beautifully written. A story that melts in your mouth!

4. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. Young adult fiction. Epistolary novel.

Charlie is a freshman and he isn't the biggest geek in the school, he isn't popular either. Charlie finds it hard to make friends and when he does he gets caught in between doing something right or doing it wrong. Charlie is a wallflower and is trying to live his life and trying to run from it.

A realistic story set in the present. Well written and thoughtful.

5. *Shift* by Em Bailey. Young adult fiction. Paranormal fiction.

Olive just wants to avoid any more trouble, so she knows the smartest thing to do would be to stay clear of the new girl who is rumoured to have a creepy past. So what happens when Olive feels like her best friend is losing her identity to someone else. Imitation is the highest form of flattery until it isn't.

Keeps you on the edge of your seat, really hard to put down.

6. *I Am Not Esther* by Fleur Beale. Teenage fiction. Psychological thriller.

A young girl is left by her mother with relatives she has never met, who are a part of a religious cult. Her name is changed to Esther and she is forced to follow a strict set of rules. Soon Esther begins to lose her identity.

Informative. This book really pulls on the heart-strings.

7. *The Glass Arrow* by Kristen Simmons. Young adult. Science fiction.

In a world where females are scarce and hunted then bought and sold. 15-year-old Aya has learnt to hide.

Excellent plot in this book, with a strong heroine.

8. *Legacy of Kings* by Eleanor Herman. Historical fiction. Fantasy romance.

Imagine a time when the gods turn a blind eye to the agony of men, when the last of the hellions roam the plains and evil stirs beyond the edges of the map.

Excellent book, would definitely suit young teens who enjoy Greek mythology.

9. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld. Young adult science fiction. Dystopian.

Tally is about to turn 16. In a few weeks she'll have an operation that will turn her from an ugly to a pretty. As a pretty, she'll be in Prettyville where her only job is to have fun. But Tally's friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, the specials offer Tally a choice: find her Shay and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all.

A book which makes you think about how we look at each other in society. Could be a disturbing possible future!

10. *Paper Towns* by John Green. A romantic drama mystery thriller.

Quentin Jacobsen has spent most of his life loving Margo Roth from afar, so when she stumbles back into his life and presents him with an adventure, he follows.

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Out and About with Hugh

I highly recommend taking a holiday to warmer climates. Our two weeks away were divided with one week in Melbourne with one of our sons and his family and the other week with our other son and his family at the Wyndham Estates Resort on Denerau Island in Fiji.

Tourist resorts are just that, they're for tourists. Fiji is host to several. They are about as representative of the country they are in as day is from night. The resorts at Denerau Island are no exception. The shuttle from Nadi Airport across the island to our destination at Denerau was disillusioning and disenchanting to say the least. Nadi town was shabby, dirty and run-down as was much of what observed of the countryside as we crossed this beautiful island.

Are the current Fijian government's policies a testimony to this? If so, that is both damning and shameful. The media sometimes refers to Fiji as the Bainimarama Republic. A media play on words, "Banana Republic."

The native Fijian people were very welcoming and friendly. Summing it up; we had a very pleasant time away and came home rested and rejuvenated.

So far as the world in general is concerned, the year 2015 is going to finish with a hiss and a roar. With only one month to go, "what's next" is probably a question in all our minds. The "fear factors" seeds have germinated big time in Europe and now the fear factor is filtering down to New Zealand. The airline pilots are rightfully demanding much stricter baggage inspections and Immigration Department's concerns about passports "are you really are who your passport says you are?" While locally we haven't quite gotten around to checking whether our new residents are from the North Island or Australia!

As far as Mapua is concerned, 2015 is going to finish with a "hiss and a hiccup." There is plenty of hiss and great deal of roar when you look at the real estate for sale in the village and its environs. "House Prices reach Record Highs," trumpeted the *Nelson Mail*. As I have suggested before, Google 'Mapua Real Estate' and get a surprise!

The big hiccup or maybe three big hiccups is when it comes to the question of the water that will be required to supply the needs of these new residential sections after they are sold; the houses built and peopled and the new residents start using water. The recent approval by the Tasman District Council of the Mapua Coastal Village Ltd subdivision adjacent to the Mapua Reserve being a good example.

The provision for the water supply for this subdivision is a collection of rather bizarre proposals for water to be sourced from the council's Mapua exist-

ing reticulated water scheme and water from the shallow Rabbit Island and Tahanuanui sand aquifers via two shallow eight-metre-deep wells. Water use is to be administered by a "residents' society." The "water take" is to be temporary, "until such time such a time as reticulated services with additional capacity are available in Mapua." (Quote from 3 November *Nelson Mail*). If there is a positive about all this, it is the requirement that "each dwelling shall be supplied with an onsite water storage tank(s) that has a total capacity of not less than 15,000 litres."

It is long overdue, that every building permit issued by the council should require each dwelling to have a rain water storage tank of a reasonable capacity. Why does this simple water conservation provision remain in the TDC "too hard" basket?

Approval of this subdivision by the council, knowing its glaring limitations, beggars credibility. Google the 'Water New Zealand Web Forum' for some interesting reading in this regard.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Jan Wright, has just released a report dated 19 November 2015, titled, *Prepare for Rising Seas* that will alert councils throughout New Zealand "to overhaul the way New Zealand is preparing for sea-level rise." A read of the report should encourage our councillors to cancel their approval of the Mapua Coastal Village permit and have a serious rethink of what they have approved.

The Mapua wharf area remains closed to motor vehicles. The boat ramp continues to be a contentious issue between the Mapua Boat Club and the Tasman Council. The council has now indicated it is considering an alternative location for a boat ramp.

Plans for the Waterfront Park have been mooted by the Waterfront Park Planning group. Some of these proposals are being promoted for this coming year.

Thanks to my loyal readers for your continuing support and encouragement. That's Out & About until February 2016.

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Artist Seeks Help for German Opportunity

Local artist Lisa Chandler is setting off on an arty adventure and is inviting you to come along. Lisa has been accepted into the Leipzig International Artist Programme (LIAP) in Germany for 2016. The LIAP is a non-profit programme that fosters artists internationally by providing them with studios, mentoring, exhibiting opportunities and introductions into the local art scene.

This is an amazing opportunity for Lisa and she will be at the LIAP between March and June next year. Lisa is raising the cost of the residency programme fee through crowd funding on www.boosted.org.nz “Boosted”, run by the Arts Foundation, is a charitable trust and the good news is that all donations qualify for a 33% tax credit.

This is where your assistance would be very much appreciated by Lisa and donations of any size, can be made through the Boosted website at:

<http://www.boosted.org.nz/projects/help-me-paint-in-germany>

Lisa is working hard to raise additional money for airfares, living and art expenses, and travel costs within Europe through painting sales, art leasing and tutoring.

Leipzig, a city of about 500,000 residents is about an hour from Berlin in what was East Germany. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 Leipzig has become a major European centre for painting, par-

ticularly for those, such as Lisa, who merge figurative and abstract elements in their work.

LIAP provides an 80sqm live/work space with high ceilings and long walls—perfect for creating the large-scale paintings that Lisa is well known for. The residency is in the Spinnerei, an art hub based in an 1884 converted cotton mill covering 7 hectares. The Spinnerei has around 100 artists' studios, 11 international galleries and an art shop.

“Although the residency will be challenging, I sincerely believe the experience will propel my painting practice forward significantly,” says Lisa. “The programme also includes participation in a curated group exhibition at the Spinnerei Gallery in May. This will be an opportunity to see how my paintings stack up on the European stage.”

“The opportunity to go to Leipzig is an important stage in my development as an artist and I am looking forward to sharing my new skills and experiences on my return to Mapua and New Zealand,” says Lisa.

Lisa will be blogging regularly about her experiences while in Leipzig. To be added to her mailing list, please email: lisa@lisachandler.co.nz



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Mapua Bowling Club

The Write Bias

The sun has shone on the season so far with members being able to bowl regularly with wet days few and far between. May the good weather continue for our next club tournament, kindly sponsored by the Jellyfish Café, which is scheduled for Wednesday 9 December. The members are looking forward to this triples tournament.

The club's 'Bowling Babies' photo competition has concluded. Members were challenged to identify baby photos of 22 club members. There was plenty of laughter and banter as the names of the babies in the photos were revealed during a social at the clubhouse. Winner of the completion was Sue England and taking second prize was Jean Daubney. Thanks again to Vickie Turnbull, a Richmond-based photographer, for donating the first prize.

League Bowling started again on Monday 2 November and has proved to be popular. These Monday



Sue England wins first prize in Bowling Babies Competition

sessions which begin at 6pm are open to new and existing bowlers with both friendly and competitive play. There is no need to book; just turn up on a Monday evening and give it a go. Flat-soled shoes are essential to protect the green, but there are plenty of sets of bowls to borrow at the club and the bar is always open. Come and give it a try!

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities

please call Michael or Margaret Busby on 544-6325.

Barbara Brown

Probus Club of Mapua and District

The guest speaker for the November meeting the Probus Club was Diana Clark of Nelson. Her subject was the life of her great grandfather Appo Hocton. He was the first Chinese immigrant to arrive in Nelson and New Zealand. Appo was born around 1817. At the age of nine he left China as a cabin boy, visiting many ports around the world.

He learned to speak English and in 1842 he boarded the ship *The Thomas Harrison* from London to Nelson as a ship's steward. On board was a Dr Thomas Renwick, the ship's surgeon. Two young passengers on the ship, William and John Win, became early settlers at Dovedale. When *The Thomas Harrison* left Nelson, Appo jumped ship, being assisted by Dr Renwick. Appo hid in the Port Hills. He was later charged with desertion, and Dr Renwick paid his fine.

In 1843 to 1845 Dr Renwick employed Appo as a housekeeper. By 1849 Appo owned his own business as a carter, living alone near the Suter Art Gallery in Nelson. His work involved the maintenance of Trafalgar Street and Washington Valley.

Appo was unable to buy land as he was considered an "alien." He applied for naturalisation in 1851 through Sir George Grey, the Governor of New Zealand. His application was granted, making Appo the first Chinese person to become a naturalised New Zealander.

With his acceptance as a New Zealander he was able to buy land and learned building skills. He built four houses on the Hastings Street side of Pioneer Park, and No. 40 Washington Valley Road that is still

occupied. In 1857 there was a public meeting at the court house in Nelson to try to prevent Chinese immigration into the province, even though Appo was very much accepted in the Nelson community

Diana showed parts of a letter written by Appo's mother in China, urging him to return home, stating: "When one dies one becomes a ghost in a foreign land." The letter didn't influence Appo. He found a new wife while living in Washington Valley. Appo's next drama was the loss of his son Albert after their move to Dovedale. The 11-year-old boy was shot dead by his brother during a hunting trip.

Diana showed a small map of Dovedale which was locally called "China Town." Within that area Appo built seven houses for his extended family. There was one house on the corner of Brandy Creek in Dovedale he built for his son Louis, his wife and their 12 children. Appo spent some of his time gold prospecting at the Collingwood gold fields. A tributary of the Arorere River was named Appo's Creek

He was highly regarded in Dovedale and Nelson. Appo was invited to an "Old Settlers" luncheon at the Council Chambers in 1887, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne. When Appo reached the age of 100, he received a congratulation certificate from the then Prince of Wales, through Government House. Appo remained in excellent health through most of his life. He died at the estimated age of 103 on 26 September, 1920. The *Nelson Evening Mail's* obituary was headed, "The death of a Gentleman."

David Higgs



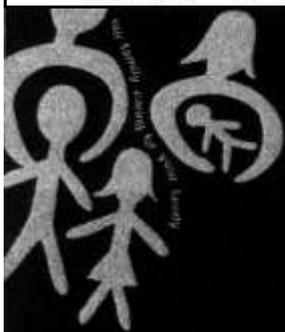
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- 1 cup toasted slivered almonds or shredded coconut or dried fruit or a mixture of these.

In a saucepan on low to medium heat, melt the coconut oil, nut butters, cacao, maple syrup and salt. Keep stirring it until it is smooth and chocolaty. Add the almonds or coconut or dried fruit to the chocolate mixture and stir. (You can keep it plain and not add the extra cup).

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Evening, Tasman View Road

The evening is just a sketch,
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7	8	9	10	11	12
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14	15	16	17	18	19
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28	29	30	31	1	2
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What time is it?

The question seems innocent enough. Depending upon the context such a question can be utterly profound, ridiculously mundane, or just plain unwelcome. I received a very recent email noting, “it’s that time again.” This heralded the potential onslaught of a “time” of intense activity, being everywhere nearly at once, attending every event and, trying to get everything done before you know what! Yes, the email referred to Christmas time, a “most wonderful time of the year.”

For many in our area, the next few weeks will see increasing time demands, particularly for those preparing and harvesting berries ‘in time’ to make sure they are just at the right level of maturity. Preparation, timing and ripeness are critical.

There’s a curious phrase in the Bible that says, “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem...”

The time referred to here, in God’s timetable in history, was a “momentous” occasion. It is thus celebrated by Christians as such. The appointing of a date in the year (depending upon your calendar of choice – Julian or Gregorian) is of little consequence compared with the actual significance of the event itself. The birth of Jesus Christ is what counts as a marker in time and is a testimony to God’s extraordinary condescension and generosity. God gives all in Jesus. The Apostle Paul goes on to explain that God turning up “in Person” and “in time” was the right time in human history for both Jew and Gentile alike – for all of humanity. This turning up is a key point for a purpose that would mean it is possible for humanity to receive the gift of adoption into God’s family through his Son. Such an adoption would mean a relationship with God as a child to their heavenly Father.

The Apostle Paul continues his explanation of the purpose of the right time – he writes further, “...to redeem those under law that we might receive the full rights as sons and daughters. Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out Abba Father.”

This is immediate and intimate family language. Christmas time is not just for the kids, it is for “family” in the highest and deepest possible way.

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The journey towards the end of the year always seems to lead us on a path of increasing busyness; the pressure of finishing the year's tasks, the planning of Christmas and holiday gathering, and an ever-increasing stream of end-of-year social engagements to make.

In this busy time I hope that you are able to find some peace and quiet to reflect on what is at the centre of the Christmas celebration. In celebrating Christmas we celebrate the gift of peace given to humankind, the gift of Jesus, Christ, the Prince of Peace.

When we look at the world around us, it is easy to ask: Is there any peace to be found in the world? But much as it was easy to overlook the coming of Christ the Prince of Peace into the world. He came as a tiny fragile baby born into a hostile world. So too is all too easy to overlook the gentle peace of Christ in the world today. In a world that is so often consumed by violence, anxiety and worry, may our eyes be open to seeing and receiving the peace that only God can give.

The apostle Paul wrote to the small, persecuted church in Philippi:

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,

present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

May we come to know his Peace this Christmas.

*Blessing for the holiday season,
Rev John Sherlock*

Christmas and summer services at HCC

Thursday 10 December

Community Carol Service at Mapua Wharf 6pm

Sunday 13 December

9am and 10:30am Communion service

Sunday 20 December

Service at 10:30am

7pm Finding Peace – reflective Christmas service.

Christmas Eve

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Pastel Artists of New Zealand

It's unbelievable! Another year has flown by and the pastel painters are winding down ready for a Christmas break. There are no Tuesday sessions in Mapua Hall during December and January but that doesn't mean no painting. There is homework! The 'Christmas Challenge' is a fun project with the mixed and inspired offerings being brought to the first gathering in February for scrutiny, praise and giggles.

I hardly dare say it, but preparations for next April's National Art Awards and Convention are still on track and we are staying calm! Glenys is working extremely hard supported by her small, but perfectly formed committee and we now have all members of PANZ Nelson signing up for various tasks that need to be undertaken before and during the big event.

Fund-raising continues. CD-sized desk-top calendars featuring our own artwork are being sold for \$10 each, perfect for the Christmas stocking and plenty left if you would like one (or several). A quiz night, organised in conjunction with the Sprig and Fern, Mapua, rattled the grey cells but was fun and brought in some welcome funds.

In recent weeks we have yet again enjoyed painting the 'Big Picture'. The artist chosen to be 'chopped into pieces' was Rita Angus and her identity was guessed correctly before her painting was re-assembled. This event is always popular and the final result shows how accurately the individual portions are reproduced. Another 'Big Picture' will feature during the Convention weekend next April; registered members of PANZ will have the opportunity for half an hour of messy fun!

With great cunning, I will be away for the final session in November, a working bee to prepare the

panels used for hanging our artwork. Sanding the boards, filling holes and generally getting dust up the nose seems like a good one to miss! But with equally great timing, I will be back for our Christmas party on Tuesday 1 December. Ron Oliver has kindly agreed to host our annual bash at his house in Kina. Always a festive occasion where we can let our hair down over a glass of wine and a barbecue and make artistic resolutions for the year ahead.

On behalf of all the members of PANZ Nelson may I wish you a very happy Christmas and health and good cheer throughout 2016.

If you want to find out more about pastels and the PANZ art group in Mapua visitors are always welcome. Just call into the Community Hall on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 12 noon when you see the PANZ board outside. Or contact Glenys Forbes on 540-3388 for more information.

Sue England (540-2934)



Orphan Charity Benefits From Community Support

The Trustees of Orphan Kids Charity (Janet Taylor, Brigid Ryan and Sarah McLeod) would like to thank the community for their support at our recent quiz night fund-raisers. The Mapua Sprig & Fern gave us two quiz night slots in October which were well attended with some healthy competition between teams.



We raised a total of \$627.50 over the two nights which is enough to support a student in tertiary or vocational training for a year. The raffles of wares from Vietnam were well supported and we had two happy winners each quiz night.

Many thanks to the Sprig & Fern who do a great job supporting charitable causes, such as ours, with their quiz nights. Also a big thank you to Steve the Quiz Master who kept the night running smoothly with humour and helpful hints.

We are exploring the best options for our programme of student support. We have lost our inter-

mediary contact at Humanitarian Services for the Children of Vietnam (HSCV, our contact charity in Hanoi) to romance and marriage to an American in Minnesota. We need to re-establish the financing route to our orphanage students with another person, hopefully again from within the HSCV organisation. We plan to have this clarified early next year so we can move on to plan our 2016 campaign of student support.

Thanks again to the community for your ongoing support for OKC, not just for our quiz nights, but over all the five years we have been in operation. You make things happen with your support!

If anyone would like to donate or know more about our organisation you can go to our blog:

<http://orphankidscharity.wordpress.com/>

If you would like to make a donation there is a Givealittle site: <http://www.givealittle.co.nz//org/>

Janet Taylor

Moving to Mapua, an early account

Part 8 of a series of excerpts from the book, Turning Back the Clock, by the late Iola McPherson. Iola moved from Nelson to Mapua in August, 1932, at the age of nine and this is part of her story.

The Fruit Industry and the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company.

In 1910 pioneer orchardist, Arthur McKee, bought land in the Moutere Hills and subdivided 900 acres in upper Tasman area for orchard development. The land to be planted in apple trees was brought in from manuka scrub and fern. It had typical Moutere gravel soils and very dry, rough clay. No formal roads or buildings existed then and the area was isolated and practically unsettled. The land was lacking in minerals and lime so a lot of hard work was needed to make it productive. Shelter belts of pine trees were essential as the wind was strong on the ridges.

McKee sold the larger part of the land to a company called Tasman Orchards and acted as chairman for the company, helping to promote the area to buyers as suitable for commercial orchards to grow export apples. He kept 100 acres and, in 1911, he established his own orchard. A cob house was later built for him and his family on The Bluffs in Tasman. In 1920 he and eight other growers formed a packing company called The Bluffs Fruitgrowers Company Ltd and built a packhouse on The Bluffs.

The newly planted apple trees needed a lot of attention to keep them healthy and free from bugs and blights. Hares were a nuisance and liked the new shoots so sacking was tied round the tree trunks. Spray was needed too so McKee senior and his two sons; Tasman (known as Tas) and Guy started making sprays on his orchard. At first spraying was a slow business done with hand-held hoses on taps. These were used throughout the orchards. Improvements to the spraying techniques produced mobile tanks pulled by horses but they still used hand-held hoses. Later came tractors and then mist sprayers were invented. These were a real breakthrough and made spray work a lot easier and faster.

Increasing numbers of people were coming to take up land to plant more orchards. Advertisements appeared in papers telling of great opportunities to make fortunes in the apple industry. People came to try their luck – some stayed and did well enough while others didn't do so well and drifted away.

In 1931 Arthur, Tas and Guy McKee started making lime sulphur for use on their own orchards. The surplus sprays were sold to other growers and the following year, in 1932, they bought land near the wharf in Mapua, including the old coolstore and packing shed near the corner of Tahī Street and Aranui Road. They formed the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company.

My father and brother joined the staff of the chemical factory as soon as it opened. Before coming to Mapua my father, as well as being a carpenter, was also a cooper (a trade he learned while working in a cider factory at Hay's Corner in Stoke). At the chemical factory he made and mended wooden barrels to hold the sprays. This was before drums came into use. My brother's job was mixing sprays in underground tanks below the floor.

The factory was soon employing more and more workers which was a boon to the families in the area. With the Depression jobs had been scarce and people just had to manage as best they could. Things had improved a little with a change of government. The new government brought in a subsidized work scheme that enabled local bodies to take on registered unemployed workers for public works schemes and have part of their wages paid by the government. 'Number 13 Scheme' it was called. This brought about a brighter outlook, providing more jobs for the unemployed such as making new roads and resurfacing others. Higgs Road was one such road built under the No. 13 Scheme. It was all done with pick and shovel, horse and cart – hard work but nobody complained. At least it was a job and there was a bit of money coming in.

The chemical factory was soon doing well and had begun to build up a good business making sprays to replace the imported chemicals that were used at the time, in particular colloidal sulphur, a fungicide which Tas, who had a BSc in chemistry and geology, had spent nine years developing. The factory also began branching out into other products such as a fly spray called 'Flycide'. One of the ingredients used for this was pyrethrum from the white daisy. Flycide was pumped from a tin spray gun and was very effective against the swarms of flies and mosquitoes that invaded our houses during the summer months.

A limited number of copies of Iola McPherson's book, Turning Back the Clock, are still available. Please ring Jeanette on 540-2769.



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Garden Trail Raffle

The Mapua Women's Recreation Group fundraising garden trail on 18 October was just before the deadline for last month's *Coastal News* article and we didn't get the chance to get to the police station and have our raffles drawn in time to include the winners in our article last month.

So here are the lucky winners:

Raffle 1: 1st Kerri Bainbridge; 2nd Marion Copp; 3rd 3rd Judy van den Yssel-Richards.

Raffle 2: 1st Hilary Clifton; 2nd Sharon Binns; 3rd Johnny Malcolm.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all who supported the event as sponsors, garden owners and participants. We raised \$3924 from this event and all money raised goes to the Nelson Cancer Society to provide support and services in our local region.

The group will once again have a team in the Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at Saxton Field. We're hoping to raise well over \$4000 by the time we complete this on the 5th and 6th of March next year. We will have a further raffle nearer the time and there are opportunities to sponsor our team if you would like to! For further information see www.relayforlife.org.nz.

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- 17/10/15 Grass fire Williams Rd, flared up with wind, put out with help from Tasman Rural

Calls this year - 45

Flashover

We recently attended a controlled house burn as part of our ongoing training. It never fails to induce awe as rooms room literally explode into flame, something that you'll never experience unless you're in a confined space. A flashover occurs at the stage of a fire at which all surfaces and objects within a space have been heated to their ignition temperature, and flame breaks out almost at once over the surface of all objects in the space. The temperature is between 932 to 1,112 degrees Fahrenheit, although flashover temperatures can peak at about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The first phase of flashover results from the ignition of flammable gases produced by combustion (primarily carbon monoxide) that have accumulated in the upper parts of the fire area. As this is happening, the radiant heat of the original fire is heating nearby combustibles--the walls, furniture, anything in the room--and these also begin giving off flammable gases. This is called "pyrolysis." In this phase, smoke banks down quickly, reducing visibility dramatically.

The next phase of flashover is the rollover or flaming of these gases near the ceiling. This may appear as small flashes of flame in the dense smoke, or as rollover, a flame front rolling out across the ceiling. The fire has now changed from a steady-state fire to an aggressive, fast moving fire.

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Under The Bonnet with Fred

Car of the Year 2015



When I write these stories about cars and their owners I think it's really about the owners and their cars. Hobby car owners seem to fall into several groups:

Someone might say "I own a Mustang but don't drive it much." They enjoy the esteem of owning a status symbol. Sometimes with this group I never see the car and wonder if it actually exists.

Some people just like working on them and seem to have an ongoing project. But that's alright, fixing things is some people's hobby and I might suffer from this myself, but I do finish my cars. I know of a MK 1 Jaguar which has been stored for 23 years after the owner went to Aussie for a year in 1992. I talked to him a while ago and he reckons he is coming home to start it.

Or someone might say "I brought a Pontiac just to go cruising." Great way to own a hobby car. Take it on road trips to car meetings, socialising with like-minded people. Showing off your pride or expression in life is universal. I might suffer from this a bit myself.

I wish I could boast that I had a late model sports car to show my prestige and buying power, but that won't happen unless I win Lotto. It's always interesting to have a stranger in the village like the Aston Martin DB9 four-door last summer. We are increasingly seeing these high end cars around Mapua is reflecting the changing culture of our area.

American muscle cars cruise into Mapua every weekend for what I call the Sunday parade. Ford is bringing the new right-hand-drive Mustang to New Zealand and I'm told they have pre-sold 80 cars. Many celebrities enhance their image by being seen in their muscle car. There is nothing like sitting in an American muscle with the colours and body design that express's their era. Big engines and great exhaust noise. If you're tough enough to handle left-hand-drive then New Zealand is awash with American imports – see Trade Me.

Racing car drivers, whether it's stock cars, drags, sports or rally driving this group has great courage and big pockets as it's probably the most expensive hobby, especially with the increasing safety requirements. Car racing is real life and death but I'm a chicken. I do my racing in front of the TV. My thanks to these people for the no-risk car racing.

Which brings me to car of the year.

Third is Ian from Motueka with his bright white 1972 Cadillac Coupe de Ville which made a fantastic wedding car. It had size, passenger space for all the wedding dresses and it had the "wow" factor.

Second is Neil's aqua blue 2004 XKR Jaguar Roadster which oozed British sports car with white leather upholstery and wood grain everywhere. It did have the style and did have the looks but was no show pony. With that acceleration test it blazed away. The Jag was "cool."

The Car of the Year 2015:

Billy's 1959 Morris convertible custom-modified car showed true dedication and quality. Billy has not tried to change the identity of his Morris, he has just added glamour and muscle. The regency red paint and contrasting tan leather upholstery is well thought out. It has modern upgrades that you would think a manufacture had installed. The Fiat 124 sports



coupe engine, gearbox and diff are a smart way to do modifications. During my test drive the exhaust noise was like being on a British race track. Good planning and doing things right shows in the finish. Billy, it's still the best one yet.

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Playcentre

As the school year comes to an end we are looking ahead to the next Mapua Easter Fair which will be on Sunday 27 March 2016, during term one. At Playcentre we are proportionally small in numbers compared with Mapua School but as this generates the majority of our fund-raising it is our busiest time, with 100% of our parents volunteering their time and efforts to support the school in organising this mammoth event.

As records go the Easter Fair was started as a car boot sale by Patrick Hogan and in April 1982, together with members of the Moutere Hills Progressive League, the Mapua Hall Committee and community volunteers, it established at the Domain with boomerang demonstrations and 15 stalls selling herbs, vegetables, crafts and preserves. Funds raised were distributed among these community groups including Playcentre and the Scouts.

The fair quickly became a success, attracting visitors from near and far so around 1987 Playcentre was approached to take on the running of the fair, though it wasn't long before the fair grew too big for the Playcentre whanau and Mapua School joined forces to provide an outstanding family and community event. Now in its 34th year the Easter Fair hosts around 330 stalls and attracts over 15,000 visitors, making it the South Island's largest day event! This time the fair will again be run by volunteers basis with parents, teachers and members of the community coming together in the weeks beforehand to coordinate the event and on the day to set up, as the Domain is transformed with stages, fencing, stall holders, portaloos and parking, ensuring the event runs smoothly. Even the children pitching in collecting the gold coin donations at the gate.

The monies raised by this event directly benefits the youth of Mapua and their families, with Mapua School using funds to improve classroom resources, technology, learning materials, the library, sports equipment, to sup-

port trips and events, purchase new instruments as well as reduce student-teacher ratios. As a Decile 10 school, most of these are not funded by the MoE and falls on the parents to generate the extra funds. For Mapua Playcentre the funding raised from the Easter Fair is portioned according to our roll numbers on the day and provides the majority of our annual running costs and is crucial for the survival of our centre.

Our children also learn through role modelling as they watch their parents, teachers and members of the community working together to produce something that benefits the whole community, and also gain a sense of achievement when they contribute to such a spectacular event and see so many others come and enjoy it too. So parents, if you feel you can volunteer some time towards organising such a special event or can help out on the day drop me a line at mapuaplaycentre@gmail.com

About Playcentre

Playcentre is Ministry of Education-registered centre, the difference being parents' input into their child's learning, development and fun. At Playcentre we follow the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki which is unique to NZ with an emphasis of child-initiated play and parent education. It's 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 and support when you need it.

Visitors are always welcome. Session times are Mondays and Fridays 9.30am – 12noon (School term time). We are at 84 Aranui Road, behind the tennis courts by the scout den. Any enquires please phone Anita on 021 1265 357.

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I wouldn't call my job normal. Varied, crazy, adventurous and exciting maybe but never normal. My "office" can be on the back of a camel in Mongolia, watching baby orang-utan learn to climb in Borneo or trying to keep my cool when face to face with a mountain gorilla in Uganda.

How did I find such a career?

In August 1990, I arrived home to a very cold Dunedin after a year travelling the world with my two young children aged seven and eleven and was contemplating my return to work as a social worker.

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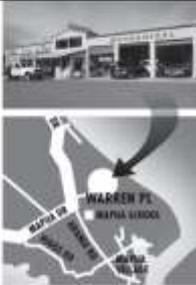
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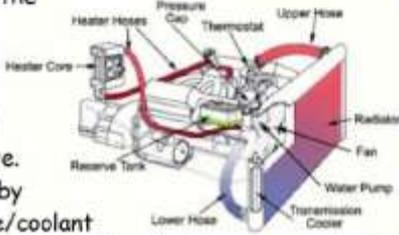


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The main function of the cooling system is to carry heat away from the engine to maintain the desired operating temperature. This is accomplished by circulating antifreeze/coolant throughout the engine. The heat generated is transferred to the antifreeze/coolant and carried to the radiator to be cooled.



Modern vehicles operate in a wide variety of atmospheric temperatures, from well below freezing to well over 37°C. The fluid used to cool the engine must have a very low freezing point, a high boiling point, and it must be able to transfer heat.

Because water holds heat, freezes and develops rust readily, it is very important an adequate amount of antifreeze is within the cooling system to reduce the possibility of the engine overheating or freezing. Antifreeze also contains additives to prevent rust and corrosion.

The temperature of the coolant can sometimes reach 121-135°C, even with antifreeze added these temperatures would boil coolant. To prevent this the cooling system is pressurised to around 14-15psi, effectively raising the boiling point by approximately 8.3°C.

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You will have noticed that quite a bit has happened on 'the nib' in Tasman Village since the last update from the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust (RCIT). Finally the Aporo Sculpture was gently lifted into place on 21 September 2015. The installation went without a hitch, to the relief of all involved! This was followed by the official 'unveiling' celebration which took place on Sunday 11 October.

It was a perfect spring day and the sculpture and its surroundings looked magnificent. Before formally gifting the sculpture to Mayor Richard Kempthorne on behalf of the Tasman District Council, Ron Oliver, chair of the RCIT, shared the history of the project with supporters who had gathered for the celebration.

Ron acknowledged Brightwater Engineering's incredible contribution to this project. In response, one of their engineers commented that his first reaction to the project was that it would not be possible. However, through good will, commitment, tenacity and a shared believe in the project, along with some great problem-solving, the sculpture has been realised.

Kaumātua Andy Joseph formally blessed the sculpture and acknowledged it as an important Taonga for the area. The speeches were followed by a relaxing community BBQ across the road in the Domain.

As you may know the Aporo Sculpture is the first of three that are planned for the Ruby Coast.

The RCIT is now under way with preparations and fund-raising for the second sculpture planned for a site near the Mapua by-pass turn-off. The Trust is thrilled to have Mapua School involved in this project. On Friday 20 November the entire school began an art project, drawing the indigenous fish and estuary life that will feature on the Mapua sculpture. Their work will inform the design aspects of the sculpture and will also form the basis for an art exhibition and combined mural. Having just celebrated the school centenary this project looks to the future and will create a record of the children's participation in a project that can be featured at future celebrations.

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