



Māpua's growth

Future growth in Māpua does not match our community's needs

On 14 June, I made a presentation to the Māpua & District Community Association about the growth we are facing under a 'business as usual scenario' and how this will fail to meet the needs of many from our community.

The strange experience was that during the questions and answers after my presentation, most comments were largely dismissive and that some people that left made the comment that unfortunately nothing was going to change, despite my effort. Only during the discussions after the meeting was I approached by quite a few people that agreed with me and thanked me for standing up. So that leaves the question if we have given up on 'the system', and don't even try to demand change. I hope not! Below is a summary of what I had to say.

In a few months the 'moratorium' on development in many areas around Māpua, zoned 'deferred residential', will be lifted following the completion of upgrade works in the wastewater and water supply networks. All these areas will suddenly be allowed to be developed. The minimum lot size for these areas is 450m². Another strange phenomenon is that developers put covenants on the titles such as a minimum number of bedrooms.

In addition, the 'Future Growth Strategy' from TDC is targeting more areas for future development mainly further up Seaton Valley Road with minimum lot sizes of 700m². So, development is going to take off big time over many years to come. Hundreds of houses will be built. But what will be the result?

We will see more developments such as we have seen going up behind Māpua Drive: big lots, big houses, increasingly further removed from our town centre and most importantly totally unaffordable for many of us. Other effects will be more roads, longer networks for wastewater, water supply and stormwater resulting in avoidable higher taxes, the need for more cars to fetch a bottle of milk at the four-square, more car kilometres, more fuel and carbon emissions, and the list goes on.

The consequence of all of this is that people from our community that want to or need to downscale have to leave their community and go somewhere else, simply because there is nowhere to go in Māpua. Young Māpua families that want to and/or have to start small, also won't be able to settle in Māpua. We will become increasingly a community for those that can afford to live here. The type

of developments will also result in Māpua losing its local character.

The Future Growth Strategy is largely based on old-school thinking and is suggesting large lot developments around the region far removed from the town centres. The zoning rules related to existing and future residential developments are prohibitive to establish smaller lots and smaller houses.

The zoning rules were drafted many years ago and apply old-school thinking and totally ignore the need to provide for a variety of demand, all under the assumption that the market will follow demand.

Even today, TDC is fully relying on the market. Looking at a statement in their LTP documents: "The actual number and location of new houses ... is largely determined by the private sector". The market has not provided for the wider housing needs in the past so I can't see that changing anytime soon.

There are a number of initiatives our Council can take to at least help address this scary outlook. Some of these are short term and others need more time.

In the short term I call for removing the minimum lot sizes in future and existing residential zones 'under urgency'. Because of the developments expected very soon, it is urgent that the planning environment is allowing for smaller and more affordable houses. This should also include allowance for duplex and multi-unit developments and comprehensive developments, that are already allowed in some other areas in the region.

I also suggest a maximum lot-size in these areas. Other improvements could include the requirement to use narrower roads with more space for active transport and green infrastructure. I'm aware this needs an urgent 'plan change', but totally worth it. It just needs the council to be courageous.

Other quick initiatives council could take would be to adopt a supportive process for affordable/small/social housing initiatives such as free planning advice, fast track and cheaper consent processes, etc.

More long-term needs are reviewing the 'Future Growth Strategy' and a future proof 'Tasman Environment Plan' currently being prepared to replace the current resource management plan: the new rulebook. It is important that this new rulebook will accommodate the variety of needs from our community. Another tool I have seen working

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successfully elsewhere is a 'strategic purchases process' to help initiate housing initiatives that the market is not providing for. My presentation which can be found on the ourmapua.org website includes colour pictures showing examples of better outcomes.

Finally, a reflection on some comments made

According to Council, denser development in Richmond has not resulted in a significant reduction in house prices. To clarify, in the centre of Richmond intensification is now allowed. A number of properties are currently being redeveloped resulting in 3 or 4 smaller houses on a lot that only had one house on it. The fact that they sell for about the same as a traditional house proves my point that the market is not working and that the demand dictates the house-price, not the actual costs of land and building.

There was also very little appetite for yet another plan-change with the replacement of the RMA and the new Tasman Environment Plan under development. It will probably take at least 5-10 years for these new sets of legislation to become operative (that is an optimistic assumption). So the lack of appetite does not recognise the urgent needs as explained above and the fact that we expect our councillors to look after our community. Waiting will be a lost opportunity.

Examples of better outcomes



left: small house built by the author - floor area 9.5 x 5.5m - 2 levels plus attic



right: clustered housing (source internet) - often with common green space and common parking area

One councillor stated that it was not the role of council to provide for housing. My point is that any council can and should do a lot more to provide a better environment to provide for the variety of housing needs as I explained above. Throwing the hands in the air and stating 'don't look at me' was disappointing and not what I was looking for.

In conclusion, we need to find ways to address the variety of housing needs from our community. Council has an important role to facilitate and encourage the way we do this. The community and the development industry are important too and any roadblocks to achieve what we are looking for need to be removed.

If you agree with the general message of my article, please let me know. I'm also interested in other initiatives we can take to change housing options in our Māpua. My email is: jheijnsz@gmail.com

Jan Heijs

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse" (quote Jim Rohn)

Jan Heijs is a resident of Māpua and has worked in and for local government in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years

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Manuka – Mates – MotoX

Mischa 13 (Tasman) Brecon 14 and Morgan 11 (Upper Moutere) have been growing native trees for a couple of years, trying to earn some pocket money to be able to buy dirt bikes.



Having stumbled into it, each one enjoys the different skills picked up along the way, from seed sourcing, seed raising to potting on, compost/water fights, although they all agree selling them is the best part. Can't imagine why.

It's an amazing opportunity for them as they also make their own cages which helps them think outside the square and learn practical maths and costing, botanical names, strategies, marketing etc, and probably heaps more.

They are industrious and environmentally aware, making a jig to make the cages for the root trainers which are all recycled. They are always on the lookout for more root trainers.

Mischa, Brecon, and Morgan have been setting up and running a stall at the Motueka Sunday Market and Māpua Fair. The weather has not been kind to them over the last three Sundays, which is also true about their success rate with seed raising: some ups, some downs, teaching them a whole raft of life skills by osmosis.

They are looking to expand their range: Lancewood Horoeka, and Five finger Whauwhaupaku seed sources at the moment. This year they will be adding Pittosporum, Lemonwood, Coprosma, Toetoe and Mingi mingi. They can also accept specific requests for next season if wanted!

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MDCA “Our Māpua, our Ethos; what do our younger residents really want here?”

A panel from the Māpua School Whānau:

Two Year-8 students: Polly Hyde and Bethany Tate (who included comments from Year 5-8 students)

A teacher, Bridget Chalmers and three parents, Taryn and Shaun McFadden

The panel addressed this kaupapa at the monthly meeting, informing, entertaining, and challenging those attending (see photo).

The theme of what we want from future development and growth was continued with a presentation on “Future growth in the community” by Jan Heijs, an engineer/infrastructure planner/consultant for local and regional councils.

Recordings of both full presentations and the following open forum are accessible on MDCA’s Facebook Page which also includes links to Jan’s supporting power-point slide.

Māpua School Panel members commented on:

What’s good about living here?

- A safe welcoming community where you meet neighbours and know everyone, everything is close and there is “freedom to be children”.
- Lots on offer and to do for children and families; the Māpua Youth club.
- Wharf Jumping: a strong culture and “the place to be” in the warmer weather.



What would we like to see more of / developed?

- A playground and activities with “older kids’ things” e.g. confidence course, maze, big swings, school pool becoming a community pool.
- Skate Park updated to include different areas/activities for novices, learners, and experienced riders.
- More interactive activities for children at the wharf; “more could happen down there” including family festivals such as “New Year’s Eve”, children’s art around the area.
- More preschool activities on at the Hall and safer fencing around the playground (*note that MDCA agreed later in the meeting to support the school in any application for such fencing*).
- A big asphalt area for young children learning to ride bikes (noted that Four Square was considering supporting such a project after feedback from the police).
- A safe off-lead area for dogs and their owners.

- More events for children and more markets/food-trucks with affordable kai.
- Keeping college students (years 9 and 10 age group) involved in the local community once attending schools outside the village so they keep the connections.

How to keep in touch?

Everyone present noted their appreciation of this opportunity to hear from and work with our younger residents and their families/educators.

It was noted that the most appropriate media for this age is Instagram, the school agreed it would use this channel to transmit information to the school.

Jan Heijs

Noted that “a lot of future growth” is planned with hundreds of houses and new residents.

Feared that council “not looking after local community housing needs” and that the current focus on “big houses on big lots” was not reflective of our community and character.

Concerned that with “business as usual”, if residents want to downsize, they have to leave the community and that lots of families cannot afford housing in Māpua.

Suggesting that TDC

Has a choice on where/how to grow and could have a maximum rather than minimum size.

Encourages community involvement in future development strategy.

Reviews its development strategy to also support small affordable social housing and rent-to-own houses.

The presentation closed with a series of photographs of examples of social housing/smaller affordable communities, shared parking, and green spaces.

Jan was thanked for his humanity and courage to present alternative viewpoints.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Māpua Liveability Working Group Paul McIntosh

Expressed agreement that there should be a choice of land/living styles in the district.

Aims to seek common themes and purposes as “we want to come to TDC with suggestions and solutions”.

Plan to share views with other community organizations to ensure that “we are all pulling in the same direction”.

Reserve re-classification

Marion (as Chair) thanked the councillors for the re-classification of Dominion Flats and Aranui Park as reserves.

Cr MacKenzie noted the importance of providing “good background information” and that this was “a good lesson on how to produce good submissions, quality not quantity”.

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COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Māpua Willing Wheels (MWW) increased numbers of passengers over last month, working on establishing route for planned Motueka Community Bus including stops in Māpua.

Community Hub local community directory now entered on the MDCA Website page with instructions for access on the Facebook page and a request for all organizations to visit and either check the accuracy of their entry or make contact to be included (see separate article in this edition).

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

MDCA Facebook engagements: 250 on the “Good Sorts” nomination for Kai Collective, 78 on “Deferred Residential Zone” presentation by TDC at May 21 MDCA meeting.

Coastal News nominated as community “Good Sorts” for this month.

FUTURE HOT TOPICS:

For the July 21 meeting: Forum on Alcohol and Drugs (from medical/police perspectives).

Elena Meredith

Be sure to attend/join in our next monthly meeting: Monday, 1 July 2021 at 7.15pm. NOTE later time (content and format to be confirmed on MDCA Facebook and Mailchimp mailout).

MDCA works closely with TDC to ensure our community functions in a way that suits the majority of our residents. To have a vote that counts, become a financial member of MDCA by simply paying a \$10 membership fee to our NBS account 03-1354-0356471-00 with your name and phone number as a reference.

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Now is also the perfect time to have your vehicle checked over to ensure it is ready to face the climatic extremes and the geographical nature of travelling to and from the slopes.



Rough snow covered roads can test your vehicle to the limit. Your cooling system will be working over time on the journey up to the field. The tyres, suspension, gearboxes, and vehicle tune will be put through their paces and then your vehicle will be left to sit in the snow covered car park until you decide to go home. This is when the condition of your battery and your anti-freeze will be put to the test.



Who wants to end a fun filled day in the snow by becoming stranded simply because a preventable mechanical failure went unchecked or to have an accident because your brakes were inadequate or your tyre tread depths too low.



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- Cooling system - checked & in good condition
- Brakes - checked & in good condition
- Tyres - checked with good tread depths
- Wiper & Blades - checked & in good condition
- Suspension - checked & in good condition
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- Heater - will it keep the windscreen clear.
- Tune - checked for smooth running
- 4X4 - is it engaging

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Māpua Health Centre

There are some major changes happening this month with three staff leaving and two joining.

Dr Tim Phillips is retiring from general practice to focus on skin checks and minor surgery, as well as seeing some private patients for psychological and life-coaching consultations.

Dr Bruce Dooley, who has been with us for 18 months to complete his registration process after moving from the USA, is departing to develop his integrative medicine clinic in Takaka.

Also, our registrar, **Dr Claire Buchanan**, leaves us at the end of July having finished her 6-month attachment with us.

We thank them all greatly for their much appreciated and important contribution to our health centre and wish them well in their new ventures.

We are very pleased to announce that **Dr Andre Bonny** is going to be working full-time in Māpua from 12 July and that later in the month **Dr Antonia Mead** will be joining us from Richmond where she has established an excellent reputation as a GP with a special interest in women's health. Together they will bring a new energy to the practice which will help it develop to meet the demands of modern general practice and to continue to provide a high level of medical care for our community.

As part of providing a wide range of health options we are now fortunate to have a variety of health professionals working from the centre including Megan who is a clinical pharmacist, Dave who provides mental well-being and health coaching, Garth who has two physiotherapy clinics/week, Deepti who has 1-2 monthly dietician clinics, and Pam who runs the Plunket clinics. Evening medical clinics are now held on a Tuesday from 6-8.45pm, by appointment.

A reminder that you can also book a **telephone** or **video/zoom** consultation with your GP, by calling one of our receptionists. This not only saves you time and travel it also ensures we keep our community safe. Face-to-face appointments are now fully available if preferred or needed for clinical reasons.

Flu vaccines are still available so if you would like to book an appointment, please contact one of our receptionists or alternatively if you already have an appointment with the nurse or doctor the flu vaccine can be done at the same time.

This month is "Dry July". Dry July is a fundraiser that challenges you to go alcohol-free and raise funds for New Zealanders affected by cancer. The funds raised through Dry July will help cancer patients, their families, and carers in practical, tangible ways. Dry July aims to improve the comfort, care and wellbeing of people affected by cancer. Since it launched in New Zealand in 2012, the campaign has inspired 37,000 Kiwis to go dry, raising \$5.1 million for people affected by cancer, and funding more than 170 projects for 15 beneficiary organisations across the country.

We now have staff members who are trained to provide guidance regarding '**advance care planning**'. This gives everyone a chance to say what's important to them. It helps people understand what the future might hold and to say what treatment they would and would not want. It helps people, their families and their healthcare teams plan for future and end of life care.

It also makes it much easier for families and healthcare providers to know what the person would want - particularly if they can no longer speak for themselves. Please contact the receptionist to book an appointment or speak to Kathryn, our Clinical Lead Nurse for more information.

The patient portal service **ManageMyHealth** has been up and running for over five years and we encourage you to make use of it if you are not already familiar with it. Registered patients can now review their medical notes and lab results, request repeat prescriptions and make doctor appointments. If you want to know more, please check with the receptionists.

There are a number of important national and global events for the month, including:

July 1-31	Dry July	www.dryjuly.co.nz
July 2-10	Matariki	www.matarikifestival.org.nz
July 9	Term 2 ends - Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools	
July 11	World Population Day	www.un.org/en/events/populationday
July 26	Term 3 begins - Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools	
July 28	Hepatitis Awareness Day	www.hepfoundation.org.nz
July 30	International Day of Friendship	www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday

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9.15 am Yoga with Charlotte	9 am PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ	8.30 am Aerobics with Lynda	9.30 am MAG Art Group Māpua Art Group	9.15 am Aerobics with Lynda
9.30 am Superb Dance with Hilary	9 am Sioux Line Dance	9.15 am Yoga for Healthy Aging with Nikki		9.30 am Superb Dance with Hilary
3.30 pm Ballet 3-4yrs with Kerry	10 am Mapua Creative Fibre 2nd Tue of Month	9.30 am Pilates with Lynda		10.15 am Pilates with Lynda
4 pm Ballet 5-7yrs with Kerry	2:00 pm Chair Flair with Hilary	1:30 pm Tai Chi	3:30 pm Fun Creative with Rachel	10.45 am Yoga with Martin
5.30 pm Broga Men's Yoga with Nikki	6 pm Aerobics with Lynda			2 pm Friendship Group 2 nd & last Friday of the month
6:30 pm Māpua Hall Society Committee meeting Meeting 3 rd Monday of month	6 pm Yoga with Martin		7.00 pm Māpua Community Choir	6.30 pm YOUTH GROUP Most Fridays
7 pm Māpua & District Community Assoc. Meeting 2 nd Monday of month	7 pm Pilates with Lynda			

This month

- 12th - 25th July
School holidays

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Packhouse Cinema

- Sunday 18th July

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E-Newsletter

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Hall Society News July

The Hall Society wishes a warm welcome to the new committee members that came on board at the 2021 AGM on 21st June. Congratulations, we look forward an exciting year ahead with plenty of new ideas and enthusiasm for the future of the Hall.

The Hall family also wish to convey a heart felt Thank you to those of the committee that stepped down: Ross, Sue and Reinhard who have accomplished so much to improve the functionality and sustainability of the Hall. Their countless hours of dedication will continue to benefit the Hall for years to come.

The next **Māpua Market** at Māpua Hall is confirmed for **Sunday 29th August**. Check our **Facebook** page for July Packhouse Cinema details as soon as they are released and follow us for event updates such as the up-coming FOMS Clothes Swap!

www.MāpuaHall.org



COMING UP



9th July:
The Jordan Luck Band

10th July: 80s Night

17th July: Murder Mystery

30th July: Los Galanes
Latin entertainment

31st July: Aputure:
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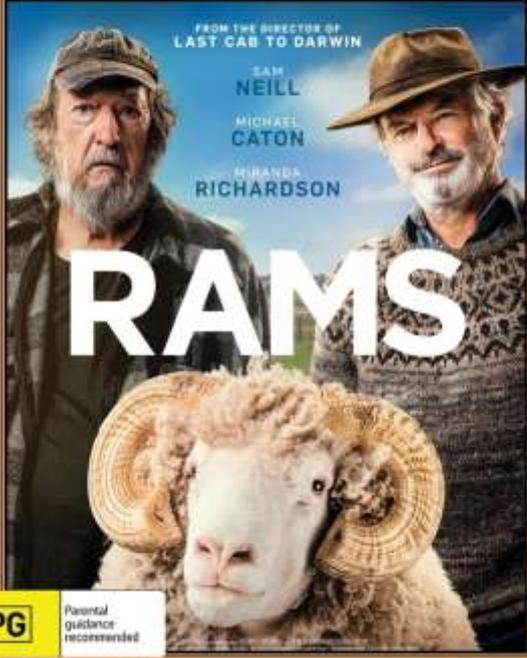
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I haven't seen either version, but I am told this Australian remake of the Icelandic original is superior. "Though 20 minutes longer, it wallpapers over the main points of criticism of the original. There's more humour, an explanation is offered for the brothers' hostility towards each other (a criticism of the original) and has a far more satisfactory ending with much less ambiguity."

What's Sam Neill worth as a star in a film these days? Well pretty much everything, it's clear from this and other films he has been in, in recent years. Despite his ageing features and gently sagging paunch, his sardonic presence is compellingly attractive. He's just relentlessly bankable, like the late great Sean Connery.

This antipodean sheep drama is a good fit for his real-life persona as he has been accepted as an honorary/adopted Australian. The Great Southern Region of Western Australia proves to be an excellent substitute for the admittedly stunning original Icelandic rural locations and Sam Neill contributes a superlative, warmly amusing turn, as the pastoralist brother who just can't quite let go.

As I grew up in a sheep farming area I look forward to seeing this movie!

It's highly recommended and I have been told "Ewe shouldn't miss it!"

Māpua Kai Collective at it again!

Now that we have our new freezer at Jared's Fruit and Veg store on the corner of Aranui Road, the community has easier access to the Māpua Kai Collective meals. This means more frequent cook-offs for our team of volunteers.

One afternoon in June, delicious aromas wafted from the Māpua hall kitchen. If you'd walked past, you would have seen a fresh batch of Pasta Bolognaise underway.

FYI, you might like to know that if a meal is labelled 'Vege Lasagne', this is an indication that it is a meat-free meal! While we can't cater for food allergies or gluten free diets, we do try to vary the recipe we are producing and will sometimes prepare a meatless meal for the vegetarians out there.



Christine Peacock and Vicki Ryan cooling off the mince and pasta

Please remind your neighbours and friends that this resource is available for people in our community needing a little extra support. Pop into Māpua Fruit and Veg for a meal and pick up a bunch of flowers while you're there!

Thanks to Rose Barnes for her ongoing commitment to coordinating these sessions, and to all the willing volunteers in the kitchen.



Chrissie Mitchell labelling the lids



Lyndle Lister filling boxes



Lynley Wootton adding the cheese



Gael Beattie chopping up a mountain of parsley

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Māpua Craft group

The attached photo shows our recent crafts. It can be seen in colour by visiting the Coastal News website: www.coastalnews.online.

As well as cards, we make useful items for babies, gift cards, bags, brightly covered notebooks and at present we are completing a large woollen blanket.

If you have any odds of knitting wool, we would love to receive your donations as we could use them for making items such as catnip mice to give to the SPCA.

In July we hope to try origami and bookmarks. Our meetings for July are on the 2nd and 16th (both Fridays) 10am -12noon in the Supper Room of the Hills Community Church. We have morning tea and a "koha" of just \$3 to cover the hire of the hall.

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Hills Community Church

One of the features of our family's life with three kids of different ages and stages is the amount of time we spend being the taxi service. Add to that work commitments and we end up spending way too much time, and money, and fuel, on the highway.

In many ways, highways are great. They are designed to get you to a destination as quickly as possible with minimal interruption or inconvenience. They are in some ways the opposite of footpaths - If you spend time walking on footpaths, you will know that there are always 'interruptions' and 'inconvenience' ... and it's a long walk to Richmond.

It struck me recently that the way of the 'highway' is for many of us how we live our life. We are always going somewhere; focussed on the next appointment or thing on our agenda, with little time or space for the unexpected. With this mindset it is so easy to become oblivious to the richness of the journey and joy of the present moment.

Recently I came across a prayer by the Australian cartoonist Michael Leunig:

*"Across the difficult terrain of our existence
we have attempted to build a highway
and in so doing have lost our footpath.
God, lead us to our footpath"
(www.leunig.com.au/works/prayers)*

I suspect that this describes the life of many of us. In truth, we would rather build a highway over some of the challenges and complexity of life and the condition of our soul, rather than do the patient and time-consuming work of walking each day with ourselves, with others, and with God. Let us hear the words of Leunig's prayer:

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The first order of over 1,000 plants was dispatched from our community nursery! The nursery has been established to provide native plants to local landowners who are part of the Moutere Catchment Group set up to improve biodiversity outcomes in our local catchment as part of the Billion Trees Project. The nursery has been supported by NZ Landcare Trust and Tasman Environment Trust, with added volunteer time from Moutere Catchment members who helped look after the plants. Helen, from the WIO team, has also done a fantastic job of tending to the plants. Students who were on site for our Motueka Vocational Pathways Programme (as part of an MSD funded programme to create opportunities for employment) did an amazing job of organising the order. Incidentally, the plants have gone to Philip Leith's property. Philip has been a long-standing supporter of WIO and it's a lovely circle to see him receive the first order.

Only a few spots left on our Holiday Programmes in July!

If you have an 11-13yr old who is keen to take part in the **new Kaitiaki Kids Holiday Programme** or a 7-10 yr old who would love to **Go Wild (in Nature!)** for a week, then head to our website to book: www.wio.org.nz.

Nature Connection on Mini Adventurers Programmes

WIO's Mini Adventurers Programmes have been re-designed to weave elements of nature connection learning and are proving a great hit with local primary schools. The programmes provide a day of outside learning, where tamariki from Years 1-4 get to participate in nature-based or adventure activities on site. We have extended these programmes to run across Terms 2 & 3 with the help of sponsorship from Pic's Peanut Butter and NBS. Staff love hearing the squeals of delight drift into the offices. We are expecting to have at least 1,000 local children involved in these programmes for 2021. Thank you also to the support of the Department of Conservation Community Fund and funding from the Motueka Community Store to enable these programmes to be subsidised for schools & get more tamariki connecting to nature!

New members of the Whenua Iti whānau

Recently we have welcomed four new instructors/kaiako to our team - haere mai to Catherine, Scott, Rosie & Kegan! They have joined Dana, our Project Lead, to help with the development of Nature Connection Programmes. We also welcome Gali who is helping Helen feed all our participants with decent kai that will keep them going in the outdoors. Sadly, we said goodbye to Fay who has been lured by NMIT as a Trainee Ranger tutor - an awesome role for her & we will do our best to send her lots of students.

Outdoor Wanderings: It's Snowman Building Time of Year!

One of the joys of winter is playing in the snow. If you're not a skier or snowboarder don't let it stop you from heading up to Rainbow Ski Area for some fun. You can hire a toboggan, build snow(women) & enjoy being up in the mountains. On a fine day the drive up is breathtaking (and an adventure in itself!) - the field is due to open on Sat 10th July for their 40th season! Head up & support your local field.



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Annual Photographic Competition Māpua Boat Club - Maritime Museum

For the past two years the Māpua Boat Club has held an annual Photographic Competition. In keeping with the basic theme of the Boat Club's Maritime Museum, the focus is around the coastal environment, with this year's categories being **Nature, People and Boats**.

Photo locations are restricted to the coastal area bounded by Riwaka and Appleby and is open to local amateur photographers. Photos are all printed by the main sponsor, CopyArt in Richmond so that all photos are presented in the same format, size and medium.

The competition is broken down into the categories and includes a section for our younger aspiring photographers. Each year the club is amazed at the standard of the entries. The area offers some amazing opportunities to capture nature and life in Māpua and the surrounding environment.

The competition this year starts with **entry forms** available from **Delicious Homeware Store** at Māpua Wharf from 1st July through to 16th July 2021 or email mapuaboatclubevents@gmail.com and we will send you an entry form.

The entries will be displayed in the Maritime Museum on Māpua Wharf from Saturday 17th July through to Sunday 1st August 2021. While on display judges from the profession will judge the entries and this year's winners will be announced and labelled immediately following the judging. There will be a "People's Choice" category as well.

A prize giving ceremony hosted by the Māpua Boat Club will be held from 4pm on Sunday 1st August. Prizes sponsored by local businesses and CopyArt will be awarded. The Māpua Boat Club asks for continued use of the images for future promotion of the area and holds the right to reject entries that do not fit the category, format and photo location requirements.

We also hope to print a 2022 calendar featuring all prize winners.

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6 June 08.07 Cardiac arrest/CPR Hoddy Rd. Brigade turned back on arrival.

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Tasman Art Focus Group

The prestigious Tasman National Art Awards, which last showed in 2019, are back in force for 2021 after the covid interruption of 2020.

Entries are already coming in and the Awards are open to all artists living within New Zealand. Initial applications are made via email to Glenys Forbes and all the details are available on the website along with a downloadable application form.

www.tasmanationalartawards.nz

It is important to read the application form carefully and follow the guidelines for the email entry.

The closing date for applications is 6th August but there is no payment at this preliminary stage.

The prize pool has recently increased to a total of \$10,000 allocated as:

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Focus Award (Portraiture): \$500

Medium Award (Water Colour): \$500

People's Choice Award: \$500

The free exhibition will run in the beautiful Māpua Community Hall from Sunday 3rd October until Saturday 16th October with the grand Opening Night starting at 7 pm on Saturday 2nd October; plenty of dates to log in your diaries.

This exhibition is a real coup for our community, and I encourage you all to check us out on our website or alternatively the Tasman National Art Awards Facebook page. The members of the committee look forward to welcoming you all.

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Book Reviews

The Other Bennet Sister by Janice Hadlow (2020). 'Never say never'. To give more time to the Bennets was not in my life plan, yet here we are. This book is a hefty 650 pages, by 2020 Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* Bennet sisters are married and father has died in his sleep, much as he lived his life. We aren't disturbed with their various romances or the deliciously filmed Darcy diving into the lake.

This book is all about Mary and much as I'd decided to be cynical, it was impossible. Other than here and there when the author drops us into 'Rules of the day to live by' it is a very good character study of the emotionally abused and broken, unseeing, not understanding, cumbersome young woman we only just noticed on the periphery, unendingly slighted, in Austen's work.

The author has great sympathy and insight for Mary's struggles of invisibility as an unmarried sister with no money, no household nor prospects who must move around the elder sisters' houses, accepting family charity for a roof.

Happily, the fourth home she arrives in, and is actually welcome, is that of her aunt and uncle in London and her metamorphosis can begin.

Hadlow doesn't use Austen's very laboured vocabulary, but neither is it uncomfortably modern. It feels fine until the summit of decision-making in the last 50 pages when laboured language slips in.

Mary's struggle is quite heart-wrenching as she moves blindly, making mistake after mistake, running from the abuse of her mother and the dreadful Miss Bingley and the totally self-contained alienating joy of her two older sisters' households.

Even braving Longbourn, the family home entitled away to Mr Collins (made three dimensional, sensitive and relatable), in her need to find her own place in the world. Mary offers us something of her imprisoning logic.

And, of course, there are young men and romance, but this isn't a chick flick book, it's more. If you enjoyed Austen, as either book or film, and are familiar with the Bennet family then this is worth the time. There are opportunities again to loathe the mother and to part from Mary with a sense of admiration.

Carnival for The Dead (2011) by David Hewson is extraordinary. This is a true mystery story, complex rather than a crime or murder novel, although there are incidental deaths.

Hewson is impressive. He left school in Scarborough at 17 and later became news, business and foreign reporter for *The Times* and then features editor of *The Independent*.

After writing a series of popular Nic Costa mysteries set in Rome, his next setting was Spain, a series in Denmark,

and so it continued with his insatiable curiosity and ability to live fully in foreign environments.

Then there are prose adaptations of several Shakespeare plays, narrated by Alan Rickman and others. And more novels. Impressive.

This book is a stand-alone. It is modern Venice at its most overwrought during Carnival. He clearly knows this most glorious of cities and loves it.

There are the usual deserved barbs about Venice belonging to all but those born there – although virtually all the characters are foreign - and the nightmare of frequent massive cruise ships entering the ancient Grand Canal. Who could ever have thought that a good idea?

A woman has disappeared and her niece, a Forensic Pathologist from Rome, is searching. A tough and uncompromising woman, a pragmatist, she is confronted with anonymous deliveries of stories telling ancient fables and the legends of Carpaccio's series of paintings depicting St Ursula, all as highly confusing clues to find her aunt.

The stories change - their narrators and time periods, mood, and direction, and are wholly absorbing in their own right. They are

completely mad breadcrumbs. The voices used are very different from Hewson's in the main novel and that is fascinating, it speaks to his huge talent.

There is some resolution, but not fully. How to deal with the insightful and self-proclaimed apparently ageless Count of Saint-Germain who in his exceedingly long life allegedly knew Pascal, Casanova, Fermat, Beethoven, Voltaire, Pushkin,....? He is charming, and pivotal as it turns out. As he appears throughout Venice including the most haunted island in the world, Poveglia, the burial ground of Venice's assumed dead plague victims (yes, both assumed so and dead) – well, why can't he have some reality? Poveglia - burial ground and then site of an insane asylum, long abandoned and feared. Another example of odd and downright cruel city planning.

If you love a good yarn, Italian art, if you know and love Venice even a little, if you don't mind your brain being stretched, confused, and collapsed a few times, this really is a tremendous read. The characters, except the main one and the bad guy, are quirky and delightful. Those two are just plain mean, one delusional.

In Carpaccio's words penned cryptically on the last painting in the St Ursula series – 'This now, what next?'

Oh yes, on so many levels, for all of us.

Pat Russell

My final book reviews as a volunteer in our wonderful Māpua Community Library. Six or so great years of desk duty and two Children's Literary Festivals, I am grateful for the opportunities allowed me.

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Taking a Breath

I've got four boys. There's not a lot of breathing room in our house. The kids love each other, but their personalities clash. The eldest loves to ask questions (or rather, the same question a million different ways); Number 2 fires up his temper frequently; our three-year-old gets himself absolutely worked up at the smallest of excuses; meanwhile the youngest just beetles around and minds his own business.

A few nights ago, we were having trouble at the dinner table. There was noise everywhere. Mr Three decided that hyperventilating was more fun than eating a delicious meal of spaghetti and mince. So, I suggested "Why don't we take some deep breaths?"

We all breathed in deeply, then out again. Repeat that a few times, and suddenly we all found ourselves feeling a lot better, and actually laughing at how the deep breathing had made us feel better.

Breathing is, quite obviously, essential to that very basic thing called being alive. Deep breaths have scientifically proven health benefits: decreasing stress, lowering blood pressure, and helping to support correct posture, to name a few. The breath of God is mentioned in many circumstances in the Bible, from the creation of humanity to breathing a long-deceased army back to life (talk about a health benefit).

It's interesting to note that in Genesis, God created the animals by speaking, but He Himself formed man from the dust, and breathed His own breath into that human creation. All life began with God, but only humans began with a breath: God's own breath. He created us in His likeness, not with a thunderous command, but with something soft and intimate.

Now, every so often during the day, my three-year-old will suddenly take a deep breath, beam at me and say, "Deep breaths is good, Mum."

He's right. Taking a deep breath is good, as God said it was good when He first breathed life into us.

Ruth Russ

[Ruth Russ is a member of Tasman Church. She is run ragged by her four boys and wouldn't have it any other way.]



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We call it a club but there are no fees or requirements. We provide a course layout, and everyone is responsible for themselves. We do have a timekeeper to record your efforts if that is your thing.

Our numbers are growing so there is likely someone to chase, follow or beat. We have even started doing a short course for the kids who have come along. We are an encouraging group, give us a try!

Many of us also run other events as a group or teams. Last month saw several from our club running the K2M race from Kaiteriteri to Māpua which could be run as individuals or in teams. We had some of both. And as of this writing we have several doing the Monaco Midwinter Marathon on the 20th of June. Best of luck!

Debbi Bamfield



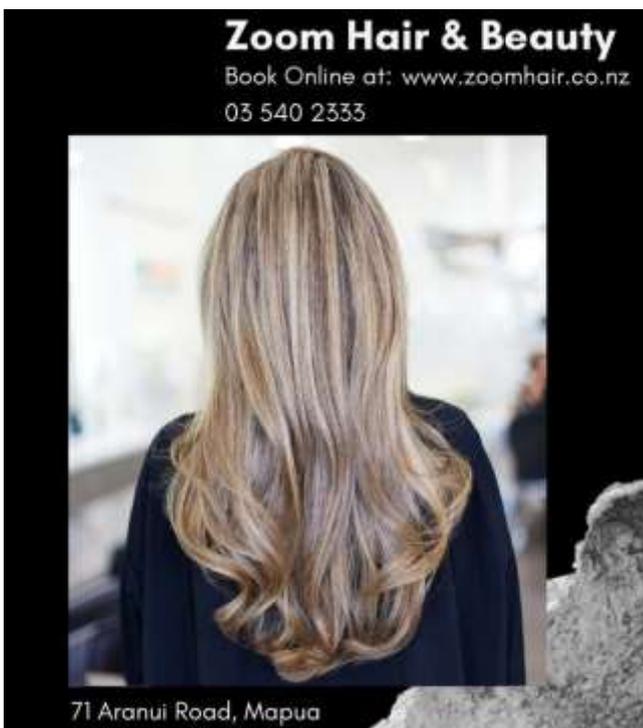
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Barry has a wealth of knowledge and will provide objective information that will empower you to take an informed look at your Kiwisaver and other financial activities.

Finding out the finer details of investments can be hard and time-consuming and some providers may also use 'greenwashing' techniques to mask certain practices. Barry will discuss how easy it is to select the right provider and also how simple it is to change providers.

Barry will also explain some of the changes recently made by our government and the changing landscape related to green investments around the world and how public/private action has contributed to this.

He will also provide his view on the broader changes that can be put in place to shift the financial system as a whole towards more sustainable practice. Trends overseas already show that companies that move towards more ethical and non-fossil fuel investments are gaining momentum and do better than those who do not move with the times.

Barry Coates is the former CEO of Oxfam New Zealand and a former Green Party MP. He is passionate about climate justice, sustainability, and social equity. He received the Sustainable Business Network award as Sustainability Champion in 2016.

"Money Matters" is a Local Matters event, organised by the Motueka Branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa.

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Book launch Local author (and active library volunteer) Katherine Ballantyne-Kingdon hosted the official launch of her latest children's book '*Ollie and the Olive Pressing Team*' at the library on Saturday 26 June.

Author Talk '*My Beautiful Island*' by Chris Potter was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. Thanks Chris and see you at our Literary Festival!

Exhibition Pip Richards' beautifully detailed work has been mounted and will be exhibited until 21 July when Rob and Vanessa Lynch's bird photographs on aluminium and paintings will go up.

Audio books The second lot of audio books from Tasman Libraries, Richmond is now available for borrowing. As with all our items there is no borrowing charge.

Wildfire Did you borrow the Audio Book called Wildfire by Ann Cleeve and forget to return one of the CD's? We returned the loaned Audio Book to Richmond Library only to discover a CD missing. We would love it back.

School holiday activity Plans are underway for an activity to join in with when you visit during the holidays. Check out the round table when you are in and keep an eye on the Facebook page.

Spring clean A dedicated team of library volunteers joined forces on a wet Sunday and gave the windows, shelves and surfaces the 'onceover'. It is lovely to see the library sparkling.

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Ngaio Park grows



Māpua Wharf's new Ngaio Park development is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Named after the prominent Ngaio tree on the site, this development has been a special project for us.

Due to its significant archaeological status, the park is being crafted with a sympathetic approach to its cultural history, so as little digging as possible has been done on the site. The primary objective has been to build on top of the land rather than disturb it with earthworks.

The final phase of the Ngaio Park project will be the installation of tables, seats and bike racks all made from recycled timber to fit in with the natural landscape of the wharf precinct. This will be followed by plantings of coastal native plants.

It's always been difficult to get grass to grow in the very sandy soil, so this has been overcome with the use of an extremely realistic synthetic turf which is guaranteed to look good year-round.

From Tasman District Council

Ngaio Reserve – Mapua Wharf

Opening - Invitation!

After three years of planning by Mapua Waterfront Masterplan Working Group (a Community & TDC representative group), the Ngaio Reserve redevelopment is to be officially opened to the public.

On Site - 10am Sunday 11th July

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Māpua Community Hub [MCH]

Online community directory :

The working group is delighted to announce that the planned on-line community directory is now on-line and wishes to acknowledge the support from MDCA in providing both the hosting platform and finances to access the required technical expertise for this to happen.

Most data for this directory was gathered as part of the MCH Data Collection project led by Connie Sherlock and funded by the Māpua, Ruby Bay and Districts Community Trust.

All community organizations in Māpua are encouraged to visit the community directory on MDCA's website www.ourmapua.org/community-directory.

To check if your organization is either not correctly listed, or not listed at all, and to provide corrections or contact details contact elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz

MCH acknowledges the commitment that the Business Association has made for many years to provide a local directory and it is clear that the on-line directory is complementary to this with a specific focus on community groups and organizations.

Progress on the site and kaupapa

Negotiations continue between the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust and Hills Community Church on establishing an MOU and then agreeing on lease conditions for the proposed MCH site on Aranui Road.

Potential users' requirements for space and facilities (collated from the Data Collection Project) have been summarized into a "wish-list" to provide further data for the planned feasibility study.

Progress continues on the Draft Strategic Plan with objectives clarified and the next move being to create year-specific operational plans.

Next planning meeting Tuesday 6 July 10-12am at the "Old Church" Aranui Road.

The Working Group welcomes any offers of support / involvement from individuals or other community groups if you are interested/able to become part of this exciting new venture – please contact info@ourmapua.hub.nz

Elena Meredith

on behalf of Māpua Community Hub Working Group

Dominion Flats report

Well, the Planting Weekend has been and gone. Saturday was unbearably wet and miserable so we contacted as many as we could to say it was cancelled. Two people turned up at 9 o'clock and we sent them home but one person who knew where we were to be working was already hard at it unbeknownst to us (he didn't look at his phone messages until he was home again), so he had a number of holes dug before he went home. He was kind enough to come back on Sunday along with 24 others who dodged the rain showers.

Once again, we had a group of really hard workers on Sunday, and we managed to plant over 840 plants to complete the particular area we wanted to finish. The weather did not stay dry for us, but everyone stayed on to the finish with a welcome stop for morning tea; thanks to those who helped with goodies.

We have also had a group of school students from Tasman and Mahana Schools who came with Whenua Iiti leaders to put in several hours of hard work a couple of weeks before this and they planted over 400. They worked really well and helped fill in another big area.

Our faithful Tuesday group have since then planted all but the frost tender ones that we are keeping sheltered for now so what a tremendous effort from all those concerned. This really is a community space, made by the community and certainly used by the community as more and more people come to walk, run, or cycle or just to sit and enjoy the space which is already attracting more birds, and we now know it has a Scenic Reserve title to protect it for the future.

A HUGE thank you to all those who helped.

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Hall Society membership

Just over 6 years ago, in January 2015, we moved to Māpua. Soon my wife joined the women's walking group, also known as the walking-talking group. I joined Peter's Thursday morning cycling gang. We both still enjoy these activities and the social side of them.

Not long after, being a bit nosy, I went to the AGM of the Māpua Public Hall Society and guess what, I was elected on to the hall committee!

To be honest, I enjoyed being a member of the committee and stayed there for 6 years. As is normal in such organisations, there are bright and dark sides, however the bright sides won.

When I first joined there was no money. Being the only male on the committee I was dedicated to the role of maintenance. That was fine with me. When I applied for some money to replace broken light bulbs this was declined because there simply was no money.

I approached Howie at NBS Motueka, and he gave us the necessary funds to buy lightbulbs. Continued fundraising and planning happily turned the financial situation around.

During the six years we managed to do quite a lot. We replaced the deck at the front of the hall, tarsealed the carpark and installed the new AV system. These were the major projects among many smaller ones.

On top of this we managed to put aside around \$50,000 in reserve for ongoing maintenance and

The Write Bias

News from Māpua Bowling Club

The new committee, now technically called a board, was elected in at the well-supported Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29th May. Winter might be quiet out on the green, but planning and maintenance continue apace in readiness for the new season. The green keeper has announced that Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday 18th September, and it will be wonderful if the sun could shine.

Several Māpua members continue to play on artificial surfaces away from home at Wakefield, Richmond, Motueka and Tahunanui. These four clubs all offer winter programmes of tournaments and roll-ups.

The new Catering Team of Di McBride and Margie Dillon have set a high benchmark with delicious suppers at our Friday evening socials. Worth coming along to meet us just for the soup, pasties and wedges; the Club is open on the first and third Fridays of every month starting around 5 pm. Pool, darts, cribbage, carpet bowls and conversation are always on the go and of course, the bar is open.

For any information about bowling, coaching, or booking the clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, sporty.co.nz/mapuabowls

Sue England

emergencies. So the Hall is financially in good shape. I am happy that we achieved this outcome as a team.

As there were so many of us involved, committee members and volunteers, I don't want to single anybody out. I am really proud of what the committee achieved over the years. This included organising the rebuild 8 years ago. They did a brilliant job!

There is only one disappointment: back in 2015 the Hall Society had nearly 300 members. This is now down to just over 50.

The Māpua Community Hall is one of the very few Community Halls in New Zealand which is not owned and run by councils. It is owned by the community, run by a committee of volunteers!

The Hall offers many activities for Māpua residents. With only this small number of committee and society members this would be difficult.

It would be great if more residents of Māpua would consider becoming a member of the Hall Society. Membership fees are an important source of funding for the running of the hall. If the membership keeps shrinking, who knows what will happen to the hall!

Membership is just \$15 a year. Payment can be made directly to the NBS account 03-1354-0308218-00

As a reference put your name and 'Membership'. Set it up as a recurring annual payment.

Please check it out on the hall's website:

<https://mapuahall.mystrikingly.com/>

Reinhard Gebhard

July. We are pleased to announce, and welcome on board our new committee members that were nominated at the AGM last month. Some familiar locals, Tracey Cleary from Hamish's Café, Taryn McFadden from Mapua Four Square, Stefan Wernli from Gravity Winery, Teena Jelsma from Neudorf Black. Our new chair is Richard Aitken, from Scott Construction and Debbie Lavery remains as vice chair. Patrick Stowe from Rimu Bar, Mark Stuart from Good Media and Roger Waddell from Gates Accommodation remain on as committee members. Kirsten Ammann has held the admin position since mid-March. The MDBA Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

LUNCH & LEARN—AUG 4, 12.15-1.30pm

We are excited to welcome Frank Witowski who is the founder and CEO of Stoke based Hybrid Bikes. Frank is a serial start-up entrepreneur. Hybrid Bikes is his third start-up. The German engineer who describes himself as a strategic thinker will talk to us about clever marketing. Join us for a lunchtime of great networking, inspiration and support with Frank Witowski.

Book through www.ntbt.co.nz/event/lunchlearninmapua for this free event or email mdba@māpua.co.nz.

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NEW MEMBER UPDATE— NEW MEMBER UPDATE



A warm welcome to Roisin King and Stu Fleming who are the new owners of Purpose Gallery which use to be known as Kereru Gallery by the Wharf, in Mapua. Make sure you pop in and view their first stunning exhibition, but a warning, you do need time and it will be hard to walk away with out a stunning piece of art work or jewellery following you home. The idea for Purpose Gallery came out of facing the challenges of living in a rapidly changing world. How do you find purpose in what you do that is more than just a job, or the place you live? We experimented with a variety of ideas and settled on one for our new direction - finding beauty in art and taking that to the world, from Mapua, New Zealand.

Follow them on Instagram and Facebook. P: 021 198 9291 E: roisin@purpose.gallery

W: www.purpose.gallery Come and visit us at, 5 Iwa Street, Mapua.

Opening hours: Fri to Sun 11—4pm, Tue to Thu by appointment. Mon closed.

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Noticeboard

Tasman Dippers: A casual collection of people who enjoy connecting with the open water. Year-round dips or swims in the sea at Rabbit Island. All the info you need can be found at www.tasmandippers.nz

Māpua Boat Club welcomes new members. No boat required. Social nights Thursdays 5.30 - 7pm at Club rooms on Māpua Wharf. Raffles, cash bar, snacks, regular guest speakers. To join, contact Secretary, Katrina 0211393945

Māpua Craft Group: Meetings may change this year so please contact Julie Cox 0277418575 or Barbara Halse 5403901.

MATHS TUTOR - Experienced High School maths teacher available for individual tuition. \$30 for 45 minutes. First lesson free. Jane 021 02972934

Stamp Collectors - anyone interested in forming a group or having their collections evaluated – contact Nick Ferrier 021 688243

Quakers meet at Family Service Centre, Motueka 10am 2nd Sundays. All welcome. Enquiries: Linda 027 447 6435.

Māpua Friendship Club: a young-at-heart group meet 3rd and last Fridays, Māpua Hall for indoor bowls & bring-a-plate tea, + occasional outings. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. Contact Valeri 540-3685

Māpua Art Group meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9-noon. Paint, draw, help each other in a social environment. All levels & media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. Barbara Glass 027 443 1121

Java Hut Knit Group: 10am Tuesdays at Java Hut. Bring your knitting or crochet. Debbi 027 327 4055

MDCA: Māpua & Districts Community Association meets Feb-Dec, 2nd Mondays, 7pm Māpua Hall; info@ourmapua.org

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: Wednesdays 10-noon, Hills Community Church (during term time). All parents & carers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. \$2 don/family. Make new friends. Info: Verena 027 435 1932.

Taoist Tai Chi: gentle meditative-style movements improve flexibility, balance and relax the mind. Wednesdays 1.30-3.00 pm, Māpua Hall. All welcome. Enquiries 027 443 1121

Women's Recreation Group - meets outside Māpua Mall Thursdays. Leaves 9.15am for 1½hr walk. Route varies. Join us whenever you can. Some members cycle. Lynley 540-2292.

Re-cycle Printer Cartridges at the Library. Printer & Photocopying cartridges accepted. Reduce waste, raise funds for the Library. Two good reasons!

Fibre Craft Sunday. Birch Hall, Richmond A&P Showgrounds. Last Sundays 1.30-3.30pm. Learn to spin, knit, felt or weave. \$5 includes tea or coffee. All ages welcome. Richmond Creative Fibre Group: Diane 547-6517 or Karyn 544-9709

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11am & 6.30-7.30pm, 1st & 3rd Friday 3-4pm. mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com

Spinners, Knitters, Weavers: Creative Fibre Group, Māpua Hall, second Tuesdays 10am. All welcome.

Ruby Coast Walking Group meets 9.30am Wednesdays by Tasman Store. Walk 1½ hrs then coffee & muffins back at the Store. All welcome. Fiona: 021 232 6089 for more info.

Ruby Coast Running Club: 5k run Thursday nights 5:30pm. Also runs most mornings. Find us on Facebook or contact Debbi 027 327 4055.

RSA: Anyone interested in joining Moutere Hills RSA is welcome. No former service history required. Great platform to catch up & meet new members. Nic Poultney 021 220 3920 or 548-4420

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays 9.45am. New members welcome. Gaye 03 526 6827

Toastmasters: Like to speak with more confidence? Motueka Toastmaster Club meets every 1st & 3rd Weds, 6.45–8.30pm, 15 Courtney St, Motueka. Please come along to a meeting, no obligations. Info: Dave 027 538 0059.

Community Youth club. Year 9 -13 youth. 6.30-8.30 most Fridays at Māpua Hall. Contact: Mark Waweru 020 410 48 799. Funded & co-ordinated by HCC.

Motueka Senior Net. Tech for mature adults. Monthly meetings. Help sessions 2x/month. De-mystify technology in a fun & friendly forum. Clubrooms 42 Pah St, Motueka. Seniornetmotueka.org.nz

Tasman Golf Club welcome new golfers to Kina Cliffs for local golf experience at realistic cost, the best in Nelson. Coaching available. Info: Jim 022 096 6067 & Lyndal 03 526 6819, teeup@tasmangolfclub.com

Coastal Stringers Ukulele group: beginners welcome. Fridays, 1.30~4pm Boat Club rooms on the wharf. Just turn up & join us for some fun! Info: Colleen 540-3010, Diane 540-2627.

Coastal Garden Group meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). Men and women most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Ph 03 970 0565

Sing Your Lungs Out! Free community singing group for anyone with respiratory issues, morning tea. Singing improves your lung health! 10am Mondays, Te Awhina Marae, Pah St, Motueka. Pip 0274 282 693

Ruby Coast Newcomers Social Group: meet new people, make new friends. Coffee 10am last Fridays at Tasman Store and occasional social events. Just turn up. Vivien/Richard 526-6707

Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) 7.30pm last Thursdays (x Dec) Tasman Bible Church. Residents of Ruby Bluffs to Tasman & Kina welcome. Info: Facebook or www.tasmancommunity.org.nz

Nelson Trout Fishing Club: 7pm 3rd Wednesdays, Fish & Game Rooms, 66/74 Champion Rd, Stoke. Beginner or expert. Courses, field trips, speakers. Open to all ages. Info: 03 5476432, secretary@nelsontroutfishingclub.com

Friends & Neighbours: Varied programs of interest, friendship & good morning tea. Third Fridays 10:30 - 12:30pm at Tasman Bible Church. Info: Jane 526-6709.

Motueka Scottish Country Dance Club: Weds 7.30pm Lower Moutere Hall Scout den. No partner needed, dress casual, wear soft flat shoes, beginners welcome. Good exercise, lively music. Contact Fay 021 039 3559 or Alison 0220 363 891.

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