

Radical government powers to boost housing

The pace of housing development in Mapua is likely to increase after the Government introduced radical new measures requiring Tasman District Council to increase the number of new houses in its territory.

Under a 'Tasman Housing Accord' signed with the Government in mid-April, the TDC is being required to increase the number of houses by nearly 10 per cent over last year's total. In 2015, TDC's target is 300 houses, compared with 273 in 2014. In 2016, the number will have to go up a further 6 per cent on the 2015 total to 320.

New housing already seems to be occurring rapidly in the Mapua area. An 80-section residential subdivision north of Mapua Drive is well under way after it was approved last year. At the same time, the council is considering a further 92 residential section subdivision application for a 10.2ha property between Aranui Road and Iwa Street.

The council has zoned a large area of western Mapua for residential housing, a total of about 63ha capable of accommodating about 320 new houses. This land has deferred residential status because of a lack of services, principally water supply. It is in five different areas, mainly between Higgs and Aranui roads, but with some on sloping land on the west side of Seaton Valley Road.

There is also an ongoing expansion of rural residential housing outside the village housing in Mapua-Ruby Bay area in a wider area from Appleby and Hoddy Road in the south to Tasman in the north.

The pace of growth in Mapua is already putting a strain on Mapua School and the Health Centre in particular. A difficulty for the community in general has been residents' ability to know what is happening in terms of new housing development. This has been caused by reduced requirements for notification in the Resource Management Act passed in 2013 by the Government.

However, through the accord, the Government is enforcing strong measures that will increase the pace of development and reduce notification requirements even further.

The Government's Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act offers developers an alternative consent process that reduces notification requirements even further, reduces appeal rights, and allows

a proposed plan to be implemented before submissions have been heard.

The accord also includes an unprecedented change: Government officials from the Ministry of Business being involved in the council's consenting process. Ministry staff will set up a joint ministry-council officials working group which will propose a range of council initiatives to speed up the whole process involved of housing development. Among its top priorities is one to "increase developer confidence in the council and to encourage a more collaborative approach between the council and developers."

Crucially, the Housing Accords Act enables the Government to establish "special housing areas" where qualifying developments can follow a consenting process that is an alternative to the Resource Management Act, with more permissive resource consent powers.

Critics say this has been a deliberate tactic by the Government to undermine the country's main planning law, the Resource Management Act. The Special Housing Areas process does not involve the principle of sustainability central to the RMA, and has minimal environmental requirements, a keystone of the RMA.

Measures in the Tasman Housing Accord include:

The creation of a developers' forum, where developers and TDC staff will discuss "issues of common interest about housing supply and housing affordability."

The TDC is committing to "utilising" land already zoned residential by "increasing density of more affordable new dwellings."

The council is committing to "consideration of mechanisms which may include differential rating and development control powers to speed up (housing) supply and improve affordability".

The Government has strong persuasive powers under the Special Housing Areas Act, including in the event of failures by a council to meet requirements, the Minister ordering the Business Ministry to take over the consenting process.

The agreement also shows that information about what is happening the accord will be tightly controlled by the Government. Any statement or publicity has to be approved by both the Mayor of Tasman and the Minister of Housing before release.

David Mitchell

Government intervention ‘unacceptable’

It is surprising that Tasman and Nelson local bodies are being forced into the Government’s short-term, urgent programme to increase the number of houses. Although there are short-term problems in housing here, Tasman and Nelson do not have a crisis that is in any way comparable with the crisis in Auckland.

The Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act was passed by the Government in 2013 to provide fast-track measures to ease Auckland’s housing crisis. There was no original intention to apply it to other local authorities. However, the stringent measures in the Act are now being applied to other local bodies not caught up in Auckland’s crisis. This appears to be because the Government has been unable to gain enough political support to pass a further round of reforms it wants for the already much-reformed Resource Management Act. It is using its Housing Accords Act to by-pass and undermine the RMA.

There is no justification here for the Government reaching into its armoury of powers to override the work of our local body, which is elected, paid for and responsible to its residents. There is not a housing crisis in Tasman and the measures being imposed, comparable with those used in wartime, are unacceptable. They threaten not only our ability to shape our communities the way we want them—often not the way developers want them—but also the beautiful and precious environment of the area we live in.

In Auckland, a major reason for Government intervention was a shortage of land for residential development, a main factor in pushing up prices at an unsustainable rate, and this is reflected in the Act. However, there is no shortage of land zoned for residential development in Tasman District. To the contrary, the Tasman Council has more than adequate areas of land available for new housing.

The Tasman accord documents show that Richmond has 211ha of residential-zoned land and Motueka 209ha. Mapua has a total of 63ha of land zoned residential but deferred because of difficulties over water supply.

Tasman’s population is growing steadily at a faster rate than the national average. Between the 2006 and 2013 census, Tasman’s population grew 5.6 per cent to 47,154 people. But Tasman also has some features that make it different from most other local bodies. As the accord document notes, it has one of the biggest land areas of any local body in New Zealand, more than 10,000 sq km, and dispersed towns

that make servicing residential land a challenge. Some of these local factors influence housing costs.

However, it can also be shown that the TDC has, to a large degree, anticipated and provided for rapid housing growth by measures that include the Rural 3 rural residential zoning for large areas of the Moutere Hills. In Richmond, the district plan already includes provisions for comprehensive and compact-density residential developments of the type now being utilised in Auckland. The council also recently made a plan rule change that allows developers to propose a way of overcoming a constraint causing deferment of a residential zone, such as water supply. This was the crucial reason that the recent Mapua Rise development was approved.

The only reason the Government uses to justify application of the act here is affordability. It says that a Massey University study in 2014 shows that in Tas-



man (as part of Nelson-Tasman-Marlborough regional cluster) housing is “less affordable than the national average.” The accord and its publicity give no detail about this study or its conclusion. It is not clear whether our geographic location or the dispersed nature of our settlements are factors in the conclusion. It is a paper-thin justification

for action unless it is substantiated. And it has not been. A single statistic is used to justify an extreme and far-reaching social and political strategy.

The Massey report itself is a broad-brush document, issued annually to show trends in housing affordability. It does not have any breakdown of the differences for Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough. A quick glance at the study graphs reflects what people have known, that the top of the south area’s housing cost has always been relatively high, especially relative to wages here.

However, the top of the south has not experienced the mercurial shifts experienced in hot spots like Auckland, Queenstown and Christchurch.

Neither the accord legislation nor the carefully manipulated publicity surrounding special housing areas give either detail about this study or explain or justify why this means Tasman has to be treated as a housing crisis zone where prescriptive and invasive Government powers should be invoked. The Housing Accords Act deprives people, communities and local bodies of their democratic rights, disregards an important law designed to protect the environment and replaces it with a single goal of simply increasing the number of houses.

For the Tasman region, the act and its powers cut across one of our most important rights—the ability

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to know about and participate in plans about what will happen next in the community where we live.

Tasman's Housing "Accord" needs to be recognised for what it is, a severe and unacceptable political action by the Government. It totally undermines the legitimate planning law and judicial appeal process that has been passed by our Parliament so we can plan development sustainably and protect our precious environment.

It is severe Government intervention in local affairs that should be rejected. If the only way to do that is politically, that is really the challenge to our community. The so-called "accord" needs a response from great communities like ours in Mapua to a minister who should know better that the imposition of arbitrary government powers over our community and local council through the housing accord law is unjustified and unacceptable.

David Mitchell



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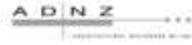
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Mapua Health Centre

We are very pleased to announce that Dr Anne O'Reilly has joined the practice. Anne is originally from Northern Ireland and gained her medical degree at Trinity College, Dublin. Since then she has worked in Ireland, UK and Canada and she emigrated with her family to New Zealand in 1997. Her postgraduate interests have been in haematology, oncology, palliative care, general practice, psychiatry, narrative therapy counselling and mindfulness for chronic pain and stress. Over the last 10 years she has also trained in nutritional and environmental medicine (including intravenous therapies). Anne values working with people to develop a holistic approach to their health and well being.

We are also fortunate to be joined by Taisia Cech who will be with us for six months as a GP registrar. In addition we have a final-year medical student, Andrew Ireland, for a month as part of his introduction to general practice. In the middle of June Katie Maver will leave us for six months maternity leave and we wish her all the best for her journey into motherhood.

For teenagers and youths there is a website called 4YOUth which provides information on youth services offered in the Nelson Tasman Region. This covers lots of issues from employment through to health, for 12-24-year-olds—www.4youth.org.nz. At the health centre all consultations are confidential and the fee may be covered by a special fund. You can check this out by simply coming in, ringing 540-2211 or emailing us at info@mapuahealth.com.

If you are still wish to make use of the flu vaccine, it is available free of charge to those over 65 years or if you have a chronic medical condition such as

asthma requiring regular medication, heart disease, diabetes, etc. If you have any concerns about the vaccine or are not sure if you qualify for a free one please do not hesitate to contact one of our nurses.

In June each year Men's Health Week is held around the world. Locally, it's a chance for New Zealand men to make a difference to their health for themselves and their families. The Get the Tools website (www.getthetools.org.nz) has been developed to provide the latest health and well-being information and support for Kiwi blokes, and ultimately to ensure that our men get to stick around and celebrate more birthdays with their families. It looks at a whole range of important things from checking out about cancers to sexuality, work life balance, weight, kai and nutrition, mental health, skin, man maintenance and getting active.

As autumn moves towards winter there can be a sense of viruses and bacteria waiting to settle in the nose and, if the immune system doesn't put up an effective fight, then they may start affecting the sinuses or throat and, if you are susceptible, they may spread to the bronchi.

There are a few options from research that could help to prevent or minimise their efforts, eg, probiotics (friendly gut bugs) may help to prevent colds in young adults (*British Journal of Nutrition* February 2015) and kids (Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Sep). Garlic can reduce the length of a cold or flu (Clin Nutr. 2012 Jan), green tea may lessen flu (J Nutr. 2011 Oct), vitamin C seems to decrease the duration and severity of colds (Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2012 Nov), vitamin C and E may help prevent colds (J Am Coll Nutr. 2011 Aug), zinc can decrease the duration of the common cold (CMAJ July, 2012) and vitamin D seems also to help prevent flu (Am J Clin Nutr. 2010).

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15-21	Elder Abuse Awareness Week	www.ageconcern.org.nz
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Mapua Bowling Club

The Write Bias

It has been a busy time at the Mapua Bowling Club as the 2014/15 season drew to a close.

Laughter filled the air on Wednesday, 22 April, as the ladies hosted a day of friendship, warmly referred to as 'Giggle Day'. Teams from all over the district joined the Mapua ladies for a day of enjoyable bowling with some surprise twists thrown in as the day progressed. It was a very colourful event with all the teams dressed in outfits around the theme 'stars, stripes and spots'. A big thank you goes out to the day's sponsors, Lynda Mabin at Holistic Health, and the Jellyfish Café for their generous support. Also deserving hearty thanks is the team of men from the club who took over the kitchen duties for the day.

The 'closing day' triples tournament on was held on Saturday 25 April. There was a great turnout of members, plenty of competitive bowling and the sun played its part too. A good day was had by all. Thank you to the tournament sponsor, Super Liquor. Winners on the day were Les McAlwee and Colin Pryke.

The presentation of the season's championship trophies was followed by a lovely late afternoon tea. A number of members received trophies but two in particular had outstanding success this season. Jean Daubney won both the Ladies Senior Singles and the Ladies Veteran Singles championships. She was also presented with the Ladies Veteran Pairs trophy along with partner, Chris Green. On the men's side of

things, Grahame Williams was the stand-out bowler. Grahame won the Men Senior Singles and the Men Veteran Singles championships and the Higgs Anniversary Cup. In addition he and partner Arnie Ahnfeldt were presented the Men Senior Pairs trophy. Grahame was also a member of the winning Men Triples championship team along with Michael Busby and Arnie Ahnfeldt.

The Mapua Bowling Club AGM is scheduled on Saturday 23 May. The results of the committee elections will be published in the next newsletter.

Throughout the winter months, our green, which is only one season old, will be weeded, rolled and pampered to make sure it is at its best when the new season begins. In the meantime, Mapua Bowling Club members will be getting together twice a month (first and third Fridays) at the club rooms for social evenings.

(Further bowls photo on page 8)

For information about the bowling club or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call the secretary, Jean Daubney (540-3281) or the president, Michael Busby (544-6325).



Giggle Day: 'Bowling Bumble Bees' Barbara Brown, Sue England and Ann Briggs.

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Welcome Gaye, and thanks for volunteering to share your expertise with our grants team. We farewelled Averil from the committee. Thanks Averil for your contribution and your willingness to take on our 'handyman' jobs, and for continuing to do that even when you are no longer on the committee!

Winter Book Sale

The winter book sale will be held on Saturday 13 June, from 10am to 4.30pm. Look out for the publicity – and on that note...

Book Donations

We have been inundated with book donations – which is a good problem to have! However, please note that we cannot use outdated material eg, travel guides and very old magazines, and that the donation needs to be of a quality that we can shelve or, if it doesn't fit our collection policy, then sell.

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Lynley Worsley

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Book review

The Children Act, by Ian McEwan. Reviewed by Sue England. This book is available in the Mapua Community Library.

Ian McEwan is one of my favourite, if not the favourite, authors. He writes sparingly, allowing your imagination to fill in the spaces. His choice of material is always topical, emotive, challenging, sometimes controversial but always eminently readable. His latest work of fiction does not disappoint.

The story revolves around two key figures, Fiona Maye and Adam Henry. Fiona is a leading High Court judge, childless and after thirty years, her marriage is decidedly rocky. Her remit is to preside over cases in the Family Court.

Into her caseload comes Adam, a 17-year-old boy, suffering from leukaemia. His treatment has commenced but a blood transfusion is required to complete the path to health and his parents are refusing to grant permission. They are Jehovah's Witnesses. Though technically not old enough to make his own decisions Adam is devout and adamant that he does not want the treatment that would save his life.

As a highly intelligent and sensitive woman, Fiona Maye is renowned for her judgments. As time runs out, she has to decide whether to overrule the beliefs of Adam and his parents to allow medical intervention. It is a gripping read, particularly when she decides to visit Adam in hospital to aid her judgment.

But the encounter at Adam's bedside stirs up strong emotions in both parties and the judgment made by Fiona Maye has profound consequences for them both.

If you have never read Ian McEwan before, *The Children Act* would be a very good place to start. But if I had to rate a personal favourite, *Saturday* is my stand-out.



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Mapua School plans big planting day

Mapua School children will be involved in one of their biggest ever planting days on Thursday 4 June when they plant hundreds of plants in the central area of Aranui Park.

More than 130 children will be involved, but they will work in teams for about 40 minutes each, for what is planned to be a three-hour operation overall. Each team will comprise about 40 children, plus parents and supervisors. The planting is planned to be fast, efficient and intensive.

Children will work in groups of about 40 children plus parents and supervisors. The children will be guided by experts from the council's park contractors, Nelmac, who are at the heart of the operation. Others assisting will be school staff members, parents and members of the Friends of Mapua Wetland. Overseeing the full operation will be TDC parks administrator Richard Hilton. The school's big planting day comes a day before the internationally-recognised day for Arbor Day, 5 June, which is also officially World Environment Day.

Richard Hilton says that the experienced Nelmac team is small and the involvement of parents can be a crucial factor in community success in a planting effort like Mapua's. Parents are able to encourage the children and help them learn some planting skills. Parents who can come on 4 June and help supervise will be very welcome.

For the second successive year, the pupils will be planting mainly in some shallow drainage ditches, transforming the appearance of the central part of the park near the derelict former farm shed of Arnold and then Bernard Wells.

The Wells family donated the park to "the people of New Zealand" with the wish that it be used to help protect New Zealand flora. The planting is close to Mapua School's five-year-old project, known as Tāne's Ark, where pupils have planted more than 4000 trees and plants since 2009.

The council has recently done more work to improve drainage in the area near Tane's Ark, with a new drainage ditch recently dug near an area of native maire trees. Another welcome improvement in the park on the western side of the park near the Tāne's Ark sign has been a beautifully-crafted park bench made by Mapua craftsman Andreas Niemann and donated by a park user who wishes to remain anonymous.

Parents and visitors who come to the planting will also be welcome to inspect the regionally rare narrow-leaved maire tree which recently provided thousands of seeds, securing the future of the species in Nelson-Marlborough. The seeds, collected by the school's Tāne's Team, are now being propagated by staff at Titoki Nursery in Brightwater. However, they are slow-moving plants and the first seedlings are not expected for another two years.

Parents and visitors can also walk through the main forested area on the south-western side of the park. The school's Tāne's Team has recently been busy planting a range of species there, including matai, totara, hard and black beech, titoki, and karaka. The new plantings are scattered amongst pioneer manuka trees that were planted six years ago and now have canopy forest cover.

Mapua School children have been involved in planting and weeding in Aranui Park and Mapua Wetland for eight years now. Titoki Nursery owner Tim Le Gros, who recently inspected the Tāne's Ark planting, said that Aranui Park and Mapua Wetland now contained a range of native plants that was probably the biggest of any coastal reserve in the area between Abel Tasman National Park and Nelson.

The Mapua School Tāne's Ark project has been supported with a 2014 TDC grant from rates of \$1000 and in 2011 Mapua School won a council-sponsored Enviro Award for Tane's Ark, which was judged best school project.

David Mitchell

Bowls winners:

The president of the Mapua Bowling Club, Michael Busby, with Les McAlwee and Colin Pryke, winners of the Closing Day tournament trophy last month.



Letters to the Editor

Can you help?

The Moutere Hills RSA, which is a sub-ranch of Nelson, has been a big part of our community since 1946.

The time has come when we need some help, ie, we need a president and secretary/treasurer to be able to carry on, especially to co-ordinate Anzac Day and other important occasions.

Are you retired or semi-retired, and are sympathetic to the needs of our returned men and women, and would be prepared to help to keep this branch going?

For further information please ring me on 923 22 69.

Norm Thawley

Plans for Aranui Park

It is good to see that Tasman District Council is seeking a range of community views on Aranui Park with the understanding it is to be a place of gentle pursuits.

Back in the 90s the park was included in a public survey and was given the thumbs-up for a skateboard park.

It is heartening for the few of us who knew the park as Bernard Wells' cattle farm, to see it become his vision of an oasis when Mapua would be blanketed with houses.

In the 1970s the idea of Mapua becoming blanketed with houses was a laughingly unreal concept. But Mr Wells was there, overseeing the landscaping then those first plantings, which he tended for the rest of his life and which have given us the colour and picnic places which we enjoy today.

Since the changeover from council control (from the original Lands and Survey Department), and following a management plan, the park is developing quite fast and has an emphasis on native plantings. This new overview may bring even more ideas for continuing Aranui Park's place as an escape from urban bustle, such as the idea of Bernard Wells' younger daughter as an area of aromatic and textural plants in memory of her mother who went blind in

old age, after being Mapua's sole librarian for more than 20 years.

Helen Beere

Thanks for Poppies

I wish to thank and to commend the members of the Mapua Creative Fibres group for the fantastic work they have done in mounting the poppy display which was on show in the Mapua RSA Library. I know many people local and others had given time and skill in making the poppies for the display and all should be very proud of their work and the finished product. Thank you is due also to the Library Committee for their commitment to the project. I hope everyone in the village and their visitors dropped by to see the striking display.

Valerie Roche

Lower Speed Limit suggested

While working on the renovation of the Sprig & Fern I observed the traffic movements on Aranui Road near the shopping area and hall. There is no problem with vehicles leaving the 4 Square and mall car parks, Perry's Auto or the hall but some through traffic does drive at the 50kmh speed limit with little regard for likely vehicles or foot traffic entering Aranui Road.

There are a lot of people walking across the road to cars and Tiger Lily (a cat) might be crossing to the Sprig at any time. The 50kmh speed limit traffic was sometimes too fast for safe braking, or at this time of year, with the likely hazard of sun blindness or fogged windscreen.

I know the road rule is "drive to the conditions" but my thoughts are that maybe a 30kmh speed limit from the library/hall to the end of the tennis courts would make a safer downtown Mapua.

Most people in Mapua drive this area of the road at less than 50kmh with their foot ready for the brake to let someone by, regardless of who has the right of way. A 30kmh speed limit would make the road safer.

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Coastal Garden Group

The speaker at the May meeting of the Coastal Garden Group was club member Margaret Satherley who showed members how to propagate new plants from cuttings and divide clumps of perennials. The workshop prompted many questions to Margaret as she worked through these tasks. Members were then given the opportunity to undertake these tasks themselves with plants they had brought to the meeting.

The workshop included:

Impatiens (Softwood): Take a cutting, strip off all lower leaves and any flowers/buds, place in container of water to form roots, making sure no leaves from stem are in water. Keep undercover (inside) during cold weather. In spring when cuttings have lots of roots, they can be potted.

Vireya (Hardwood) : take cutting, stripping off all leaves apart from 2 or 3 at top which are cut in half to reduce moisture loss. Dip cuttings in water, then rooting hormone, then insert into a pot of pumice. Use a stick, pencil or what suits to make a hole to insert the cutting. Placing the cuttings around the outer edge of the pot often gets better results. Margaret sits the pot on a saucer of water to keep the cuttings moist (never let them dry out), then places the pot in a sheltered spot out of direct sunlight/heat.

Morning is the best time to take cuttings. If unable to pot up that day, place cuttings into plastic bag, roll up the bag and place in fridge for the next day use. It is wise to label cuttings with name and date.

Always cut to a node (leaf bud – cut just below it) as in the leaf node is a concentration of natural hor-

mones that instigate growth. Always cut away from the bud on an angle. After cutting to node, wound the cutting by stripping off a piece of bark and exposing the cambium layer (where lateral growth occurs) one wound down the side per cutting.

Willow Water is a natural rooting hormone (water that willow cuttings have been standing in) and can be used instead of buying commercial varieties.

Collect cuttings from best specimens of the previous year's growth that is clean and disease-free (older wood doesn't root so easily).

Division (Hostas, Day Lillies, Canna Lillies, Salvias etc): These plants can be divided by using a sharp instrument (knife, axe, two forks back-to-back) to reduce their size and provide more plants. After dividing, trim and tidy the plant before replanting.

Orchids (Cymbidium) Repotting is required when the potting mix has broken down or the plant has grown too big. You can either repot the plant into a larger container or divide the plant into a number of pieces, each of which is separately repotted.

To repot, remove plant from existing container—work the old mix away with fingers or a jet of water ensuring all the old mix is removed. Old dead roots should be trimmed away. Separate the plant into pieces as required and treat any cuts with a fungicide (Flowers of Sulphur is an inexpensive treatment and can also be used on other plants eg, dahlias etc) Take off some of the back bulbs, but not all as they feed the plant and get rid of older leaves.

Decide on the size of the new pot, ensuring the roots just fill the container chosen (some growers cut the bottom third of the roots off). Place plant in the container and pour the mix into the pot—work the mix around the roots with your fingers. Ensure the plant is placed to allow maximum forward growth. The rhizome should be placed 25mm below the edge of the pot, with the mix just covering the rhizome. Make sure the plant is firm, but not too tight. After repotting, plants should be kept more shaded and somewhat dryer than usual. Misting foliage only for 2 to 3 weeks may be all that is required.

Margaret suggested a potting mix of chunky bark, perlite and sphagnum moss with some slow-release fertiliser. A small pinch of blood and bone can also be sprinkled on top of the bark.

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Is 'inappropriate' inappropriate?

In all sorts of contexts we hear often that a certain word or action or attitude is inappropriate. It is the case for politicians pulling pony tails, for children's inept speech or behaviour, for someone avoiding a straight answer to a straight forward question, and of course, for an 'innocent' prank or joke.

I guess you have to ask and decide who says it is inappropriate for it to be ...well, 'inappropriate.' The softening of language in this way might be a symptom of the general reluctance to say a thing, or action, or person's aspiration, is just plain 'wrong' or 'right'. But again, who decides? We as human beings might want to appeal to the law courts of the land, to the international court of human rights, or even (more readily) to conscience, custom, or culture but, where does the ultimate arbitration or arbiter reside?

Christians promote the ultimate arbiter as God revealed through the written word, the Bible, and expressed perfectly in the living Word, Jesus Christ.

They would point to the revelation of certain absolutes and ultimates as the truth graciously revealed and given as a gift from a personal and living God. Perhaps that is why, for some, the Bible is awkwardly 'inappropriate' and thus to be avoided?

Jesus often got himself into hot water by making statements such as 'you have heard it said...but I say to you...' or, by doing things that were the prerogative of God alone—such as forgiving sins or manipulating nature as if he were creator. His statements then about what is 'right' or 'wrong' were with respect to whether a person (then or now) understood who he really was and acknowledged so—and that was/is the measure of what was/is 'appropriate', as we might say today.

A straightforward statement concerning Jesus Christ by one of the men who was crucified beside him was, 'But this man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:41a). Another statement concerning Jesus is that, 'We have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin' (Hebrews 4:15).

When we use the language of what is or is not appropriate, we immediately assume a framework, system of authority, or person, or god (ourselves?) behind that statement. It discloses what we think is right or wrong. It might be useful to examine who ultimately we are appealing to? This should reveal to whom (or what) we are accountable and of course, expect others to be too. Who or what is that by the way?

Richard Drury

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The Goya Ensemble
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Music by: Paganini, Boccherini, Houghton, Vivaldi

Saturday 27th June 7.30pm

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The Goya ensemble consist of:

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 Margaret Jackson Viola / Violin
 Fleur Jackson Violin
 Katie Roddis Violin
 Lissa Cowie Cello



Their programme at the Mapua Community hall will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 27th June and the works to be performed are : Boccherini Quintett in C Major Paganini Terzetto for Guitar, Violin and Cello, 'In Amber' by the Acclaimed Australian Composer, Phillip Houghton, Concerto for Guitar by Antonio Vivaldi.

Rangers JAB Rugby

Thanks to everyone who came down and supported the club for our 60th season club day on the 9 May. all our teams had a great day on the playing field, and having all the supporters that we did cheering us on really helped! Also a big thank you to those people that donated food, and their time, to help make the day such a great day to be enjoyed by all.



Rangers JAB Rugby

Wow, what a great bunch of kids we have playing for us this season. They are all so enthusiastic about playing rugby, and their coaches are keen to teach them the skills to help them to be the best rugby players they can be. We have had new kids joining all our teams (including our U10 team) who have not played rugby before and have picked the game up really fast. Rugby is a great game for players of all levels, as it is a team game that does not rely on just one player in the team; everyone in the team needs to be involved! If you would like to come down and watch our JAB teams play, we will be have most of our teams playing at our home grounds at the Moutere Hills Community Centre every fortnight. The JAB home games for June are: 6 June from 9.30am onwards, and 20 June from 9.30am onwards.

Rangers Senior B

Our seniors have been having a good season so far. We have been lucky to have been given so many home games this season, as it is always nice to play on your home grounds. Training continues on a Tuesday and Thursday evening and with the nights drawing in earlier it is train-

ing under lights. If you are stuck for something to do on a Saturday afternoon, come down and cheer the boys on. Games kick off at 1.15pm and the bar is open.

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Moving to Mapua, an early account

Part two 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.

Settling in Mapua

When first we moved to Mapua we had to live in a bach until Dad bought a piece of land across the road from where we were in Iwa Street. He would build our family a house there. This was to be a slow project; he didn't have much money so the house had to be built bit by bit, and it was to be a year before we were able to move in. The bach was small so we slept in tents for a while, until Dad built on some bedrooms adjoining the kitchen. I liked sleeping in the tent, watching the patterns the leaves made on the roof in the moonlight. A family by the name of Eatwell had lived in the bach before us and Dawn Eatwell had written her name on the wall in big letters. She and her brother, Brad, had attended Mapua School in 1930.

I didn't like it in Mapua to begin with. There was no running water and no proper toilet—only a hole in the ground we called a 'long drop'. There was no electricity either, only kerosene lamps or candles, and we used a tub for a bath—but I did have a mudflat to play on and the sea on my doorstep.

I was lonely when we first lived in Mapua. I was on my own by then as my brother had left school and begun working at K M Black's grocery store in Nelson. He was staying in Nelson with an aunt. Soon, however, I made friends with a girl my own age who lived just across the corner from our home.

She was sitting up a gum tree watching me until I plucked up enough courage to go to her and say, "Hello, do you want to play with me?" Her name was Josephine Marshall and we remained friends until we left school.

Grossi Point, accessed by Tahī Street (Tahī meaning 'one' or 'the first' in Maori), was named after Mark Grossi, a fisherman who lived at the end of the point. He built himself a hut and grew kumara there. The land was stony in some places and sandy in others but he improved it with wood ash. When I arrived in Mapua, Grossi Point was covered in broom and yellow lupins, with marram grass on the edge of the beach. Two huge gum trees were growing near the end of the point and Josephine and I would climb up and swing out on a thick rope that someone had attached to a limb. The gums are still there today, but the rope has gone.

There seemed to be so much for the two of us to do: new ground to explore, birds' nests to find, rabbits to chase, playhouses to make and dolls to take for walks over the rough paddocks covered in scrub.

There were blackberries which were juicy and delicious when they were ripe and the odd plum tree to climb for their tasty fruit.

Washday

The clothes washing was done in a copper filled the night before and lit first thing in the morning before breakfast. The water was carried in a kerosene tin from a tank that collected rainwater off the roof. Dad had very wisely set up the copper outside by the wood heap, which saved us having to carry firewood very far. He also built a wooden bench to sit two tubs on; one for the first rinsing of the clothes and one for the 'blue' rinse—where the whites were put into water that had a 'blue bag' soaked in it to tinge the clothes with blue which was supposed to make them look whiter. The old Reckitts blue bags came in handy for lots of things, especially for taking the sting out of bee stings which were frequent as were often running around barefoot.

A four-inch nail was hammered into the post above the bench to take Dad's mirror for shaving. He used a blade razor or 'cut-throat' as it was aptly called. There was a shelf for the soap and a mug that held our toothbrushes and toothpaste—Gibbs Denti-frice toothpaste in a pink tin with an imprint on the lid of the tooth fairies' castle. When we lost a tooth we would put it under our pillow and the tooth fairy would take the tooth and leave us threepence.

Later Dad built a tin shed alongside the woodshed and shifted the copper and two wooden tubs into it for Mum. This made washday a lot easier. The first day she filled the copper with water and clothes but left the lid off the copper. The next morning Mum lit the fire, had breakfast and then went back to the task of getting the washing done. She gave the clothes a good stir up with the 'possie stick' and raked up a boiled rat that had slipped in during the night—all pink with no fur left! Well, that meant washday had to start all over again.

(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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Out and About with Hugh

Mapua on a Roll: That was the headline for the *Nelson Mail's* 'Weekend' section on Saturday, 25 April. Bill Moore's article said that Mapua, 30 minutes from Nelson, had become a favourite seaside spot for relaxing and dining. But will success spoil the sleepy settlement?" He followed on with a some fairly comprehensive observations about our "Village," the Mapua Wharf, the Mapua ferry, the cycle trail and included some pertinent remarks by a few Mapua residents.

Then, just to prove there was more to the "Mapua story" and that the *Mail* was "on a roll" as well, Bill got onto page 3 of the 25 April edition with "Planned Mapua subdivision draws fire." Described as a "shockingly bad proposal" by a local resident of 25 years, the subdivision proposes 90 sections abutting the Mapua Domain playing fields. The water supply for the subdivision? The ground water is of poor quality and of a questionable amount. Where to from there? Hopefully, someplace. The subdivision has been in the works for only seven years. I called the TDC. The staff member who responded to my query said "they are working on it."

The subdivision was originally proposed in 2007. It has yet to be approved by the TDC. Some of the original consent has been modified and is proposed on a "non-notified" basis. So what's a notified proposal? Interestingly enough, that decision is left up to the judgment of council officers to avoid "possible political influences."

And the water? Who has a right to water in the first place? Whose water is it? Can I drill a well, and if I find water, use it? Yes and no depending upon where you live, how much land you have, any local authority rules that may apply, etc. In the Tasman District there are explicit rules to follow before you can start drilling for water.

According to the TDC, the average household consumes 1.2 cubic metres of water a day. Potentially that's 108 cubic metres a day for 90 sections and will require a reticulated system. Rainwater tanks might be another solution. However, large plastic water tanks in the back yards are not much of a visual amenity. What about the rectangular tanks that are available for alongside the house? Visually acceptable and reasonably priced and not as "in your face" as the big greens. As for underground storage tanks? A very good option but can be expensive.

Why are rainwater tanks not required for every residential building consent? In rural areas they are, to provide water for fire. In residential areas, wouldn't it be nice to have a bit of stored water for the garden when we have water rationing? I asked one of our councillors about it and came away with the impression that it's in the "too hard" basket. We're admon-

ished to conserve water. So what's with the TDC too hard?

Aside from that, whose water is it in the first place? If it falls from the sky and I save it in a tank or pond and use it—ownership not much doubt in that instance. But, what about the water the TDC delivers to us via our water system, reads our water meter, figures how much we've used and it then sells it to us like a commodity. No different from buying a litre of milk or a six-pack. They are commodities.

Our Prime Minister recently said, "No one owns the water". Why then, has the Government been quietly discussing water rights with Iwi leaders?

Jacinta Ruru in Sciblogs *Waiology* has this to say: "Water governance is tricky at the best of times. As we all know, water is fundamentally important to the welfare of people, plants, livestock, farming activities, industry and power generation, it has an increasing economic value, and it moves in a flowing nature. But water is also uniquely important to Maori for the simple reasons that Maori derive part of their identity from water (tupuna awa – water ancestors) and view water as a taonga (treasure) with its own mauri (life force)".

On 22 May I visited the Riwaka Resurgence where the northern branch of the Riwaka emerges from a cave at the base of the Takaka Hill, forming a beautiful crystal clear pool. The nearby DOC information board explains the cultural significance to the people of Te Atiawa and Ngati Rarua who recognise Te Puna o Riwaka as wahi tapu, a sacred place. Looking at the pool, life force? Indeed a sacred place for sure.

For more than 100 years, Maori have politically and legally sought to retain responsibilities to care for water. All of these statutory mechanisms are silent on the issue of water ownership. So, who does own it? Or, is it really ownable by anyone?

So much for water. Are you ready for the Winter Solstice? The shortest day of the year? Okay. This year it is 21 June at 16:38 UTC (4:38pm) UTC stands for Universal Coordinated Time, the successor to GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). Make your plans for a mid-winter feast, party or celebration.

Prepare yourself. The TDC is introducing new recycling bins at the end of June. Our present blue crate will be for glass only; the new black ones for everything else. A good innovation. And water bills now quarterly payments.

The Sprig & Fern opened without a murmur early last month. No publicity but the word got out. There was an enthusiastic crowd the first night and it's continuing.

Hugh Gordon

The Probus Club of Mapua and District

The guest speaker at the May meeting of the Probus Club of Mapua and District was Helen Bibby, speaking about the Dominion Flats reserve restoration project. The reserve can be seen from the corner of Mapua Drive and the by-pass. The area of about six hectares became available after the NZTA had first offered it to the original owner when their own need for it had finished. The TDC bought it in 2013 with the understanding that the community would be involved in the restoration and upkeep of the area.

In November of that year Nelmac offered plants to the TDC that had been for a project and were no longer required, which TDC then offered to the Dominion Flats project, so on 3 November last year the first public planting day was held. About 90 people planted about 4500 plants in a morning.



Nelmac then offered a further 5000 plants which were planted over the next few months with the help of various groups. About 15,000 plants have now been planted and two more planting days are planned. The total area has been divided into 14 sections for ease of management with the upper end mostly clay and hard digging. Most of the plants are from Titoki Nurseries.

Helen showed an aerial map of the area and a copy of a new information board that is about to be erected.

The area has a network of tracks that are used by walkers, joggers, cyclists and school children and there are now eight boardwalks over the wetter areas which have been built by DOC trainee cadets and by a group of volunteers under the direction of a local engineer. A series of traps for pests have been set and have already caught mice, rats and stoats.

Another pest has been the pukeko which delight in pulling out new plantings. After a planting session

when 300 plants were put in by the scout group pukekos pulled out 150, which were hastily replanted. Most plants now have plant protectors for the early stages and some of these are adaptations from used protectors from a vineyard.

The aim is to have an area of native bush as it would have been originally, including trees such as kahikatea, manuka and flaxes to name a few. The streams which flow through the area are known to be home to several species of native fish and these will benefit from the protection the trees and shrubs will give.

The mini-speaker was club member Audrey Kitto, who was born in Nelson. She spoke about her early days. Her parents were orchardists on Marriages Road. Her father was Peter Tait. She was the youngest child of six.

Audrey had poor health and missed a lot of schooling at Mapua during the country's days of the Depression. A paper run was one of brother Ross's first jobs, which was passed on to all his brothers as a form of pocket money. Her bike was her main form of transport. She enjoyed playing tennis and table tennis and was an enthusiastic reader. She completed her schooling at Motueka High School.

Her first full-time job was orchard work. From there Audrey took on office work at Nelson Hospital. This involved paying wages, delivering mail, and reception work. It was 1957 when Audrey and Ray got married. They worked with Audrey's parents at their Marriages Road orchard, before moving to Redwoods Valley and then to Bronte Road, where they had an orchard and lived for 46 years. While there they both became involved with the local community. Both Ray and Audrey enjoyed playing golf, being involved with athletics, guides, and the play centre and school committee. Four years ago they moved to their present place in Richmond.

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Senior Moments Gathering Momentum

Senior Moments has been running for a year now and I am delighted to have recently taken on the role of coordinator for this group. We are now having get-togethers twice a month. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday and the last Wednesday of the month, both from 10am to 12 noon at Hills Community Church, Aranui Road.

All seniors in the community are very welcome to attend. There are no age limits and no cost involved in attending but small donations, although not necessary, are always appreciated. The emphasis at the meetings is on socialising and having fun, and we also try to include activities and interests that appeal to the members. This may include sharing stories, quizzes, exercising, cooking, games, guest speakers, outings, sing songs or just having a good natter and catch up with friends. And of course there is always a good morning tea included!

Our aim at Senior Moments is to create a social network among our seniors in the area that as time goes on can develop into a mutually supportive group. These group meetings can be particularly supportive and beneficial for those seniors who are new to the area, those that live alone and those who are feeling isolated. We are a friendly crowd and aim to be very welcoming to newcomers.

Loneliness can be awful at any age but the changes that we face as we get older, such as bereavement, ceasing to drive, loss of mobility, having to move house or memory problems can further increase that feeling of loneliness and isolation to an extent that it can ultimately have an impact on our health.

According to Age Concern, in 2011 there were about 50,000 severely lonely older people in New Zealand and this is likely to double by 2031. Loneliness in older age has been shown to almost double the risk of an older person entering residential care. As a caring society we should strive to help older people in our communities feel valued and remain connected and included in our community. We hope that Senior Moments can play a role in helping to achieve this.

Over time we aim to expand the support given through Senior Moments to those elderly people in the community who are unable to attend our regular get-togethers. If you know of someone who would love to attend but needs help with transport or if you know of someone who would love a social visit at home, then please let me know.

For further information contact Heather Hoad – Coordinator for Senior Moments. Phone 543-2018 or email heatherhoad@ts.co.nz



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Kia Ora Koutou. By the time you have read this we should have some new feathered quacking friends at Harakeke. For 28 days the children have kept duck eggs warm in an incubator (egg warmer-upper), and twice daily have turned those eggs with such love and care. Last week we made a hut with blankets and all huddled in and one of the teachers held a torch under the eggs—and guess what? We saw the ducks in their shells. We could make out their wings and could see some of their veins. So now we patiently await their arrival (due Monday 18 May).

Since late 2011 the Harakeke whanau has proudly been connected to the fantastic nationwide network of Enviroschools. We are part of this network be-

cause of our commitment to the sustainability of Aotearoa New Zealand. The Enviroschools programme is about the wellbeing of the whole centre, the community and the eco-system and has strong links to our Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki. By being an Enviroschool, children at Harakeke are learning life-long skills that enable them to protect and care for their environment and each other.

Some of our everyday practices that are environmentally sustainable include:

- Not using paper towels
- Using waste paper to light the fire and to make paper bricks
- Planting, caring for and harvesting the vegetable garden
- Using our produce for cooking and baking
- Offering surplus produce in the 'Trading Truck' and encouraging others to do so too
- Composting food through the 'bokashi' method
- Feeding foodscraps to the hens
- Using Enjo, 100% chemical-free for cleaning purposes
- Using eco-friendly detergents and washing powder
- Using a hand pump for water play in the sandpit
- Looking after 'our' forest
- And just last week we made beeswax wraps for our sandwiches!

Last week a group of our parents met with the Enviroschool committee and participated in an official reflection process. The outcome...We were granted the SILVER Enviroschool Award for our commitment and ongoing learning for sustainability. This is something that we are very proud of.

Hope you have all got your firewood in as we are getting comfortable for winter. Until next time,

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Hills Community Church



As I write this, there are 11 sleeps left until we begin a bit of an adventure for the Sherlock family. This year I am taking three months of sabbatical leave. For the three months we will be based in Nairobi, Kenya. Part of it will be study, part ministry education and part refreshment and inspiration.

It will certainly be a change of scene from the peace and tranquillity of Mapua. Nairobi is a busy, bustling city of 4 million people, bristling with the energy and dynamism of African life.

For me, I am revisiting some of the places I visited briefly seven years ago. I am looking forward to being there again. But for our family together it will be a totally new experience. It will both inspire and energise us, but also stretch and challenge us in ways that we can't at this point imagine.

There is something captivating and inspiring about the culture and life in Africa that is simply non-existent here in New Zealand. But there is much in Kenya and in the surrounding countries to be greatly distressed by.

It is a place of contrasts: desperate poverty alongside extreme wealth, radiant joy and hope alongside despair and disease.

So as you read this now, we will be under way with life in Nairobi, the boys at school, Connie doing some voluntary teaching, and me learning about the breadth and depth of Christianity in Africa.

Here in Mapua, the Rev Dale Pomeroy has been employed in a third-time capacity to minister at HCC. I'm sure it will be a great time for Dale and for HCC. We welcome Dale and his wife Jenny into our community. I know they, as we did, will receive a great welcome.

Blessings in Christ, Rev John Sherlock

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

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May 31: Combined service at 10:30am and shared lunch

Weekly Calendar:

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

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

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Pastel Artists of NZ

Truly, we do paint on Tuesday mornings but if there is a reason to celebrate, well, we go for it. It might be tea and coffee, but the nibbles and chocolate cake that accompany the beverages are works of art in their own right! And we have had cause to down tools in recent weeks with one "big" birthday and a graduation.

To the refrain of *Happy Birthday* we shared the morning with Judy March as she celebrated eighty years of a full and varied life. She won't thank me for making it public! And we also applauded Anne Bannock who has been beavering away for the past four years with part-time distance study through the Learning Connexion. We were delighted to hear that she graduated and now has a Diploma of Art and Creativity Hons (level 6) and the Diploma of Art and Creativity Advanced (level 7). Good work Judy and Anne!

Four members of our group made the journey to Porirua for the annual convention hosted by the Wellington group of PANZ. As well as taking master classes, viewing the exhibition of submitted artworks and representing our Nelson group at the AGM, it was an opportunity to catch up with old friends from around the country. It has inspired us all for our own convention to be held here in Mapua next May.

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.

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What's On at the Hall In June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sun
1	2 9am PANZ 1pm Beginners Tai Chi 2.30 Sit & Be Fit 3.45 Mapua Junior Music Club 6pm Cardio/Pump 6pm Yoga 7pm Pilates	10 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 12.30pm Tai Chi	4 9am Mapua Art Group 6pm Zumba 7.30 Mapua & Districts comm. Assc. meeting	5 9am Yoga 9:15am Aerobics 10:10am Pilates 1pm Probus 6.30pm HCC Mapua Youth Group	6 H It Int with Lynda followed by Pilates	7
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Bench a Resting Place for the Weary

Mapua wood craftsman Andreas Niemann deserves a break on this rare creation. Asked by a regular walker to create a park bench for Aranui Park, he came up with a result that would not be out of place in a design competition.

Andreas, whose specialty is fine furniture, had never been asked to design or build a park bench before. He drew the plans himself for this one in consultation with the anonymous donor. She wanted it placed mid-way on her normal circular daily walk around the park at a point where a walker might want to take a short rest. So the bench is at the heart of the park, near a grove of native trees and a signboard marking the Mapua School children's Tāne's Ark planting project. It also has an expansive view of the park, a stream and more trees.

The seat needed to be a three person-seat rather than four to fit the donor's undisclosed budget and carries a discreet badge to note that it is "in memory of Tess," a much-loved dog. The park bench was also designed carefully to have a long life, to look great and to be comfortable to sit on.

Andreas said he knew when he started the job that the bench needed to be maintenance-free, weather-proof and to be built in a way that parts of the bench could easily be replaced if they were damaged. The bench is mounted above a concrete pad with stainless steel fittings. The seat's shape

was created with the main structural parts at either end that were built with 75mm thick laminated and treated plywood, which then has been coated with white paint. The seat and back are made from narrow eucalyptus slats that are screwed to the frame. The unpainted eucalyptus is a hardwood and durable but turns silver with age. One of the reasons Andreas likes working with it for outdoor furniture is that the wood is high in acid, which acts as a natural repellent for any bugs and insects.

The slats are strong but give slightly as a person sits on the bench. They are also fitted in a way designed to have "lumbar curve" to provide back support, in line with designs Andreas uses for his regular furniture. It is a feature helpful for older people particularly, he said, because of the number of older folk who have back problems.

The seat was finally secured in position amongst trees planted by Mapua School children during the past five years. Tasman District Council provided the concrete slab for the seat to sit on and assistance to mount it securely.

The recently-installed bench is situated conveniently close to the site of Mapua School's big tree-planting day on June 4, which means that parents and visitors for that event will be able to check it out.

David Mitchell

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Buying a Kombi Van



A few years ago a friend of mine wanted me to help him buy a VW Kombi campervan. Were we in for a surprise! The first place we looked was Trade Me. Wow! Old Kombi vans had become a collectable. A nice Kombi camper model called a 1975 Caravelle was \$28,000. A customised 1958 Kombi with a later model motor was \$78,000, but I think the owner was dreaming. A very rusty 1960 without motor and windows was \$8000. So Kevin's dream of owning a VW Kombi was slashed. In the end a Toyota Hiace campervan, a fresh import with 80,000km on the clock was a far better deal for \$14,000.

I liked the idea of the VW Kombi myself. Maybe with my contacts from importing other cars I could get a Kombi. South Africa, where I lived for a year, made Kombis in several models and with about four different motors so finding and identifying what I might be buying was the hardest thing. I settled on red VW Microbus near Pietermaritzburg with the nice four-headlight grill and factory game bar (bull bar). Again they were not cheap in South Africa but affordable even with shipping, plus they were right-hand-drive. There was the bonus of the vehicle having a good resale value in New Zealand. My last check was the New Zealand emission standards on the engine; sadly it did not comply.

England might be a place to get a VW Kombi. After searching many car and Kombi Clubs sites again I found they were not cheap. On one of the sites, a club member was complaining of rust and surprisingly how much fuel his Kombi was using.

Another member agreed with him, saying his was doing 18mpg (15.6 litres/100km) on a 1800cc motor.

USA, maybe that was the place for a Kombi but it would be left-hand-drive. A Kombi is a simple vehicle and the steering probably easy to change. I saw a nice Kombi Caravelle near San Francisco for \$US21,000 (\$NZ29,400) plus shipping and compliance = \$NZ35,400. Again because of the age of the vehicle it might not comply with New Zealand emissions standards. On my last trip to USA a guy showed a picture of a unrestored Mircobus his father had just brought for \$US25,000. We didn't see any on the road driving coast to-coast-in USA.

I had the pleasure of owning a VW Kombi in South Africa in 1970 while working there. It was a 1965 1500cc van with front seats only and the nice long, floppy gear stick which you were never sure was in gear or not. The 70s was the age of flower power. You could paint your Kombi however you felt with the peace sign appearing on most of them. My Kombi had the rising sun on the front to indicate the sunrise at the many surf spots around Durban where we would gather with all the other Kombis. Fast was not the word for my Kombi and it did change lanes for you in a strong wind. But there was just something about it!

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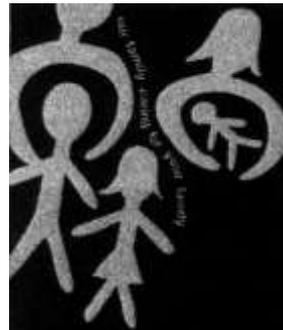
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May 18: To Aporo Road to an unpermitted rubbish/bonfire, owner put it out. Got a permit and finished his burn in the afternoon.

May 19: House fire Stafford Drive, fire in kitchen area. Brigade put fire out with help from Upper Moutere and Richmond brigades. Kitchen badly damaged.

Safety Tip: Clean chimneys. Spread ash around flower gardens, not in a heap near combustibles. The one metre rule with heaters and fires—keep everything at least one metre from any heat sources

Battle for the Banded Rail



The Battle for the Banded Rail Project began in September 2014. It is a partnership project between DOC and Waimea Inlet Forum supported by Tasman Environmental Trust, Tasman District Council and the Canterbury Community Trust.

The project aims to increase the numbers of banded rail and other shy margin-dwelling birds on the margins of Waimea Inlet. This is to be achieved by restoring selected areas of the estuary margin and protect the birds by trapping predators.

A survey was conducted in September 2014 and evidence of banded rail was found in seven locations and it is estimated that about 20 pairs of birds are living around the Waimea Inlet.

A trapping network has already been established around Hoddy Peninsula and a trap network adjoining this from Bronte Peninsula through toward Mapua is being set up.

Over 4000 plants will be planted this season at areas on the estuary at Dominion Embayment, Trafalgar Embayment, Stringer Creek, Hoddy Estuary Park and Research Orchard Road. This restoration work at Dominion Embayment along with the adjoining Dominion Flats gives an outstanding opportunity to restore a vegetation sequence that has almost become extinct in the Waimea Inlet.

Planting at Dominion Embayment will be on 25, 26 and 28 June from 10am to 1pm. Please come and join us. Bring a spade, suitable clothing and footwear and water.

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Liz has been practicing for over ten years. Most notably was her time in the thoroughbred industry where she used remedies on the horses during her time as a broodmare manager at a thoroughbred stud in the Waikato.

Liz’s love of animals began in her early years of living on a farm, and says animals have always been and still are, an important part of her life. She main-

tains that animals deserve the same level of care and compassion as we do, and it was her love of animals drove her to study homeopathy.

Sharing family life at their small holding are a flock of sheep, two horses, two cats, a dog, and a pet goat.

To make an appointment for a consultation with Liz please phone her on 021 854 474.



Winter Workshops offer Varied Courses

The Motueka Arts Council is once again running a full winter workshop programme. It’s an opportunity to participate in art, learning and having fun. There is a display of tutors’ work in the NBS window on High Street and of past students in the Motueka Library.

The courses are varied to cater for many people’s interests. We have engaged out-of-town tutors like Dr Carol Dawber who is a well-respected author of history and fiction. She is taking a session on writing biography and memoir. And there are many local artists willing to share their skills and enthusiasm. Everyone is welcome and course costs are subsidised.

Courses are:

Pottery Decorating- Lizzie Yockney 6 June
Koauau Maori Flute Making – Tim Wraight 7 June
Writing Biography and Memoir – Carol Dawber 13 June

The art of Bonsai – Che Vincent 14 June
Get Waxing: Encaustic Art-Lynn Whitford 19 June
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Felted Tote Bag – Shirley Wallace 29 June
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Lately our children (aged 3-5years) have shown a huge interest in being creative. We have been exploring the way art can look, through paintings, pastel drawings and using nature and natural objects to make sculptures.

Mapua community is so creative, and because of this we have been able to take the children to visit local artists and groups to see art in action. This has been both inspiring and excited for us all and we come back to Oasis and put our creative minds into action from the skills we have watched others use.

You may have seen us out walking around the village or popping into your pastel class in the Community Hall. Our children have been so rapt when people drop into Oasis to say hello and to tell us that they have enjoyed seeing us out and about in the vibrant Mapua community.

Another activity we love to do is to walk to the park and run around to gather up lots of natural objects like acorns, leaves, sticks and stones. Then together as a group, we create a masterpiece. It is amazing what we can make, and then, because it's nature, we can leave our creation where we've made it and perhaps somebody else will come across it and enjoy it. You may have seen some of these.

Our younger children (aged six months to two years) enjoy getting into the community too, and with their teachers they love to explore our village and all the fun things we can do in it. Snooks is always a favourite to visit!

Please do come and visit us any time, we'd love to show you around our preschool and show you our creative works.

From all of us at Oasis Preschool Mapua

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Tasman School

Tasman School sits in the heart of the Tasman community – with four classrooms, dedicated teachers, not to



mention great students! We are fortunate to have a superb environment with large fields, trees and play equipment to build active physical play.

Cross-country season has arrived and the school recently held its annual event, also attended by our neighbours, Tasman Bay Christian School. It was a great course and the practice runs paid off, with all students giving 100%.

Our year 4 to 8 students ran the combined school cross-country last week at Woollaston Estate, with a number of our runners qualifying for the regional level, to be held at Rabbit Island.



Our students play a range of sports, are highly active with creative play materials, and we are fortunate to have the support of an expert from "No Child Left Inside" to extend fundamental movement skills. We have a range of highly skilled community members who also provide input, so the children can access a range of different opportunities including orienteering and adventure sports.

During the week 18-22 May, the school will hold its annual Book Week, with a range of literary events throughout the week. On the Friday, all students (and teachers) take part in a school-wide parade, dressed as their favourite book character, a school-wide book quiz and author/illustrator workshops. Always a great end to the week.

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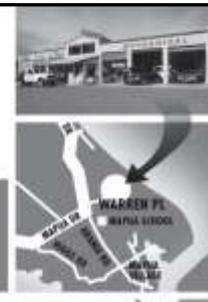
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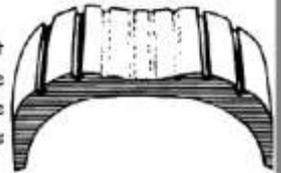
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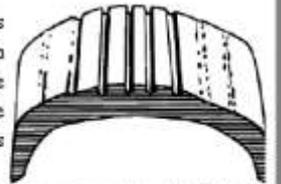
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Examples of Tyre Wear -

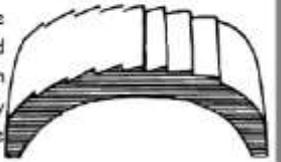
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Feathering: Occurs when the edge of each tread develops a rounded edge on one side and a sharp edge on the other. Feathering is commonly caused by incorrect toe-in and can be corrected with a wheel alignment.



Deteriorated bushings in the front suspension may also cause the wheel alignment to shift.

One Side Wear: Wear occurring faster on one side of the tyre could be due to excessive camber in the suspension. This causes the wheel to lean to the inside or outside and indicates a wheel alignment is required.



Cupping: Cups/scallop dips can appear around one side of the tread. This commonly indicates suspension parts are worn or bent and need to be replaced. A wheel alignment is also required.



Bald Patches: Appear when a wheel is out of balance. A vibration felt through the steering wheel or vehicle is usually the first indication of this. If left unattended the life of the tyres, bearings, shock absorbers and suspension components will be shortened.



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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Graeme James Looping master \$10 pre booked \$15 on door 6pm dinner Music 8pm	Mudwood & Tillerman Two awesome bands one night \$10, 8pm	Mid-Winter Ball Profits go to the Mapua School Great night of dancing and food	Open for lunch 11am till 4pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Shakespeare Fundraiser 730pm start Dinner from 530pm	The Super Star Show Paul Madsen Presents 8pm, Fri and Sat All the favorites, Queen, Abba, BeeGees, Neil Diamond, Elvis \$25, plus dinner options		Open for lunch 11am till 4pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Perfect for your Mid-Winter Xmas Party Group discounts available			Last Man Standing Tasman Coastal Players Presents 8pm, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 4pm matinee show Sun, \$15, Kids \$5 Original Community Theatre at its best Comedy play where teachers meet survivor in a holiday turned reality TV show gone wrong. Heaps of laughs, fun for all. Dinner from 6pm. Perfect for Mid-winter Christmas function			
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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With a funding grant from the TDC, the MDBA has created a 'welcome bag' for new arrivals into the area. This is a locally branded bag that will be useful for local shopping and trips to the library etc. The bag is made from Recycled PET which is manufactured from used water bottles making this bag a real environmentally friendly choice. The bag contains a Community Directory, local maps and community information. If you've got new neighbours, let Janet know so that we can arrange delivery of a welcome gift to them.



Delicious 2015 – Coolstores 4 and 5, Mapua Wharf

David Smith is the new owner of Delicious Homewares and Gifts on the Mapua Wharf and has already been busy planting gorgeous new flower and herb gardens at the entrance to welcome visitors and customers.

David, along with Manager Jenny Marchbanks and current staff of Delicious 2015 - Lin Davidson, June Morrish and Karmin Marchbanks aim to continue the fine tradition of the previous owner Pam of Delicious 2007. We have inherited a beautiful shop in a fabulous location and intend to ensure that we provide a quality service offering the best kitchen and home ware that we can source. We stock products that are not only functional and stand the "user friendly" test but have lots to offer with that special point of difference. Our products cover the spectrum - from funky melamine to fine china and cutlery, country to contemporary, along with books, cards and some gorgeous treats as well. The quality children's toys are most popular. We believe our crowning glory is our superb range of crystal and glassware – you are bound to find that special gift which we are very happy to gift wrap or post as required.

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As the harvest amount increased the availability of friends reduced! The recycling centre and a skillful friend, produced a fruit catcher attached to the quad bike. Using long poles with battery driven spiraling fingers the olives landed in the net and were later delivered to a press in Mahana.

This same press was later purchased by us. All instructions and controls were written in Italian so a hilarious and steep learning curve was experienced during our first year



processing. Two years later and a shed conversion to meet with Food and Health Safety regulations, we began an olive processing service for small groves. It is rewarding seeing customers come in with their fruit and leave with fresh olive oil.

The harvest season is usually 6 to 8 weeks long, generally starting the last week in May. Bookings for press requirements are essential. Bookings, oil sales and enquiries can be made to **Robyn and Mike Weller** phone: **03 5432531 or 0122362845** or email: **willsgrove.olives@gmail.com**

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Motueka Social Dance Group's dance is at Mapua Hall, Saturday 20 June from 7:30-11:00pm. Dress theme "Pink & purple". Live music, dance prizes & raffles. Admission \$6 plus a supper plate. Ph: Gary 03 528-5363 or Lloyd 03 528-0617.

Senior Moments will meet 10 & 24 June, 10am to noon at Hills Community Church, Aranui Rd. All seniors are very welcome. Contact: Heather 543-2018 or heatherhead@ts.co.nz for details.

Book Fair: Mapua Community Library will hold a Book Fair at the library on Saturday 13 June, starting at 10am. Be early for the bargains.

Barley and barley straw available - ph 021 372 282
Shop/ office/ showroom to let, 50 sq m, Stafford Drive, Ruby Bay. Please phone 540-3939

Ruby Coast Newcomers Social Group: meet new people, make new friends. We have coffee at 10am last Friday of month at Tasman Store & hold ad hoc day & evening social events. Info: Vivien/Richard 526-6707, vpeters@xtra.co.nz, or just turn up.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.00pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Ngaire, 540-3193

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

Ashtanga Yoga, Upper Moutere, Tuesdays 6pm. www.angepalmer.com Ph 553-0353

Mapua Art Group meets in Bill Marris Room, Mapua Hall Thursday mornings, 9 to noon. Like-minded artists get together to paint, draw, help each other in a fun, social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$5 /session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs & easels provided. Cushla Moorhead 03 528-6548.

Mapua Friendship Club meets twice a month, 3rd Thursdays & last Fridays, at Mapua Hall for a game of indoor bowls and bring-a-plate afternoon tea. New members are enthusiastically welcomed, no prior bowling experience needed, our game is non-competitive, just a lot of laughs. \$3 door fee and 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540-3685.

Mapua Social Cycling Group: "Wheels 2 Meals". Approx 20 – 30 km ride with coffee break at half-way point and no racing! Departing from outside the Golden Bear, Mapua wharf. When? Each fine Thursday @ 9:30 am. Anyone interested - just turn up with your bike, "Hi Vis" top and coffee money or contact me by email wheels2meals@gmail.com

Ruby Coast Walking Group meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30am outside Tasman Store,

Aporo Road, Tasman. We walk for about 1½ hours around the area and then enjoy a coffee and muffin back at the Store. Walk according to your ability and speed. Newcomers to the area and everyone (including couples) are very welcome. Just turn up or contact Fiona - 526-6840 or fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz

Probus Club meets at Mapua Hall, 1.30 pm, first Friday of each month. Guest speaker at each meeting for about an hour's talk on various subjects. After afternoon tea a club member will give a short talk of their interest. Now in its 15th year, new members always welcome. President: Janice Higgs, 03 528-8883, Secretary: Rita Mitchell, phone 03 528-8097

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

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents and caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for a delicious morning tea. Come and make some new friends. Info: Bridget, 540-2572.

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays at 9.45am. New members welcome. Phone Anne 540-3934

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

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