



Mapua Needs Better Broadband

While the rest of New Zealand and the world powers ahead in obtaining ultra-fast broadband—and the wealth of consumer, business and educational services on the internet this infrastructure enables—most households and businesses in the Mapua, Ruby Bay Coast, Moutere region (MRM) are bogged down with either very slow speed, or no speed, broadband “service.”

This is not acceptable. Many frustrated households and businesses like mine have tried one-on-one negotiating for improved speeds with suppliers like Chorus, Spark and Vodafone to no avail. So seven of us in the MRM region have formed a Broadband Working Party under the auspices of the Mapua and Districts Business Association to try to take some collective action to get better services for businesses and households in our communities. The issue isn't “ultra fast fibre optic broadband for all,” rather it is about better speeds with wider-spread VDSL service and better access to dispersed users with no access at all in the MRM region.

Recently I had an hour-long interview for a well-paid and interesting part-time job from employers based in Wellington. The interview was supposed to have been a video conference call. As it turned out we might as well have talked on the phone or, to make a better impression, I should have flown to Wellington for the interview. Why? Because upload speeds are so pathetic where I live in Mapua that the interviewers were unable to see me at all and download speeds are impossibly slow for any clear video at my end. In a competitive job market where interviews are regularly held online now, how exactly can I sell myself without a visual presence when everyone else applying for that job can?

Mine isn't the only case.

- A friend who is a high-level policy advisor engaged with consultants and teams members in Wellington drives from Mapua into Nelson to be able to conduct two or three video conference calls a day with her colleagues in the North Island, or to upload large files for collaborative work.
- An acquaintance who is an IT engineer doing remote diagnostics and software development regularly drives into office space in Richmond rather than work online from home.

- A photographer/documentary editor who is a creative artist wanting to upload and download video for shared viewing/editing simply gives up or moves to an office elsewhere.
- Teens and others who enjoy online gaming for entertainment and social connection get stymied when congestion sets in.
- An experienced instructor trying to deliver online education services and tutorials domestically and internationally has to abandon their project.
- Visiting tourists in local accommodation along the Great Taste Trail are told to restrict their video uploads or streaming video downloads.
- Households and families wanting access to improved variety and quality of streaming video and television services for education or training or entertainment, give up and end up watching only free-to-air TV programmes.

If you live in the Mapua, Ruby Bay Coast, Moutere region and are interested in registering your interest in better broadband services as part of a local community effort, please contact me before the end of September at the email address betterbroadband-formrm@gmail.com.

One of our aims is to document and measure the extent of discontent with the existing service. Another is to try to assess the magnitude of lost opportunities in jobs, business, education and household entertainment. So we plan to create a database and a Google map of the MRM region with pins at the addresses of every concerned resident household or business, colour-coded by the degree of dissatisfaction with existing service and the numbers of people affected. Our threshold target is 200+ pins, but I hope there will be closer to 500+ concerned residents, businesses, contract workers, employees and artists in the region.

Finally, we'll take some action to negotiate directly with the broadband service suppliers in our area about getting better service. (We are also working closely with a sub-committee of the Tasman District Council in a separate process that is underway developing a region-wide application for contestable Government funding for better broadband and mobile coverage in the region).

John Fountain.

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Recognising that there is no longer a local cinema or even video or DVD hire facilities in Mapua, your hall committee has recently installed modern, cinema-quality movie technology and acoustic panelling, allowing the resumption of regular movie nights in the Mapua Hall.

The movie will begin at 5pm on the second Sunday of each month, so bring along your camp chair or bean bag, plus your favourite drink and nibbles and join us in the Bill Marris Room. (Much like an outdoor movie, but held in a warm, welcoming indoor environment).

For our first few showings we have tried screening a Mystery Movie (ie, not revealing the film title). However, we will now be advising the title in advance.

If you have some favourite classic or modern movie or documentary you would like us to screen, please contact Megan in the hall office, your suggestions are welcome.

On Sunday 13 September we plan to show the Academy award-winning adaptation of Lee Harper's Pulitzer prize-winning novel *To Kill a Mocking Bird*; a story of the cruel effects of racial prejudice and intolerance in small-town Alabama during the 1930s.

Lee's second novel, *Go Set a Watchman*, was released only in July of this year and is already topping best-seller lists globally.

Tickets may be bought via email or at the door for \$12 per head (from which we have to pay royalties of as much as 50% to the film distributors).

After watching the movie why not make a night of it and join several of us and walk across the street to The Sprig and Fern for a drink and delicious Sunday night meal?

See you all there!

Phone 540-2330 or email mapuabookings@gmail.com for further information.

Mapua Shed 4

The Mapua Wharf precinct reached another milestone in August when the construction of Shed 4 got under way. The Tasman District Council is working with the contractors and businesses to minimise any inconvenience this may cause.

With the construction site secured, heavy machinery arrived to begin the initial site clearing, foundation and piling work.

Completing the build will be Gibbons Construction, a local firm recognised for their proven record of managing challenging projects in the region. The three month build is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Throughout the construction period, vehicle access to the wharf precinct area will need to be restricted Monday-Saturday between 7am and 5pm. Those wanting to launch next to the wharf will need to seek alternative launching ramps, which are listed on the council's website.

For those driving to the area, plenty of car parking is available on Aranui Road and Tahi Street.

Pedestrian access to the area will still be possible. However, the public should be aware that for the next few months the precinct will be a construction zone.

People will have noticed foreshore retaining work adjacent to the wharf has also been completed, with the installation of a 50m long concrete retaining structure. This protects the picnic area and cultural precinct from erosion and supports the highly valued ngaio tree. Future planning work for the re-configuration of the open space area is under way.

For more information:

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Mapua Health Centre

This month we have a new receptionist joining us, Sarah, who has recently moved from Blenheim. It will allow one of our present receptionists, Patsy, to take on the role of a dedicated telephonist each morning while still having two front desk receptionists to look after face-to-face patient needs. We also have a final-year medical student, Sam Haslem, with us for four weeks who will sit in on some of the medical and nursing consults as part of his training in community medicine.

We've been dealing with lots of coughs, colds and a number of flu's. It's really helpful if you or your child are becoming unwell and would like an appointment that you let us know early in the day if possible as it can be quite hard fitting in extra patients towards the end of the day.

Thankfully, we will soon be emerging from the challenges of winter into the gentler climes of spring. This can be a good time to check out options for health and lifestyle. A famous health advocate, Dean Ornish (<http://ornishspectrum.com>) has researched the main factors that can improve our risk for ill health, especially heart disease (the number 1 cause of death in our society) and came up with a useful acronym, SENSE:

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

So what is happening in or around Mapua to help develop our common SENSE? You might be sur-

prised to know that the following are some of the activities and classes available:

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| Pilates | Tennis |
| Walking groups | Yoga |
| Tai chi | Meditation |
| Aqua aerobics – Richmond | Stop smoking |
| Healthy lifestyles + green prescription | Girotonics |

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

We are also moving into the high UV seasons of spring and summer and it's important to take notice of any unusual skin spots. If you have any concerns there is a full comprehensive skin check available by appointment. This is a 30-minute check-up and also gives you the opportunity to discuss any issues you have or that may arise. Appointments can be made with one of our receptionists on 540-2211.

Also, as the September health calendar includes prostate awareness. It's a good reminder for men to consider the importance of regular prostate PSA tests, if over the age of 40 and there is a family history of prostate cancer, or older than 50, but younger than 70. The most insidious thing about prostate cancer, and what makes it so dangerous, is that in its early stages it does not usually exhibit symptoms and when symptoms begin to appear then it is frequently too late for effective curative treatment. This is why regular check-ups are so important.

Here are some of the local & world health initiatives for September

1-30 Cervical Screening Awareness Month	www.nsu.govt.nz/
1-30 Prostate Cancer Month	www.prostate.org.nz
1-30 Save Our Sight month	www.nzao.co.nz/
1-30 Students Against Drunk driving (SADD)	www.sadd.org.nz
9 Fetal Alcohol Awareness Day	www.fan.org.nz
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14 Maori Language Day	www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz
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15 World Lymphoma Day	www.lymphomacoalition.org
21 International Day of Peace	unesco.org.nz/homepage.htm
21 World Alzheimer's Day	www.alzheimers.org.nz
21-28 Deaf Awareness Week	www.nfd.org.nz/
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What's it Worth?

I was debating with a friend the other day—I should probably say ex-friend—about the value of their property. They said they bought their home seven years ago and, of course, their property is their number one asset. Being an asset, it will have appreciated. Rather like sticking the money in a savings account, the long term value will increase to cover inflation and a little bit extra. “Yes but, no but, well I’m not so sure,” I spluttered, trying to find that insightful comment and failing miserably.

A British poet once said, “I come up with the best reposts—unfortunately it’s usually on the bus on the way home.” So it is with me, except not on the bus because rural services aren’t what they should be and, to be honest, we all love our cars, our personal space and rubbishy music no one can hear us singing.

It has taken a month to marshal my thoughts into a logical repost. Firstly, a property is worth what someone will pay for it. We real estate people may talk about “the market” and values but it all comes down to what someone will actually pay for it. This is rule number one and is blindingly obvious, yet sometimes we forget it with talks of rising values and Aucklanders coming to town. Property is really personal.

It is true that, over time, inflation tends to reduce the purchasing power of money. All things being equal, property should be inflation-proof more or less. We have all seen those articles saying that in 1910 you could buy a nice house in Christchurch for five pounds and have money left over to buy a

horse and cart. And look what’s happened to our currency since then and it’s all the government’s fault anyway. But in a sense my friend is correct—we should expect our property value to increase in time.

While our property may increase in value, though, we are also enjoying it. Unlike a savings account, using our own home is a nice benefit and our analysis must include this benefit. We should nominally pay rent to ourselves for our use of our property. I warn you it’s a rather depressing thing to calculate in real life as we suddenly realise how much we are paying for all that extra space we never use.

And as we use our property, it gets older and endures wear and tear. Styles come and go, technology like double glazing becomes really nice to have (especially during a cold winter), and things wear out. It’s often said rental properties should have 5% of the revenue set aside for wear and tear. It’s no different for our own place. So on top of our nominal rent, we also should have a nominal replacement fund. And we pay our rates, insurance and so on; costs our nice little bank deposit doesn’t incur.

When most properties are put on the market, they have had a degree of updating and patching up prior to sale. The sales statistics will probably capture this. I say probably because when it says “the median house price has gone up 3%” or whatever, we don’t actually know whether that median house has a great or rubbish kitchen. All we can say is that, based on observations, it’s probably an average kitchen. So not steadily reinvesting in your property will quite likely harm the value of it, putting it below average amongst the competition.

I’m now ready to talk to my friend again. When I next see him, I’ll gently point out that their avocado bathroom suite is very tidy and has worn well over the decades, and, yes, yes, it will come back into fashion soon if it hasn’t already. But in the meantime, if you want to sell your property in this decade, could I suggest you think about a lower price?

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Children's Area: Our reclassification and rearrangement of the Children's Non-Fiction books continues. We are waiting for more shelving to complete this project.

We have already noticed an increase in borrowing numbers for this section which may just be a happy coincidence, but we suspect it is in direct response to the increase in access and visibility the new format offers. We will continue to watch borrowing figures with interest.

Volunteer Library Lunch: I am very sorry to have missed this occasion as I have heard nothing but enthusiastic praise for the event. Local author Emma Stevens is clearly a wonderful speaker and I am told that volunteers would have happily listened to her talk for twice as long.

Special thanks to Emma for her time and storytelling talent. As well as contributing to an enjoyable volunteer event, Emma has also donated two copies of her book to the library. Pop in and borrow a copy of *Walking on Ice*, and visit her website <http://www.walkingonice.co.nz>

Board Pre-School Books: We are running a trial with issuing these. If you have a little one who has wanted to borrow one when we kept them as 'to look at in the library,' you now have the option of having them issued and taking them home for a couple of weeks.

Displays: Thank you very much to the Creative Fibre Group who displayed a range of season-

appropriate woolly scarves. From early September to mid-October we will display paintings by Annie de Groot. Do pop in and have a look.

And last but not least...a story in support of "real" books. I recently saw a wonderful photo on Facebook—a woman had posted something she saw her mum doing—using a Kindle as a bookmark!

Lynley Worsley, chairman

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Annual Accounts

Statement of Financial Performance

For the period 1 Apr 2014 to 31 Mar 2015

INCOME	notes	2015	2014
Coastal News donation	1	\$14,450	\$9,520
Personal donation	2		
Business/Club don	3		
Interest		\$4,416	\$3,774
Total		\$18,866	\$13,294
LESS EXPENSES			
Administration		\$51	\$54
Grants	4	\$4,261	\$1,473
NET SURPLUS		\$14,553	\$11,767

Statement of Financial Position

TRUSTEES EQUITY	notes	2015	2014
Cash Account		\$2,047	\$394
Capital Reserve Fund		\$105,068	\$92,322
Disbursement Fund	4	\$3,969	\$3,814
Total		\$111,084	\$96,531
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Kiwibank Now Acct		\$2,047	\$394
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Total		\$112,899	\$98,346
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Current Liabilities		\$0	\$0
Funds held in Trust	5	\$1,815	\$1,815
NET ASSETS		\$111,084	\$96,531

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Cricket Club	\$750
Mosaic Project	\$800
Bowling Club	\$500

Total for 2014/15 \$4,261

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015

The Trust was established as an entity on 16 April 2004 and a Deed of Trust formally signed on April 28 2005. The Trust was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act on 5 May 2005.

1. The income for the Trust comes from the *Coastal News*, which makes donations throughout the year. These funds are added to the capital or equity of the Trust.
2. Personal donations to the Trust since inception total \$2,035
3. Donations from local businesses and/ or clubs total \$150.
4. Interest on the capital [which passed \$100,000 recently] is the only source of money available for grants – this is held within the disbursement fund. Applications for grants are considered by the Trustees biannually in May and November. \$4,261 was donated in the year to March 2015 and a total of \$18,168 has been granted to community organisations since 2006.
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Ideas and action abound as we continue to prepare for the National Art Awards being held in Mapua next year. Gloria is chasing sponsors, Judy is organising accommodation, Michael is the menu maestro, Liz is getting crafty, Glenys has a T-shirt plan and we have all been selling tickets for a fund-raising movie night. I had some anxiety as I printed 80 tickets for *A Walk in the Woods*, being shown at the State Cinema, Motueka. I needn't have worried. They sold like hot cakes and now we are eagerly looking forward to the show.

Our regular Tuesday sessions have also been busy. Marian took us back to basics with some detailed and challenging sketching. This led on to a morning of drawing still life, with the emphasis on light and shade, organised by Anne. And then Judy took us all the way to Albuquerque with a talk about her recent visit to the International Pastel Convention.

A surprise and very welcome visit came with the children of Bounce on Tuesday 11 August. The children met the artists and chatted to them about their paintings and materials. But the highlight came when the children all had a go. There might just have been as much pastel on hands and faces as on paper but some jolly fine pictures were still produced. It was a lovely morning and a great pleasure to have the children share it with us.

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

Sue England (540-2934)

Garden and Art Trail on the Ruby Coast

18 October, 10 am - 4 pm

Save the Day – Pre-order your Tickets Now

Mapua Women's Recreation Group will once again have a team at the Cancer Society's Relay for Life in March 2016. Our Garden and Art Trail fund raiser will offer a variety of interesting gardens and art works in our local Ruby Coast area. Most of the gardens will be new and different from our very successful Trail two years ago.

There will be plant sales, garden raffles, Devonshire teas/coffee and other interesting surprises at the various locations. This will be a great day out exploring our fantastic region, with all money raised going to the Relay for Life. Tickets will cost \$10 per person and can be pre-ordered by phoning Janet on 540 3364 or emailing to mapuarecgroup@gmail.com



Letters to the Editor

A Request from Oregon, USA

My name is Beryl Stringer and I live in Oregon, USA. My Dad, Buster Stringer, lives at the Ernest Rutherford Village in Stoke.

I ring him every day and today we were talking about the speedboat races on Lake Rotoiti, and he mentioned Flak Too. I thought I'd search the internet for any recent news of the boat, and up came a *Coastal News* article by Fred Cassin, in "Under the Bonnet with Fred," September, 2013.

My Dad built that chainsaw starter motor for Flak Too after the electric motor failed because of flat batteries.

I wondered if you could give me contact information for Fred Cassin. I'd like to find out where Flak Too is now, and maybe take Dad to see it when I am over early next year. Dad is 92 now, less mobile and a bit more forgetful, and I try to arrange some interesting "field trips" when I visit. We went to the boat races for years and I still remember them vividly.

I would greatly appreciate your help with this "out of the blue" request. Thank you.

Beryl Stringer

(Fred has been informed of this request and will pass on what he knows. If anyone else has information you could perhaps let the Coastal News know. Editors)

Kirstie's care cards

As many people in Mapua know, our daughter Kirstie has been fighting a courageous battle with her ill-health for about eight years now and is hoping that much-needed spinal surgery in September will "change her life."

She is planning on raising funds to help with her long-term rehabilitation costs through local sales of her photographic art cards.

Some local businesses have generously offered her promotion spaces—Mapua Pharmacy, Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital and Delicious at the Mapua Wharf. Mapua 4 Square have also offered Kirstie their front entry space when it's available on Friday or Saturday afternoon for card sales.

We are so grateful to all those friends who have helped Kirstie and our family on her journey so far. Just a little more help for Kirstie to "get back on her feet" would be amazing!

We also have a site for Kirstie on <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/gillandneilbartlett>

Thank you for your help.

Gillian Bartlett



Dominion Flats Plants

We have now made our purchase of plants with the grant we received from the *Coastal News* and would like to share our good news with the community. The money allowed us to buy cabbage trees, flaxes, lemonwoods and pseudopanax from Nelmac—a total of 950—which is wonderful. They are all really healthy specimens and I hope will soon have their roots in the ground and be on their growth path. A big thank you from the Mapua and District Community Association. Contact me on phone 540-3830.

Helen Bibby

Tasman School



It is week four of the third term already, and it is shaping up to be a busy one. Room 4 is busy practicing for MASSIVE (Motueka Arts Show from Schools Incorporating a Variety of Entertainment). This non-competitive show is staged every two years, with many of the local schools performing. It was held in the first week of September, at the Motueka High School hall.

Students from Rooms 3 and 4 participated in the winter sports tournament mid-August, and prepared for this with a lot of practice for the three sports they competed in—netball, football and hockey.

Late last term was our biennial Matariki celebration. This evening event is a real community occasion, with parents, grandparents and other members

of the Tasman community invited to come along, and they did; it was a grand turnout. A potluck dinner of curries was shared before the Matariki play was performed. This play was written by our very own Room 3 teacher, Fred Robertson. After this, the floor was cleared to make way for a good ole' hoedown, with music by Jiggery Folkery. This great celebration is made all the more special, being held in the pack-house of the local Rush family.

Finally, the school is losing its principal of the past eight years, Pip Wells. Pip is off to Nelson Central School to take up the reins of principal. The appointment of Pip's replacement is well under way, and in the next publication, we will introduce our new principal.

Wool Processing a 'Labour of Love'

Deep in the countryside, at the top of a hill and at the end of a winding driveway there lies a metal monster asleep in her dungeon. When she awakes the ground shakes as this wonderful machine rumbles into life with the whirring of belts, a rattle of chains and the clatter of cogs. The flywheel spins and the drums roll with their fine wire teeth taking the matted wool fleece into the depths of this awesome Heath Robinson-like gadget and, at the end of the process, delivering a web of fine, soft rovings all ready for artisans to spin and weave their magic.

Rotocard is a home-based wool processing business at 322 Old Coach Road, Mahana. Gill Johnston and Jeanette Hancock wash and card medium to high micron sheep, alpaca and llama fleeces for people who spin it into yarn or use the rovings and batts to make felt items. There are a surprising number of people in the area with small lifestyle blocks who need only one or two fleeces washed and carded.

Carding is a mechanical process that untangles, combs and intermixes fibres to produce a continuous web or roving suitable for subsequent processing such as spinning or batts for felting.

Rotocard's point of difference when compared with other carding businesses, is that because the carding machine is relatively small Rotocard can process small quantities of fleece, down to 500 gram lots, whereas the minimum for other mills is around 4kg. Also, because they are processing very small amounts there is a personal approach to each job and special effects can be achieved if requested.

Gill and Jeanette also have a shop on the premises which is open on the second Saturday of every month, stocking carded rovings and batts, some spun fibre, hand-made felted rugs and other little surprises that change from month to month. Currently they are lucky enough to have some of Anna Barnett's little pottery butterfly and sheep wall ornaments in stock, along with glass buttons made by a local glass blower, and hand-made alpaca scarves and baby clothes which are also locally made.

The carding machine used is a 3.5 tonne William Tatham carding machine made in Rochdale, England in 1937. It was the sample machine from a hat-making factory and when the factory closed the late Colin Webby of Mapua had the dissembled machine shipped over to him and he spent many hours re-assembling it, with no instructions. Colin sold the machine to Jane

McConachie at St Arnaud and she and her family started the successful wool-dyeing and carding business called "Rotocard" (Rotoiti Carding). After several years the machine and business were sold to Honora Undrill, and then Rod and Lyne Clarke at Spring Creek.

In 2008 when Gill Johnston and Dave Murray were looking for a small business to run from a derelict building that was on a property they were thinking of buying as a run-off block for their alpacas, they came across Rotocard. Dave recognised the carding machine as the one Colin Webby had owned. They didn't end up buying the run-off property but they had already fallen in love with the machine and decided to buy it anyway and put it in their garage. And so the machine has come full circle.

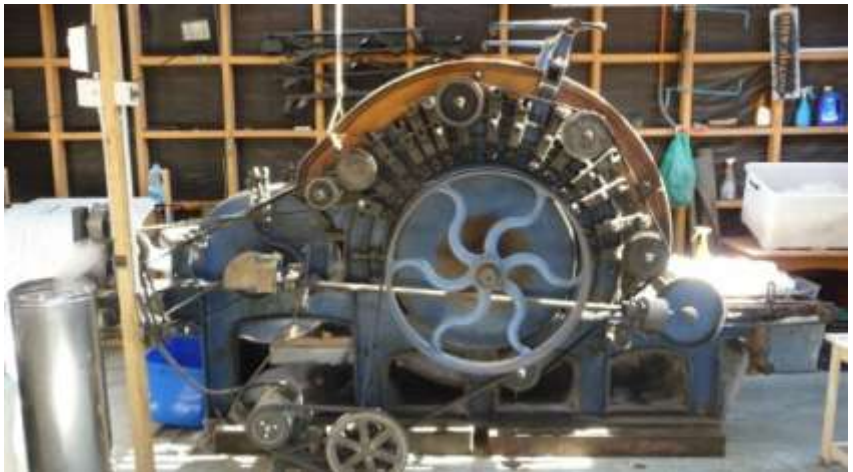
Although Dave died in 2013 Rotocard kept on processing wool, with friends stepping in to help Gill run the machine. Jeanette Hancock came along to help and ended up becoming a partner in the business, bringing her terrific sense of colour with her and therefore re-igniting the colour dyes arm of the business.

Gill and Jeanette each have their own roles in the business. Gill washes the wool, does the paperwork, and endeavours to keep the carding machine working. Jeanette helps with the carding, manages the dyeing and shop stock and they both make the rugs.

Their days are spent in the Mahana countryside on top of a hill with alpacas grazing contentedly in the fields below. Gill and Jeanette enjoy their work with their special metal monster even when they are covered in grease after changing cogs and adjusting numerous settings. It is surely a labour of love.

More information is on the Rotocard website: www.rotocard.co.nz

Pete Hancock



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Mapua Bowling Club

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It's time to get your bowls out of the cupboard and give them a polish. Opening Day of the Mapua Bowling Club is planned for Saturday 26 September. Members are asked to arrive by 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start and to please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

We are keen for the season to begin and look forward to welcoming new members to the club. Why not come along and give lawn bowling a try? You don't need to have a set of bowls. The club has sets of bowls of various sizes and weights for anyone wanting to give bowls a go. No need to worry about wearing 'whites' but please wear flat, smooth-soled shoes so that our new green will not be damaged.


Mapua is one of the smaller clubs allied to the Nelson Centre and is fortunate to have two accredited coaches. This is a real plus and means that free coaching is available for beginners and improvers.

Lawn bowls is an activity that can be enjoyed by a wide range of ages. Come and meet your neighbours and make new friends. A warm welcome and friendly encouragement is always on hand at the club.

We are located just behind the tennis courts at Mapua. We look forward to meeting you on Opening Day, 26 September.

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Playcentre

Our tamariki have had a blast spraying watered down paint onto sheets of hanging paper and watched as it dripped down from the top of the paper to the bottom, sparking discussion about gravity. Experimenting with textures and consistency of paint and different surfaces, the older children discovering how this changed the way they could paint and the younger ones building on their understanding of the physical world around them, Great Exploration - Mana Aoturoa.

A big thank you to the volunteers at Mapua Fire Station who gave us a tour showing us the Fire Hydrants and connecting up the hose. Also demonstrating their safety gear, building important relationships with the emergency services, and of course the highlight being the fire truck!

About Playcentre:

Playcentre is Ministry of Education-registered centre the difference being parents input into their child's learning, development and fun. At Playcentre we follow the Early Childhood Curriculum Te Whariki which is unique to NZ with an emphasis of child initiated play and parent education. It's a great way to really have your hands on day with your child, while you also get the benefit of having social interaction with other parents.

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for the past 60 years. We have a qualified supervisor on each session, whose experience and knowledge is awesome. Visitors always Welcome so drop in and find out what Kiwi families have been embracing for generations.

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

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have gone nostalgic
in smoky greys and greens.
The sun is veiled.
The sand beside the lagoon
where the oyster-catchers roost
has chosen polka-dots.
And at their feet, the glassy water
gives back the scene,
unruffled.

David Briggs

Future of local RSA

A special general meeting was held on 10 August to discuss the future of the Moutere Hills RSA.

As no president, secretary or treasurer was elected at the Annual General Meeting in June, the meeting was convened to establish just where we go from here. Norm Thawley, who had been president for nearly 25 years, felt that it was time for new faces to co-ordinate the Anzac services and continue the proud tradition of the local RSA, which was established in 1947.

Several members were present along with representatives from Nelson RSA and the Mapua Community Association.

Because of the large numbers that are attending the Anzac services, it was decided to try and continue. But we would welcome any member of the public who is sympathetic to the needs of the RSA, to join us and assist with the co-ordination of this special day.

Members of RSA, families and the general public are invited to become friends of the RSA as associate members for a subscription of \$10.

Any enquires please to Barry Pont of the Nelson RSA. Email nelrsa@ts.co.nz or phone 548-6815, or Norm Thawley at phone 923-2269

Church notice: The sermon this morning:
Jesus walks on the water.
The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Mapua Natural Health Clinic

Eating for Health. Omega 3, Essential Fatty Acids

Omega3 fatty acids are considered essential fatty acids: They are necessary for human health but the body can't make them you have to get them through food. Omega3 fatty acids are found in fish, such as salmon, tuna, and halibut, other seafood including algae and krill, some plants, and nut oils. Omega3 fatty acids play a crucial role in brain function, as well as normal growth and development.

They have also become popular because they may reduce the risk of heart disease. It is recommended that we eat fish (particularly fatty fish such as mackerel, trout, herring, sardines, tuna, and salmon) at least 2 times a week. You may prefer to take fish oil (Omega 3) in a capsule. Take as directed.

Research shows that omega3 fatty acids reduce inflammation and may help lower risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and arthritis. Omega3 fatty acids are highly concentrated in the brain and appear to be important for cognitive (brain memory and performance) and behavioural function. Symptoms of omega3 fatty acid deficiency include fatigue, poor memory, dry skin, heart problems, mood swings or depression, and poor circulation.

Essential Oil—Lavender

Lavender has been used and cherished for centuries for its unmistakable aroma and myriad of therapeutic benefits. In ancient times, the Egyptians and Romans used lavender for mummification, bathing, relaxation, cooking, and as a perfume; its ability to calm and soothe the mind and body continue to be Lavender's most notable qualities.

Applying lavender to the back of the neck and temples helps reduce muscle tension. Inhaling lavender promotes

relaxation and a restful night's sleep, making it an ideal oil to diffuse at bedtime and when stress levels are high.

- Add a few drops of lavender to pillows, bedding, or bottoms of feet for a restful night's sleep.
- Freshen your linen closet, mattress, car, or the air by combining lavender with water in a spray bottle.
- Add to bath water to soak away stress or apply to the temples and the back of the neck to ease muscle tension. The mental / emotional balancing aspects of lavender oil. Lavender is the Oil of Communication. It aids verbal expression, encourages emotional honesty and assists in allowing one to speak one's innermost thoughts and desires.

In the Kitchen Early Morning Drink

Start the day with this beautiful cleansing drink. I was introduced to it many years ago by Dr Ajit (Planet Ayurveda Auckland) and there is hardly a day goes by that I don't drink it.

Lemon, honey and spice drink:

Take 300 to 400ml of warm water and add to it:

- The juice of 1 lemon
- ¼ tsp fenugreek powder
- ½ tsp freshly grated ginger
- ½ tsp fennel seed powder
- 1 tsp raw honey

Stir and drink, while it is still warm. This lemon, honey and spice drink aids in cleansing toxins from the gut and is best drunk first thing in the morning prior to eating breakfast.

Resources: University of Maryland Medical Center. LavenderdoTERRA Tools. Dr Ajit Planet Ayurveda, Auckland.

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HairLounge Ruby Bay

Early this month Alison Hatch will fulfil her dream of owning and operating her own hair-dressing Salon called HairLounge Ruby Bay.

Alison is originally from Norwich in the UK, and has been hair-dressing all her life since completing her apprenticeship with the renowned John Oliver.



Now living in Seaton Valley with her daughter Elysia and partner Mike, Alison enjoys all that Nelson has to offer, spending her spare time running, horse-riding, mountain bike-riding and time at the beach.

Ali aims to offer a relaxed and social place to have your hair done and has a 1957 radio-gram currently being restored and plans to encourage clients to bring their favourite LP or select one of Ali's to listen to.

Situated at 172 Stafford Drive next to Ruby Bay take-aways, HairLounge is in a pleasant location to stop by while on your bike ride, run, walking the dog or on your way to the beach.

Come in and say hello to Ali any time.

Country Kids Winter Ball

On Saturday 8 August, Country Kids held their first Winter Ball. The idea for this event was to celebrate Country Kids and the community it is based in. This is going to be an annual event and be a major contributor to our yearly fund-raising efforts.



Daniel Tate, Kieron Lattimer, Andy Marr and Megan Grove-Roberts

Country Kids would like to thank everyone involved in helping this event be the success it was through fantastic community support with spot prizes, raffles and people's time. A special mention to Antony Neale from 'Dog on a Bonnet' for the music and Anne Grange for her generosity with catering.

It was a fantastic evening, everyone got into the spirit of the theme of 'ROCK STARS.' Be sure to come and join us for a great night of dancing next year.

Tasman Bible Church



Are Christians Good for Anything?

I have recently returned from a two-month trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We were once again impacted by the radical differences between our two cultures.

Besides the obvious things like poverty levels, lack of education and medical care, rampant corruption and political instability, there are other important differences.

One of these differences revolves around religion and the part it plays in everyday life. Almost everyone in the DRC is "religious."

There are two major religious influences in the DRC at the present time. One involves ancient beliefs and traditions centred on the spirit world (appeasing the spirits of ancestors, keeping malevolent forces at bay and using spiritual powers to achieve some personal benefit). In this world the witch doctor reigns supreme.

The second major religious influence is Christianity. Anyone who wants to be considered "normal" in the Congo claims to be Christian (even though they may rarely, if ever, set foot in a church). The Belgian colonisers brought Roman Catholicism with them and Protestant missionaries trekked across the continent in order to bring the Christian faith to the African interior.

One question I have been asked by New Zealanders is whether or not we have any right to be interfering in matters of religious belief in other countries.

I readily admit that some things Christians have done historically in order to promote their faith have been entirely destructive. Legislated or militant Christianity was never God's intention and you will not find any support for such tactics in the New Testament.

The present form of Christian impact in the Congo is much more positive. Our own travels have confirmed that without the compassionate dedication of many thousands of genuine Congolese Christians, large parts of the Congo would be without schools or any form of medical care. In Protestant schools, clinics and hospitals at least, there is no discrimination on the basis of religion, gender, or tribal affiliation. In Katanga province alone, Mission Garenganze runs more than 500 schools (with more than 100,000 students attending), 30 medical clinics and 10 hospitals.

Where are the schools and clinics run by secular organisations? They are almost entirely absent (including government facilities). The only real exceptions to this are in areas torn by military conflict where the limited (though valuable) work done by Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) and Red Cross is evident.

If Christianity and Christians were not present in the Congo, the country would be almost entirely devoid of any hope for the future.

Geoff Paynter

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Hills Community Church



The days are racing by, already there are the first signs of spring around us. It was reported on TV that the daffodils were beginning to bloom in Grey-mouth. One of the congregation here at Hills Community Church pointed out there was in fact a daffodil flower in bloom right next to the church.

So what is ahead? Spring gives way to summer, summer to autumn and autumn into winter. The seasons just roll on by, but what of life? Many move through their brief existence on this earth without much consideration for the next season, the one after death. So the question is, "What happens to you when you die?" Is death the end? Is there something more? What are the options? Is there an eternal peace?

As a Christian, I firmly believe there is life after death, the Christian Bible reveals this fact, however it comes down to a choice; "Will you or will you not receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?" This is not an opportunity which arises after death; it has to be made NOW. For those who are enquiring, drop by Hills Community Church on a Sunday, give the pastor a call for a chat; speak to someone from the church you may know; tune into the many Christian radio and television broadcasts. All will receive you just where you are at and introduce you to Jesus the only One who promises you eternal life in God's presence—if you would believe in Him.

My time comes to a close on 13 September. It has truly been a joy and privilege to serve at HCC over the three and a half months. May God continue to bless you all. Mapua is a great place.

Dale Pomeroy, Priest assisting

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

Sunday Worship: 9am, Traditional service. 10:30am Contemporary service & Children's programme including crèche; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between.

Weekly Calendar:

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

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

Drop-off for area food bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui

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Rangers Rugby RFC



Well, the season for all local rugby has come to a close with our last senior game in July and our last JAB games played at the end of August. We have had a great season with lots of good rugby being played by our club. For those of you that caught us on Grass-roots Rugby for our 60th season celebration, wasn't it great to see some of our life members talking about their years in the club, our senior boys playing on TV, and then all the kids and locals cheering them on!

We have had great sponsorship support this year and without them we would not be able to survive. All our funds come from the player registrations, fund-raising and our sponsors, and being a small club our sponsorship definitely is essential to us being able to purchase new equipment and gear. Last season our seniors got new playing jerseys and this year it was our JAB's turn to get new playing jerseys, and now they are proudly wear the rangers stag on their backs too. They definitely stand out on the field, and we still remain the Orange and Black club.

We also bought some new training equipment for our JABs which has helped our young players with their skills on the field. It is important to note that all funds raised through our fundraising efforts and sponsorship goes directly back into the club, and that none of our coaches, team managers or committee get paid—they all put in the hard work as volunteers.

Mapua Boat Club

The Mapua Boat Club will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16 September in the Club Rooms on the Mapua Wharf at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. We have had a great committee this past year and many present members are willing to stand again, but we would also like to add some new faces so please do join us—the more the merrier.

We have found that with a good-sized committee it makes for easy running of meetings and we can all still have a life. We are seriously looking for someone to take over the role of secretary for the coming year. Your assistance would be most welcome.



As you are all aware there are many changes happening around the wharf precinct and we need to maintain our presence as effectively as we can to preserve our environment and facilities. This year will also see another push to improve and expand the Maritime Museum.

In the meantime don't forget to join us on club nights for an enjoyable informal get together. They are on Thursday evenings from 5.30pm to 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact: mapuabcsecretary@gmail.com or Annette Walker (President) 540-2850.

Jenny Marchbanks

Sponsors: We would like to especially thank the following sponsors who have donated us goods, or cash which have helped us to maintain our funds this season, so we can continue to invest in our players and club:

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FMG Insurance, Sarau Trust, Richmond Super-liquor, MacDonalds, Nelson Orthodontics, Sunrise Engineering, Kimi Ora Eco Resort, Talley's, Umo and On The Spot Convenience Store.

Social Touch: Now that the rugby season is over Tuesday night social touch has started again. If you want to have a runaround to keep, or build up, your fitness level come down and join in with our friendly social touch. There is no maximum numbers per team and it is a lot of fun. We ask for a gold coin donation to go towards the club fund-raising. So Tuesday nights at 6pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre – SEE YOU THERE.

Don't forget to keep up to date with what is happening with the club, and any other news we may have by checking out our facebook page RANGERS RUGBY CLUB.

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Children at Tasman School performing a Matariki play. See report on page 31.

Moving to Mapua, an early account

Part 5 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.

Swimming in the Mapua Channel.

We had no swimming pool at Mapua School when I was a pupil there so we had to swim in the tide in the Mapua Channel. When we were tested for our swimming certificates this was not done in the main channel next to the wharf but in a side channel – the one which leads up to the causeway to the Leisure Park. The side channel was used for swimming when the tide was high because although it got quite deep, the current was not as strong as it was in the main channel. Someone had even put up a diving board; I think it was Mr Baigent who had a bach by the beach near the wharf. We all lined up to do our best in the long-distance swimming, doing lengths up and down the channel.

All the big pupils went in first, then down the line to the smaller ones which included me. One of the smaller pupils was a boy called Winky Langman. He panicked and floundered about, and started to go under. Our teacher, Miss Wix, jumped into the water to pull him out, but he climbed onto her back and pushed her under. Then one of the big boys jumped in and pulled him off her back. One of the Baigent girls got some towels and a blanket to put around Miss Wix. This was quite an episode and by the time it came to my turn, the tide was going out fast and I missed my swim. I did get a certificate though; it was not much but at least I got my name on it.

One day while Josephine Marshall and I were on our way home from school, we had the great, though somewhat rash idea, of having a naked swim in the pool by the beach that was left behind when the tide went out. It was only waist deep but very tempting on a hot afternoon. After a lovely splash around we looked up to see two very amused schoolboys watching us. Well, imagine our awful predicament. ‘What do we do now?’ was the big question. Do we stay put or do we make a dash for the shore? We decided the latter idea was the best so we could recover our clothes before they boys got hold of them. It was a long time before we lived that episode down and it was never again repeated.

Dinner at 88 Valley

While I was on school holidays I had a few days staying with Aunty Molly Stafford and her daughter, Connie, who lived in Wai-iti. Molly was not really an aunt but was a good friend of my parents. She was the daughter of Arthur Chaytor and was born at Seaton Estate in Mapua. She and her brothers and sisters had

had tutors come to the house to teach them when they were children.

During my stay with the Staffords, Molly’s sister-in-law, Freda Chaytor, who lived in 88 Valley, invited us to a dinner at her place and we had to bring with us a live pig she wanted for her farm. After catching the very irate and squealing pig, putting it in a chaff sack and harnessing up the horse (Old Polly) to a gig which was the Stafford’s only mode of transport, we set off in grand style with the pig squealing all the way. Not far up the valley we had to cross a wooden bridge over a small river. Old Polly shook her head and stamped her feet in disapproval at the prospect of crossing that bridge. No way! The only thing to do was to back her off the bridge approach and drive her through the river. The river was only knee high and Old Polly was happy to cross it. Aunt Molly said later that the reason Old Polly refused to cross bridges was that she had fallen through a rotten bridge once and had never forgotten.

We arrived safely at Freda’s house, shook the pig out of the sack and put it into a paddock with some sheep. Freda’s house was a lovely old homestead with lots of fruit trees and flower beds filled with roses. Dinner was a massive feast served with quality silverware and their best dinnerware. A crystal lamp in the centre of the beautiful oak table shone with a thousand rainbows all around the room.

After dinner and small talk, Connie and I went outside to explore the garden. Then it was time to harness up Old Polly and make for home as it was getting dark. Aunty Molly lit the carriage lamps, one on each side with candles inside, and we climbed aboard. Connie and I got inside the sack the pig had been in, pulled it up to our shoulders and were very cosy. Then there was the river crossing and Old Polly made no fuss about walking through the river. She had won the day. It was lovely trotting home in the moonlight – the end of a perfect day and nearly the end of my holiday.

(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

It's a "first" for Mapua. A real sure fair dinkum roundabout. Yeah! The flow of traffic on Mapua Drive is being adjusted as the new Mapua Drive-Higgs Road roundabout takes shape.

Last month it was "suburbia;" this month, it's "roundabouts." Mapua Drive is once again being altered to fit Mapua's growing "urban image."

Firstly, it was the concrete curbing and driveways on Mapua Drive; now, it's a concrete roundabout at the intersection with Higgs Road.

Next, (hopefully) it will be the footpaths along both sides of Mapua Drive from the new roundabout to Stafford Drive providing pedestrian and cycle access to Mapua School and Mapua Village.

As the sections in the several subdivisions are sold and become "residential" with a dwelling and people, how many adults and children will be using these new footpaths? On good authority I have been assured by the Tasman District Council staff that they are being professionally designed with an imaginative flair that will soften and enhance their presence and will not present as "stark concrete ribbons."

I went up to the roundabout construction site on 20 August for a close look at this new creature in our midst. The pedestrian crossings at the roundabout are well placed for safety. The level of the roadway was being raised in order for the new configuration to work in a positive and safe manner. There are three roads involved—Mapua Drive, Higgs Road and the Mapua Rise subdivision access road. It's good to note that the new roundabout will eliminate the dangerous T-intersection of Higgs Road and Mapua Drive.

The tender for the footpaths will be let on 30 September, with completion by Christmas.

A roundabout, what is it?

Talking about roundabouts; when and where did the concept of roundabouts come about in the first place? According to Wikipedia: "A roundabout is a type of circular intersection or junction in which traffic flows almost continuously in one direction around a central island" and "The single greatest benefit of roundabouts is that they eliminate perpendicular/T-bone crashes", ie, typical intersection accidents.

"So-called modern roundabouts require entering traffic and to give way to traffic already in the circle. Also, traffic comes from one direction, rather than three, simplifying a pedestrian's visual environment. Pedestrians do have to cross roundabouts at times. Other benefits include reduced driver confusion associated with T-junctions, no traffic lights stop-and-go, or U-turns within the normal flow of traffic around the circle."

Circular junctions existed before roundabouts in the UK including the 'Circus' in Bath which was completed in 1768. Followed by 'traffic circles' which were ultimately doomed to failure as the entrances are basically three-way intersections. However, the first

British 'circular junction' was built in 1909 in Letchworth Garden City in 1909; finally giving way in November 1966 when the UK's Transport Research Laboratory re-engineered circular intersections and the 'modern roundabouts' were born. The United States slowly adopted modern roundabouts in the 1990s with doubts and amid confusion about entering and exiting. Today, you will find roundabouts everywhere you go in the world. So much for roundabout history. The switch over to the left-hand rule has been confusing enough for me to absorb, much less wondering where it came from.

Closure: At long last, public opinion and common sense has prevailed and the TDC has closed the Mapua Wharf to vehicular traffic. Well, it's not before time!

Please lobby our councillors and the TDC staff to eliminate the turning circle at the end of Aranui Road at the wharf. The mini-roundabout at Aranui Road/Iwa Street should be the end of Aranui Road for vehicular traffic with parking only from thereon to the Apple Shed restaurant.

The Mapua wharf boat ramp is to remain for emergency use only. Boats will now have to be launched at the Grossi Point reserve.

To compensate for the limited parking space afforded by the Waterfront Park parking lot, the TDC is "adjusting" parking along portions of Aranui Road, Tahiti and Iwa streets with a change to parallel parking. Completion date for this work is the end of October. This work will also include the installation of a second toilet in the Waterfront Park's toilet block.

Construction of Shed 4 has begun on the former aquarium site. Word has it that tenants are being signed up, including an ice cream parlour. There will never be another Hamish's, but ice cream, there will be. Completion for this work also set for the end of October.

Waterfront Park: The Waterfront Park Steering Group representing the Community Association has developed plans for the children's play area and an adult exercise area plus a BBQ facility. The steering group is seeking funds for this very worthwhile addition to the park. An application has been made to the TDC Community Grants Scheme for funds. This effort is supported by the Mapua Business Association, and is extended to local and area businesses and to individuals for donations.

It's yellow: The yellow pollen season is upon us, once again settling on everything exposed to the out of doors. Maybe drifting through your open window?

A sure sign of spring as the pine trees and the wattles unleash their annual donation to nature and their unwelcome gift to those who suffer from hay fever. Not nice but we don't have long to wait and it's soon over.

Meanwhile, don't take life too seriously. It's not as if you're going to make it out alive!

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Coastal Garden Group

The Coastal Garden Group had a members' Garden Forum at their August meeting. Gino and Pauline demonstrated pruning roses. Gino's tip: secateurs need to be sharp otherwise they don't make a clean cut. It is important to sterilise your secateurs to avoid spreading disease. Keep a small plastic container with methylated spirits and dip each time you use your secateurs.

Pruning your roses:

The basic rules are to remove any diseased, dead or spindly growth. Remove any branches that cross over other branches. Prune to buds from behind and slightly above the bud at an approximately 45 degree angle. Aim for a well shaped bush and open bush or shrub. Usually remove one quarter to one third of last season's growth. Spray with copper only—this will harden the leaves and help force them to drop. Make sure the spray gets into all the crevices of the rose and half a metre around the rose bush. It is important to pick these leaves up and dispose of them. Wait for two weeks after your copper spray then spray with oil. Thanks to Gino and Pauline for an informative demonstration.

Judy Sisam

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The Probus Club of Mapua and District

Dave MacManus, the owner/manager of Copy Press in Pascoe Street, Tahunanui, gave an interesting talk to the August meeting of the Mapua Probus Club. He showed about 300 books his company had produced, including a dozen children's books.

Dave said there was a need to continue producing books by family members to preserve family history for future generations. One author who wrote a book called *For Cuss Sake* took five years to write it. Dave reckoned New Zealand had the most authors in the world per capita.

The Copy Press business was originally operated from a Stoke car park area. The move to Pascoe Street enabled them to expand. The main business is the distribution of books to up to 170 book stall across the country. Dave is involved with printing, binding and photo development. He started his business from a small wooden shed more than six years ago.

The mini-speaker was club member Norm Thawley. His subject was his book, *The Thawley Orchard Stories*. It is Norm and Letty's family historical events over their last 60 years.


The first chapter was written by their youngest son, William. Norm's grandparents, Joseph and Hanna, left Gravesend in England on the ship *Ionic* bound for New Zealand in 1885. The children who were old enough found various work in Wellington. Enoch and his wife Alice, their grandparents, bought an orchard at Bronte Estates in 1914. Enoch and Uncle Harold were involved in the construction of several houses around their area.

Other chapters give a detailed description of the three blocks of Mahana, Bronte, and Bell under the ownership of Moutere Amalgamated Fruitlands Ltd, events during the 2nd World War years and events in their packing shed when the grading of fruit was done by hand in the Willows area that is now Higgs Reserve. The book also describes the work of the Mahana Mutual Improvement Society that was in-

volved in trading, teaching fruit-growing and social activities.

Part Two of Nom's book gives an interesting account of his and Letty's development of their orchard business. They started by buying a section opposite their packing shed in 1954. The land needed a clean-up of gorse and blackberry before they could start building. The final chapter is an account of Norm and Letty's visit to South Korea as guests of Korean KVA members in 2007. They were a part of 30 other Korean War veterans.

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- 26/7/15 Cardiac arrest assist ambulance Aranui Rd.
- 30/7/15 Cardiac arrest assist ambulance Stafford Dr
- 18/08/15 MVC (Motor vehicle crash) corner SH60 and Mapua Dr. assist police with traffic control. Van v Car, two taken to hospital.

Calls this year - 33

Tsunami!!!!

What's the difference between the call out siren and the tsunami warning?

The call out siren you hear regularly is an alternating pitch whereas the tsunami warning is a continuous high pitch.

Tsunamis have caused an incredible amount of damage around the world in recent years and lessons have been learned. To survive a tsunami, you must be vigilant, prepared and remain calm. Consider whether you live somewhere that could potentially face a tsunami. Much of Mapua is low lying and potentially at risk.

If you hear the tsunami siren grab something warm, get to the top of the nearest hill. If you're super-organised you'll have a grab bag with essential clothing and provisions. Store essential materials in an easy-to-obtain location. If a tsunami does hit, you'll need survival items and you'll need them fast.

A safety pack will contain a minimum of food, water and a first aid kit. Keep the safety pack somewhere obvious and easy to grab in an emergency, also ensure the location is well-known to everyone in the building. It can also help to leave a raincoat or other coat for each person near the safety pack.

Abandon belongings. If that tsunami does hit, save lives, not possessions. Trying to retrieve possessions may hamper your escape. Just grab your safety pack, something to keep you and your family warm and leave immediately.

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Over the last six months we have had a few personnel changes.

Katrina Atkins and Daniel Breakspeare have gone to Motueka, Isaac Probert has gone to Paraparaumu. Nelson Batt has resigned due work. And Ali Hill resigned due to health issues. We have four new members - Paul Tranter from Upper Moutere fire brigade, Jon Tomlinson from Governors Bay fire brigade, Malcolm Brennan from Wairau Valley fire brigade. And Matt Hyde is a recruit.

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Community Group Plays a Key Role

A recent survey of New Zealanders' ideal place to live listed as the important ingredients: a nearby beach, beautiful natural environment, great people and good facilities. A good active community was one of the boxes most often ticked. We all recognise one when we see one but a "good community" is hard to define. A culture of caring, a balance of age groups, activities and recreational opportunities—these are all part of the mix.

Good governance and consultation, leading to better planning, management and decision-making, are ingredients that need regular attention too. As those who make sourdough bread will know, you have to look after your culture to keep producing a fine loaf; it's the same with a community's culture.

Our many organisations, groups and clubs depend on AGMs, regular meetings, secretaries, treasurers and committees to keep up the good work. They depend on people. Even the casual recreational groups need someone to run the telephone tree or email list. So first up in this community column is a big heads up to the many individuals who put time and effort into making Mapua life what it is. Thank you.

The Mapua and District Community Association is one of the most enduring groups around the district and has had a key role in the area. It is our principle connection to Tasman District Council and its meetings are attended by councillors and staff as they consult, advise and listen to local concerns and recom-

mendations. The association's monthly meetings have a regular "soapbox" slot for anyone to get their three minutes-worth of comment, opinion or thoughts. The rules are to keep it brief, keep it fair. And many of these lead to wider discussions and agenda items. Association meetings are open to all and we encourage everyone to come join us the second Monday of each month at 7pm.

The Community Association is an active group with several sub-committees, and associates, working hard to pursue our community goals. These are environmental projects such as Dominion Flats restoration at the Mapua Drive intersection, improved family facilities like the Waterfront Park upgrade proposals, as well as district-wide walkway and cycleway connections. Wharf facilities and Tasman District Council plans are regularly discussed and reviewed by the Wharf Advisory Group which has association representation and was established after strong representations to the council.

For the association, September is the start of a new year. The AGM in August saw some changes to this group—a new chairperson, Elena Meredith, a new secretary, Graeme Stradling and some new committee members. They are Jan Long, John Fountain and Aileen Connell.

Helen Bibby stepped down as chairperson. She has been a good and effective leader who has helped the organisation grow and engage in active projects and real improvements to our community's facilities and amenities. A warm thank you to Helen.

Pam Stinton stood down too after nearly 10 years as secretary to the association. Pam has made a huge contribution and she did it so well. Pam has met the high expectations of association colleagues with high quality, calm professionalism and reliability. The backbone of the organisation, she will be missed. A warm thank you as well to Pam for your contribution.

Graeme Stradling, secretary

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Under The Bonnet with Fred

Murray's 63 Sting Ray—a True Sports Car



A Corvette Stingray, or to be correct a “Sting Ray” as on the badge on the boot of Murray’s black 1963 all-original C2 Chev Corvette Roadster convertible.

It was a car-find while supporting his son taking part in jet sprints in the USA recently in Bosie, Idaho. The original owner drove it only in the summer to avoid salt on the roads used to break up the snow in the winter. Apparently it is quite common to have a good car for summer in these states.

The car came in at Port Tauranga and was driven to Taupo and put through for certification with only a high stop lamp to be fitted. A sign of a good car.

Ahead of other leading sports car manufactures, the Corvette has a fibre-glass body to give it a power-to-weight ratio of 250hp to 1.5 tons.

The body is 4.45m long and 1.77m wide. It has raised bulges along the sides and bonnet but a more traditional sports car rolled boot with chrome bumper and badging. The front has roll-away headlights and a grill hidden under the front bumper. It is a more distinctive body design than other sports cars of the day which were all a little bit the same. It runs on 215x65x15 tyres with nice polished, stainless steel hub caps with a circular pattern with spinners—very 60s. Included with the car is a clip-on fibre glass roof for the long winters, should you require it

I loved the interior with its fire-engine red leather upholstery and contrasting black dash with sporty polished aluminium gauges rather than chrome. The driver’s seat (left-hand drive) is very much an aircraft pilot’s cockpit with gauges all clustered around the steering wheel. The gearstick is offset, closer to the driver. The passenger’s side has a glove box in pol-

ished aluminium to match. The red carpet is in mint condition and there is a nice quirky radio which is set vertically to match the dash configuration. Plus the radio didn’t need a band expander for New Zealand use, which is a bonus.

Under the bonnet it is all USA with a high-compression 327in (5.36 litre) Chev V8, with a four-barrel carburettor. It is unusual in having a four-speed manual gearbox which it gives the true sports car action when driving. No power steering, no power brakes, no air-conditioning which as Murray said is not required in an open top convertible. Driving this car you have the challenge of managing all your driving skills to make it a true sport car experience.

Fuel consumption is 18mpg or 15 litres/100, 0-100kmph in 7.4 seconds, top speed 183kmh. A bit thirsty but big engines and fast cars require gas!

Writing this story I have used ‘sports car’ as a definition, as sitting in the Sting Ray that’s what instantly comes to mind. Sports car means fast and

sophisticated. This not a muscle car, which means smoking tyres and noise. It was made for sports car enthusiasts who might have been tempted to buy other brands but Chevrolet cornered their USA market very nicely with this car.

A very low mileage C2 Corvette recently sold at auction in the USA for a million dollars. Murray, drive and enjoy it for a while then sell it for a million dollars!

The badge on the fuel cap, at the centre on the boot, has a red Chevrolet flag and a checked racing flag crossed as a symbol for a Corvette Sting Ray. It could not be more appropriate.

Fred Cassin





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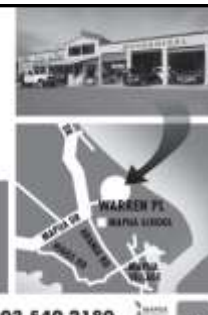
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A sensor attached to the rim of a front wheel. The base computer unit is in the background with a graphic image on the screen showing the current alignment settings for this vehicle.

The base unit screen can display a table or graphic illustration of each wheel's position. This enables a direct comparison to be made between the vehicle's current measurements and those of the manufacturer.

The skill is in knowing how to make the correct adjustments and may also require the replacement of worn or damaged components to correct alignment.

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Table showing wheel alignment settings



Graphic illustration of wheel alignment settings

We recommend the wheel alignment is checked annually.

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The Playhouse Cafe

What's On Guide

SEPTEMBER 2015

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Events, Functions and Group Bookings

Free Pick Up and Drop off to Mapua, Moutere, Appleby, Tasman

Call 5402985 for bookings

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2 Nelson Girls College Night Dinner available from 530pm	3	4 The Deep End Improvised comedy \$15, \$12 kids Show 730pm Food all night	5 Bryce Wastney "Wild World" Cat Stevens Night \$20, Music 8pm Dinner from 6pm	6 Open 11am till 4pm Dance Fundraiser 6pm
7	8 Nayland College Music Night Dinner available from 530pm	9	10	11 Paul Madsen Presents THE BEATLES and BEEGEES \$25, Music 8pm Dinner from 6pm	12 Closed For WEDDING	13 Closed for private Function
14	15	16	17 Garin College Movie night Dinner available from 530pm	18 Paul Ubana Jones \$20, Music 8pm Dinner from 6pm Blues master!	19 BOOGIE TRAIN \$10, Music 8pm Dinner 6pm Best blues in town!	20 Open 11am till 4pm
FILMCAMP 2015 Sept 28th till Oct 2nd & Oct 5th till 9th 9 til 4 daily, For kids 9 to 15 For budding filmmakers, actors, performers, akeup artists, costume designers, riters, editors, camera people Learn to make a movie from start to finish \$350, for 5 days tutoring and food At The Playhouse Cafe, call 5402985 or theplayhousecafe@gmail.com						
				25 Open for lunch Closed for Function Evening	26 The Underground \$10, Music 8pm Dinner 6pm All british music night	27 Open 11am till 4pm

CHIRSTMAS FUNCTIONS:

Nov 19th to 22nd:
Variety Show Extravaganza

Nov 26th to 29th: MURDER
MYSTERY

Dec 4th and 5th: Gary McCormick

Dec 10th to 12th: Paul Madsen's
Superstar Show

Dec 18th and 19th: Wizard of Oz
Burlesque Show

1 Big Daddy Wilson \$20, Music 8pm Dinner 6pm International Blues from USA Dont miss this act!	2 The Eastern's Adam McGarth \$20, Music 8p Dinner from 6pm The Eastern Solo Presented by Arts On Tour	3 Pole Performance Competition Comp/Show 8pm \$20, Dinner 6pm Great night out Come and support local talent Presented by Dynamite Pole Studios	4 Open 11am till 4pm
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MAPUA AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Coordinator: Janet Ph 540 3364



New Community Directories, made possible through the advertising support of members of the Business Association, will be delivered free to all households in the Ruby Coast Moutere Hills area in early October.

After this time 'Welcome' bags will also be available as a gift for new comers to the area. These eco friendly (made from recycled plastic bottles) reusable bags contain useful local information (including a Directory). They have been produced by the MDBA, with funding support from the TDC and are designed for locals to give to new neighbours when they arrive in the area. If you have new neighbours and would like to say 'hello' with a Welcome bag contact Janet to arrange collection.

Whareatea (place of big welcome)

Judith Holmes.

This is the view looking across the estuary towards Mapua from my home and attached tourist apartment Whareatea.



Photo by Chocolate Dog

Situated on the Huddy peninsula, we are eight kilometres from Mapua. My self contained two bedroom apartment offers accommodation for one to four people. Overflow guests can be accommodated in a small cabin on the farm. Built of 300 mm hebel block with underfloor heating, the apartment is superbly quiet and warm in winter and cool in summer. A solar heated swimming pool, attached swimming pool house, fire/barbeque/pizza oven and covered entertainment area provide tranquil outdoor relaxing areas. The apartment is very private. There are no other houses in the immediate view. Television and wifi are available.

Guests can wander amongst and feed my small flock of black sheep and two alpacas and also enjoy time with my Border Collie working dog/family pet. When the tide is right, guests are welcome to use our kayaks and small sailing boats or simply swim, wade or go bird watching on and around lovely walks around the estuary. Whareatea is the perfect place for out of town guests coming here for that family holiday, reunion, birthday, wedding etc. We enjoy welcoming both Kiwis and overseas guests. The goal is to make sure that our guests get the best from our fabulous area. Please book well in advance to avoid disappointment. PH 544 0890 /0210728924

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Brian Alexander

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Noticeboard

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Fair Exchange: A small group meets at Appleshed restaurant under the outdoor covered area at 9am on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month to exchange home grown and home made produce & goods. We welcome everyone! Even if you have something as small as a bunch of parsley, come along. You will leave with something that you need. It's the sharing that counts. Info: Judith Holmes 021 072 8924 / 544-0890.

Walnuts: Spray-free, Motueka Valley. Shelled (\$9/200gm) and inshell (\$8/kg). Delivery/pickup by arrangement. 027-233-5336 or daveyturtle@hotmail.com

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 Mapua Wharf each fine Thursday @ 9:30 am. Anyone interested - just turn up with your bike, "Hi Vis" top and coffee money, or email me 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, 03 528-8097

Motueka SeniorNet: Get tech savvy and share more family experiences. Community computer support for 50+. Training courses for iPads, Phones, Tablets, PC and Mac. Members' meeting 10am first Monday of month. 42 Pah Street, Motueka. www.seniornetmotueka.org.nz

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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 9.45am. New members welcome. Anne 540-3934

Qi-gong, Yuan Gong form, weekly in Mapua. Info: Marianne, 546-8584 or bmtc@xtra.co.nz

Ruby Coast Newcomers Social Group: meet new people, make new friends. We have coffee at 10am last Friday of each 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. Judy Sisam, 547-7292, 142doubleview@gmail.com

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.

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