

TDC 'drains donations' for historic cottage

Somerset Cottage, a much-loved 165-year-old restored "mud house" at Mahana, Nelson, is threatened with new Tasman District Council rates demands.

The cottage, open to the public and on the Upper Moutere tourist trail, has been maintained by volunteers for nearly 40 years. Secretary of the non-profit Somerset Farm Settlers Cottage Trust Paul Bensemann said that when locals approached Waimea County Council in the 1980s, offering to restore and refurnish the house for the community, the council promised it would be rates-free.

"Local volunteers including committee members do the upkeep but pay for materials such as timber, paint and wood-stain from coins in an on-site honesty box," Paul said. "By far the most work has been done by our cottage stalwarts, Eileen and Graeme Thawley. The council wants to drain our income, which was \$127 in the 2024 financial year."

Working bees planned for this summer were on hold, he said, because the council was asking for \$133.69 for this rating year, more than the year's donations. The initial demand was \$1082.84, which would nearly bankrupt his committee, he said. The group had just \$1160 in its account.

"I'm upset by the rather bullying way they have done this, sending me a letter out-of-the-blue in July with a rates bill. They then imposed a penalty payment as part of a \$297.78 instalment in August. There was no consultation."

In July and September, the council sent forms for a "remission application" but the deadline was 31 May, two months prior to the first rates invoice and before he had heard of the rates plan, Paul said. "Council staff have since

dug their heels in and demanded \$133.69 for refuse/recycling, but we have no rubbish collection."

The building is Historic Places Trust-registered <https://www.heritage.org.nz/list-details/5153/Listing> and its history is described also on the Bensemann website <https://sites.google.com/view/bensemannfamily/cottage>

Onsite displays describe English and German settlement and the building's interior shows a typical settler family, with mannequins, period furniture and farm implements. The cottage is popular with school history classes, guided groups (especially bicycle tours) and wedding parties.

Restoration, starting in the 1980s, involved local farmers, small businesses and professional thatcher Norbert Kleinschmidt, who had emigrated to Nelson from Germany. He toured the South Island to find the right kind of rushes and installed the thatch free of charge, replacing it twice. "We consulted the Historic Places Trust, visited other earth houses around New Zealand, collected old photos and records and interviewed elderly

people who had lived in the cottage," Paul said. "The project has been a wonderful example of community spirit."

Paul said the "aggressive" letters from council seeking rates had no-one's name on them and contradicted values listed on the TDC website, such as: "care and empathy are a priority"; "We are kind and nurturing"; and "We aim to be good ancestors for our people, resources and region and leave the world a better place."

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Schoolboy Callum Rivers in front of Somerset Cottage at Mahana.

Photo: Paul Bensemann

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Launch November 29



The purpose of the Māpua-Ruby Bay Emergency Preparedness Plan is to:

- Support individuals and communities to take ownership of their own emergency preparedness.
- Help communities to understand their hazards and increase resilience.
- Promote problem solving and self-sufficiency through strong social networks and a culture of mutual help.
- Reduce reliance on first responder agencies during an emergency.

Enabling, empowering and supporting individuals and the community to take ownership of emergency preparedness is the goal of the Māpua-Ruby Bay Community Emergency Preparedness Plan (CEPP) to be launched at the Māpua Hall on Saturday November 29.

"Our community will experience the impacts of adverse weather events, fires and earthquakes at some time in the future. Having a plan and working together will increase our resilience," says Paul McIntosh chairman of the Māpua and District Community Association (MDCA) which has led the initiative to prepare an emergency plan.

The groups taking part in the Emergency Preparedness Day to launch the plan will include Civil Defence, Neighbourhood Support, FENZ, St John, Tasman District Council, Climate Resilience as well as community groups. The day will feature information, competitions, giveaways and a sausage sizzle.

The plan is the result of seven months of work by the Community Emergency Preparedness (CEP) subcommittee which has appointed Susie Wendelborn as CEP Team co-ordinator.

As part of its research, the committee conducted an on-line survey to assess the resources including skills and equipment available in the community, and how prepared residents felt they were to cope with an emergency. The survey also asked what risks people believed were most likely to impact their homes or businesses.

"We received around 80 responses to the survey and a number of those who responded, including many local businesses, indicated they were happy to support the plan in some capacity."

The strength of the plan is that it has been developed specifically for Māpua and Ruby Bay and is not "a command and control" plan but is instead about collective responsibility, says Paul who is also a member of the CEP team.

"The aim is to increase the resilience of our community to the impacts of hazards and to promote problem solving and self-sufficiency through strong social networks and a culture of mutual help," says Paul.

An example of how effective and successful a community initiative can be is the Appleby Hills emergency response programme founded and managed by Irene

Schrieber 10 years ago. That programme proved invaluable during the 2023 tornado, where organised efforts saw neighbours helping one another, damage quickly assessed, and everyone's safety ensured.

In the event of an emergency or disaster, it is unlikely the Nelson Tasman Emergency Management team, FENZ first responders or council staff will be able to reach everyone affected in Māpua & Ruby Bay in the early stages.

"The aim of the plan is to ensure that as a community we are resilient and prepared to take care of our families and neighbours during the initial 24 to 48 hours of a developing emergency.

"The successful adoption of CEPP will mean that in the aftermath of a natural disaster, our community will recover more quickly and minimise the economic and social impacts on our residents and businesses," says Paul.

Clare Kininmonth, a member of the CEPP committee says she has been encouraged by the positive response from residents and businesses to the plan and also by the range of skills and facilities within the community which could be vital in a disaster.

The Māpua Hall Committee is working closely with the CEPP

committee, and it is proposed that the hall function as the Community Emergency Centre.

"MDCA is very appreciative of the support the hall committee has provided and looks forward to working together with the hall, local clubs, businesses and residents in the future to ensure our community is well prepared and empowered to respond to future emergency or disaster events," says Paul.

(see advert about a meeting next page)



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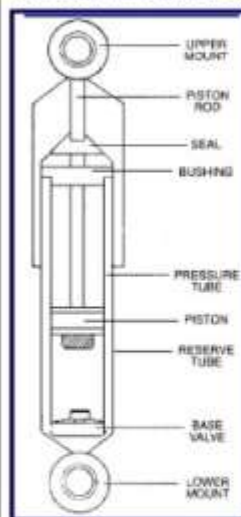
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PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ

On the last Tuesday of September, Serena Dawson gave a great demonstration of how to make pastels. It's really hard to get "greens" that match our native bush, so Serena often breaks down some of her stock and mixes her own colours. It's also a great way to save those broken pastels and pastel dust to make some lovely greys and "off" colours.

Last Tuesday (14th Oct) was a celebration for us at our regular meeting at the Māpua Hall. Not only did we have two new pastel artists join us, but we had two notifications of exciting news.

Our Area Rep, Margie Bramley, received notification that she had been awarded a \$500 scholarship fee to be used with the PANZ approved Tutor of her choice. A well-deserved scholarship for Margie who looks after us each and every Tuesday as well as keeping us up to date with news and happenings within PANZ. We look forward to seeing who she chooses to study under and wish her well.

PANZ is associated with IAPS (International Association of Pastel Artists) who run worldwide on-line competitions for pastel artists, twice a year and a physical exhibition each 2 years.

Many hundreds of Artists enter these online competitions from all around the world and after a rigorous selection process, they accept 100 paintings to go forward for final judging. The Autumn (US) competition accepted 13 PANZ members this year (a record for us) over two sections – Masters and Open. Two of our Nelson members were successful in the Open section – Glenys Forbes and Mary Jane Seffens. Huge Congratulations to them both.

Another exceptional event is the celebration of Patricia Hughes 101st Birthday. Our "Trishy" is our idol. She never complains about her health or anything else, is always cheeky and we love her. A Very Happy Birthday Trishy. XX

Our pastel group meets every Tuesday morning 9am to noon at Mapua Hall and we welcome visitors and prospective pastel artists. We offer the use of pastels and paper for you to "try before you buy" in order for you to find out if you would enjoy using pastels as a painting medium. Teas, coffees and biscuits are provided.

For further information, please contact our Nelson Area Rep, **Margie Bramley** on 027-257-1857

Or: try a Saturday morning at Greenmeadows (Stoke) on the 3rd Saturday of every month. For further information, contact **Lyse Beck** lyse@lysebeck.com



Protected Tree 615. Rhododendron (Lord Roberts) in bloom, Aranui Road.



Protected Tree 615. Rhododendron (Lord Roberts) play area among the trunks, Aranui Road.

Protected Trees of Māpua, Part 2 of 3 by Lou Gallagher



Protected Tree 613 Ulmus glabra 'Camperdownii' on Aranui Road - over 100 years old



Protected Tree 614 Ulmus glabra 'Camperdownii' Well cared for over the last 140 years ±

People, places and personalities of Māpua.

The following article is part of a series about Māpua and immediate surroundings.

Historic trees are an integral part of places immigrants first inhabited when arriving on these shores. Often the trees planted were reminiscent of their home countries. Trees were either brought in as seeds or as seedlings, surviving the perilous long journeys by sea.

If you have any suggestions for articles or interviews please write to: storytimemapua@gmail.com. Thank you.

Protected Trees of Māpua, Part 2 of 3 by Lou Gallagher

The history of protected trees in New Zealand stems from the loss of native forests during both Māori and European settlement, leading to legislation like the resource management act 1991 and local council plans that protect trees for their ecological, cultural and amenity value. Protection efforts range from national significance (e.g. Kauri, Totara, Pohutukawa, some of which face specific threats like Kauri dieback disease).

Some trees are protected due to their age or association with historic events. Others are protected because of their aesthetic contribution to the landscape, like non-native trees, Norfolk pines, Rhododendrons and various deciduous trees like the ones listed in the article below. Some councils, like the Tasman District Council, classify trees to ensure appropriate protection levels, e.g. category A for national significance and category B for local importance. (Source: Google)

On the NZ tree register for the Tasman region most protected trees are in Wakefield, Motueka and about four in Māpua. Scouting around Aranui Park a few days ago Lou and I were looking for a listed oak tree, to no avail, but it sure made me look more carefully at the very large trees in this park. Some stunning Redwoods there. Unsure who exactly planted these but will ask around.

Watch this space for the December Coastal News. Lou will post her third part of this series, and I will have fun interviewing someone well known to our community.

Annette Le Cren

More protected trees!

Three of Māpua's protected trees were planted in the late 1800s by orchardists who built a villa where the first Māpua school and post office overlooked the estuary (now Aranui Road).

Cuttings of the *Ulmus glabra* 'Camperdownii', a genetic mutant found by a keen Scottish gardener in the mid-1800s, were grafted onto Wych Elms, aka Scotch Elms, to produce the contorted shape of the highly prized *Ulmus glabra*. The orchardist who built the original villa on Aranui Road would have brought these trees to New Zealand over 100 years ago from UK with fruit trees for cultivation.

T613 and 614 survive to this day because of the meticulous care they have received from a succession of green-thumbed landowners over the last 140 years or so. These are designated by Tasman District Council as Category C, amenity value. *Photos previous page.*

The third tree, T615, is a spectacular specimen of Lord Roberts Rhododendron (*see photos p4*). As one of the oldest rhododendrons in this area, it forms a sweeping curtain of pink blooms and glossy green leaves around a central set of trunks. The magical space under this tree only occurs with very old trees. Its Protected Tree Status is Category B: Of local value.

Author Margaret Jeffrery moved into the villa in 1912 and played under these trees as a toddler. Her father ran the orchard until he joined the 1st NZ Expeditionary Force in 1917. In 1918 when he returned to New Zealand the orchard had deteriorated and he took on work as a packer for other orchardists. Margaret and her Mum eventually moved to Nelson with her two sisters in 1922 where her aunt Emily Harris the famous botanical painter lived. Margaret wrote six novels. One was based on the Māpua area during her childhood here, called "The Forsaken Orchard" published in 1955.

Photos of the three trees at this property were taken with the permission of the homeowners who are keen to preserve their privacy. Sorry, but you can't see them in person!

Two of the Protected Trees of Māpua are easily accessible however; T650 and T651, a Blue Atlas Cedar and a Pin Oak, respectively. These are in the Māpua Domain (photo below, bicycle included for perspective) on the Bowling Club drive at 84 Aranui Road. These were assigned protected status based on their amenity value, Category C.

The Blue Atlas Cedar is native to the Atlas and Rif mountains of Morocco and Algeria where it is endangered due to human activity. This tree has been widely cultivated in the UK for ornamental purposes. The Māpua tree is likely to be an early cultivar brought to Māpua in the early 1900s, representing the original forest trees from Morocco and Algeria.

The Pin Oak is native to central and eastern US where it formed immense ecosystems. It tolerates poorly drained soils, originating from wetland areas.



Protected Trees 650 and 651. *Cedrus atlantica* 'Glauc' or Blue Atlas Cedar, and *Quercus palustris* or Pin Oak in Māpua Domain.

Māpua Community Hall- Nov news

80th Anniversary Celebration

On behalf of the Māpua Community Hall Committee, thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the hall's 80th anniversary. It was a wonderful evening, beautiful music, stunning floral arrangements by our talented local ladies, and a heartwarming apple-packing competition that took us back to the good old days.

Your laughter, stories, and support made the night truly special. If you have photos or memories from the evening, please share them with us — we'd love to add them to our community archives. Thank you for being part of Māpua's history and for helping keep our hall alive for the next 80 years.



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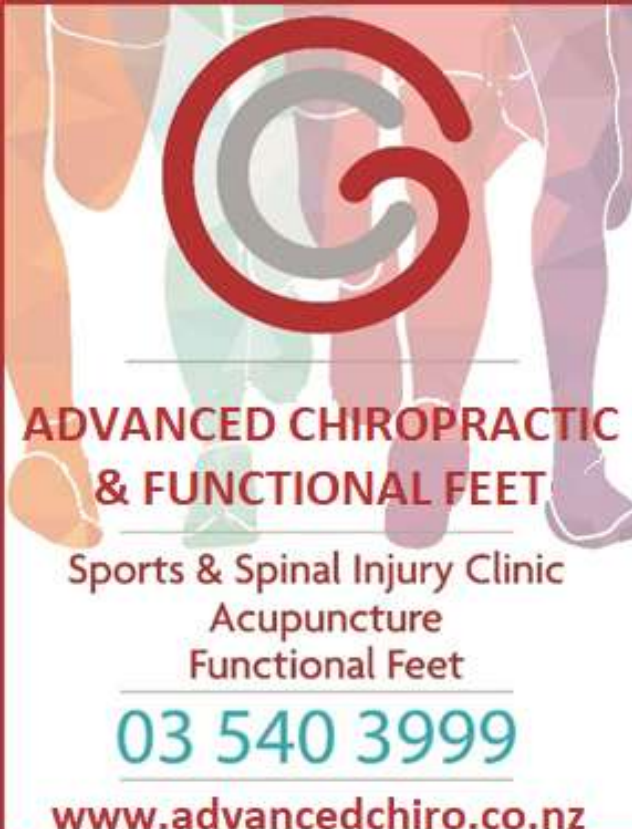
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I've just returned from escorting another wonderful small group through Vietnam and Cambodia — and what an adventure it was! Every tour brings its own special magic, and this one was filled with laughter, connection, and so many unforgettable moments.

Our journey began in **Hanoi**, a city that never fails to charm. We explored the capital's winding streets by vintage army jeep, weaving past French-inspired architecture, ancient temples, and the famous **Train Street**, where we timed our visit perfectly to see the train rush by just metres away.

The evening street-eats tour by moped was a highlight — zipping through the narrow laneways, sampling sizzling delicacies hot off the grill, and ending with a creamy egg coffee overlooking the lake. By day, we wandered the Old Quarter, shopped for silk and art, and joined locals for early morning walks around **Hoan Kiem Lake**, iced coffees in hand.

From there, we headed north to **Ha Long Bay**, where we spent two luxurious nights aboard a traditional wooden junkboat. Sailing among limestone karsts and emerald waters felt like drifting through a dream. We swam, kayaked through hidden lagoons, visited floating villages, and enjoyed sunset cocktails on deck before dining under the stars.

Next was the serene countryside of **Ninh Binh**, often called "Ha Long Bay on land." Staying at a tranquil resort surrounded by rice paddies, we explored by **sampan boat**, gliding between towering cliffs and ancient caves. It was peaceful, authentic Vietnam at its best.

Then on to **Hoi An**, where our beachside resort provided the perfect base. This UNESCO-listed town is pure magic — lanterns glowing at night, tailors crafting made-to-measure pieces by day, and the scent of street food everywhere. We joined a cooking class, floated in basket boats through the coconut palms, took a lantern boat ride down the river, and ventured up to **Ba Na Hills** for that famous Golden Bridge in the clouds.

Finally, we crossed into **Cambodia**, where **Siem Reap** welcomed us with warmth and wonder. Exploring **Angkor Wat** and the "Tomb Raider" temple of **Ta Prohm** was breathtaking — the scale and history are hard to describe. We also joined a moped village tour, met the incredible hero rats that detect land mines, and explored the backstreets by tuk-tuk, discovering hidden markets and street-food gems. Our final nights were spent unwinding at a beautiful boutique resort, reflecting on all we'd seen and shared.

Another successful tour, filled with great company, delicious food, and countless special moments. Vietnam and Cambodia continue to capture hearts — and I can't wait to return in April with a new group!

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Kids Club – Every Thursday after school until 5pm.

An intergenerational opportunity for primary aged children to have fun and learn a new skill with adults in the community.

Friday: Craft and Coffee – first and third Friday each month 10am to 12pm.

If you love all things “crafty” come along & join the group.

Old Church Sale

Kia ora Māpua Community,

We have loved getting amongst the new afterschool Kid's Club and the Kids n Koffee programs this term. Our hearts are always encouraged by how this village gets alongside one another in these spaces!

As we move into this new summer season we remember and honour the Old Church building. We are no longer able to sustain this property, but we make space in our hearts and in the New Church Whare for memories, stories and for Māpua Community events. We invite you to prepare your hearts with us to say goodbye to a treasured community space.

Before we sell this property to its next Kaitiaki, we will hold a celebration event towards the end of the year for all who have memories and connection to the Old Church. Bring your photos, mementos, stories and the whole whānau for a BBQ and fun activities to remember together the life that has been nurtured here. More details to come.

In the meantime, take a look at these snaps of history and don't hesitate to send us your photos or thoughts of the Old Church! Let's move together into a new season for Māpua Community.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Rev Emily Holmes (Minister) and Ian Williams (HCCT chair)



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Ruby Coast Running Club

We have had a recent change of leadership with Debbi Bamfield passing the reins over to Sarah Lane.

Debbi created our group and under her leadership it has grown from a small group of half a dozen or so participants to up to around 30-40 walkers and runners each week. We are all very appreciative of all the time and effort Debbi and Richard have put into our group. Not only in organising the timed Thursday 5km run each week but also encouraging us to enter events and arranging trips away. There is no doubt that Debbi's enthusiasm and her encouraging and welcoming attitude have been a large part of the group's success. The group has become a great asset to the local community. It has benefited so many, not just in terms of health and fitness, but also socially as well, with lots of fun had and friendships created. Thank you, Debbi and Richard.

Well done to Sarah for taking over the reins. Sarah has been a key part of the group from its early days, and the group is well placed to continue and grow in a fun and supportive way under her very capable leadership.

Our walkers and runners have been enjoying the pleasant spring temperatures at our regular Thursday evening 5km events. These ideal running conditions contrast with the much less clement conditions our runners have experienced in some recent out of town events.

We had a group of runners take part in Merrell Race Tekapo where distance options ranged from 5km up to a 50km ultra event. We had runners take part in the 21km, 32km and 50km events. All the courses were trail running events over challenging terrain with significant elevation gain. The cold and windy weather added to the challenge, particularly for the 50km event which started before sunrise, when it was raining as well.

However, the conditions during the day were clear, which meant our runners were able to enjoy the spectacular lake and mountain views. Well done to

everyone who took on this challenging event. Special congratulations to Graeme who was placed first in his age category in the 50km event, to Christine who was second in her age category in the 50km and to Faye who was second in her age category in the 32km.

A group of our canine loving runners travelled to Christchurch for the 4Paws Marathon. This event also has a range of distances from 5km up to a full marathon. As the name suggests, the event is aimed at runners with dogs, although entry without a four-legged running buddy is also welcome. The event takes part in Bottle Lake Forest Park with a number of the courses involving a section along the beach as well. We had runners take part in the 21km and 32km events. The weather was cold, wet and windy unfortunately, although the forest did afford some protection. Despite the dismal conditions our runners all enjoyed the event which had a really nice vibe.

Next up was the Edridge Contracting Teetotal Traverse which takes place in the Teetotal Flats/Big Bush Conservation Area at St Arnaud. This is a challenging trail run with distance options of 8km, 13km and 21km. We had runners in the 8km and the 21km, and some of our runners helping out with marshalling and carrying emergency gear. By all accounts it was a really fun event, but also very wet and muddy. Well done to Mary who was first in her age category in the 8km and to Christine and Graeme who were first in their respective age categories in the 21km.

If you would like to join our regular Thursday 5km event, we meet each week in front of the playground by the Māpua Hall. We start at 5:15pm for walkers and runners who need more than 30 mins to complete 5km, and 5:30pm for everyone else. There is no need to register in advance and no fees to pay – just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing. Then join us for well-earned refreshments at the Māpua Sprig & Fern afterwards.

You can also find us on Facebook:
Ruby Coast Running Club.

The Write Bias

News From Māpua Bowling Club

Opening Day on Saturday 20th September was a big success with nearly all members in attendance along with Val Smith on behalf of the Nelson Centre. For many years Val has represented New Zealand as a Black Jack and has numerous titles to her name. It was a privilege to have her declare the season open at Māpua. True to form, the bowling was followed by afternoon tea and a chance for everyone to catch up and plan for the season ahead.

Māpua was represented at the 2-day Centre Fives tournament, five bowlers playing as a pair and a triple. This is highly competitive and always fun. No prizes for Māpua this year but good to be taking part.

The President's Trophy takes place on several Saturday mornings throughout the season. Again, Māpua is represented with the first round taking place at Māpua on Saturday 11th October.

Club championships are underway with plenty of entries. The first tournament of the season, sponsored by Mike Greer Homes, is in November, an opportunity to host players from around the district and to boost club funds.



Val Smith and Club President, Debbie Win

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We have a number of holiday programmes running for both primary and secondary-aged tamariki. There are a range of different options for participants aged 7 - 18 years old. The programmes vary from four to nine days long. Our 'Go Wild' junior programme is always a hit so if you're keen for something a bit different this is a great option to get them off devices and out into nature.

For the full range of programmes head to our holiday programmes page - there's a button on the homepage of our website.



New Climbing Centre Takes Shape

We recently celebrated the roof and walls being installed on our all-weather climbing centre at our base in Moutere. The 9m tall structure is enclosed on three sides making it ideal to use throughout the year on our various programmes. We are hoping to have the first phase of construction finished later this year. Head to our Facebook or Instagram pages to keep up to date. Kindly supported by Tūpiki Trust, TDC and Lotteries Commission.

Port Nelson Partners With Whenua Iti

We are excited to announce a new two-year sponsorship agreement with Port Nelson Limited (PNL) strengthening opportunities for young people across Te Taihū (Top of the South Island). The two-year partnership will see Port Nelson contribute \$10,000 annually to support youth programmes delivered by Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO). A key focus of the sponsorship is ensuring that funding is directed towards participants who may require financial assistance to take part in WIO's transformative outdoor education programmes.

PNL Chief Executive Matt McDonald said the partnership reflects the organisation's strong focus on community support,

"At Port Nelson, we're proud that this partnership can contribute to greater wellbeing and opportunity for young people in our region. The outdoor experiences provided by WIO help develop resilience, confidence, leadership, and a deeper connection to the environment. These are skills that strengthen not only individuals but our wider community" he said.



Port Nelson CEO Matt McDonald and Whenua Iti CEO Mark Bruce-Miller sign a two year agreement

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Whether you're heading away for a few days or the whole festive season, a bit of forward planning can make all the difference for you and your furry family members.

If your pets are booked into a boarding kennel or cattery, check now that their vaccinations are up to date. Most facilities require these to be done at least a week or two in advance, so don't leave it until the last minute (the stress!!!).

 If your pet hasn't been vaccinated in the last three years and four months, they may qualify for our **Vaccine Community Drive** – we're offering a **50% discount on vaccine and vaccination fees**, a great chance to catch up and save. Vaccines help protect against serious diseases like **parvovirus, distemper, and tetanus**, especially important if your pet is boarding or travelling.

If your pets are staying with friends, family or a house sitter, leave clear instructions, contact details, and enough food and medication to cover your time away (plus a few extra days, just in case).

You can also email us with any care details or new info, and we'll pop them onto their record on our system. That way, we're in the loop if anything crops up while you're enjoying life elsewhere.



Parasite protection is another must before summer adventures begin. Fleas, ticks, and worms are all warm-weather worshippers, and a good-quality, vet-recommended treatment will help keep those sorts of unwelcome summer guests from joining the party!

Summer can bring some of its own stresses for pets - travel, guests, and fireworks can trigger anxiety. We recommend **Adaptil** and **Feliway** products to help keep pets calm and relaxed.

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A little forward planning now means you can kick back and relax later, knowing your pets are safe, comfortable, and cared for, whether they're holidaying with you or staying at home to enjoy the good life here in Tasman.

Here's to a fun, safe, and sand-between-the-paws kind of summer.

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Māpua Health Centre news

We are pleased to be able to offer travel consultations for those going overseas and requiring vaccinations or malaria prophylaxis, and we now have a skin-check clinic run by Irene Minchin; bookings for both can be made with our receptionists.

Our evening clinic has moved to Thursday for the spring/summer months with Andre Bonny, providing appointments from 6pm to 8.30pm. Please contact Reception for details, 03 540 2211. For patients who wish to get an in depth check of their blood pressure there is the option of hiring a 24hour ambulatory BP monitoring device from HireHealth who take care of delivery, technical support and collating of data – email hello@hirehealth.co.nz

This month is Movember. The state of men's health needs urgent attention. Men experience worse longer-term health than women and die on average six years earlier. Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50. Three quarters of suicides are men. Poor mental health worldwide leads to half a million men taking their own life every year. That's one every minute. The Movember Foundation is looking at ways that men think and act on their health, including:

- Understanding how traditional notions of masculinity can impact on men's mental health
- The way health services are provided to men
- New tests and treatments required to be developed to slow or stop disease progression
- Transforming health systems to place a stronger focus on outcomes that matter to men

It is also World Diabetes Day this month. Unfortunately, diabetes has become an epidemic related to

modern lifestyles and more than 257,000 New Zealanders now live with diabetes. Research from this year shows that a dietary pattern that minimizes animal-derived foods and emphasizes plant foods can reduce the risk of developing diabetes (*Diabetes Care* 2024;47(5):803–809), and the use of fish oil supplementation can reduce the likelihood of damage to blood vessels for those with type 2 diabetes (*J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2024 July).

Also, the chances of developing diabetes increase if you are overweight, not very active, and eat a lot of food high in sugar. A large systematic review and meta-analysis of using a low carbohydrate diet for type 2 diabetes showed over 30% remission of diabetes at 6 months (*BMJ.* 2021 Jan 13;372:m4743).

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

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| 1-30 | Movember (prostate prevention) | https://nz.movember.com |
| 1-30 | Diabetes Action Month | diabetesactionmonth.org.nz |
| 12 | World Pneumonia Day | stoppneumonia.org |
| 13 | World Kindness Day | observances.global |
| 14 | World Diabetes Day | diabetes.org.nz |
| 16 | International Day for Tolerance | www.un.org/en/observance |
| 20 | World COPD Day | goldcopd.org/world-copd-day |
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The Society is inviting applications for membership. The Society has been in existence since the early 1990s and was particularly active in the early years of the establishment of the Health Centre including - with the generous support of the local community - assisting in the funding of the costs of extensions to the original building.

Over the last thirty plus years the Society has paid for servicing and maintenance of the premises and acquiring items of essential equipment for the use of the Health Centre.

There are some important matters which are now requiring attention including the renewal of the head lease with Health NZ and the Society is looking for new members to join and assist in addressing these vital issues on behalf of our wonderful Health Centre.

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Motoring with Fred

Holden's 4WD Commodore

Something I didn't know was that Holden had a 4WD Commodore wagon – or on today's terms, an AWD Commodore. Frank told me his story:

He saw it on Trade Me, looked mint, a nice Aussie-flag, blue and just had to have it from memories of owning 60s Holden Kingswood station wagons in his surfing days. And an AWD wouldn't have got stuck in the sand at those remote surf beaches!

sand traps to dislodge things, including your car. I have had a car upside down in a sand trap.

Plus, there is a cargo net that fits across the back seat so you can load the back to the max. Some good thinking by Holden to adapt their Commodore for outback.

There is also a small fridge set in a side panel run off the air conditioning - big enough for a few cold beers - outback Aussies drink a lot of cold beer.



The car is a 2007 Holden "Adventra" LX6 station wagon (Adventra spelt wrong to match the Aussie slang). The car was meant to appeal to the Australian market for outback driving. Toyota was there also with a true 4x4 Prado, Ford with their Territory etc. so the Adventra was not a big enough seller; only produced from 2002 to 2007. It was also available with a 5.7litre V8.

Under the bonnet of Frank's wagon is the 255 Hp LY7 3.6 litre 60deg V6 engine. They say it's an Aussie motor, but I found reference to the LY7 engine being in Buicks, Cadillac CTS, Vauxhalls, and Opels, all GM products. I have found over the years that car manufacturers never make one of anything.

Frank says when he bought it, the last owner said it did 14litres/100km around town but better on a run. Frank said he got 10.4 litres/100km driving back from Christchurch to Māpua which I thought was good.

The body is a nice deep blue with its recent paint job by Spectrum Paint & Panel in Motueka. Wheel arch flares and short chrome strip on the bonnet, the only bit of bling added to the car but that is not what the car is about.

This is about endurance and as the name says, adventure on those dusty outback roads. Side roof racks with a ribbed cargo space on the roof with tie down points for extra luggage or camping gear.

This is matched inside the cargo space in the rear inside where there are again, adjustable tie down hooks to tie the luggage down on the long sandy roads where there are

On a drive out on to Ruby Bay: a nice smooth car to drive, no sharp bucking around on the roadworks going on at the moment. Quiet, comfortable soft grip on the steering wheel. I wasn't keen to have a go at the flappy paddles changing gear despite Frank's encouragement.

The dash is sports car-like with gauges included in the main Speedo, showing fuel and temperature but I was impressed to also see computer operated gauges showing fuel average used over the last 50km, along with mileage setting, time running, etc., now pretty well standard on most late model cars. I did like that the radio had adjustment knobs on it along with a seek button. So much easier to deal with.

Past Tasman, turning on to the by-pass, Frank said "floor it" and wow this car goes all right! Whipped up the first rise pulling 3000revs and finally dropping down to about 1800revs as we cruised home at 100kmph.

My thoughts: Getting in and out of the driver's seat requires a bit of effort. I had to pull myself up to the steering wheel then step out. Other 4WDs have higher seats and are very easy to step out of e.g. a Toyota Prado. Other than that, I couldn't fault it, AWD, useful luggage space, all the engine gauges you would need, comfortable, a station wagon for all occasions.

Frank's Holden is already becoming collectable. Parts being hard to get is a sure sign. A bit of motoring history for Australia and New Zealand.

Nice one mate!

Fred Cassin

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Book Review

Davey Jones of Wakatahuri - by Davey Jones

This is a first, me reading non-fiction, let alone reviewing it! But I know Davey Jones, and I'm aware of the nomadic life he has led, cruising up to the Pacific Islands in the good ship 'Kelvin' more often than I have travelled as far as Christchurch.

But this book is not about that. It is about his former life. Ever since I moved to the Top of the South and got involved in the marine industry, Wakatahuri has been spoken about like some mythical place where boats go to die, up there with Narnia and Shangri La as some place everyone knows about, but very few will visit.

The stories in this book will answer some of your questions and probably raise many more.

David Harrison Jones actually comes from Matariki, near Tadmor, so he is a local lad as well. After the family shifted to Picton, David's fascination with the sea grew until he began a boat-building apprenticeship which led to crewing on fishing boats, and from then on it was a sea-going life for him.

The book is largely centred around the Wells family, boatbuilders at Wakatahuri since 1906. But if you are related to the Wells, Orchard, Shroder, Dalton, McManaway, Hocquard, Jones or Harvey families, then you may find tales of your ancestors among the stories in this book.

At one time there was a Post Office and School at Wakatahuri, this was around 1906. The school did not last long, but the Post Office and telephone exchange were still operating when Davey Jones came ashore there for the first time.

When Davey Jones arrived in 1956, he was planning to make a living from fishing. This plan was soon modified. Among the sights that greeted him included three derelict small steel cargo ships, two at anchor, and one on the beach. This was an ongoing side-business, buying up old

ships and wrecking them to reuse the timber, fastenings and machinery.

When the WWII Fairmile launch 'Marlyn' was burnt on the beach in 1969, three tonnes of non-ferrous metal fastenings were recovered. Steel and other metals recovered were taken to Wellington to be sold. One of the highlights of this operation, Sounds Wrecking Co., was in 1957, when two derelict small coasters, 'Matangi' and 'Totara' were towed to Hong Kong by a tug for demolition.

The story of the Sounds Wrecking Co. is also supported

by the inclusion in the book of an article by Martin Berthold, previously published in NZ Marine News in 2009.

It rounds out the book nicely, along with the amount of information provided in both sections.

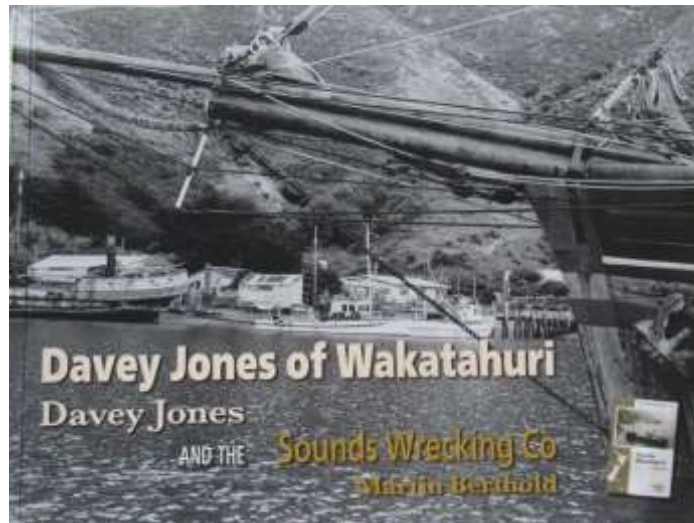
Along with the lists of every boat built and wrecked there are also the details of their dimensions, engines, and owners.

This provides good information for those who are into Maritime history, especially of our local area. Some of the fishing boats built and mentioned can still be seen tied up in Picton and Nelson.

The presentation of the book, from the stunning cover photo through to the comprehensive index shows the work of Carol Dawber, well known for her histories of various Golden Bay settlements. Carol's ability to find old and informative photographs and tell the story they illustrate has been invaluable in this book, which has the same interesting photo-led layout and easy to read text.

She and Davey Jones worked well together to produce this book, a valuable history, a tribute to those who chose to live and work in the isolation of the Outer Marlborough Sounds, and a good read! It is in our library.

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Whatever happened to the Gravity Gallery?

Through circumstances beyond their control the Gravity Gallery artists had to vacate the space they occupied at the Gravity winery in Mahana in February of this year. The desire to continue the successful gallery was always there and the hunt was on for new premises.

They searched the surrounding area to find the perfect spot and found it in Māpua on the ground floor of the Sprig & Fern on Aranui Rd.

Regrettably not all of the original artists were able to be part of the new gallery but fortuitously 5 artists from the Nelson region,



both well-known and emerging artists, were keen to join, adding to the variety of works on display. Together they have spent the last few weeks preparing the space underneath the Sprig & Fern in Māpua to make the perfect backdrop to an exciting range of eclectic artworks. The artists come from all corners of the globe adding to the variety of viewpoints, cultural perspectives and sense of humour.

The gallery opened its doors on Saturday 18 October. An official opening will happen later in the year.

Introducing the.....Māpua Gallery

Owned and operated by 10 local Tasman and Nelson artists it is run as a collective.

You can expect an ever-changing gallery, where new works are regularly added to keep the experience fresh and inspiring. Far from static, the gallery thrives on movement, creativity and evolution. This continual rotation ensures that the space remains vibrant and engaging, allowing our artists to showcase their latest work throughout the year.

A rich variety of mediums are represented, creating a truly immersive and diverse visual experience. From the deep textures and bold expressions of oil paintings to the translucent lightness of watercolours, each medium tells its own unique story. Encaustic art is luminous and textured, creating rich, multidimensional works. Acrylic works bring a modern, vibrant energy, while pastel art offers softness and subtlety that evokes deep emotional responses. These two-dimensional pieces are complemented by three-dimensional works that bring the space to life in unexpected ways.

The gallery features a selection of finely crafted ceramics, where function meets art in beautifully tactile forms. Adding another layer of artistic expression, handcrafted jewellery is also displayed. These small-scale artworks combine beauty and craftsmanship, making art wearable and deeply personal.

With such a broad spectrum of creative disciplines on show, the gallery appeals to art lovers of all tastes. Whether you are a seasoned collector or a curious first-time visitor, this ever-evolving space invites you to explore, reflect, and return - again and again. When you visit the gallery you will be able to interact with the artists themselves, as one of them is always on hand to inform and enlighten.



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Māpua Craft Group

Members gathered on a warm Spring morning to continue knitting and embroidering whilst others perused craft books. The attached photo shows a selection of cards to stimulate interest in making more for Christmas.

Mention was made of wools at Eyebright (open on Wednesdays and Thursdays only). One can sit and knit by the welcoming wood burner. There are many patterns there, so keen people can make a choice, even if they wait until next Autumn to start winter projects.

Our November meetings will be on the 7th and 21st you are most welcome to join us between 10am and noon to share morning tea in the small meeting room in the Māpua church. We gain from each other many useful ideas and tips!

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Māpua Community Library

Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library

This year the Māpua Community Library Xmas Raffle will take place outside Māpua 4 Square from Tuesday 9th through to Saturday 13th December. There will be gift baskets and a Xmas cake up for prizes.

Our latest quiz night held on Wednesday 24th September at the Sprig & Fern earned \$847.80 thanks to the generosity of the community plus a \$100 donation from Richie Construction.

Also, thanks to the generosity of the Richmond Rotary Club, who donated the library \$1,000, we have purchased some great books for our collection: adult fiction, non-fiction, young adult books, children's fiction, children's non-fiction, children's graphic novels – there is a book for everyone.

Each month we post a list of new books on our website at www.mapuacommunitylibrary.com and members can make suggestions to the library book purchasers (ask at reception) for any books that they may like to read. You can also place requests for books from our catalogue.

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Justice of the Peace: Mary Garner, The Bluffs, 0210469626

Yoga [hatha]: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm, Appleby School Hall; Fridays 7.45-8.45am, Richmond Town Hall. Contact Janey, 021 979 244

Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes. Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30-10.45am. Riverside community centre, Lower Moutere. \$15 drop-in. Contact Jo 0211709495

Death Café Open discussion about death and dying. 2nd Wednesdays 10-11am. Elevation Café, 218 High St, Motueka. Email nickydodwell@protonmail.com or margaret@margaretmccallum.com

Tasman Area Social Walking Group: welcomes all to our Wednesday 9.30am walks. 60-90 mins walk & then coffee. Walks vary & support local cafés. Info: Fiona 021 232 6089

Nelson Branch RNZAF meets 2nd Saturdays at Phils Restaurant, Club Waimea, Richmond. ex RAF, RNZAF or others with interest in aviation. Contact: John Bethwaite, 035476634 or Trevor Squires, 039706644. Meal \$25.

Craft Group: please check with Barbara or Val that meetings are going ahead. 03 5403901

Stamp & Coin collections in Māpua/Ruby Bay & the Moutere evaluated & purchased. Nick Ferrier 021 688243

Pastel Artists Nelson: meet Tuesdays 9am-noon, Bill Marris room, Hall. Visitors welcome. Marg: 027 257 1857

Coastal Stringers: Ukulele & guitar group meet Fridays 1-4pm at Bowling Club. All welcome, just arrive & enjoy the singing. Contacts: Colleen 5403010, Diane 5402627.

Māpua Women's Rec Group. Come and join our friendly social walking group. Meet outside Village Mall Thursdays 9.15am. Options for all fitness levels plus activities and social events. mapuarecgroup@gmail.com or just turn up.

Knit & Natter group now at Appleshed: 10am Tuesdays. Contact: Debbi 027 327 4055

Re-cycle Printer Cartridges at the library. Volunteers are happy to collect printer & photocopier cartridges and transport to recycling centre. Blue bin in our foyer.

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

Tasman Dippers: A casual collection of people who enjoy connecting with the open water. Year-round dips or swims in the sea at Rabbit Island. Info: www.tasmandippers.nz

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

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

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

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

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

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

Playcentre: behind the tennis courts at 84 Aranui Rd. Come & play – Mondays & Thursdays 9.30-noon during term time. mapua@playcentre.org.nz

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall Monday afternoons 2.30-4pm. mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com

Māpua Art Group meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30pm. Paint, draw, in a social environment. All levels, media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. mapuaartgroup@gmail.com

Māpua Community Choir: 4 part harmony, no audition necessary, small koha, Māpua Hall 7.15pm Thursdays, contact: Rachel Boon, 027 358 6003, rboonnz0@gmail.com

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

Kids 'n' Koffee Playgroup: Wednesdays 10-noon during term time, at the old church building. 0-6 year olds. Morning tea provided. Gold coin donation. Info: pippie.d@gmail.com

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

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

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

Coastal Garden Group meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). All most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Info: coastalgarden.group@gmail.com

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

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

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