

Māpua Library faces \$10,000 cost increase per year



Changes proposed by Tasman District Council will likely mean the Māpua Community Library must find an additional \$10,000 annually to cover operating costs.

"In the past the TDC has paid for the library's utilities and insurance, for which we have been grateful, but things are about to change," said chair of the Māpua Community Library Committee Helen Jeffery.

TDC is introducing a new Community Occupancy Policy which it says is "to create a fair, transparent, and consistent framework for non-profit community groups using council-owned land and buildings."

"The library is on council land but the building, constructed in 2002, was built and funded by the community as a library and RSA facility.

"Council did contribute some funding and until the current review of its community policy, paid for heating, internet, insurance and maintenance while the fit out of the library, its books and resources is funded by the library," Helen said.

Council has put two options to the library committee:

- Option 1: formalise the library's continued occupation of council-owned land. The library would need to "clearly allocate responsibility for day-to-day occupation, outgoings such as electricity, pan fees (toilet charge), water, insurance, compliance matters, maintenance, renewals and any future capital works."
- Option 2: consider whether the building should become a council-recognised community facility, requiring the library to formally transfer the building to council.

"The library committee is looking at all options to ensure we can keep our much-loved library running with these increased costs," said Helen. "This will mean we must find at least an additional \$10,000 a year, over and

above the current \$10,000 budget to buy books and materials to keep the library operating."

All Māpua Community Library staff are volunteers as are the members of the committee. Funds are raised by two annual book fairs, two annual quiz nights at the Sprig & Fern and Xmas raffle, plus grants from local and national funders.

Every two years the library organises another important fundraiser, the Māpua Literary Festival. The next festival will be held over the weekend of Friday 6 August through to Sunday 8, August 2027.

The library, which has an up-to-date catalogue of books

to borrow, has 2000 people on its database including many families. Borrowers range from infants to seniors. The library is popular with holidaymakers who can join for just a few weeks. The library also holds "Story Time" for children aged two and up on Thursday mornings.

"Many of our older residents rely on borrowing books from our library because they are unable to travel to Richmond or Motueka. A visit to the library is also an important social outing and they enjoy interacting with our friendly volunteers, as do all our borrowers."

The Māpua Community Library welcomes public input and ideas on the library's future funding and there will be a survey form available at the library front desk for members to comment and share their thoughts.




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Community Association (MDCA)

At October's meeting, the Association was asked for its support by a representative of a small group wishing to donate a Snooky sculpture to the community, which was happily and unanimously given.

Concern around community conversations and (mis) understanding around public access to the seawall from the southern end of Old Mill Walkway to the Toru Street Causeway was discussed. It was noted that the seawall was installed and is maintained by the affected property owners.

The meeting agreed that factual information about the ownership of the seawall, the location of the 'esplanade' and the 'Queen's Chain' and the location of publicly owned land in the immediate area be confirmed with Council.

This information will be shared within the community in the hope that it would build clarity and full understanding of the facts of the situation. It was sad to hear of the abuse of local landowners who have been allowing access through their properties.

Marion, MDCA Chair, presented a summary of her report from the meeting she attended for Community Association Chairs with the Mayor and TDC CEO. Her report and the meeting minutes are posted on our website along with the draft October meeting minutes.

A point of note is that Marion's request for Association Chairs to be given contact details for the Chairs of the various TDC committees was accepted.

Our 'Meet the Candidates' event was extremely well attended proving the decision to move venues to be the right one. With over 180 in attendance, there was a range of questions from the floor, via the biscuit tin.

Feedback from both candidates and audience members has indicated appreciation for a well organised event.

A journalist contacted the Association with a desire to speak to a resident affected by the Tamihana development. The resulting article was published recently.

Council has been advised that a number of road signs along Stafford Drive have been pulled out.

The project to update our website and digital tools continues though we are having to work through proving to the Google Not for Profit gatekeepers that we are in fact nonprofit!

Our November meeting will see us hosting another Community Outcomes workshop with TDC staff along with members of a number of other community groups.

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PANZ Nelson are very proud to report the Award of Merit for Mary Jane Steffens. This Award is a great achievement as there are **hundreds** of entries **worldwide**.

Nicola Reif has also done very well in this competition, working her way up to Masters which is a **huge** achievement.

Glenys Forbes has also had two paintings accepted for final judging so we here in little old Nelson Area are doing well.

Mary Jane also won the pastel section of the Tasman National Art Awards with another painting, so we are very proud of her.

Our online bi-monthly National newsletter holds an online competition, and our Anne Blake won a merit with her painting "Playing with Fire" Congratulations Anne, so good to see our newer members competing and doing well.

We are all currently working away on entries for our "Purely Pastel" National Art Awards and Convention to be held here in Māpua, April of next year. It's really exciting being able to host PANZ members from all over the country and show them our wonderful area. Also, we meet and greet old friends and make new ones. It's a great learning and social experience and not to be missed.

Our much loved "Trishy" is turning 102 this month. What a celebration. She puts us all to shame as she pumps out paintings each week. Love you to bits Trishy.

Have you ever tried working with PASTEL as a painting medium? We would love to encourage you to the wonderful world of pastel art and send you a welcome to join us at the Bill Marris room of the Māpua Hall on a Tuesday morning (Feb-Nov) 9am to noon.

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Our technical support sessions at the Māpua Library continue to be popular. We have a number of volunteers helping with the various mobile phone or computer issues which come in. It currently runs on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4pm as well as every Saturday between 2 to 3pm.

This service aims to help new and existing residents alike; helping you get the settings on your phone right, working through issues on your laptop etc.

We also have local information available via the C&C sessions or the online Found Directory. This directory is a great resource for people new to the area or trying to find out if an existing group, club or sport exists locally.

District Health Nurse:

Health Nurse clinics in the front office of Hills Community Church are continuing, with sessions twice/week on Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment. The service continues to be well supported by Māpua and Tasman locals, providing an essential need in our community.

Youth Initiatives:

The Kid's Club Programme, begun in term 4 last year by Hills Community Church Minister Rev Emily Holmes and Governance member Robyn Weller, is proving very popular with students, parents and volunteers, the latter willingly sharing their skills. Since the programme restarted in February numbers have been capped at 30 with the waiting list growing.

Programme organisers need to grow their volunteer base; availability could be weekly to monthly and anything

in between. If you're willing to help and share your knowledge/skills with the Kid's Club, please contact Emily or Robyn. The Wellbeing Trust continues to support this wonderful initiative, including scouting out opportunities for 2027 youth initiatives.

Talking Cafés:

Our Talking Cafés are based around a discussion session with a focus topic. Topics are advertised in advance and we always welcome suggestions from the wider community. The Talking Cafés are targeting community members of all ages, with a focus on health and wellbeing topics. Please get in touch using our email: mapuawellbeing@gmail.com if you have any suggestions.

The Wellbeing Trust have facilitated three Talking Café's: In April the focus topic was "Dicky Ticker" facilitated by Dr Jim Vause. This was to a gathering of the Senior Moments group based at Hills Community Church and was very well received.

The second, was a focus on "starting school" for the Kids'n'Koffee group who meet every Wednesday morning. Bridget and Fiona from Māpua School spoke with and answered questions from parents and caregivers.

The most recent Talking Café was "Food and Fitness for Teens," an evening session facilitated by Dr. Jim Vause. Dr Andre Bonny from The Māpua Health Centre was the expert resource person. The young people and their parents who attended, appreciated the opportunity to chat openly with Andre.

Talking Café coming up: Menopause and Sleep.

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2030 is four years away: what is the plan? by Bruce Struthers

When I grew up, scientists were demigods. Jonas Salk just discovered the vaccine that cured polio. The good ol' USA was winning the space race against the godless Commies. The Jetsons lived in a comfortable hi-rise suburb in the sky. George commuted to Spacely Sprockets in his flying car. Data centres owned by benevolent corporations stored 3 megabytes in disk drives spinning faster than the engine on a V8. Petrol refined from sweet crude cost 31¢ US per US gallon (3.8 litres).

AM radio was our internet. Elvis hoped you weren't lonely tonight. The Shirelles wondered if he would still love you, tomorrow. We were all stirred by the theme from Exodus, evoking the glorious battles leading to the foundation of the State of Israel.

Fast forward at light speed to today. Satellites present and predict the weather in real time. Their instrumentation measures climate data and trends. If you are interested, this is reported in the 2026 State of the Climate Report (<https://doi.org/10.1093/biosci/biag125>) by those revered scientists who dispassionately collect, analyse and report the data. Don't forget, scepticism is built in to the scientific method; you don't publish anything you can't prove.

Is it getting hot in here, or is it me?

We can't afford to live in 1960's nostalgia. Alternatives to burning fossil fuels are electrification and hydrogen. Extraction of hydrogen requires water and electricity. As do large data centres, which run AI models to relieve us of the burden of thinking, and enable teenagers overseas to apply cool filters to their TikTok posts.

What can small town residents at the bottom of the world do to reverse global warming? Not much, other than leading by example. We are not an exotic Pacific Island that captures media attention, but one-two punch weather events that keep hitting us demonstrate our vulnerability. This on top of seismic activity.

Climate change is happening. Severe weather events will affect, and cost, us more. Recovery and restoration seem pointless when you could have exercised restraint. Individuals can both consume and vote responsibly. You could "take the jump" (<https://www.takethejump.org.nz>)

and modify your consumption, at a minor inconvenience. Want to do more?

The first "ute tax", the electrical vehicle rebate, was a response to rising fuel prices caused by Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. Today's petrol prices are a second "ute tax", imposed on the

world by Donald Trump's invasion of Venezuela, and quagmire in Iran. Price increases in fuel trigger hikes in the cost of all aspects of living.

With our next vehicle purchase, should we trade petrol traditions for resilience, lower running costs and freedom from oil cartels? Should we move to and improve existing urban centres where we learn, work and shop?

Individuals have much more leverage in their single vote. Should we retain political parties that promised lower taxes and trickle-down prosperity, while killing the nascent EV market by imposing road user charges in return for 9,000 charge points that never appeared? Public transport changed how residents of Auckland work and live. Why won't this work in every town and city?

Tasman District is considering its next ten years and thirty years. Plan Change 81 hearings will begin soon. The Plan proposes to increase affordable housing supply by sacrificing productive green fields, far from employment centres, with no mass transport. What can you do about Plan Change 81? Little, other than show up at the hearings and howl.

How the District sequences and pays for infrastructure required by development is determined by the next 10 Year Plan. Silence in the submission process is acquiescence. Let's Talk, Tasman. <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/lets-talk-tasman>



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This reflects the clinical assessment, advice, and support provided by our nursing team. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to ensure patients receive timely and appropriate care.

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) | 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 | www.diabetes.org.nz |
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Book Review *by John Leydon*

***Ghost Fire* by Wilbur Smith and Tom Harper 2019**

Why anyone would bother to review a Wilbur Smith book after all these years is a good question! If you grew up reading his tales of murder and mayhem throughout the continent of Africa, you would have thought he had said all that he had to say.

However, there were several changes in his life during the last couple of decades that I think bought a change to his stories, giving them a different slant. They have moved from the gritty pioneer type adventures detailing the formation of South Africa, Rhodesia and Egypt, to the more recent novels covering the first settlement of Africa, the exploitation of India, the Second World War, and the Russian intrusion into various African States.

One of these changes was his marriage to a lady from Tajikistan the year 2000. Another was his joint authorship with various other men which began in 2015, and women from 2019. And then of course, his death in 2021. Since then, a dozen books have been published with co-authors, who have worked from existing story lines developed by Wilbur Smith before his death, and closely supervised by his Editors.

In the original books the only woman who received more than a couple of pages was Centaine Courtney, a French noblewoman widowed on her wedding day during the First World War. Fortunately, pregnant at the time, she became the matriarch of the Courtney Dynesty, which is constantly turning up branches to populate the newer books.

The most noticeable change has been the introduction of Saffron Courtney, (of the Kenyan Courtneys), who after taking the London social scene by storm just before Second World War, became an SOE hero and afterwards helped

save Kenya from ruin. The third of the books in this sub-series was published just months before Smith's death.

Rollicking is the word that comes to mind for some of her exploits, and some of the other stories published during this latter period, featuring pirates and adventurers, and the usual rogues and villains. A more light-hearted style of storytelling with plenty of detail of what the characters are wearing and their social engagements, plus the usual amazing deeds of fortitude and endurance.

Constance and Theo are the teenage children of Mansur Courtney, a trader in Madras, India. The year is 1754. Connie is attractive and mischievous. Theo is a bit younger, not quite so confident, and a bit more aware of the need to protect the status of the English settlers. After their parents are killed in an attack by the French, the siblings are sent to live with an uncle in Calcutta.

When the Indian Army, with French advisors, attack Calcutta, the unprotected English are badly beaten. Theo, thinking he had seen his sister drown while trying to reach an East Indiaman moored off the city, made his way to another ship in an effort to escape the

doomed city and rejoin her.

Connie, who had not been the woman Theo had seen, survived the Black Hole of Calcutta, met a French Officer and eventually arrived in France, to be met by his wife and child.

Using her deviousness and sense of adventure, she begins her climb up the social ladder of Paris.

Meanwhile, Theo sails around the world, ending up in New England. Captured by Indians, he survives a number of experiences before eventually leaving the tribe and then getting involved fighting for the British against the French. While I would like to say that they both lived happily ever after, I am sure that their current domesticity will be disrupted in future books!

Probably the first Wilbur Smith book without a mention of Africa? A rollicking good tale with many surprises and a bit of history thrown in.



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Motoring with Frederick

Dave's Shed

Dave has got a *Shed*, believe me, filled with all the cars, trucks, ambulance, motor bikes & motors and parts that are of interest to him. Amongst his assorted vehicles, I think he treasures his 1954 AJS motorbike and the 1951 Austin A40 most.

The Shed: I have known Dave for some years but didn't realise he was a vehicle restorer with a shed full of projects. As we walked through the shed he pointed out cars, trucks and motorbikes and where all the parts were.

There is a large old DB Breweries truck which looks brand new, 1968 CA Bedford camper, wooden framed 1948 Bedford KC ambulance, the treasured motorbikes and more. Oh! and Morris 6 & 8. Plus, there is an 'only one in NZ', a Greeves 1959 motor bike with a 250cc Villiers motor and rubber elastic front suspension through a cantilever system. If there's anyone out there who might have an old Villiers 250cc motor, Dave is after parts.



The AJS: 350cc 1954, Dave has owned for 40 years. He is off to a track near Barrytown on Labour weekend, where like-minded motorbike enthusiasts gather for a weekend of events and

camaraderie. The AJS is tidy as, with a deep red tank, AJS logo all polished, very smart tan leather seat and already prepared for the Labour Weekend of fun.

The Austin A40: Driving the A40 was a blast from the past. 1200cc, 4-cylinder, 4-speed, originally owned by the Malcom family in Nelson. I got to drive the A40. Dave says not to use first gear as it's not synchromesh, so with a bit of instruction I got the gear lever to work as it's a push forward and down for second, then up to neutral where it springs back, then up for third. Reverse movements to modern cars. Plus, Frederick had to remember to put the clutch in before gear changes.

Did we power up Seaton Valley hill? Well no, but we got there. More time to access the road ahead. We ambled along Dawsons Rd with me slowly getting used to the gear lever positions. I got the hang of it by the cul-de-sac and powered slowly back up the hill with increasing speed.

A paint job for the Austin would be good, but no Dave likes it the way it is. Good on you for being you, Dave. He says no one will steal it like that. He leaves the key in it when he's down the wharf socialising.

I noticed the nice touch of class 'Royale' badge from a Holden 30 yrs ago had been put under the Austin badge on the boot making it an Austin Royale. Mind you it was all leather, trendy dash with those 50s rectangular gauges and lovely smell of old cars.

Lack of power steering would stress any young driver under 30 yrs old as there is no assistance anywhere, and no USB jack point to charge your phone. Your attention has to be on driving this car.

Like many of my first cars the Austin has real personality.

Dave – I wish I had one of those big sheds and it would be full of old cars too.

As Dave is of the generation who doesn't have a need for a cell phone, if there is anyone out there who has parts for Villiers motors of AJS motor bikes, send contact details to frostie08@gmail.com and I will pass them on to Dave.

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- 05 Sept 17:27 Small fire Kina Peninsula, out on arrival. No fires allowed on reserve land.
- 21 Sept 13:12 Grass fire on road edge Moutere Highway, stood down by Upper Moutere.
- 22 Sept 17:19 Alarm activation at Māpua School, unknown cause.
- 27 Sept 08:29 Beach fire at the end of Kina Beach Rd, 15 x 2 meters. A boat put fire out before arrival. Brigade damped down whole area.
- 6 Oct 17:41 Trees on fire Nile Rd, found a burn pile, left with owner.
- 11 Oct 9:19 Call from ambulance for lift assist on Brabant. No assist needed.
- 14 Oct 03:55 Petrol car fire Westdale Rd, fire in engine bay, owner controlled and Appleby Brigade put fire out.
- 16 Oct 06:24 Rural truck to a gorse and grass fire on Neudorf Rd, help with water. Upper Moutere, Appleby and Ngatimoti in attendance.

Call outs for the year = 71

For fire safety info go to - <https://fireandemergency.nz/>

For rural fire go to - <http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

If you are lighting a fire go to the web site, check it's alright and run through the pages.

It is a good idea to notify Fire & Emergency when you start burning. If Fire & Emergency get a 111 call, they can call you to see if it is your fire and ask if it has got out of hand. It might save a visit from a fire engine.

Even in an open fire season you need to abide by the fire permit conditions. Have a means of putting the fire out, watch the weather, not too big.

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We are still looking for some people to join the team, if you are available in the daytime and Thursday nights for training, we would like to see you.



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When Māpua to the Moutere was a mission by Paul Bensemann

Historical research over the past year has shown how surprisingly tough it used to be getting between Māpua and the Moutere.

I've been studying routes to the Moutere Inn and other early records for new owners Jane Cunliffe and John Slotemaker who, like me, want to preserve and celebrate the building's history. According to old newspapers and family documents, the dense flax swamps and sticky Moutere clay weren't conducive to easy travel.

Early access was from Bronte Landing, at the coastal end of Bronte Road East, Māpua. Heading west, it favoured ridges but couldn't avoid all valleys.



Bronte Landing, 1912. From the Fraser family, who were orchardists at the landing. Eileen Thawley collection.

In 1843, typical young German pioneers were the Maussens - Johanna and Conrad Heinrich with Johann, 10, and one-year-old Caroline. They headed for a block they'd never seen, allocated in Europe, which proved to be a wetland.

A vivid account was published in *The Colonist* in 1876, by a 'C.H.M.'. He described himself as among the 'first adventurers' up the Moutere Hills more than 30 years before, 'with hearts as heavy as the burdens on their backs, shoes already worn off their feet and the dresses of the fair sex torn into tatters... nothing could be seen but one vast wilderness.

'Pining... for our dear Vaterland... onward must go the march up hill, down dale, through fern, flax and swamp... some lost their balance and over they fell into the mire. The long line of forest, with only a narrow track cut, seemed... almost to defy our progress.'

By the 1850s rough bridges were built and the route widened so my great-great grandfather and pub-builder Cordt Bensemann could take a bullock dray to pick up guests. Family legend says he was a giant of a man who once lifted a fully-laden wagon out of the mud when the bullock team failed.

Inn visitors in 1855 included English settlers Caroline and Tom Bowden and their two young children. After



A rare photo, in Sunrise Valley, of the thick Moutere forest and German settlers using a horse-drawn tramway. Pictured from left are Philip or perhaps Fred Schwass, Jack Brunning, Rey and Adolf Bensemann. The latter were grandsons of publicans Elisabeth and Cordt. Leo Bensemann collection.

hopping off a small boat from Nelson, the couple hauled all their possessions above high tide, pitched a tent and shot an un-named native bird for dinner.

At daybreak Rev Bowden left his family, walked to the inn and returned to the Bronte Landing late that night with a loaf of bread. Next day Cordt arrived to pick them up.

When new inland routes were under debate, Cordt was on the Moutere Road Board and opposed a surveyed plan to divert the road from the pub. Board meetings were at the inn and he demanded a public poll, placing a barrel of beer outside, with a notice of free drinks for all supporting the status quo. (The road goes past Moutere Inn to this day.)

Even on a road, reaching the Moutere wasn't easy. In 1886, *The Nelson Evening Mail* called the inland route 'a disgrace to civilisation'. 'There are places where the wheels of a buggy sink ankle deep while... the clay is almost as sticky as glue. It is a monstrous shame that the... drive from Richmond to Motueka should be spoilt... by the execrable state.'

In 1912, 'Speedometer' wrote to the *Mail* editor: 'Those who perforce have had to tackle the Moutere Hills recently have anything but pleasant experiences of ruts, mud and side-slip.'

Bitumen came in 1939, but with one last link to the past. Although petrol-driven cars had toured Nelson province for three decades, Waimea County Council used a steam-driven traction engine to drive a crusher and screening plant on the new Moutere highway.



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Māpua Hall News

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Māpua Hall Community Newsletter

We have had a wonderful time at the hall recently, and it's great to see our community continuing to come together to enjoy the arts, learn new skills and support local events.

We'd like to acknowledge a recent anonymous and incredibly generous donation to our Māpua Community Hall.

Thank you to the Top of the South Community Foundation, support like this helps considerably to the longevity and running costs of our Community Hall for future generations to come.

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Māpua Makers Market 15th November 10am-2pm

LIVING SHEEP WOOL RUGS Fleece and Field – Annett Teichner and Alison Foster

It is pretty neat to have a sheepskin rug but without the skin. The sheep gets to live for a start and then there is the sustainability advantage, *and* the rugs can sit in front of the fire, *and* a good shake cleans them. What's not to love? Living sheep wool rugs. Fabulous.

Annett and Alison share a love of spinning, knitting and felting. They visited a friend who runs Gotland sheep soon after shearing to sort fleeces for spinning. Most fleeces after shearing are fluffy, but these fleeces were naturally matted together, "cotted" on the sheep's back while still growing.

Hating the thought of a good fleece just ending up on the garden, Annett and Alison took it but then had to decide what to do with it. They were already doing felting so thought they might use this cotted fleece to create a rug. Within a week, they'd started making rugs in different shapes, colours and textures.

"You should sell these at a market," said another friend.

So, A&A took their rugs – rather hesitantly - to the May Māpua Makers Market. The results were immediate; customers gave excellent feedback, and the rugs sold well. Fancy that! So they got busy with the long process of cleaning, stitching and felting more fleeces.

With more fleeces, they returned to the September market. Again, good results, so Annett and Alison will be at the November market too. Just their third go!

A&A were astounded to have returning customers at just their second market, so they have had to step up their fleece sourcing. They now visit several local farmers to secure a quality supply.

It has been an interesting learning curve. Not every fleece is usable for rugs, but being keen to use as much as possible from each fleece, Annett set up a loom to weave carded wool rugs. Carding provides a way to use most of a fleece. A&A have a carder friend (lots of useful friends in this story) in Tapawera, so now they sell woven rugs as well. Hence the name, Fleece & Field.



Annette & Alison



Living Sheep Wool Rug



Woven Rug

The Māpua Makers Market is perfect for them says Annett. They like the locally made, locally handcrafted vibe. Perfect for their products. Fleece and Field is only in the toddler stage. Come along to the November market and see how it is getting up and walking!

The Makers' Market is an eclectic mix of professional and amateur makers. Some new to the market scene and some old hands. As a fundraiser for the Māpua Hall, the committee tries to ensure a good mix of crafts – textiles, jewellery, woodwork, homeware, clothing, toys – always something different to choose from. Each of the makers is selected on the quality and individuality of their products. The emphasis is always on quality, handmade and local.

The very popular hall-run café overlooking the Domain, serves cakes, mini rolls and sandwiches along with Pomeroy's coffee. Perfect for a relaxing sit down and a break from the rigors of shopping.

All profits from the market stall hire, the café and the entry koha (gift) go towards the upkeep of the Māpua Hall which is owned, operated and funded by the local community.

Makers in the wider area who make contemporary, quality products are welcome to apply for a place at our markets and can register their interest anytime at

mapuamakersmarket@gmail.com . When applications open, you will be asked to apply via an application link.

The November Makers Market will be timed perfectly for not only Christmas shopping but offers the chance to buy small unique gifts to secret away to have on hand as little gifts for family and friends. If you have been before, don't think that this market will be the same. While many of the craftspeople will be familiar, there will likely be some one-off items for sale especially for Christmas.

Māpua Makers Market 15th November 2026 10am – 2pm

Mary Garner, Māpua Hall Committee member



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This Christmas, we're offering something a bit different for teams, workplaces, whānau and other groups: a guided canoe day on the water.

It's a private paddle of about four hours for 5 to 15 people (up to 25 by arrangement). Our qualified instructors, canoes and safety equipment are all provided, and it suits all ages and abilities. You can choose from Nelson Marina, Stephens Bay and Nelson Lakes, or paddle from Grossi Point when the tide is right.

We can also organise a picnic from local caterers, so your group can stop somewhere beautiful and share some kai together.

Every booking supports our charity, helping us keep canoe journeys open to people who might not otherwise get the chance.

We have dates available through December and into January, depending on staff availability. To talk about a date or a journey, please contact us at:

info@canoejourneys.co.nz

or visit www.canoejourneys.co.nz



Māpua Craft Group

Our meetings for November will be on the 6th and 20th at 10am until noon at the Mahana meeting room in Māpua Church. We enjoy coffee, morning tea and making plans for future meetings. We may make Christmas and celebration cards, which will be available for sale.

Those who are able to give any suitable gifts for children and teenagers are asked to take them to the Queen Street pharmacy in Richmond. It is better to give than to hoard!

We are still collecting wool and woollen garments to "repurpose" into blankets.

Besides exchanging plants, seeds, materials, patterns and ideas, we enjoy solving some problems for each other.

All are welcome to join us for a social morning. Please contact Barbara on 5403901 or Ella on 5402562 for more information about our Group.

HILLS Community Church

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WHAT'S ON AT HILLS WEEKLY EVENTS

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Vaccination is a great place to start.

It prepares your pet's immune system to recognise and fight certain diseases before they take hold. Some, such as parvovirus in dogs and feline enteritis in cats, can be life-threatening, particularly in young animals.

Vaccination can also help reduce the need for antibiotics, which is important as antibiotic resistance makes some infections harder to treat.



One size doesn't fit all.

Puppies and kittens generally begin vaccinations at around six to eight weeks of age, with further doses as they grow. Adult pets need ongoing protection too, but the recommended vaccines and timing depend on their age, lifestyle and health history.

Dogs and cats need protection against different diseases, so your vet can help determine which vaccinations are appropriate. Even if your cat spends most of its time curled up indoors, vaccination may still be worthwhile. And if you've adopted an older pet with an unknown vaccination history, your vet can help work out the best way forward.

Is your pet protected?

Whether you have a new puppy, a curious kitten or a much-loved old mate who's been part of the family for years, it's worth checking their vaccination needs. Regular vet visits also provide a good opportunity to check their general health and discuss any concerns.

Don't put it off until there's a problem!

Check your pet's vaccination status today and contact your local Vetlife Tasman clinic to book a vaccination appointment. If you're unsure what your pet needs, our team can help you work out the right protection for their age and lifestyle.

Our pets are part of the family, whether they're exploring the back roads, keeping us company at home or joining us for a wander down at the wharf. We all want them to enjoy a long, happy and healthy life, and vaccination is one simple way we can help make that happen.

If you're not sure whether your pet is up to date, give your local Vetlife Tasman team a call. We'd love to help.

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**NEW YEARS EVE:
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Māpua Bowling Club

Now open for our 99th year! 2nd July 2027 we turn 100.

There have been an absolute multitude of changes over that time, but the club voted a few years ago that we would keep the original logo even though the meaning of it may have been lost in the annals of time.



Our logo is supposed to be a Braeburn apple with 2 leaves, it has been stylised over the years, but the significance is that Braeburn apples were developed here in Māpua and Māpua Port was where the apples were exported from.

The facilities at the modern Bowling Club are second to none. We have wonderful volunteers who keep the place in pristine condition. We have a beautiful green which, with the work of the greenkeeper and his sidekick, is also looked on as one of the best in the region.

We finished alterations last year on a separate disability toilet. We have multiple types of bowling aides, a wheelchair ramp and we have installed Hi-Viz deck edging.

This aligns with the clubs Vision – Sports fun for All
Mission - Be kind, Be inclusive, Be Respectful

We, along with two other clubs in the Nelson Centre, are hosting on November 2nd the **National Para Singles**, this is really exciting!

We also have Steve Delaney, a blind bowler in our club, who is off to the World Championships in January. We are



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We have coaching available to those who are just beginning and also for those who would like to try an aide to facilitate them playing.

We are open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday afternoons, be there 12.45.

Monday night Social Bowls starting 9th November be there 5.45.

Thursday night World Travellers Twilight Business League starts 12th November, open to teams of inexperienced players who would like to compete against others of the same experience level.

Bowls is the only sport that you can play beside or with 6-year-olds, 96-year-olds and world Champions all on the same day and the same green.

Any inquiries ring or text 027 271 2075

"Have a Go" - Monday 9th November 5.30

Come One Come All

Ruby Coast Running Club

It has started to feel quite summery at our regular Thursday evening 5km events. If you would like to join us, 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.

A group of our runners took part in the Motueka Sprig & Fern 10km event at the end of September. This is the last event in the Sprig & Fern 10km series for the year. We had lovely warm weather for this scenic run. The course starts in Thorp Bush and involves a loop around the inlet. All of our runners enjoyed the event and the socialising afterwards at the Sprig & Fern.

Heading a bit further afield, at the start of October a small group of our canine loving runners took part in the half marathon at the 4Paws Marathon in Bottle Lake Forest Park in Christchurch. As the name suggests this event is aimed at runners with dogs, but plenty of solo runners take part as well. It is a really fun event, and we enjoyed fantastic weather which made a pleasant change from last year when it was very cold, wet and windy. It is also a great course with a nice mix of forest trails and beach with a couple of minor hills as well. This is starting to look a regular event on our running schedule.

We also had runners take part in the Edridge Contracting Teetotal Traverse at the Teetotal Flats/Big Bush Conservation Area at St Arnaud, another regular fixture on our calendar. This is a challenging trail run with distance options of 8km, 14km and 21km. We had runners in the 14km and the 21km events. Despite a small issue with some of the directions for the 14km event which did affect some of our runners, everyone had a great run and enjoyed the event in a very scenic part of the country.



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We've had more than 10 years of partnering with NBS, helping rangatahi build confidence and resilience through experiential learning.

Summer Holiday Programmes

With summer just around the corner now is the time to book your outdoor adventure! We have a range of options available including *Go Wild* for 7-10 y/o, *Senior Journey* for 14-16 y/o, *Adventure Leadership* for 16-18 y/o as well as two Duke of Ed programmes for Bronze and Gold *Adventurous Journeys*.

Head to the programme page on our website for more information including length of programme, dates, costs and application forms.

Donate & Drive

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations we've teamed up with Bowater Toyota and the Nelson Airport to launch our 'Donate & Drive' campaign. From 5 October - 21 November you can enter the draw to drive away a brand new Toyota EV BZ4X Pure for 40 days!

Full details on how to enter are on our website.



Coming Up: Community Open Day

Join us as we celebrate 40 years of inspiring, challenging and connecting people through the outdoors. Bring your whānau and friends for a fun-filled day exploring Whenua Iti, meeting our team, enjoying activities, and celebrating this special milestone with our community.

Head to our social channels or our website for more information about the event. We hope to see you there!

Date: 21 November

Time: 11:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Whenua Iti Outdoors, 375 Main Rd, Lower Moutere

We'll see you out there!

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Māpua Coastal Stringers meet Fridays from 1.30-3.45pm at Māpua Bowling Club. All welcome. Just arrive and enjoy the singing. Contact Dianne 021 077 3445

Book Appreciation Group [BAG]: Māpua Library, second Wednesdays at 2:15pm. For anyone who enjoys books and talking about what they have read. Friendly and informal. Info: Rachel 027 358 6003 or just come.

Tasman Talkers: Develop speaking and communication skills in a friendly supportive environment. Club meets 6.30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis Hospital, Motueka. Supper provided. Info: Tristan 020 40994255 / Che 022 3189396

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

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

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: Jodie 021 186 9598

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 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

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 021 526 6707 / 021 526 6700

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

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.

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

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

Ruby Coast Running Club: 5k run Thursday nights 5:30pm. Also runs most mornings. Find us on Facebook.

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

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

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

Toy Library: selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall, Saturdays 10.00-noon, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm. 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 Hills Church building. 0-6 year olds. Morning tea provided. Gold coin. Info: Carolyn White 5402682

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 1.30pm first Thursdays, Upper Moutere Community Centre. 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

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