

Birpers making progress

Bullivant Island Restoration Project (B.I.R.P)

BIRP is a group of conservation minded locals liaising with TDC, with a common goal of restoring Bullivant Island, opposite the Wharf, to its natural state.

In collaboration with the TDC's Resources Facilities Division, a planting programme has been planned for the forthcoming year. This includes the type of plants and general area of planting, together with a maintenance and

The established trees give shelter to the new growth, but also provide stability and erosion protection to what is basically a sand bar. In a few years, the new plantings will take over that role, and the exotics will be able to be removed.

There is no fresh water on Bullivant Island, and so the planting season from May till August is totally dependent on the seasons for its success. A 50% strike rate in new



management programme, shared between the Birpers and TDC. Plants are then supplied by TDC

A very busy planting season for 2024 saw 680 plants in the ground. A small and dedicated group of volunteers (Birpers) visit the Island every couple of weeks planting and weeding. This year's efforts have been mainly concentrated on the water edges to provide more stability to the Island's margins. Planting included Coprosma Propinqua, Needle Grass, Cinerea, Knobby Clubrush and Sand Coprosma. Some of the plantings are visible from the Wharf. Ngaio have also been planted to the eastern and southern ends.

Growing trees and shrubs on an island in the estuary is not a simple or quick project. You will notice many large exotic Old Man Pines and Macrocarpas dominating the island when viewed from Port Māpua. At ground level there are many young natives, some recently planted, some, including Totara, Akeake and Manuka have been self-sown.

planting is acceptable in this kind of environment, and so far the plantings of the last 3 years are doing better than this.

There are also pests to deal with. Traps are maintained for rats, mice and stoats. The biggest current problem is a visiting hare. Looking at the Island, you can see some plant guards, and they have been effective in reducing the damage caused by these pests.

Visiting the Island by boat, or by foot at low tide, reveals a much different landscape on the eastern side. A sandy bay leads to a flat shady interior with lots of small trees and bushes, and the new plantings are in keeping with this natural environment. Feel free to enjoy the isolated feel of Bullivant Island, but please respect the vegetation, and take your rubbish with you when you leave.

For more information: Clare 022 177 1172

Two large projects at the Māpua Community Hall successfully completed

The Māpua Community Hall has recently completed two challenging projects.

At the end of last year, we uncovered a major structural failure in the roof above the Bill Marris room. This is the part of the Māpua Hall that precedes the big rebuild that was completed in 2011. Temporary structures were put in place to allow limited use for this room while we were working with the insurance and a structural engineer to come up with a solution. After approval from Council, repair works commenced in May and were completed in June 2024.

The renewed Bill Marris room now looks amazing and is also fitted out with professional video conferencing equipment thanks to Network Tasman Trust who provided a grant to help pay for this.

The second, more recent project is the replacement of the deck at the back of our Hall. The efforts made to get this project off the ground have been impressive.

Three years ago, the deck was deemed unsafe by two professionals. Well before that date, volunteers started to replace rotten parts of the deck as they appeared.

successful – we saved considerable waste dump fees and received some koha for the hall.

We have erected signs asking our community to only use the deck for intended purposes to reduce the risk of damage. This has already provided a challenge as some young people have already been observed using the deck as a jumping platform for scooters. We ask everyone, if they spot any of these activities to let us know and if possible, ask those misusing the deck to please refrain and let the hall coordinator or a committee member know so we can follow up.

So, all in all the replacement is now successfully completed. Thank you, Alastair and Brett from House Solutions, Trinder who provided the handrails and waved some of the costs, TDC and the Lotteries Commission for their financial support, and of course all the volunteers over the years who have been pushing this project along. Without you, nothing would happen.

*Jan Heijs, Chairperson Māpua Community Hall
021 354 782*



Almost a year ago someone almost fell through a rotten bit of the deck, confirming the urgent need for replacement. Māpua Hall Chair, Jan Heijs found a quote from 2018 showing the committee was already looking into the need for replacement of the deck which was built from untreated macrocarpa.

In the past few years several applications have been made seeking grants to help fund the necessary replacement. Finally, on the fourth attempt, Te Tahua Hapori Nga Whakauranga /Lottery Community Facilities approved a grant of 2/3rds of the total estimated cost. With the help of the Council, we have been able to almost fully fund this project. So, thank you TDC.

We obtained several quotes, and a local builder won. House Solutions started work on 1 August and completed it on 31 August. It was a big job, done very well. House Solutions also undertook the repair of the roof above the Bill Marris room with very good results. This filled us with confidence that this job would run smoothly, and it did!

Towards the end of the project, we offered the timber from the old deck to the community, which was very

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Fish “Ladders”

We are pleased to announce that the fish passage remediation work at the box culvert where Dominion Valley Stream meets the estuary, which was originally scheduled to occur earlier, will now commence this spring.

This change is not due to a delay; rather, it presents a valuable opportunity to gather important data. By collecting information before and after the remediation, we aim to gain insights into the effectiveness of our efforts and bolster similar initiatives across the region.

The rescheduling coincides perfectly with the anticipated fish runs, allowing us to observe and measure the immediate benefits of the remediation on local biodiversity.

Olleycology, a trusted supplier, will be overseeing the execution of this project. Furthermore, this initiative is proudly co-funded by the Jobs for Nature Project and community infrastructure funds, reflecting our collective commitment to environmental stewardship.

The data obtained from this project will contribute to a comprehensive report, which is expected to be published by May 2025. This report will not only document the outcomes of the remediation but also serve as a guide for future conservation projects.

We thank you for your understanding and continuous support in enhancing the natural habitats within our community.

Tim O'Connell, Communications Officer

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

It is a sad thing that the maritime township Māpua should be struggling to have a place to launch boats bigger than kayaks.

While opposition to a boat ramp may have begun, as indeed it did, with distaste for jet skis and their ilk, it has morphed into something darker. And caught up in this is the sturdy wooden dinghy chugging up the channel with a cargo of thermos flask and a pack of sandwiches.

I'd have to say, I'm afraid, that passion for a Zeitgeist can become a destructive thing.

Helen Beere



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WORK DEPOT

Boat Ramp – comment

In reply to your correspondents of last month

Those who oppose the boat ramp application include boat owners and those who enjoy boating. But we also care about the effects on Māpua of a double lane all-tides boat ramp allowing for over 60 users a day.

Yes, we do show NIMBYism – because a boat ramp of this size should not be in anyone’s backyard, so close to homes, tourist and commercial areas and a place of recreation and environmental restoration.

Yes, indeed it would “serve a much larger area” and that is exactly why we oppose it. This ramp will create induced demand and bring dozens more vehicles towing boats into Māpua’s roads. Easier access to the open sea will attract boat owners who would once have used Motueka or other ramps. This will create congestion and safety issues on streets and on the tidal channel and alter the whole environment that brings people to Māpua.

There is no guarantee Grossi Point will no longer be used to launch motorboats if there is a new pay-to-use ramp. This decision is not one the Ramp Committee can make.

(already congested) and Tahi Street in particular. Fire engines, ambulances and service vehicles have to use Aranui Road.

The Great Taste Trail brings many cyclists to the area, who will be competing with this boat traffic to and from the wharf area.

Possible re-contamination of the estuary e.g. with the removal of mature trees, and the excavation for the H5 poles in the tide zone. Most of the contaminated soil is on that side of the park.

Environmental impacts on the outstanding and vulnerable Waimea estuary and the life it supports, with the impact of increased numbers of powerboats, jet skis and noise on at-risk seabirds and fish.

Removal of established trees and vegetation to make room for the proposed boat ramp which uses the most environmentally unfriendly material of all: concrete.

The free use of half of FCC West/Kite Park to park 62 boat trailers.

The free use by a dominant activity of a quarter of Māpua Waterfront Park which is designated open space for all the public to enjoy – see diagram. Facilities agreed to by



The submissions against the proposal are about the reasons WHY a boat ramp should not be built on Waterfront Park. Here are some of them again:

Loss of amenity values, including at the wharf and Māpua Waterfront Park – caused by the visual impact, noise, and potential disruption of other recreational activities.

Safety impacts for others accessing the marine environment such as swimmers, wharf jumpers, kayakers, paddle boarders and sailing dinghies.

Inherent dangers in navigating the bar and handling outboard powered boats in tidal streams that can exceed 6 knots - often by skippers who will not have encountered such extreme conditions previously (due to induced demand factor).

Safety impacts on land, from increased vehicle and boat-trailer traffic, and queueing, affecting both the area around the Māpua wharf and Māpua village, Aranui Road

public consultation have never been implemented, e.g. playground and shade sails.

Concerns that other parts of the proposal, such as the building, may be resurrected later, with further consent applications, if the first consent application for a boat ramp is approved.

Being a “seaside village” means different things to different people but whatever way you look at it, this is simply the wrong place for a boat ramp which will disrupt the relative tranquility and idyllic character that residents and visitors enjoy. This is a “community” facility for one group only, users of a commercial regional-sized boat ramp.

Judy Mitchell for Friends of Māpua Waterfront

How lucky were we

Charles Dickens' Dr Marigold said: "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

The good Dr M could have been talking about Margaret Cotter, much loved friend, neighbour, volunteer and all-round Community Stalwart who has recently moved from Māpua to live in Christchurch nearer her family.

How Māpua will miss her but how lucky were we to have her in our midst?

I first met Margaret when we were both on the Māpua Hall committee. We were embarking on the huge project of renovating and upgrading the hall. Margaret was in charge of the fundraising and Trish, Hillary, Dot and I were her committee.

We had a policy of always meeting over coffee, dinner, drinks or – if possible – all three. We would arm ourselves with food and drink, tuck into the left-hand entrance corner of the Apple Shed restaurant and plot. Margaret, Trish, Hillary and Dot had all the good ideas. I took notes.

Margaret might have headed that fundraising committee, but her personal contribution was much more than working with us to organize events. As Bill Unwin and other current hall committee members have noted, Margaret "single handedly divided up the households in Māpua and district and visited every property. [She] told householders about the project, and invited their comments, and suggested that they make a donation of money or their time towards the renovation. [She] also delivered leaflets about the hall rebuilding."

I clearly remember Margaret doing all that cold calling to drum up donations and support. Her fortitude and commitment was remarkable. It is not easy or comfortable to rock up to some stranger's house and ask for money, but Margaret did just that. On one rural visit, she took a wrong turn, ended up on a road to nowhere and got her car stuck. Even that didn't deter her. She just soldiered on squeezing money and time from anyone and everyone. Our hall could practically be called the Margaret Cotter Hall.

And it was Margaret's inspiration not long after, to instigate the Pecha Kucha night as a hall fundraiser. She'd heard about it somewhere she said. Bill Unwin et al again: "I understand that you were personally the instigator of the Pecha Kucha evenings. Apparently, you met with Di and Peter O'Halloran and suggested that they assist you in promoting this event. The first night there were over 100 people present.

The "PK Curry night" quickly went from strength to strength and is now booked out each year. It has become the hall's biggest single money raising event. I note that you initially organised the kitchen, as well as visiting the New World at Motueka to obtain vouchers to give to those (including yourself) who provided the curries."

Māpua Hall committee have made Margaret a life member for her efforts and those comments are quotes from the hall's letter to Margaret. She was reluctant to accept of course but luckily, I was visiting her when Bill Unwin called in with the letter. The two of us dragged her kicking and screaming to acceptance.

Hard work but you do have to persevere with Margaret.

Even if she falls over, she'll look around to make sure she didn't harm anybody or any creature. Indeed, she was at some 'do' at the hall not so long ago. She was moving some crockery and tripped and fell. More worried about the crockery than herself. Typical. The Boat Club has written: *Both Margaret and Ralph were involved with the Boat Club for many years, with Ralph in the role of secretary for part of that time. Ralph along with Gordon Wallace were a couple of the main instigators of the Museum at the Wharf. The timber surrounds were from Totara milled on Margaret and Ralph's farm in Westland, with Ralph and Gordon building the photo boards.*

With the sad passing of Ralph, the Boat Club with Margaret's consent named one of its trophies in his honour. This trophy "The Ralph Cotter Memorial Trophy" is presented each year as part of the "Kids Fishing Competition" to the entrant that catches the biggest fish, with Margaret making the presentation. A much loved and valued member of the Māpua Boat Club, Margaret was always one of the first to volunteer to help with her sandwiches reaching legendary status!! The Club was pleased to farewell Margaret at their Club night on the 5th of September and wished her all the best.

Hmmph! How did they manage to farewell Margaret? We wanted a community goodbye event but she absolutely declined. "I'll just go round and say goodbye to everyone individually." she said. But, we are all having our say now, so there....

"Margaret is pretty special, and her dedicated fundraising door-knock-the-town approach was inspiring and fuelled our self-belief. Never mind the fences, gates and dogs! Heroic." Graeme Stradling (ex-hall committee).



Margaret pictured with her TDC Community Award along with Trish Smith and Elena Meredith, members of MDCA which supported Margaret's nomination for this special award for a special community member
TDC Facebook page



Margaret at the official opening of the new hall in 2013

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Tord Kjellstrom was the Chairman of the re-build hall committee and remembers the meetings and dinners we had up at Margaret and Ralph's place in Pine Hill Rd and – more importantly – Margaret's food!

Elena Meredith (ex-hall, ex MDCA, ex or on everything – another Margaret in fact) has lots to remember:

"Her patient and endless loving for Ralph – understanding the issues for him during his illness and even managing to turn potentially serious situations into humorous stories to share with others.

The depth of her spiritual beliefs which guide her life and are shown in so many practical ways of caring for and about others in her life and community.

Her interest in whatever is going on and offers to be of help.

That laugh (expressing her wicked sense of humour) and warm hugs accompanying a genuine enquiry on how we are."

In 2020, Margaret was nominated and received a **TDC Community Award**. From the TDC website: *"In the nomination for the award, her quiet constant presence and support for those in need was noted as were her many years of contribution to a wide range of community organizations and projects. Many will recall her mammoth contribution to collecting funding for the refurbishment of the Māpua Community Hall."*

Hills and Nick said it so well at the time: *"Awesome Margaret and recognition of your quiet strength, sense of fun and just getting on with it style, so well deserved. We loved working with you on the Hall fund raising. You were determined, unstoppable and unflappable and an absolute whirlwind of flyer distribution! And always so well supported by Ralph, ever ready on the barbecue sausage sizzle"*.

But it is all the quiet, 'behind the scenes' wider community presence that Margaret is best known for. A bit of unobtrusive weeding around the hall, helping with Daffodil Day, supporting the MDCA, always attending the hall AGMs and personally thanking the volunteer committee members, visits and baking for local people who were sick or going through hard times, walking Pete O'Halloran's dog, volunteering for Hospice and Save the Children; always thinking of others and turning up randomly with a plate of baking or a meal.

Trish remembers visiting Margaret when Margaret's lovely husband Ralph was still alive. "She's making shortbread" Ralph told Trish when she arrived. "I don't ever get to eat it, so I don't know where it goes" he said. To the Māpua community that's where! Margaret was famous for it. Indeed, Helen Bibby remembers Margaret turning up to the big Dominion Flats planting bees. "I can't dig any more" Margaret would say, "but here is some shortbread for morning tea".

It seems odd to think of Māpua without Margaret; to not bump into her down at the wharf or while out walking. She may be gone from our community but will never, ever be

forgotten. Our loss will be another community's gain and we so wish Margaret the very best in her new home. We look forward to visiting her and hope that from time to time, she will visit us.

Someone else, also smarter than me could have been writing about Margaret:

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." – **Denzel Washington**

Margaret does all of that wherever she is. Best wishes Margaret, we love you.

Mary Garner



Margaret with a photograph presented to her at the last Boat Club meeting at which she was farewelled

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Victory School had a epic day out at WIO base

Adventure and fun for Victory Primary

We recently had a fantastic day with Nelson Victory Primary School's Year 6 Leadership Group. Whenua Iti was a hive of activity with team building games, ropes action on the Flying Kiore, a drum stalk and more! What made it extra special was our Manaaki Tāpoi students welcoming the tamariki with a mihi whakatau. Connecting our older students with the younger ones and creating tuakana-teina relationships is such a highlight for us at Whenua Iti!

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Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA)

September 2024

Nelson-Tasman Emergency Management (NTEM - formerly known as Civil Defence) gave a presentation on community preparedness and the steps required to develop a **Community Emergency Plan**.

Experience has shown that community involvement and a formal Community Emergency Plan greatly assists NTEM staff and volunteers in responding to disaster/emergency events in effectively addressing the community's needs. MDCA plans to establish a subcommittee to help coordinate establishing a Community Emergency Preparedness Plan.

During the Open Forum, residents expressed concerns regarding whether feedback provided during the **Māpua Masterplan** community consultation was being considered and requested clarity on the upcoming Public Consultation process.

Councillors provided updates on the Plan Change required to address **Deferred Zoning** issues and clarified that this would not be finalised for the Māpua area until conclusion of the Māpua Masterplan.

Mike Kininmonth also addressed the meeting regarding his vote not to support retention of the Māori Ward (Council voted to retain the Māori Ward in late August, and this will now go to a referendum at the next Local Govt elections).

Following a petition submitted to council requesting removal of the **concrete barriers** separating the cycleway from traffic along Aranui Road, TDC will be conducting a safety audit prior to making a decision on the final cycleway layout.

It has been a successful winter of planting at Higgs Reserve with nearly 1000 trees planted, with the next job being spring/summer weed control. The Dominion Flats final touches are also proceeding, with the goal to have all planting completed by the coming spring/summer.

The **Māpua Community Hub** (MCH) continues its fundraising activities with a plant sale at the old church. The District Nurse is currently available at the old church by appointment, and the MCH will also be seeking feedback on what additional specialist services residents would also like to be provided.

During **General Business** a breakout session was held to get members' views on the key issues they would like Westcoast-Tasman MP Maureen Pugh to address at the proposed community meeting (to be confirmed). Members were also asked what topics should be covered at the proposed TDC presentation on the **RMA** and related **Resource Consents** process. Feedback from both of these sessions will be provided to the speakers ahead of their proposed presentations.

Regarding the **Navigation Safety Bylaw**, public feedback on the draft has now closed. MDCA had requested clarification from Councillors, TDC staff and the Harbourmaster regarding any changes that would impact wharf jumping / swimming within the Māpua Channel area. Both TDC staff and the Harbourmaster stated that, as is the case with the existing bylaw, swimmers/jumpers are allowed provided they give right-of-way to passing motor

craft. Therefore swimming/jumping will continue to be allowed under the proposed new bylaw under these same safety criteria.

The next Public Meeting will be held on **14th October** - upcoming presentations include our neighbours from the Tasman Area Community Association (TACA) on their huge planting project along Te Mamaku Drive (Ruby Bay Bypass), and the TDC on the RMA / Resource Consents process.

If the separate community meeting with Westcoast-Tasman MP Maureen Pugh is confirmed, this will be advertised email to MDCA members and via posters around town.

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Ruby Coast Running Club

Spring is well and truly here, much to the delight of our walkers and runners who have been enjoying the warmer temperatures and lighter evenings at our regular Thursday evening 5km events. We have had some really big turnouts in recent weeks, with a wide range of ages and abilities as well, which is great to see.

Local events our runners have taken part in recently include the Richmond Sprig & Fern 10km event. This was the third event in the Sprig & Fern 10k series. We had a small but keen contingent take part in this fun run.

We had a larger representation at the very local Milnes Beatson Motueka to Māpua Relay organised by the Waimea Harriers. This event involves a relay along the Great Taste Trail.

The entire course is approximately 26 kms. It starts near the saltwater baths in Motueka and finishes at the Māpua Domain. The event is typically run in teams of four, with the changeover/baton passing taking place at Lower Moutere School, Tasman View Road and Aporo Road.

Unusually, we did not enter any four-person teams this year. Niki and Sarah ran in a two-person team, with each of them completing two legs of the relay.

Kerry and Guillaume also completed two legs of the course each. However, they were technically a three-person team as Guillaume very impressively ran his section of the course pushing Elior in his stroller!

The rest of our very keen runners tackled the event as solo runners and completed the entire 26km course. Well done to everyone! It was a warm and windy day which added to the challenge of the hilly but scenic course.

Everyone enjoyed some well-earned refreshments and socialising at the prize giving at our local Sprig & Fern afterwards.

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, runners who need more than 30 mins to complete 5km and anyone with a four-legged running buddy, and 5:30pm for everyone else. There is no need to register in advance – just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing.

We also regularly meet for longer runs at the weekends. You can also find out more about them and our other events on Facebook: Ruby Coast Running Club.



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Māpua Village Bakery



Staff Update

This is Naomi, our secret weapon helping out in the back of the house.

She originally came from Kagawa in Japan but has been in NZ almost two years. The most recent six months she has been in Māpua.

As a recent immigrant to our shores, she has done some travelling to see the place. Her favourite so far is Queenstown.

When she's not at the bakery she is looking after her two dogs, who are very different sizes.

The big white one is Nanuq, a cross between a labrador and a husky.

The little one is Tali, a caboodle that has more than enough energy for both dogs.

We hope she's enjoying her time here in Māpua and we get to have her company for some time to come.

Pie Update

Back in July our bakers spent the quiet hours of the night practicing the dark arts of pie making.

After many experiments they came up with a few tweaks to make all our pies even better.



The main thing is that we've gone with a lighter flour for the base. This makes it a bit softer and less likely to get claggy, but still holds the filling well.

It's also a good time to remind folks that we don't do standard size pies at the bakery. If you go to most places you will find smaller pies.

So if our pies cost a bit more, remember they're quite a bit larger!

Pet of the Month



This is Cosmo. He's a six-month old Bichon Frise.

One of his best friends is Ewok, our pet of the month from September.

Cosmo enjoys running around and making friends.

Most of the time Cosmo is a pleasantly quiet and very affectionate pup. He loves the dog biscuits at the bakery, so it's easy to bribe him.

At home Cosmo's favourite snack is rabbit ears. And lots of other snacks too.

Did I mention Cosmo loves snacks? His picture here is him looking forward to Dad's return in the coming days.



Thanks to you

Barb and I have now owned the Māpua Village Bakery for a full year. There have been a lot of hard lessons learned, and some really fun times experienced.

We enjoyed the challenges and all the many, many things we've learned about the bakery and café business.

But most of all we want to thank you. Our regulars and locals are what enables this business to exist. It is also what makes it worth having.

We're doing our very best to keep listening to feedback and make sure we are providing what you want. We love a compliment or some constructive criticism, so keep it coming.

The bakery and our customer service won't always be perfect, but rest assured we're doing our best.

We look forward to another year of challenges and can't wait to see you again soon.

Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library

Māpua Community Library

Come along and check out our latest exhibition by Jane Duncan

Jane is an artist who lives in Upper Moutere; she works from home in part of her old woolshed which has been converted into a studio. She has a professional background in signwriting, in the traditional sense of fine brush work, hence her propensity for detail.

Jane works in oils and is currently loosely inspired by the idea of archetypal women. She uses portraiture, the symbolism of animals and a little sacred geometry in some of her paintings to portray the narrative. She also loves painting the occasional still life or floral and she must feel inspired to paint or it would not happen.

Jane was lucky to be a finalist in the prestigious biannual Adams Portraiture Awards and is excited to be selected for this exhibition again this year. Her most recent exhibition "Shades of Feminine" was at the Suter in the McKee Gallery and currently Jane is working towards an exhibition in her studio over summer.

Jane@janeduncanart Instagram

Also, diary 13th October through to 24th November and pop into the library and checkout our Volunteers Arts & Crafts exhibition.

Throughout the year we purchase new books, popular fiction, nonfiction, children's picture books, educational books, here is a sample of what was purchased recently. Members can place a request for popular books. We also subscribe to many magazines - for example: Life & Leisure, Dish, Gardner, and Wilderness.

Good Fiction

- Smoke* - Michael Brissenden
- The Glassmaker* - Tracy Chevalier
- Woman, Missing* - Sherryl Clark
- Eddie Winston is Looking For Love* - Marianne Cronin
- Behind You is The Sea* - Susan Muaddi Darraj
- You Like it Darker* - Stephen King
- The Cuckoo* - Camilla Lackberg
- Home Truths* - Charity Norman
- Storm Child* - Michael Robotham
- There are rivers in the Sky* - Elif Shafak
- Long Island* - Colm Toibin



Non fiction

- Bad Archive* - Flora Feltham
- View from the second row* - Sam Whitelock
- Love Triangle* - Matt Parker
- The Team That Hit the Rocks* - Peter Jerram
- Frontline Surgeon* - Mark Derby

Children's picture books

- Never Grow Up* - Roald Dahl
- The Artist* - Ed Vere
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Hall Society news~October 24

News from the Hall

We are grateful to a couple of Māpua residents who have donated funds for a new computer for the Māpua Hall office. The purchase was enabled by a "lifetime bequest" made recently.

The couple have been regular participants in weekly classes in the hall and have also enjoyed weddings, funerals, music events, public talks and debates, art exhibitions, dancing, community meetings, parties, quiz nights, literary festivals and more over their 20 years in Māpua.

In their words "It's been a place to meet and make friends and to enjoy and appreciate this great community we live in. We've had more fun in this hall than we've had in any community we've ever lived. . . we really appreciate it so deeply.

The Māpua Hall is community owned and run by locals so what better place to donate to sooner rather than later."

Upcoming Events at the Hall

For regular classes and information, please visit our website

<https://mapuahall.mystrikingly.com/#regular-activities>

Mapua Makers Market

*Applications for the Christmas Māpua Hall Makers Market are now open. The market will be held on **17th November** wet or shine, from 10 - 3pm. Applications are welcome from local makers and artisans from the Tasman, Nelson area. Markets are held three times each year and funds raised help support our locally owned and operated Māpua Hall.*

To book a stall contact

mapuamakersmarket@gmail.com

Sprig and Fern Quiz Night~ 2nd October 7pm

Book a table and support our Māpua Community hall, quiz night!

This a fun fundraising event and we look forward to seeing you all there on the night!

For tables please call Ph: 03 540 2553

Tasman National Art Awards

Welcoming artists from all over New Zealand to Māpua, Tasman



Tasman
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Official opening and presentation of Awards

*Saturday 28th September 7.30pm.
(Doors open at 7pm).*

Exhibition open to the public

Sunday 29th Sept ~9.30am to 4.30pm daily to Saturday 12th Oct.

Closing of exhibition

Saturday 12th October at 4.30pm.

Free admission

Many thanks to the local people and business who have donated items to our recent Māpua Hall fundraisers such as our successful Pechakucha 2024!

Heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers that devote their time and effort, that ensures our hall continues on as an integral part of our community.

Māpua Fire Brigade



August to September 2024 call outs:

- 6 Aug 11:32 Medical on Higgs Rd, assist Ambo with CPR.
- 26 Aug 14:02 Smoke alarm constantly beeping on Iwa St, removed from building, Full of dust from wood working, advised to get a heat alarm.
- 6 Sept 16:03 Tanker to a grass fire off Moutere Highway near Old House Rd. A broken power pole insulator causing lines to hit may have started fire.
- 12 Sept 11:40 Car crash SH60 near Aporo Rd, leave scene with Police and Motueka rescue.
- 15 Sept 22:13 Washing machine flooding house on Wakanini Pl, assist with turning water off. Owner to contact a plumber and insurance to arrange drying house out.
- 17 Sept 16:37 To house in Motueka, assist with firefighting and water. No crew so sent tanker/rural truck.

Call outs for the year = 43

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

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

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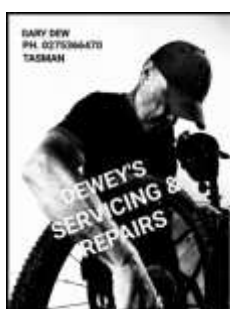


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Book review

“The Covenant of Water” Author Abraham Verghese

As a sporadic reader, it took some willpower to launch into this 724-page tome set in two continents and embracing the lives of three generations. The term “embracing,” applies to the reader as well, as you are drawn closer, little by little, into the joys and sorrows of life in southern India and especially rural Kerala.

“The Covenant of Water,” is not a light read. The plot is complex enough with threads that at first, seem to have little connection. Add the many diverse characters, the graphic imagery, the contextual and, therefore meaningful, use of Indian terms, the detailed but interesting description of complex surgical procedures, the over-riding impact of the land on the lives of the people, and you have a text that sometimes demands re-reading sections.

It would be totally inappropriate to give any commentary about the development and denouement of the novel’s narrative. This is something for the reader to enjoy.

Suffice to say, life in rural India can be harsh. Lives are seriously impacted by accidents of caste, poverty, disease, religion, political leanings and weather.

While there are times of fulfilment and joy there are inevitably, over three generations, many tragedies, sorrows and disappointments. I went through stages of being a little “drowned,” by the sadnesses. This is probably appropriate, as drowning is one of the central themes of the novel.

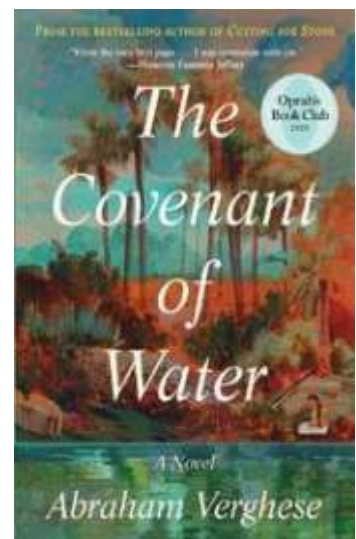
Big Ammachi (we never meet her real name) who became the matriarch of the Parambil family, enters the story as a child bride, and over a long life of caring and hard work becomes a central figure in the novel. Most of the narrative revolves around her extended family and their key contacts.

While I commented on sadnesses in the story, at the end there is light in the form of Big Ammachi’s, “granddaughter.” Through her, sadness finally gives way to optimism.

The author, a noted Stanford medical academic, has close connections to Kerala through his parents. His research for this novel has been thorough, and while it is a work of fiction, the historical, medical and geographical content is both accurate and important.

The book, now in our local library, has been extremely busy since the first reader took it out in July 2023. There is also a waiting list for others wanting it right now. My recommendation is to get your name on that list, as soon as you can.

Reviewer, Richard Bullock



Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust

Māpua boat ramp project is still moving forward

Hearing date: The resource consent hearing is set for November 25-27, 2024

Revised plans The proposed building has been removed from the consent application.

Wharf jumping unaffected The new ramp will be over 50 metres away from the wharf, ensuring continued safe jumping.

Community access The new ramp will be available for use by the entire community.

No impact on rates Project funding is not sourced from local rates.

Environmental safety maintained The ramp will be constructed over a capped contaminated site, preserving environmental safeguards.

Future uncertainty at Grossi Point Long-term use of Grossi Point is not guaranteed, highlighting the need for a dedicated ramp.

Cost estimate The total cost, including consents, is estimated to be below \$1.3 million.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust is working diligently to address community feedback following the public notification and submissions regarding the resource consent. As part of this effort, the building proposal has been removed from the plans. In June, The Tasman District Council provided additional financial support, bringing their contribution to \$300,000 to the consenting process.

The upcoming hearing is a pivotal moment, providing an opportunity for the community to express their support. We urge those who believe in this project to consider making a donation now. Your contribution is crucial to ensure the success of this long-anticipated ramp. Without sufficient support, we risk losing this opportunity to secure a permanent boat ramp for Māpua.


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Higgs Reserve restoration

This planting season has been especially busy at Higgs Reserve. Through the Battle for the Banded Rail project, on Sunday 16th June around 30 very brave souls braved the weather to plant some 700 plants in the reserve.

We're really stoked to report now that the bulk of the planting has been completed as has the major clearing of weed species. With the exception of a couple of "small" patches (which we plan to deal to this spring and summer), all seeding weed plants will have been removed

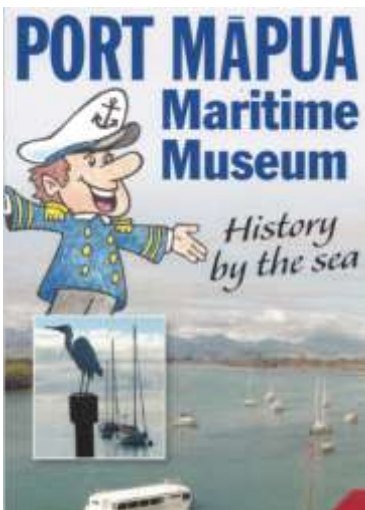


A big thanks to those that contended with the rain and towards the end of the session thunder and lightning!

The bulk of the planting was on the Estuary fringe with salt tolerant species including *Plagianthus* and *Oioi*. Following on from the big push on the 16th the Restoration group have continued with planting and approximately another 300 plants have been planted in the Reserve.

from the Reserve and it will become a matter of dealing to seedlings and limited planting.

Oh - to the person or people who removed a tray of plagianthus from the reserve it would be really great if you could return them to where you took them from so they could be planted where they were intended.



The Little Museum at the wharf

punching above its weight!

Port Māpua Maritime Museum is administered by the Māpua Boat Club and is a much-loved icon on Port Māpua Wharf.

We have a visitors' book and appreciate the many very positive comments we receive.

This information enables us to see where visitors are from and it's wide and varied from all corners of the World.

At the end of last year, we asked ourselves "So actually how many visitors a year do we have through our doors?"

With the aid of our security system, we set about finding out the ask. Choosing the busiest (January) and the quietest (June) months we counted actual numbers entering the Museum.



The figures were truly amazing:

January 2024: 3,032 visitors, June 2024: 802 visitors

In very simplistic terms - annually this equates to approx. 23,000 visitors each year.

Truly amazing for a little Museum that was founded by the Māpua Boat Club as a positive way of keeping part of Port Māpua Wharf free from commercialisation and available for the free enjoyment of all.

If you're new to Māpua or haven't visited recently come and have a walk around, view the videos and enjoy the Museum as the thousands of visitors to The Port Māpua Museum do every year.

Māpua Craft Group report

Our present enthusiasm is to make a variety of bookmarks for giving to friends and the Māpua Library.

We will explore making teabag folding again and intend to make Christmas cards soon. If you have not tried teabag folding, it could be your latest challenge making gifts for friends!

If you wish to join us with your grandchildren on the 4th of October (school holidays) please phone Barbara or Val to book in.

Our October craft dates are the 4th and 18th of October from 10am till noon at the Māpua Church supper room with a koha of \$3 for hall hire. We have tea and coffee and often, delicious food!

Do come and join us and learn a new craft!

Barbara: 03 5403901, Val: 03 5403919



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Second and fourth Sunday – Family Communion.

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Senior Moments – second and last Wednesdays each month. 10:00am to 12:00pm

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KidsnKoffee – Community Playgroup – 10am to noon.

A great space for all the whanau.

Thursday

Prayer and coffee – 10:00am

An opportunity for prayer, discussion and a chat.

Friday

Craft and Coffee – first and third Fridays, 10am to noon.

If you love all things crafty then come along and join the group.

Throughout the week

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Pastel Artists of Nelson

It has been a busy couple of months for our Group. We joined the Greenmeadows Community Centre Art expo and had a mini exhibition with seven exhibitors, four demonstrators and a “have-a-go” table where visitors could try their hand at using pastels as a painting medium.

This was VERY popular and our demonstrators and key personal were also kept very busy over the two days explaining the wonders of the pastel medium. Four paintings sold and it was very successful as a promotional event. We are looking forward to next year’s event.

Spring has brought a good turnout of painters to our Tuesday morning weekly group at the Māpua Hall, and monthly Saturday morning group in Nelson, that meets on the third week of the month at the Greenmeadows Community Centre, Stoke.

We’ve enjoyed our Monthly Art Talks that we have incorporated into our painting sessions. Michael talked about three paintings that have become family heirlooms passed down through the generations. It was interesting to see and hear his research on the artist and paintings.

We also welcomed John Parsons, a PANZ member, who entertained and inspired us with his varied and rich life as a professional artist. A highlight was hearing about his years as a portrait artist in the streets of Montmartre (Paris) and our own Queenstown.

The Tasman National Art Awards are coming up fast and as some of our members have had work accepted, we are looking forward to following their journeys.

Also, one of our members has had minor success in several on-line, international competitions this year which has been exciting.

Remember that we meet every Tuesday morning at the Māpua Hall 9am to noon and always welcome visitors.

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Pecha Kucha 2024

The community of Māpua came out in force on 20th September to support the annual Māpua Community Hall Curry & Pecha Kucha evening.

Following a choice of delicious curries, the full house enjoyed a wide range of presenters. The audience was taken on journeys; challenged on current social issues; creatively inspired; had their imaginations captured; and made to laugh!

It was a true sense of community with a huge array of generous volunteers from the cooks, kitchen staff, the Coastal Stringer musicians, the 14 presenters and all those on the organizing committees adding to the success of the event.

The friendly buzz and general warm vibe reflected the essence of our special Māpua community.

Grant Palliser [Co-organiser]



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Sat 5th

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Thurs 10th

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Fri 11th

Hila and friends: Dance music

Sun 20th

Musos 4 Mammals: SPCA Show

Fri 5th

Alan McElroy: Stand Up

Sat 26th

Ribs and 80s Night

Wed 30th

Jon Toogood: of Shihad

Fri Nov 1st: ABBA Disco

One man, one vote

by Jim Vause

Democracy is a funny old thing. It's that old "one man, one vote" idea we like to think is democracy. Alas, it is not. Democracy is a lot more complex. Back in 1880, when the catch phrase was first coined in the UK, you had to be a landowner or a rate payer to vote in NZ, except for Māori and women. Māori men got the vote in 1867 'cause they couldn't be landowners! Women finally got the vote in 1893, thanks to the suffragette movement led by our national hero Kate Sheppard. NZ was the first country in the world to give women the vote. Yes, once we were leaders in democracy.

The flaw of "One man, one vote" is obvious when you consider that the Nazi's were the top scoring party in the 1933 German elections, allowing Hitler to gain executive power and pass laws that gave him total control of the Reich. The rest is history. Similarly, Vladimir Putin and many other world autocratic leaders and dictators are "elected" under very flawed "one man, one vote" systems, thus democracy it is not.

Representation is the next key part of a democratic election. We vote for our local councillors and local MPs based on the geographic electorate/ward we reside in. Geography is by far the most common criteria for representation, being the easiest way to assure representation of differing voter views on issues, for instance rural versus city or North versus South.

This serves, to some extent, to countenance the "tyranny of the majority" phenomenon. If, for example, we had a President of Aotearoa, elected under a one person, one vote system, then you know that candidates won't bother much with Nelson or Tasman when the majority of voters live north of Taupō. A Making Auckland Great Again President would be guaranteed to galvanise the South Island Liberation Army into blowing up the Cook Strait power cable. Luckily our electoral system assures minority South Island viewpoints have a voice in parliament.

Electorate size is also planned to assure equity in numbers between electorates, using an independent body

to prevent gerrymandering, the political party manipulation of electoral district boundaries that still occurs in some states in the USA.

Our MMP elections also provide for representation of minority view, allowing voters to choose a party they believe might represent their minority views.

There's more to democracy than just the electoral process. After an election, who wields power has to be decided. Our post-election coalition negotiation has allowed issues supported by 8% and 6% of the vote to come to power, dominating the other 86% of the population. Not perfect but it is what it is.

Then there is how the government actually wields power. How much sits with parliament, how much power sits with the executive, the ministers and the cabinet?

That's not all. Democracy also includes civil liberties, equality, indigenous rights, political participation, the capacity of the civil service and so on.

Meanwhile, back in Tasman, we have wards that are an attempt to balance representation, allowing a rural voice at the Council table. If rurality is an important issue for local democracy, then what other voices need to be heard?

Candidates can stand on their issues, just like political parties stand on issues, but when it comes to representation you cannot predetermine an electorate based on issue. After all rural issues can be very different depending upon whether the voter is a forest landowner, a dairy farmer or a worker on an apple orchard whose house has been wiped out by slash.

Consider that a key minority electorate (10%) in this province, one with a huge long-term interest in governance, an electorate that can be easily identified and one that has governed this province for 600 years, is Māori. If the rural voice is important, then so is Māori.

One man one vote presupposes that every voter understands how our democracy works, a supposition flawed in its own right.

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Māpua Health Centre news

We have a new patient portal called Well. It is very easy to register for and to use, and it will be available to all our registered patients. Amongst other things Well allows you book and pay for GP and nurse practitioner appointments, see lab results, and request and pay for repeat prescriptions. Manage My Health will be unavailable to access from 30 September.

We also have a Spring newsletter, and we hope that patients have enjoyed the first of our seasonal publications.

Dr Bonny is on leave for 3 weeks in October and we have arranged cover where required over that period. A quick reminder that our Nurses offer a wide range of services, including ear suctioning, immunisations and travel vaccines, cervical screening, blood tests, advanced care planning, dressings and wound care, smoking cessation advice and follow up, health checks, spirometry and various other nursing procedures.

This is breast cancer awareness month. Breast cancer is New Zealand's third most common cancer and accounts for more than 600 deaths every year. The risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer increases with age.

- Breast cancer isn't common in women under the age of 50.
- While it is less common, young women can get breast cancer too. 6% of breast cancer in NZ occurs under the age of 30 years.
- Although it is uncommon, men also get breast cancer. About 25 men are diagnosed in New Zealand each year.

Some women are at greater risk of breast cancer because there is a history of close family members having the disease. However, most women who develop breast cancer have no relatives with the disease.

New research shows that maintaining a healthy body weight can help prevent breast cancer and help improve the chances of survival after a diagnosis. Physical activity for breast cancer patients may reduce the risk of death after a breast cancer diagnosis and reduce breast cancer recurrence.

Healthy eating patterns also reduce risk of death from breast cancer. The research shows that eating more dietary fibre from whole grains, pulses, vegetables and fruits help improve survival. Soy foods such as tofu and edamame may reduce risk of death and breast cancer recurrence (Int J Cancer. 2023 Feb 15; 152(4): 572–599).

This month also celebrates the International Day of Older Persons. Healthy aging is the ability to maintain

independence, purpose, vitality, and quality of life into old age despite unexpected medical conditions, accidents, and unhelpful social determinants of health (Clin Geriatr Med. 2020 Nov;36(4):671-683).

A high consumption of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; moderate consumption of dairy products, fish, and poultry; and low consumption of sugars, saturated fat, and processed foods helps to achieve healthy aging (Nutrients. 2021 Nov 29;13(12):4310). According to the CDC, adults aged 65 and older need sufficient exercise:

- At least 150 minutes a week (for example, 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week) of moderate-intensity activity such as brisk walking. Or they need 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity such as hiking, jogging, or running.
- At least two days a week of activities that strengthen muscles.
- Plus, activities to improve balance, such as standing on one foot.

This month's health and school events include:

1	International Day of Older Persons	www.un.org
1-31	Health Literacy Month	www.healthliteracymonth.org
1-31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	www.breastcancerfoundation.org.nz
5	World Teachers Day	https://teachingcouncil.nz
5	World Meningitis Day	www.meningitis.org.nz
9-15	Save the Kiwi Week	https://savethekiwi.nz/savethekiwiweek
9-15	Baby Loss Awareness Week	www.sands.org.nz/news-blaw.html
10	World Mental Health Day	www.mentalhealth.org.nz
11	International Day of the Girl Child	www.un.org/en/events/girlchild
12	World Arthritis Day	www.arthritis.org.nz
13	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	www.un.org/en/events
15	World Handwashing Day	www.hqsc.govt.nz
16	World Restart a Heart Day	www.resus.org.nz
16	World Food Day	www.fao.org/world-food-day
18	Loud Shirt Day	www.loudshirtday.org.nz
19	New Zealand Shake Out Day	www.civildefence.govt.nz
20	World Osteoporosis Day	www.bones.org.nz
24	United Nations Day	www.un.org
29	World Stroke Day	www.world-stroke.org

Māpua Bowling Club

established 1927

Our Club Vision promotes:

- Sports fun for all,
- Enjoyment,
- Be kind,
- Be inclusive,
- Be respectful.

The 21st of September was our Opening Day for the summer season. It is one of the few formal days we have, where members wear uniform or white polo or t-shirts.

It was lovely to catch up with each other over bowls, and a yummy afternoon tea.

NBS have given us a grant to make new "rink scrims". These are a valuable asset for us, they will be used on the rinks when the greenkeeper feels the Green is vulnerable and a little extra protection is needed.

The rink scrims will potentially extend the amount of playing we are able to have on our Green.

Our hours of opening:

- Tuesday 1.00 - 4.30 pm
- Thursday 1.00 - 4.30 pm
- Saturday 1.00 - 4.30 pm
- 24th October Thursday Twilight Bowls 5.45 - 8.30 pm.

"Family Have-a-Go Sunday" at bowls and indoor bowls along with Friendship Club in October.

4th November Monday Social Bowls 5.45 - 8.30 pm.

Bowls is a game where anyone and everyone can play no matter age, creed, race, religion, ability, disability, world champion, rank beginner, gender: we can all come together and absolutely anyone can win or lose on the day. Come and have a go.

Contact:

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 Pilates Wednesday & Friday 10.05 am.

5-trip ticket \$50; 10-trip ticket \$80; 20-trip ticket \$150;
 30-trip ticket \$210. Casuals – yes, \$12 per session.
 Top-ups for single sessions on your ticket \$10.

Please contact Lynda for details,
lyndamabin@gmail.com 027 222 1491.

Tai Chi

The last class before finishing for the school holidays will be Wed 25th Sept. The class will resume again on Wed 16th October at the same time of 1pm-2:30pm.

The teacher will be Merrick Mitchell who is the senior teacher for Internal Arts in our area. Experienced students and new beginners are welcome.

Merrick is currently in Perth visiting family and catching up with Banyin Lee, the Principal Instructor for the society. if you need any more info please contact me: grannyjulie11@gmail.com

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Wanted to rent: I'm retired, seeking to rent 2 bed house. Sea outlook preferred. Long term. Tidy, responsible, property managers refs. Deborah: 022 082 9582

Toy Library: Volunteer Treasurer urgently needed for the Māpua Community Toy Library Committee. Contact Lucy or Jess on mapuatoylibrary@gmail.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

Māpua Friendship Club indoor bowls, first & third Mondays, at Māpua Bowling Club rooms. Bowls 2pm, then "bring a plate" afternoon tea. \$3 door fee. Lots of laughs and non-competitive. For more info contact Val 540 3685

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: Debby 027 327 4055

Motueka Toastmasters: Speak with more confidence? Meet 1st & 3rd Weds, 6.45-8.30pm, St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis hospital. Visitors welcome. Info Peter 027 7468311.

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.

Tasman Golf Club: Mixed Social 9 Holes of Golf. Tee off 9.30am Fridays. Friendly group, all levels very welcome. Cost: \$25 for non-members. Ph: Lyndal 03 5266819, teeup@tasmanclub.com or just turn up at Kina

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

Māpua Community Choir: 4 part harmony, no audition necessary, small koha, Māpua Hall 7.15pm Thursdays, enquiries Helen: n-h.bibby@actrix.co.nz

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

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.

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

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

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 or contact Debby 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). Men and women 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

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

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.

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

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