



Māpua Boat Club

Boat ramp application decision summary



Following a thorough review of 261 submissions, the commissioners have decided to refuse the resource consent applications submitted by the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust. The rationale for this decision can be summarized as follows:

- The unacceptable and uncertain risks associated with constructing the boat ramp in an area containing contaminated marine sediments; and
- The site's inappropriateness for the proposed development, primarily due to its size and associated safety concerns.

While concerns raised by objectors—regarding potential impacts on the environment, local wildlife (including birds and lizards), traffic, noise, visual amenity, and contaminated land—were considered, they were ultimately not upheld as grounds for refusal.

The commissioners determined that the application was valid in most respects; however, the decision hinged on the elevated risks posed by the contaminated foreshore and safety issues at the location, such as variable tidal currents and the absence of a pontoon.

Key findings from the report include:

- **Paragraph 158:** The lack of a suitable landing and temporary tie-up facility, such as a pontoon, for use during mid- to high-tide periods is likely to result in adverse safety effects.
- **Paragraph 170:** Regarding contamination effects within the Coastal Marine Area (CMA), the assessment is more complex than on the landward side. The commissioners are satisfied that landward contamination can be adequately managed, including mitigating runoff into the CMA. Consequently, the primary concerns in the CMA relate to the disturbance of potentially contaminated foreshore sediments.
- **Paragraph 223:** Although the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) provisions allow for development in the CMA near Māpua Wharf, several factors render the site unsuitable for the proposed boat ramp, including:
 - The large scale and visual impact of the structure.
 - Potential conflicts with other recreational activities.

- Site contamination constraints necessitating a higher elevation and greater extension into the CMA than would otherwise be required, and
- The unacceptable risk of mobilizing contaminants in marine sediments during construction and operation.

It is evident that the remediation efforts undertaken approximately 20 years ago were inadequate. A more effective approach would have involved allocating approximately \$6 million to fully remove the contaminants to a landfill, rather than burying them on-site.

This has resulted in ongoing leaching into the marine environment from buried materials beneath the park and, reportedly, drums located under the wharf. The chief scientist during the original remediation, who appeared as both a witness and objector in these proceedings, “provided substantial information to the commissioners.”

In June 2025, the Tasman District Council (TDC) identified a “prill” (a manufactured pelletized agricultural product) approximately 20 metres from the proposed pipe location, which further heightened concerns about potential contamination and contributed to the commissioners' reservations.

This information came as a total surprise to the Trust, as the pesticide tests conducted in 2021 showed acceptable levels within the CMA. The Trust is unsure whether this information was previously known to the council, or like us, council was unaware.

This finding raises questions about whether the TDC will install warning signs in the foreshore area to alert fishermen and swimmers to avoid contact with the potentially contaminated environment. And the question of installing new service pipes for the village eventually will need to be readdressed due to the “contaminated seabed” (or does this not apply to council)? And clearly, there should be no more development in the area as we don't want to spoil the current atmosphere.

The Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust and the Māpua Boat Club are naturally very disappointed with the refusal to grant consent. However, it was always our intention to place the decision in the hands of independent

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The future of Māpua – decided behind closed doors

Opinion piece, Timo Neubauer

The Māpua Master Plan, and controversial Seaton Valley development, is with the Minister now. Chris Bishop will decide whether to let Tasman District Council bypass his countrywide pause on plan changes and whether to grant TDC its wish for a Streamlined Planning Process that cuts out community appeals. If approved, this would mean no chance of Environment Court oversight. Nelson City Council rejected this very approach for PC29, calling it undemocratic.

All this happened on Thursday, 18 September, in a confidential session of TDC's Strategy and Policy Committee. Many people might not know this, but in August, the Māpua Master Plan process had been lumped in with the extensive Plan Change 81, which provides new blanket rules for intensification and rezones swathes of productive land into residential, business and industrial – not only in Māpua, but also in Motueka, Hope, Brightwater and elsewhere throughout the district.

Why, in the middle of an election period, is this Council choosing secrecy over transparency? Is it because neither the Mayor nor Councillors want to be on record supporting this plan change before you vote? How does hiding their position serve democracy?

Cllr Mark Greening tried to question the need for confidentiality, but was ignored by the Chair, Cllr Kit Maling, who moved to go "in committee" without granting him any time to speak. As a result, you may never know who voted for or against, which motions were passed, or what was discussed.

Just minutes before I spoke in Public Forum. I highlighted the controversial nature of Plan Change 81 and the strong opposition raised during consultation.

"Consultation is not meaningful," I said, "if clear community feedback is simply set aside to justify pre-determined outcomes."

TDC's own Audit and Risk Committee has already noted that major decisions should be paused in the election lead-up, when it is usual to take on a caretaker role. Growth and development are among the hottest election topics. Shouldn't the incoming council, with a fresh mandate, be the ones to make this generational call?

The Parliamentary Ombudsman has reprimanded TDC for excessive use of confidential sessions. So why is such a far-reaching, fundamental decision being taken behind closed doors at this time?

Who benefits from this approach? Neither the Mayor nor Councillors can be held to account. The Council's administration won't have to change anything and can keep the process on its merry way. And a select few developers will get what they want. In my view, neither this process nor the outcome of Plan Change 81 will restore trust in TDC.

I told the Council that the best way to grow Tasman and to provide jobs is by reinforcing and leveraging the attractiveness of our district, not undermining it with arbitrary business, industrial, and greenfield residential zones. But my plea fell on deaf ears.

Tasman deserves better than pre-determined outcomes delivered in secret. We need leadership that listens, respects consultation and protects the values that make this district strong. Not three years from now - now. Please vote for change!

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Letters to the Editor

Over the limit

In its enthusiasm to tinker with speed limits, the TDC has sometimes created a nonsense. An example is where Aporo Road enters the Tasman village from the south.

A few metres short of the Jester café (open just one day a week) the 80 kph limit changes to 60. Entering the village it goes to 50. In the village, at the school, it changes to 30 – but only at certain times on certain days. In order to read the details on the notice, if you are a stranger, you probably need to stop and also consult your watch and calendar.

Then after the school it is back to 50, until a couple of hundred metres on, at the intersection, it is back to 100.

That is five changes of limit in about 2 km. At least the TDC did not gild the lily with additional signs explaining that the limit is 15kmh less in rain....now, there's an idea!

Can't have drivers using judgment (as required by law) can we?

And note we are told limits are a top mark – not a target.

Why not 80kmh to 50kmh at the village, a big "School – slow" sign, and back to 100kmh at the bypass?

Anton Petre, (Ruby Bay/Tasman)



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commissioners, given some opposition within both the community and council, as experienced previously in 2017.

The Boat Club accepts this decision and will continue to focus on its core activities, including hosting events such as fishing competitions, annual regatta, photo competitions, and social evenings, while providing a venue for locals to enjoy in one of Māpua's most cherished locations.

Andrew Butler, Commodore Māpua Boat Club

Farewell

Hi all you Māpuans, who have been part of the fabric of our lives for the last 13 years, and who have given so much friendship, love, support when needed, competition (usually not needed at all!) and generally a feeling of belonging to this wonderful community.

It's with very mixed and overwhelming emotion I tell you, that I have booked the packing company, and with the remainder of Peter's ashes, Nico and I are leaving Māpua for the last stage of our adventurous life.

We are moving back to Christchurch, where our kids are, and it has been their keen wish for us to live closer to them – a 20-minute drive, rather than a 6-hour trip. I have bought a 2 bedroomed villa in the Alpine View Village, for Nico and me. My prayerful wish is that there are no cats living near us, and that as he ages his bowel habits slow down! Yeah right! to both of those things.

I must say the thought of all the traffic in Christchurch just terrifies me, but having said that, just driving into Nelson this morning I found the traffic was horrendous as well.

I've been totally involved with all the house cleaning, the chucking out of so much stuff, it's amazing I will have anything left for the packers to pack.

I've found some lovely, sad, memories of Peter, and it brings back all the thoughts of the Pecha Kucha, Movie Nights, the Anzac Poems, Anzac Day Services we held in Langford Drive during covid, drinks around the Roundabout, Pétanque, Cycling group. And let's not forget the boat ramp discussions! But mostly thoughts of how good it all was.

My hope is that going to the Alpine View Village will come somewhere close to all we've had here. I'm going to get a tissue now and then send this off.

Love from the 3 of us, Peter, Me and Nico.

Di O'Halloran

Boat Ramp

It is unfortunate that the decision was made against a boat ramp for this coastal town, for what I believe are wrong reasons.

The word populism is heard a lot these days, meaning a powerful wave of fashionable thinking, Zeitgeist if you like, of whatever colour.

The populism we saw and will continue to see in the campaign against launching boats bigger than canoes and kayaks in Māpua, may very well be seen as elitism, as cultural snobbery.

Māpua is diminished by it.

Helen Beere

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Māori wards

History doesn't repeat itself - it's just that humans repeat the same old mistakes.

You sell your flood prone farm to a corporate. It's a fair exchange. Money for the land, along with a written contract promising that you will have access, forever, to your favourite private whitebaiting spot that over the eons, generations of your family have fished.

All goes well until 2 years later, when a stop bank and concrete barrier are built, blocking your access to the river. You take the corporate to court for a broken contract, but the judge, who is a mate of the CEO, determines in favour of the corporate.

The Treaty of Waitangi was a written contract, a negotiated promise between the majority of iwi chiefs of New Zealand and Queen Victoria of Britain. Its articles of importance are:

Article one: Māori gave sovereignty to the Queen, something that, to Māori, was weird because they were separate tribes and, given there was no one Māori leader, be they King, Queen, President, Prime Minister or whatever, sovereignty was therefore a nebulous and meaningless English term.

Article two: The Queen promised the chiefs they would keep ownership and control of their treasures: their land, seabed, water, food sources and all the other various things that counted in Māori society. To the chiefs, this was clear. You get to keep everything you have.

Article three: The Queen promised Māori the same rights as British subjects.

That was 1840. Within a few years, the Queen (Crown) had reneged on Article Two, taking land, water, food areas and so on, often without any recompenses and often, if not by inventing laws, by force.

Thus the realm of Māori control became less and less, something reflected nowadays by Māori having only seven relatively powerless seats in Parliament. Even many judges in those days were incredibly biased against Māori.

Māori wards are a modern-day common-sense way of implementing Treaty Article Two, namely giving Māori a place at the table of local governance. If the Crown had not reneged barely 20 years after the Treaty was signed, on its promise to Māori, then Article Two might well have resulted in a dual system in our nation: Māori local bodies, Māori Health, Māori courts, police, prisons, all alongside equivalent pakeha systems.

It's not hard to imagine trying to navigate such duplicate systems, as anyone who experienced the French/English condominium of the pre-independence New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) can testify. Common-sense should prevail.

So why do we have so many candidates standing for our Mayorality and Council who espouse the flawed argument that Māori wards be ditched because democracy is all about "one man, one vote" and that we are all equal?

The Māori wards are not about equity, for that is in article three of Te Tiriti. Wards are about meeting the

Crown's promise in article two. Arguing against Māori wards on the basis of equity is total ignorance of our nation's history, of the actual wording of our nation's founding contractual document. It is cheating on a written signed contract.

If candidates cannot understand basic history, if they cannot read and understand a simple one-page document like the Treaty of Waitangi, if they cannot understand what a contract is, how can we expect them to understand the complex and incredibly wordy documents they will be presented as Councillors by the Tasman District Council management?

What is there to stop them repeating, through ignorance, the same old mistakes that councillors and mayors before them have already committed?

As for the simplistic statement that democracy is "one man, one vote", Abraham Lincoln, in his famous Gettysburg address about democratic government said it is *"Government of the people, for the people, by the people"*

Democracy is vastly more than a simple voting system, for what really matters is how those voted in wield that power. Ruling by decree and the tyranny of the majority are all signs of a flawed democracy.

Remember Hitler, Stalin and even Netanyahu were all voted in under one man, one vote but then ruled by decree and their "democracies" had no ways to counter their executive rulings once in power. Look at the human lives lost thanks to these "elected" genocidal leaders. Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.

The issue of Māori governance will not go away, for despite the delusion of early twentieth century Pakeha that Māori were a dying race, history has proven very much otherwise. Māori will not go away, they will not disappear and neither will the promise, the signed contract, of the Treaty. The decisions made in this local body election are likely to come back and bite us by our gluteals.

Jim Vause



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Māpua Health Centre news

The new patient portal “Well” has been well received. It is very easy to register for and use, and it is available to all our registered patients. Amongst other things Well allows you to book and pay for GP and nurse practitioner appointments, see lab results, and request and pay for repeat prescriptions.

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

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.

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 2 days a week of activities that strengthen muscles.
- Plus, activities to improve balance, such as standing on one foot.

This month’s health 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
1-31	Dysautonomia Awareness Month	https://dysautonomiainternational.org
5	World Teachers Day	https://teachingcouncil.nz/
5	World Meningitis Day	www.meningitis.org.nz
6-12	Mental Health Awareness Week	https://mhaw.nz/
9-15	Baby Loss Awareness Week	www.sands.org.nz/news-blaw.html
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11	International Day of the Girl Child	www.un.org/en/events/girlchild
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15	Global 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
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17	Loud Shirt Day	www.loudshirtday.org.nz/
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Literary Festival—Māpua Library

\$10,000 raised for library.

Emma Stevens, Patron of the Māpua Community Library, set the scene for the highly successful 2025 Māpua Literary Festival with her opening address, welcoming the audience, poets and authors in both Te Reo and English on Friday September 12.

Emma spoke of the importance of honouring and showcasing poetry and prose just before the weekend's first event – a sell-out performance of Martine Baanvinger's powerful solo show "Red Heavens" based on local author Gerard Hindmarsh's book *Angelina*.

The theme for the weekend-long festival, for which 682 tickets were sold, was Love, Lies and Legacy, and it raised in excess of \$10,000 for the Māpua Community Library.

The authors who took part were Gerard Hindmarsh, Stef Harris, Michael Bennett, Tom Rowling, Erin Palmisano, Olive Jones, Anna Riedel, Kerry Sunderland, Bruce Cole, Jennifer Hassloch and Jenny Patrick. The conversationalists who interviewed the authors were Adrienne Taylor, Chris Stuart, Steve Henry, Kerry Sunderland, Liz Price and Elaine Fisher.

Saturday and Sunday also featured two sold out writing workshops by author Wendy Scott. Saturday night's poetry evening themed "Verses of the Heart", love, lies and lasting legacy was also well attended. The poets were Carol Don Ercolano, Henry Ludbrook, Mark Raffills, Emma Stevens, Maggie Brown, Warwick Stubbs, and Roger Lusby.



Gerard Hindmarsh & Martine Baanvinger

Emma gave the closing address on Sunday afternoon and announced the winners of the Māpua Literary Festival Writing Competition which attracted 30 entries, including many from local schools.

The winners are:

Children Years 6-8

First: The Rain by Sam Tait, Mahana School

Runner-up: The Baking Rivals by Grace Lewis-Jones, Māpua School

Young Adult:

First: The Voices, Ruby Maxwell, Motueka High School Writing Group

Runner-up: The Clock in The Square by Evelyn Cane, Motueka High School



Ruby Maxwell

Adult Section:

First: The Quarterly by Steve Richards

Runner-up: Loss is Never Easy by Michael Brown



Steve Richards

The Māpua Community Library wishes to thank the sponsors for their support which helped make the biennial event such a success – the next festival will be in 2027.

This year's sponsors were:

TDC - Creative Communities, Māpua Ruby Bay and District Community Trust, Golden Edge, NBS, Page & Blackmore, Frank's Trees, Jester House, Sprig & Fern, Phantom, Neudorf, Liquorland, Māpua Bakery, Blackenbrook, The Smokehouse, Spencer Hill, Pic's Peanut Butter, NFD, Humanitix, Darby & Joan, Seifried, New World, River Haven, Pete's Natural, Rimu Bar.

The Rain

*A short story by Sam Tait -
winner of the Children's Year 6-8 competition.*

In the year 2234, Earth was no longer the only inhabited planet in the solar system. Colonies sprawled across Mars, Europa, and even the floating cities above Venus. But something strange had started to happen – first in the outer colonies, then spreading inward toward Earth.

They called it the *Asteroid Rain*.

It wasn't water or ice. It wasn't even meteor dust. The Asteroid Rain was a shimmering cascade of microscopic particles, descending slowly from the upper atmosphere in waves of iridescent light. At first, scientists thought it was a side effect of interstellar mining-residue from the asteroid belts. But it didn't behave like any known material.

The rain had... effects.

On Mars, the first recorded Asteroid Rain coincided with an unexplainable surge in plant growth inside biodomes. Crops bloomed overnight. On Europa, scientists studying sub-ice oceans found that bacteria exposed to

the rain evolved at a thousand times the normal rate – some even developed bioluminescence within days.

Earth was sceptical – until it came home.

On August 17, 2236, the skies over the Pacific began to shimmer with eerie colours. Thousands gathered to watch the skies as waves of multicoloured particles poured gently through the atmosphere.

It was beautiful – like the Northern Lights had begun to fall.

Then the dreams began. People who had stood in the rain reported vivid dreams of alien cities, starless skies, and strange, whispering voices. Artists started painting impossible landscapes. Scientists began to hear patterns in background radiation – signals maybe. Messages.

Within weeks, humanity understood: the Asteroid Rain wasn't random. It was a delivery.



Sam Tait

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Encoded within the particles was a kind of biological message – a seed of thought, wrapped in DNA-like strands.

It was as if something, somewhere, had figured out how to deliver knowledge not through words or light, but through living memory.

A consciousness, embedded in rain.

The UN formed the Astrod Accord, assembling the best minds to decipher the rain's content. What they discovered changed everything.

It was an invitation.

An ancient civilization, long since ascended beyond physical form, had seeded the galaxy with these "rains" for millennia. Not all species survived the encounter. But those who did – those who listened, who dreamed – were granted entry *into* something vast and eternal.

Earth had been chosen. Or maybe.... Earth had finally heard.

Gardening with Fred

I see John De Jong is hoping to get the Māpua Pumpkin Growing competition going again. The following is the 2013 article I wrote. The competition was hosted by Mike and Judy Gill, the landlords of the Māpua Tavern at the time [where Jared's Vege shop is] and created a lot of fun for all age groups. The big pumpkins having to be craned in for weighing! (see picture)

Extract from the Pumpkin Report 2013

It's that time of the year in Māpua when the apples are being picked and the area is alive with its core business so to speak. It's also the highlight of the year for Club Māpua for its Pumpkin Growing Competition 'Weigh In' at the Māpua Tavern. All money raised at this event was donated to the Māpua Hall Fund.

My mate Rex's pumpkin weighed in at 120kg, so 3 of us trying to pick up a round pumpkin just didn't happen. I used my trailer as its only 500mm off the ground and by adding a couple of scaffold planks, between three of us, we rolled, walked and pushed Rex's pumpkin up the planks on to the trailer. There was also another pumpkin on there weighing 102kg so now there was 222kg of pumpkin on the trailer. Both were centred over the axle for easy handling but there was one thing wrong – none of them were mine.

Rex's secret for growing up from 45kg last year to 120kg this year – well he's not saying.

If some of you passed the Māpua Tavern, you would have seen the venue surrounded by hay bales set up to give a country theme and safety. Mitre 10 Mega Store provided a Hi-ab truck to lift the heavy pumpkins to the scales. The Māpua Hall fund raising committee provided a barbeque and there was a non-stop chocolate wheel going.

Wildlife at the wharf

A Leopard Seal has been lounging at the Wharf over the last week or so, on the floater. Its teeth are quite fearsome and approaching it is not recommended.

The gate access has been kept closed while it is in residence.

Despite it being from Antarctica, the sign on the gate tells us that it is not unusual for the odd one to hang around in other areas.



Auckland marina I think had one for a while that became a bit of a nuisance.

Hopefully it will have departed by the time wharf-jumping season starts.

The chocolate wheel was sold out by 6pm with all those prizes donated by club members or sponsors, and again all money raised donated to the Māpua Hall Fund.

Despite that blonde lady on the TV One weather telling us we would have a fine day it started raining about 2pm and never stopped so the number of pumpkins brought to the Weigh In was down this year. Most of the volunteers got wet but sometimes you do. Standing outside watching the weigh in could be called wet fun?

This year's winner was Waimea College with 170.5kg, 2nd was Brook Syndicate with 144.5kg which also won the Ugly Fugly prize for the ugliest pumpkin, and I've got to say it was ugly, 3rd heaviest Rex Dasler (he's still talking about it, but he did shout), average weight Jack Davis. Up to 50kg the Shoiz Family. Prettiest pumpkin was Benjamin Munro. Arty Farty prize for Kathryn Barlow. Children's Arty Farty by Tyler and Emma Taffe. Children's Best Dressed was Jack Munro.

Growing a giant pumpkin takes 6 months, right from the investigation on where to plant, the right soil, watering, shade to stop your over watered pumpkin from exploding in the heat of the summer sun, pruning the vine so all the goodness goes just to the pumpkin.

All this requires much boasting and interaction with friends and other growers. Sadly, with the dry summer my pumpkin never got past flowering. One person said he never grew a pumpkin because the cost of watering was too much with the recent increase in TDC water rates!

Allan Rankin who is the agricultural tutor at Waimea College says it was a lot of fun for the kids and challenges other colleges to better it next year.

Fred Cassin





Coming Up

4th Oct

Altitude Studio Show Case

17th Oct

Stand Up Comedy

7th Nov

Rubber Biscuit Blues Band

8th Nov

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28th Nov

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News from Māpua Bowling Club

Who knows the location of Māpua Bowling Club? Some of you, yes, but there are plenty of people in the village that don't. And we would love to meet you as we embark on a new season. Follow the track by the side of the tennis courts and there we are on a corner of the domain with plenty of car parking space. There is a sign on Aranui Road, notably small and easily missed!

Current members are hoping that it doesn't rain on Saturday 20th September so that the first bowls of the season can be played on a green that is looking exceptional for the time of year. We welcome new members all through the year. Come to watch or come and have a go, any time. The Club has all the equipment required.

Roll-up sessions are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting around 1.15pm. There is also a session of Leisure Bowls on Monday evenings starting at 5.45pm. This will kick off at the beginning of November when the evenings are lighter.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the Clubhouse and facilities please call Secretary Di Blanchet (540 2627), email blanchet.tadmor@xtra.co.nz or check out our website or Facebook page.

Sue England

Māpua Spring Plant Sale

Thanks to the Māpua Community for generous support

The sun shone, it was a lovely calm day, and the Old Church Hall and grounds were full of a wide range of plants, tubs and garden tools, for the 2025 Māpua Spring Plant sale held on 20th September.

Once again there was a line of keen gardeners by the time the gates opened on Saturday morning.

It was heartening to experience the goodwill generated in the community, as people generously potted up plants and cuttings, and then equally generously came along to buy up what others had produced.

Several people shifting from large properties donated tubs, plants and tools. Many people volunteered their time to plan, promote and prepare for the sale, plus assist on the day. Local businesses provided support for the event in a variety of ways.

While the total funds are being finalised, over \$3,000 in sales and donations was taken. This year the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust is giving the proceeds of the event to support Kids Club, a new after-school community initiative due to start in October.

A huge thank you to the following businesses for their support of this event:

Ketrax for poster and flyer design
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Māpua Craft Group

At our 5th September meeting we made the decision to share our collection of craft materials and books with the "Kids Group" starting in early October. We have been asked to help with this after school weekly at the church.

As acrylic yarn is more cheaply available, we are considering making lined blankets for babies and children.

We spoke about our memories of the Māpua Hall which is soon to celebrate 80 years. Do you recall flower festivals, indoor bowling, table tennis, weddings and anniversaries?

Celebrations at the hall will take place on Friday the 17th of October at 6pm.

As many of us now correspond by email and texts, we are making fewer cards but for special occasions it is nice to give and receive cards. The Māpua Library has cards that we have made for sale with the funds raised going to the library. Nearer November and December, we will make some Christmas cards.

The Māpua Hall Makers' Market on 7th September displayed some very creative ideas, especially the items on the Hospice sales table. There are some very talented people in Tasman!

Our meetings for October in the Māpua Church meeting room are on the 3rd and 17th at 10am till noon. Bring your creative ideas and enjoy a chat over morning tea!

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Travel with Becks

A world of inspiration: What's on the travel drawing bard this month

One of the things I love most about working in travel is seeing the variety of journeys people dream up. No two trips are ever the same, and each itinerary reflects the



personalities, milestones, and hopes of the people behind them. This month has been a perfect example of how diverse travel can be, and I thought I'd share some of the itineraries currently in the works. Perhaps they'll spark some ideas for your own travels.

Island celebrations

For one family, the Cook Islands is the chosen backdrop for a milestone birthday. Ten days split between Rarotonga and Aitutaki offers the perfect balance of ease and adventure: lush green interiors, turquoise lagoons and time to simply unwind with loved ones.

Annual escapes

For another group, the annual boys' holiday takes them to two contrasting but equally vibrant beach destinations: Phuket and Goa. Two weeks of sun, food and camaraderie make this an anticipated tradition that's as much about connection as location.

Once-in-a-lifetime journeys

Some birthdays call for something truly epic. A three-week African safari is in motion for a milestone celebration, weaving together game drives, cultural encounters and the thrill of spotting wildlife in its natural habitat. It's the kind of experience that becomes part of family storytelling for generations.

Family adventures

Travel with children adds its own flavour. A family of four is set for three weeks in Northern Vietnam and Koh Samui, combining bustling cities, rich cultural traditions and the slower rhythm of island life. The mix ensures excitement for the kids and downtime for the parents.

European dreams

A four-week itinerary through Europe is highlighted by a Viking River Cruise in Portugal. The trip blends the magic of the Douro Valley with time in European capitals, balancing immersive cruising with the flexibility of city stopovers.

Rail and road

Another couple are taking advantage of Earlybird's and heading on a Wendy Wu train journey from Singapore to Bangkok, then continuing independently to explore Chiang Mai and Thailand's islands. This three-week blend of

structured touring and self-guided discovery brings both confidence and freedom.

Island hopping with a twist

Finally, a mother and teenage daughter are heading to the Philippines for two weeks of island hopping. With its stunning beaches, snorkelling, and cultural contrasts, it's the kind of trip that strengthens bonds while creating lifelong memories.

Every trip starts with a spark of inspiration. Sometimes it's a celebration, other times a long-held dream or simply the desire to get away. If reading these itineraries has




stirred your own ideas,

why not start a conversation about what your next adventure could look like?

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Local Pool Company makes a splash at the 2025 NZ SPAS Awards

Bay Pools Nelson Ltd, the Upper Moutere based Pool Company, has received top honours at the 2025 SPASA NZ awards event in Auckland. Company Designer, Liz Collet, has taken home the Gold Award in Pool Design. This being just one of 24 awards earned by the Mayfair Pools and Spas Group making it the most awarded Pool building company in NZ for 2025.

"Liz has been a driving force in elevating our Companies profile and pushing the creative boundaries in pool design. This Gold award is a testament to her vision and dedication to delivering results for our clients – she is the quiet achiever, often behind the scenes, ensuring we provide the best of service to our clients. It's recognition she truly deserves," said Craig Collett, Director of Bay Pools Nelson Ltd – Licenced builders of Mayfair Pools and Spas in Nelson/Tasman and Golden Bay.

Bay Pools Nelson Ltd were also finalist in the Residential and Commercial Renovation of the Year categories.

Hosted by the Swimming Pool and Spa Association of NZ (SPASA NZ), the annual awards celebrate excellence in pool and spa design, construction, innovation and customer service across the country.

"Being recognised on a national stage is a huge honour for our team," said Craig.

"This reflects our passion for creating custom, high quality pools that enhance our client's lifestyle."

Bay Pools Nelson Ltd were also awarded the Gold for Mayfair Agent of the Year at the Mayfair Company Awards in July.

Craig and Liz were first offered the opportunity to take up the Licence to build Mayfair Pools two years ago and considering their combined backgrounds, in engineering and architecture respectively, it seemed the perfect chance to combine their skills into their own business. The ability to design and create pools, rather than just install them, appealed greatly.

"Mayfair are a New Zealand Company that have been building Pools and Spas for over 50 years, and we love the idea that we can design and build pools that are unique to our client's lifestyle and environment.

The Mayfair system combines the latest technology to construct fibreglass pools on site that are insulated for enhanced energy efficiency, sustainable and built to last. From small plunge pools to full commercial projects – any shape, any size, anywhere, that is the Mayfair point of difference."

The Company also specialise in Pool repairs and renovation. "There is no greater satisfaction than breathing life back into a tired, leaky old pool. The flexibility of the fibreglass systems allows us to restore and modernise any type of pool back to the heart of the home again," said Craig.

Bay Pools Nelson Ltd also offer a full pool valet and maintenance service.

"We wanted pool owners to have the best after-care for their pool, to protect their investment and ensure the longevity of their pool. So, the valet service and maintenance arm kind of evolved from wanting to provide that on-going pool support. We are fortunate to have Brad Reichert on the team who has been a pool technician for

over 20 years. We secretly think he has pool water pumping through his veins! - he has a real passion for his craft, his attention to detail and customer service is next level.

He will be the guy donning a wet suit at 8.30am in mid-winter, jumping into a pool to find that annoying little leak!"

With the swim season rapidly approaching contact the Team and discuss your pool ideas – whether big or small, renovation or new build, maintenance issue or Valet Service – they cover it all!

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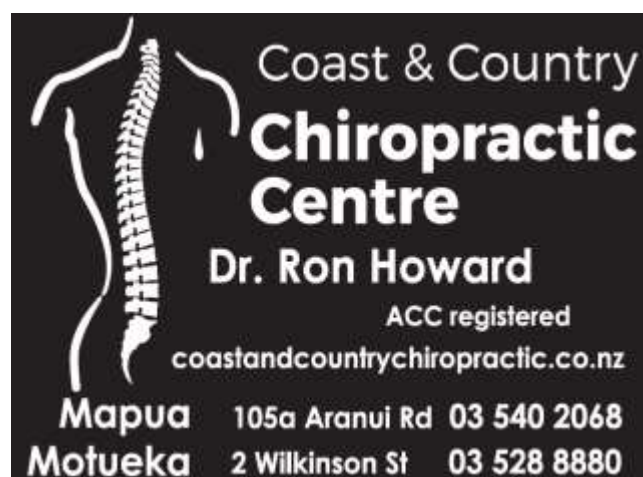
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This month, we're shining the spotlight on the friendly face who greets you at the front desk of Vetlife Māpua, our wonderful receptionist, Jeannie. Known for her warm welcome, quick wit, and genuine care for both people and their pets, Jeannie is a much-loved part of the local animal care team.

In this chat, she shares what she loves most about her role, her surprising superpower of choice, and why she's never looking back after swapping the UK for life under the Māpua sun.



What do you enjoy most about working at Vetlife Māpua?

I love being a part of the Māpua community, getting to meet and serve the people who choose to make it their home.

Is there a particular animal you enjoy working with the most? Why?

I mean kittens and puppies are of course delicious, but I love seeing the pets that we look after regularly because you feel like you really get to know their personalities.

What aspect of your job gives you the most satisfaction?

I enjoy going the extra mile in helping people care for their animals. I think living in a small community it's about looking after each other in a way that's very kiwi and probably isn't possible in a bigger town or city.

What do you appreciate the most about working and living in this region?

Coming from the UK, the sunshine for sure! Bring. On. Summer!!!!



What was the first pet you owned?

He was a lovely tabby cat, Tigger. The second in a long line of cats owned by my family growing up but in all likelihood the best birthday present I've ever received.

If you could choose any superpower, what would it be?

I think invisibility. Think of the fun you could have....

What's your go-to Karaoke song?

**checks her Spotify playlists* It would depend on my mood but you can't go wrong with something by The Beatles (she says, pretending not to have the musical maturity of a small child with terrible taste in music).*

What's one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

My husband and I moved here 16 years ago with our two gorgeous little girls, having never set foot on New Zealand soil before and we are grateful and thankful every day.



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Book Reviews: *Amsterdam* and *Atonement* - by Ian McEwan

As the husband of the lovely lady who organises the book review roster for the Coastal News, my annual turn is not entirely a matter of personal choice. With a gun to my head and the instruction, "Nothing trivial mind," I needed a couple of significant books to review this month.

After listening to a radio review extolling the virtues of Ian McEwan, and being a McEwan virgin, I dipped into a small portion of his work—two novels. He has written twenty.

My little sampling has already been devoured by many devotees of our Māpua library, but the consumption rate has tailed off in the last year or two. If you haven't read any of this author's work, there is a potential treat sitting on our library shelves.

Amsterdam, published in 1998, is a short novel. By two pages in, I realised that this man can really write. The economy of his writing, the clever characterisation and the density of the imagery demand attention. Ultimately, the clever interplay between morality and action, carries the narrative.

Mollie, a loveable but rather promiscuous woman is really the central character, even though deceased. Her memory strongly influences the actions of, and outcomes for, two of her former lovers.

The final twist in the tale/tail is clever and subtle. After reading McEwan's second book, I suspect a late and unexpected surprise may be a feature of his novels.

Amsterdam was donated to our library by the late Margaret Mahey. I think she had a rough idea what good writing looked like. As the novel also won a Booker prize, others clearly agreed.

Following the publishing of McEwan's early novels, he was nicknamed Ian Macabre and, in both novels reviewed

here, there is still a hint of that. While there are also lighter moments there is, at best, an absence of joy in the end.

Atonement is a lengthier novel and was made into an Oscar winning film starring the delightful Kiera Knightly and James McAvoy. The tone and style in this novel initially reminded me of the works of Jane Austin.

In a privileged, late 1930s setting, with the expectation of good manners and proper behaviour, human failings and desires become more important in setting the direction of the story. Briony, a twelve-year-old girl with an over-active imagination, fuelled by a teenage sense of morality and hurt, makes a fateful call to report something that she wants to believe she has seen. This has dire consequences for others.

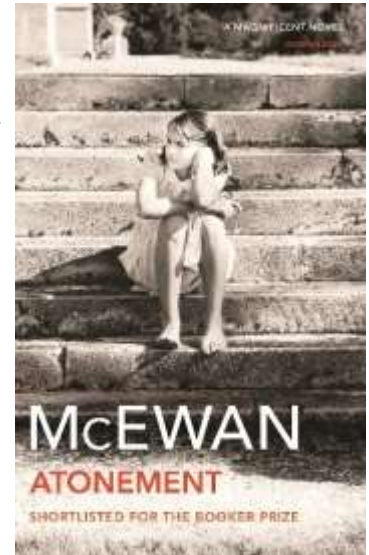
World War Two was a period of great upheaval and the call to duty had both men and women supporting the war effort in some capacity. This certainly applied to the

leading characters in the novel and while events of the past remain an undercurrent, a significant unravelling of the narrative, focuses on their wartime involvement.

The final chapter is set many years after the main body of the story and, at first, seems to be the uneventful reflections of an aging Briony. Keep reading. It is much more than that.

I am hopeful that McEwan's latest novel *What We Can Know* published in 2025, will soon be on the shelves of Māpua library.

Reviewer Richard Bullock



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Community Wellbeing Trust

Drop-In Centre: The Wellbeing Trust is currently 3 months into the 6-month trial period for the Drop-In Centre. We have one session per week on a Friday from 2-4pm in the Māpua Hall. The Drop-In sessions offer an opportunity for folk to come in, have a chat over a cuppa and meet others.

The Trust have a team of volunteers rostered each Friday (2) who can help you find a particular service or group, and who collate information regarding services and other queries raised.

We have started compiling a local directory of services which will be uploaded to the Found Directory, a Nelson / Tasman specific online directory of services (www.found.org.nz). Longer term it is hoped that more services can be attracted to Māpua to better serve community needs.

Click & Connect: Our technical support sessions in the RSA room adjoining the Library are very popular. We have a number of volunteers helping with the various mobile phone or computer issues which come in. It runs on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4pm and has been operating for 9 weeks now.

The Trust are currently considering a number of options to increase engagement with the Drop-In Centre, potentially combining it with Click & Connect and may start offering weekend availability. We have also trained a number of volunteers as 'signposters' – essentially locals who can help you find or access services locally, e.g. sports and activities; health providers etc. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to how these services can best be accessed.

District Health Nurse: The Trust and the Hills Community Church partnered last year to set up afternoon Health Nurse clinics twice a week where folk, by appointment, get attention for their individual health needs. This continues to be well attended.

Youth initiatives: Hills Community Church are setting up a community wide children's after-school programme on Thursdays, to begin at the start of Term 4.

Hills Community Church and the Wellbeing Trust envisage senior students in this programme mentoring younger ones and these senior students will hopefully be the seeds that grow the programme to include youth in the next few years.

The Trust are keen to support this positive initiative and profits from this year's Plant Sale will go to support this programme.

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Māpua Fire Brigade



Aug to Sept 25 call outs

- 20 Aug 15:30 House fire on Pah St, Motueka, not needed, turn back.
- 23 Aug 18:20 Call to backyard fire off Aranui Rd, nothing found.
- 26 Aug 13:17 Medical at Māpua Mall, assist ambulance.
- 27 Aug 14:35 Two car crash SH60 near Apple Valley Rd, assist with persons and road control.
- 30 Aug 01:45 Cardiac arrest Seaton Valley, CPR. Only 3 fire fighters on this call.
- 11 Sept 16:43 Cardiac arrest off Marriages Rd, stood down.
- 20 Sept 14:38 Unattended fire on the beach at Pine Hill Reserve, crew put fire out. Make sure you have put your fire out fully when you leave. Short crewed.

Call outs for the year = 66

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

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

Short crew: a crew for a fire engine is an Officer, a qualified driver/ pump operator and at least two fire fighters, total of four but up to six. At least four are BA wearers, Cylinders / masks.

We have 3 vacancies at the Fire brigade.

We have been responding short crewed to some call outs. If you are available daytime and have the time to help your community we would like to hear from you. Come and see us on any Thursday night after 7pm. 3 Iwa St, Māpua. Or call the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Aaron Thawley on 0274 275 813



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Ruby Coast Running Club

With the arrival of spring it has been farewell to our head torches and extra layers and welcome to pleasant running conditions for our Thursday evening 5km events. We have continued to have a good turn out each week and we also have a new course to add to the mix.

The course was devised by one of our regular runners, Rob, as a good option on wet evenings as the whole course is on hard surfaces and so can be run without getting wet feet.

The new course was popular and so will likely be added to the rotation and not just kept for wet evenings. We now have a total of eight different 5km courses around Māpua, all starting and finishing at the Māpua domain.

Our runners have been involved in a number of local events since our last report.

Near the beginning of August there was the Dovedale Hill run. This is a popular regular event on the running calendar and was particularly special this year.

As it was the 50th anniversary of the event there were medals for all finishers. This was an extra incentive, not that our keen runners needed it.



On 23 August our runners had a choice of events: the Aniseed Ascent and the Motueka Sprig & Fern 10km.

The Aniseed Ascent is a new event this year and, as the name suggests, is a hill run in the Aniseed Valley. There are two course options, 10km and 20km, both of which involved a lot of uphill and a lot of downhill. Our runners all opted for the longer 20km course. It was a challenging run but had the novelty factor of being set in private land

which we would not normally have the opportunity to run in.

The Motueka Sprig & Fern 10km, held on the same afternoon, was also well attended by our runners. All of our runners ran well and enjoyed the scenic course which follows that path around the Motueka inlet.

On 6 September we had several teams enter the Milnes Beatson Motueka to Māpua Relay organised by the Waimea Harriers.

This fun event involves a relay along the Great Taste Trail. The 26km course 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.

We had one team of four, several two person teams running two legs each and a solo runner running the entire course. Everyone ran well and enjoyed the fun event as well as the well-earned refreshments at the prizegiving at the Sprig & Fern Māpua where a number of our teams were lucky to win spot prizes.

If you would like to join our regular Thursday 5km event, we meet each week in front of the playground by Māpua Hall. We start at 5:15pm for walkers and runners that need more than 30 mins to complete 5km, and 5:30pm for everyone else. Four-legged walking or running buddies and strollers welcome.

There is no need to register in advance and no fees to pay – just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing. Then join us for well-earned refreshments at the Māpua Sprig & Fern afterwards.

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



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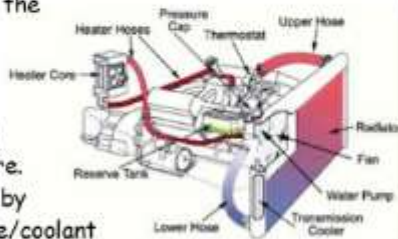
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An engine's lifespan is very dependent on a car's cooling system. When a car overheats the resulting damage is often severe enough to require an engine overhaul. It is important to make sure the cooling system is always in good working order. Taking a few preventative measures may significantly increase the life of an engine.

The main function of the cooling system is to carry heat away from the engine to maintain the desired operating temperature. This is accomplished by circulating antifreeze/coolant throughout the engine. The heat generated is transferred to the antifreeze/coolant and carried to the radiator to be cooled.



Modern vehicles operate in a wide variety of atmospheric temperatures, from well below freezing to well over 37°C. The fluid used to cool the engine must have a very low freezing point, a high boiling point, and it must be able to transfer heat.

Because water holds heat, freezes and develops rust readily, it is very important an adequate amount of antifreeze is within the cooling system to reduce the possibility of the engine overheating or freezing. Antifreeze also contains additives to prevent rust and corrosion.

The temperature of the coolant can sometimes reach 121-135°C, even with antifreeze added these temperatures would boil coolant. To prevent this the cooling system is pressurised to around 14-15psi, effectively raising the boiling point by approximately 8.3°C.

Preventative maintenance includes regularly checking:

1. Radiator condition
2. Coolant/antifreeze condition
3. Coolant leaks
4. Coolant hoses condition
5. Water pump drive belt condition
6. Cooling fan operation
7. Pressure cap condition
8. Thermostat operation
9. Coolant reservoir level



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On 13th September, 9 of our members held a mini exhibition at Greenmeadows (Stoke) to celebrate Arts Week and promote our pastel groups.

Visitors were sporadic – weather was terrible – but we were kept busy answering questions and manning the “Have a Go” table where people could try out the pastels and papers. Steve Lampard was kept busy demonstrating all day. A marathon effort.



Serena is going to give us a demonstration on making pastels on the 30th of this month. Unfortunately for her she dropped her box of pastels, but now she has plenty of material for her demonstration.

As people return from holidays and sickness, the place is buzzing on a Tuesday morning.

Don't forget our display wall at the Hall where paintings are for view and/or sale.

We also have members who are exhibiting in the Tasman National Art Awards so do go and visit this prestigious event at the Māpua Hall. On until 4th October.

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

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

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



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Our latest news & adventures



Enhanced Taskforce Green Extended

Whenua Iti Outdoors has been engaged by the Ministry of Social Development to deliver the Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) programme, managing two clean-up crews in Tasman's flood recovery. The ETFG is a government-funded initiative supporting communities in the wake of major emergency events. The ETFG initiative employs eighteen job seekers split into two teams to contribute to the recovery and clean-up efforts over an initial 12-week period. It is expected that the ETFG teams will assist over 24 properties in the region.

Mark Bruce-Miller, CEO of Whenua Iti was pleased to be part of ETFG - "In times like these, it's essential that we come together as a community to support one another. We see this initiative not only as practical support for the region but also as a powerful opportunity for the new employees to develop into high-performing teams. We want these individuals to feel they are part of something meaningful. The recovery ahead will take time and it won't be easy. At Whenua Iti, we believe in role modelling values that contribute towards supporting and uplifting both each other and our wider communities. This taskforce is one way we can help foster that spirit of collective responsibility and community."

The Minister for Social Development, Louise Upston, visited flood-affected properties in Tasman recently and announced that funding for the ETFG has been extended through to December.



ETFG members clearing silt from a flood-affected property

Applications open for 2026 Trades

Whenua Iti Outdoors in conjunction with Top of the South (TOTSTA) and West Coast (WCTA) Trades Academies deliver a range of programmes for Year 11 - 13 students. Programmes are zero cost to students from TOTSTA and WCTA partner schools. Applications are now open for 2026.

Get in touch with your school's trades academy coordinator for more information or head to our website - wio.org.nz

NCEA changes to Outdoor Education

Whenua Iti is deeply concerned by the Ministry of Education's recent announcement that Outdoor Education will be removed from the senior school general subject list, reclassifying it solely as a limited vocational option to be developed by a future Service Industry Skills Body.

Our 2024 research demonstrates the importance of Outdoor Education for students. Over 650 school aged respondents said that Whenua Iti's Outdoor Education programmes helped them develop the seven core 'Employability Skills' that MoE say future employers are looking for on careers.govt.nz

Changes to NCEA are intended to be phased in between 2026 -2030 beginning with the establishment of 'Industry Skills Bodies' next year.

Outcomes that work
 2024 Post-course survey results

- 91% Had a positive impact on their attitude
- 86% Helped their communication skills
- 83% Helped develop teamwork skills
- 83% Improved their ability to be organised and prepared
- 82% Helped them want to learn
- 84% Improved their decision-making skills
- 86% Felt more able to cope with new situations



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PowerTalk Tasman: Develop speaking and communication skills in a friendly supportive environment. Club meets 6.30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis Hospital grounds, Courtney St, Motueka. Supper provided. Info: Tristan 020 40994255 / Sue 021 533350

Māpua Tennis Club – Open Day Sunday 12 October. See advert p18 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ruby Coast Running Club: 5k run Thursday nights 5:30pm. Also runs most mornings. Find us on Facebook or contact 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). All most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Info: coastalgarden.group@gmail.com

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

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

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