

# Coastal News

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## Community Association

### Community Preparedness Planning:

Roger Ball from the Nelson Emergency Management Office spoke about potential hazards to the Mapua community. Being relatively low lying, flooding could come from heavy rainfall run-off combined with high tides. Tsunami flooding could occur from earthquakes almost anywhere in the Pacific Ocean. Local earthquakes could cause extensive damage. Mr. Ball emphasised the importance of each family having an emergency supply of food & water to survive at least 3 days, and for the community to organise a local preparedness scheme. He provided emergency checklists to take away. Further preparedness planning will be discussed at the next regular meeting on December 10.

### Old Mill Walk Seawall:

Bruno Lemke expressed his concern and frustration at the apparent TDC decision to forego any further extension of the seawall until next year and only then after another resource consent process. Those attending agreed that urgent action was needed without delay. Erosion of what remained of the walkway reserve escalated with each storm. A motion was passed requesting the TDC to move the seawall project forward at the quickest possible pace to complete that final segment.

### Waterfront Park:

Final earthworks are underway, and the area will be turned over to the TDC hopefully early next year. Copies of the Council approved E2 plan of October 2002 were circulated,

and a Waterfront Park Working Group was formed consisting of Elena Ilalio, Hanne Bjorklund & Kathy Trott.

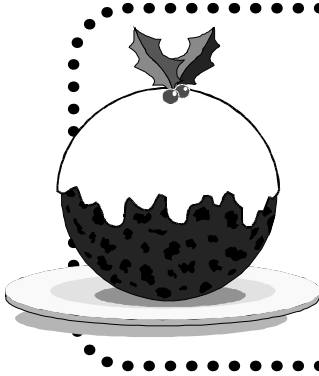
### Strengthening Families - Mapua:

Helen Bibby reported on a very successful Strengthening Families event at the Mapua Domain on October 25th. At the event Celia Lashlie spoke separately to village youth and will provide feedback from this at a final meeting of the SF Group at Mapua School, 6:30pm December 6th. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

### Village Domain:

Rebecca Patchett reported on the recent Community Domain meeting. A wide cross-section of the community attended and indicated a strong interest in the Domain and its various uses. The Mapua Hall Committee indicated they wish to be involved in planning initiatives and to establish liaison with the Domain Group. The suggestion for "bollard style" fencing along the roadway entrance to stop vehicles being driven onto the Domain met with a positive response. An executive working group was elected: Rebecca Patchett, Nadienne Cookson, Bridget Wild, George Ballentyne, Anna Caswell & Pam Stinton-Whetnall.

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The Coastal News team wishes all its readers, contributors and advertisers their very best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Community Association *contd.*

### **Highway 60 Kerbing:**

Transit NZ has installed concrete kerbing from Warren Place to Ruby Bay to effectively delineate the roadway and footpath – a much needed safety measure finally in place.

### **Long Term Planning:**

Devin Gallagher (Chair) and others met with TDC staff members in October to discuss TDC long term planning options for the Mapua area, covering a wide variety of future planning issues. Some present and future zonings have been deferred until adequate and appropriate infrastructure is in place, i.e. water, sewerage, storm water, roadways etc. They agreed to keep the community better informed of TDC planning decisions and issues, better communication being a key to better outcomes.

The Association will ask Planner Rose Biss and her staff to create and present a structure plan for the Mapua community at an open forum community meeting.

### **Aranui Trust Subdivision Resource Consent:**

In view of the lack of time for members to consider the subdivision proposal prior to the deadline, the executive committee had made a submission subject to ratification, which was given.

### **Parking Outside 4-Square Shop:**

Steve Elkington replied to a letter asking TDC to restrict parking on Aranui Road between the entry and exit to Mapua Store. He suggested parking be reduced to one from the existing two. The feeling of those present was for a combination of a motorcycle park and no-stopping lines. Cr. King suggested a letter of reply stating this and requesting TDC proceed with the consultation process proposed in Mr. Elkington's letter.

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# Good News for Mapua Hall

Some good news to report – we have just received a letter from the Canterbury Community Trust confirming a donation towards the replacement of the Hall chairs and tables. This money together with generous grants from the Tasman District Council, Mapua Business Association and a dollop from our own funds will go a long way to replacing the ageing chairs and tables.

Unfortunately due to pressure on the available funds that the Canterbury Community Trust had available in this round, we didn't quite get the total amount required to meet our "wish list". Now the Hall Committee will have to decide how best we can meet the need to comfortably seat the hall users from the amount we have to spend.

It has been suggested that some members of the community might want to donate a chair or table to the

Hall, if so we would be delighted to hear – please contact myself or any Committee member if you wish to do this. We will, of course, recognise any such donation in a suitable fashion.

We now await, with fingers crossed, the outcome of our application for a grant to carry out a Feasibility Study on how we might proceed with the future of the Hall as a hub for the activities of the local community.

STOP PRESS – we have just been advised that the application to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund for the above Feasibility Study has been successful. Now we have to get that under way – part of the process will involve the community to assess the local support for the outcomes recommended in the Study.

Congratulations to all those involved in the recent "Oklahoma" fair – well done.

*David Murray, Chair*

## Coastal Garden Group

For our last formal meeting of the year had a record attendance of 59. Various business matters were quickly dealt with before members signed up for our Christmas bus trip.

The club welcomed back Peter Glue to talk to us about water features. An entertaining talk also gave some good advice. Water features are good for sound effect, different plants and for wildlife and can be varied in size to suit any garden.

Peter explained when an electrician was needed to wire up a pump, how to keep it safe from children and what best to use to seal the containers. He spoke about proportion and style so that the feature fits its environment. Several ideas on how to keep the water clean were mentioned and also a reminder that evaporation is a major problem in our sunny climate. Peter had several pots and stones and self-contained features to show us and we appreciated him coming out to see us once again.

After afternoon tea Max gave us a few tips for the month ahead which included preparing the garden for the dryer months by mulching where needed. He had a few tips for planting up water lilies and reminded people of the benefits of using aspirin in the watering can. Barry also recommended giving peonies a feed with potato manure.

As usual at this time of year our competition table was a riot of colour with peonies, poppies, roses and rhododendrons adding to the drama.

The committee would like to say thank you to all our members who have provided afternoon teas over the course of the year and to those who arrive early and stay behind to help set up and clear the supper room after our meetings. It is much appreciated.

The club's Christmas outing is in December and then we take a break for the summer returning in February. We wish all our members a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable summer time and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

## Garden Notes

May I take this opportunity to wish all *Coastal News* readers the very best for the festive season.

This is the time when you can enjoy those new potatoes, green peas, thinnings of carrots, etc—the fruits of your labour. But your work is not quite done yet. December is the time to lift tulips and hyacinths before the tops are quite dead. They should not be exposed to the sun.

Daffodil bulbs that have ripened off can now be lifted, dried and cleaned, ready for replanting at the end of January. If left in the ground, all decayed foliage should be removed and holes left by such be filled with soil to minimise infestation by narcissus fly.

In the fruit garden, thinning of all trees should be done now so you will have larger fruit to pick later. In the veg patch, the sowing of beans can be done for two months yet. Celery, leeks, carrots still.

General: where water is in good supply the ground should have a good soaking when required, not a lot of light sprinkles which dry right away and do no good at all. A light hoeing can do as much good as a watering as this allows the air free entrance.

So until February, have a safe and a blessed time with family and friends.

*Barry Highsted*

## Coastal Connections

We met at the “Waterfront” in Nelson on a calm and sunny day, welcoming Wendy to our group. Our meals were served promptly and were delicious; some members also had luxurious desserts. The view over the sea from upstairs in the restaurant is spectacular and well worth a visit for lunch or dinner.

We exchanged magazines, gave Ella our collections of used stamps (please save yours for her or drop them off at 24 Higgs Road) and a “thank you” letter from Faith Wells was read, acknowledging all the knitted items for orphans in Moldova. This year’s number of garments far exceeded that of 2006 – well done everyone.

After lunch, our group went shopping in Nelson and Richmond and took the scenic Princess Drive home. Maybe next month, we will visit the Da Vinci Inventions exhibition in the Nelson Museum. There is a small entry charge to view these, but a reduced rate from 10am until noon.

Our Christmas luncheon on the 13th of December will be at the centre table at “Smugglers” in Tahunanui. We should be seated by 11.30am so that we can order before the midday rush. This venue is another of our most popular places to enjoy our monthly lunch out, and they offer a Greypower discount! You might like to bring a Christmas cracker, wear a special hat or dress in festive colours for a group photograph.

To all our members and friends we wish a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and holiday season. Our luncheons for 2008 will start on the 14th of February – Valentine’s Day. Details will be published in the February edition of the *Coastal News*.

*Reported by Barbara Halse*

## *Christmas in the Park*



The Hills Community Church in Mapua and the Motueka Municipal Band are joining forces on Sunday 16th December to present the second annual “Christmas in the Park” concert in Mapua’s Aranui Park.

The concert will include items from the Motueka Municipal Band and Bays Barbershop Chorus, community singing of Christmas carols and readings by representatives of Hills Community Church.

The venue of Aranui Park has ample free parking, plenty of space for families to spread out with their picnics and for children to run around and play in safety.

There will be a collection during the evening, with the proceeds going to the Motueka Municipal Band to assist with their travel costs to attend the West Coast Brass Bands Association contest in Hokitika next May.

# *Have a Green Christmas*

By Dr Paula Short

Christmas has traditionally been a time to enjoy the company of family and friends and have some time out from our hectic working lives. In recent years though it has become a time of stress and financial strain for many and it certainly has become a time of waste with an ever-growing impact on the environment. Here are five simple things to consider to reduce the impact that your Christmas may be having on the environment:

## 1. Christmas cards

Every year tens of thousands of Christmas cards are given only to be thrown in the bin once the celebrations are over. Consider sending an e-Christmas card (there are plenty of good sites on the net) or just send a Christmas email. If you must send cards choose a brand made from recycled paper and when it's all over once you have received out with the recycling.

## 2. Wrapping paper

Try to buy wrapping paper made from recycled paper sources and reduce the amount you use as much as possible. Save gift wrap and ribbons for reuse next year. Put any paper that is beyond reuse out with the recycling.

## 3. Unwanted presents

Avoid unwanted presents by exchanging wish lists with family members you know always buy inappropriately! When you do get unwanted presents consider donating them to a charity.

## 4. Christmas Lights

Despite the fact that we live in the Southern Hemisphere and it doesn't get dark to 10 o'clock or so around Christmas time, Christmas lights seem to be becoming very popular. If you must have them then turn them off when you go to bed; it will help your power bill as well as the planet!

## 5. Christmas Dinner

If you're anything like my family Christmas dinner has traditionally been a massive affair with everybody stuffing themselves stupid and a lot of food being binned afterwards. This Christmas we will be trying not to buy excessive amounts of food, any waste will be composted and I will not put on two kilos!

Have fabulous green Christmas everyone!

# **Update on Council Activities**

*It's been a busy month for Council staff working on Mapua Ruby Bay projects:*

## ***Engineering***

A successful Open Day on the **Seaton Valley** stream upgrade project was held on Thursday 18 October. Council staff have taken feedback from the public at this meeting and are continuing to consult with affected landowners and other parties. A consent application is proposed to be lodged for these works in December. Physical works are likely to begin in the second quarter of 2008.

Stage 1 of the **Old Mill Walkway** Coastal Protection works is now complete. Staff are engaged in preliminary work required for obtaining resource consents for the next stage of work.

Tenders have now closed for the installation of approximately 3km of new water mains on Seaton Valley Rd, State Highway 60 and through private land. This project will provide security of supply to Mapua and its construction is expected to begin in February and conclude in May.

## ***Environment & Planning***

Staff met with Mapua & Districts Community Association in Richmond on 18 October. On 6 November policy staff attended a Mapua & Districts Business Association meeting to discuss future business needs in Mapua.

Several large subdivision applications in the Mapua village and in the Rural 3 Zone have been keeping Consents staff busy.

Work is proceeding on the future open space area south of the Mapua Wharf.

***The Reserves Manager recently attended meetings with the McKee Memorial Recreation Reserve Management Committee and the Mapua Recreation Reserve Strategic planning Community Services group***

# Animal Health File

Dr. Dave Thurgood, Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Road, Mapua, ph 540-2329

## *Tis the Season to Keep Pets Safe*

With Christmas fast approaching here are a few timely tips on keeping your pets safe and healthy over the holiday season:

### **Chocolate**

Many people are unaware that chocolate is poisonous to dogs due to the ingredient theobromine which they cannot break down. Baking chocolate and dark chocolate are particularly dangerous as they can contain 7-10 times as much theobromine as milk chocolate. The clinical signs of chocolate toxicity include hyperexcitability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhoea and death. If your pet eats some chocolate then ring your vet immediately, if you know how much they have eaten we can calculate the likelihood of toxicity and institute treatment if necessary.

### **Poinsetta**

Poinsetta plants are not toxic to animals but chewing on their leaves can be irritating to the mouth and stomach of the dog or cat that eats it.

### **Tinsels and ribbons**

Cats and kittens often see these as toys to be played with, chewed and sometimes eaten. Once in the gastrointestinal tract they can act as a "linear foreign body" causing the intestine to bunch up around them leading to a blockage. This requires surgery to fix.

### **Beware of overfeeding**

Lots of pets get extra treats over Christmas but please bear in mind that sudden rich diet changes can upset their gastrointestinal tract causing vomiting and diarrhoea. Fatty foods should be avoided as they can cause pancreatitis, which can be life-threatening.

### **Going fishing**

Every summer we have the pleasure of extricating fish hooks from dog's stomachs, noses, ears, lips and tongues. Don't leave old bait on the end of hooks and make sure you stash your fishing line out of reach of your dog.

Take care over Christmas and New Year and remember we are there if you need us. The clinic will be closed on the statutory holidays but a vet will be on duty 24 hours right through Christmas and New Year.



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# Digital Photography Group

Our meeting for November was in the Community Library, where we set up our first photographic display. There will be a further two displays over the next month and everyone is invited to go along and see some of our work. Also included are examples of photographs applied to greetings cards and calendars, which can be purchased from the Group by contacting Dot Siddle on 540-2323.

On the 4th of December, we will meet at the library at 11am to change our display for the last time before going on to Jesters for our Group Christmas lunch.

There will be no meeting in January 2008, but the February gathering will be at Dot's home on the 5th of the month, starting at 1.30pm as usual. The main theme of this meeting will be to discuss the future of the Group and prepare a programme for the whole year. We will also discuss the feedback (if any) from the photographic display in the library at the end of 2007.

Last month's mystery photograph depicted a giant preying mantis mounted on the roof of a building at number 21 Langford Drive, Mapua. It appears to be made from copper and is a fine piece of three-dimensional artwork.

This month's mystery photograph kindly provided by Val Hunter, is another artful creation in the village – but where? We will tell you in the next edition of the *Coastal News*.

*Reported by Mike Halse.*



# Sam's Spam

December

Hello readers! It's so hard to believe that it's almost Christmas – I have been dropping big hints about the latest computer games I want so I hope Santa (AKA my parents) have been listening! If they read the game review below, there is a big hint on my favourite at the moment.

Game review of the month: **Super Mario Galaxy**

Perhaps the most anticipated Wii game yet, Super Mario Galaxy follows everyone's favourite plumber as he ushers in a new era of video games, defying gravity across all the planets in the galaxy. When a creature escapes into space with Princess Peach, Mario gives chase, exploring bizarre planets all across the universe. Since he's in space, Mario can perform mind-bending jumps unlike anything he's done before. He'll also have a wealth of new moves that are all based around tilting, pointing and shaking the Wii Remote.

Console: Wii | Price: \$109.95 | Release Date: 29/11/07 | Ages 8+

Free download of the month: **Yahoo Widgets**

For those of you out there with Windows Vista or Mac OS X, you'll probably be aware of the Sidebar (Vista) or the Dock (Mac OS X). On each of these you can place special "widgets", useful

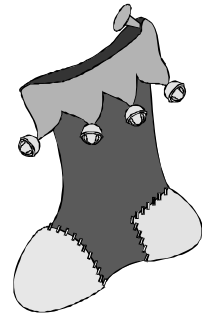
tools to tell you exchange rates, headlines, convert currencies, and even translate sentences, right from your desktop! All you have to do is download them and use them! Yahoo

Widgets provides hundreds of useful tools for you. Some of the more popular ones right now are:

- World clock
- International weather forecast
- Google search
- ShootIt! – this is a rather interesting game tool which allows you to shoot virtual holes in your desktop!

All of these are absolutely free. You can access these great tools by going to <http://widgets.yahoo.com>

Last but not least, I have found a fun site in the internet that tells you how to say Merry Christmas in 350 languages, plus has a countdown clock to Christmas as well so you know exactly how much time you have for last minute shopping! <http://www.flw.com/merry.htm> Hope you all have a merry Christmas and also best wishes for 2008.





# Recreation Group achieves fund goal

The hive of activity is no more! Our Relay for Life fund-raising project has been successfully completed and the whirr of sewing machines around the village has come to an end! Group members have made about 150 eco-bags from donated fabric and webbing and raised over \$1500 for the Relay for Life cancer fund-raising event.

This wonderful achievement is a great example of a community working together towards a common goal. Donations of suitable fabric were called for, and boxes and bags of all patterns and colours began to flood in. A working bee was set up and Hills Community Church hosted groups of fabric sorters, measurers, cutters, ironing champions and keen (and some not quite-so-keen!) seamstresses. So successful was this working bee, that two more were organised and Hills Community Church again volunteered their space to fit everyone in. A big thanks to them.

Group members then carried on measuring, cutting, ironing, sewing and finishing at their own pace and in their own time - some members made more than 20 bags. Each bag was unique and they proved very easy to sell. The first sale was at the Mapua Market in September, many were sold by word-of-mouth and the remainder raced out the door at the Oklahoma weekend in Mapua Hall.

This fund-raiser saw many members of the Group and community contributing fabric, time and/or skills and there are too many to thank individually. If you are one of the generous donors, please accept our thanks and appreciation. Rinny Gordon and Maree Gemmell deserve extra mention for getting this project under way, as does Sharon Kennedy for lots of sewing, co-ordinating and being our main stall-holder at Oklahoma, Mary Wemyss for mass production of bags and Rose Barnes, the logistics co-ordinator and point of contact.

Around all of this bag production we continue to walk each Thursday morning. We put \$2 in 'the tin' each week we walk to fund our special activity of the term with any surplus reserved for Relay for Life. Last term's activity was co-ordinated by Chris and we enjoyed a walk, coffee, round of mini-golf and bbq lunch at Kaiteri. Other events include taking over the Mapua Tavern Restaurant on Melbourne Cup day for fantastic nibbles and a small sweepstake – thanks Judy and Mike for having us! A fantastic array of hats was on display and it was wonderful to see past members, who no longer have Thursdays available for walking, come and join us. Next month we are off to Neudorf Winery for a shared Christmas lunch.

Our group welcomes new members and there is no expectation to come every week. We walk for at least 1½ hours and enjoy a group coffee afterwards. With an average of about 15 walkers each week, we cater for moderate to faster walkers, and we have a little core group of cyclists as well. See the Noticeboard for contact details for both this group and a gentler walking group or ring Janet, 540-3364 to find out the latest on the cycling group.



## Christmas Quote

Christmas carolers  
sing about peace on  
earth, but they don't  
tell us where.

*Unknown*

# PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The club's monthly meeting was held on the 2nd of November at the Village Hall, with the main speaker being Sheila Budgen of the Spirit of Adventure Trust. Her subject was the involvement of teenagers sailing on the square-rigged sailing ship, The Spirit of New Zealand.

The Trust was set up in the early 1970s using the sailing ship Spirit of Adventure. Initially only boys applied for the 10-day training cruise. Since then an increasing number of girls have been applying for the cruise. By 1977 the Spirit of Adventure was sold to a tourist company in Fiji, and was replaced by the Spirit of New Zealand. It is operated by the Sail Training Association. Each training cruise the association employs five permanent crew, four watch leaders, and two cadets.

The Spirit of New Zealand runs 10-day training courses for 16 and 17-year-olds, and 5-day courses for the 13 to 15-year-olds. Apart from a month when the ship goes through an annual service programme, the training courses are operated throughout the year. The student trainees are recruited from New Zealand schools and come from a variety of backgrounds. Apart from learning sailing skills they have the experience of working as a team. In their 10-day trip the majority of students return home excited about various new experiences, new sights, and new friends. Sheila read out a negative report by a teenage girl on her initial experiences of the boat, such as cramped conditions, seasickness, and sleeping in three-tiered bunks. The same girl wrote a second report on the completion of her voyage. This was of her positive experiences, of learning new skills and seeing new areas of New Zealand she never would have seen.

The students have certain restrictions such as the use of cell phones, alcohol, and drugs. Smoking is discouraged. Reports back from some parents have said that they have found a positive improvement in their

children's attitude on completion of the trip, giving them more confidence and self-esteem.

Sheila finished her interesting talk with reference to the Spirit of Tasman Bay Trust, a fund-raising trust to help compensate part of the cost for students from our local district to sail on The Spirit of New Zealand

The club's mini speaker was a founding member, Peter Butchart. Peter gave an interesting 10-minute talk on his life experiences. He was brought up in Hawera and attended Hawera Technical College and later became a boarder at New Plymouth High School.

He did his Compulsory Military training with the RNZAF at Wigram airbase and became a member of the air flight crew. In 1957 he met his wife Margaret in Hawera. His first job was working in a bakehouse. From there it was dairy farming in the Pahiatua and Woodville area. The next business venture was running a 7-day a week dairy in Carterton. From there they moved to Riwaka in 1972, buying a tobacco farm, which they ran until 1980, when the government offered those in the industry the opportunity to sell their licenses. They moved on to growing kiwifruit. Margaret had the job of running the farm, while Peter took on a job working for Tallies Fisheries in the vegetable-processing shed. In 1986 they sold the farm and moved to their present home in Ruby Bay. By then Peter was involved in selling real estate up to 1996. He then bought a fluorescent light tube business, travelling around the district as far south as Kaikoura.

Peter's personal achievements include gaining a private pilot's license in 1976, and a commercial pilot's license in 1981. For many years Peter has organized travel groups for the 41 Club, often travelling with the group to a wide variety of countries.

On the 5th of November 12 club members enjoyed the "Operatunity" daytime concert. They were part of an audience of 652 people from local Probus clubs and retirement villages at the Annesbrook Church Hall. Five talented artists lead by Susan Boland put on a variety of songs including opera relevant to the concert title, "The Last Night of the Proms".

*David Higgs*

# MAPUA Bowling Club

The club's first triples tournament for the season was the Dale Vercoe Triples held on Sunday the 28th of October. There was a good response of entries, with several teams from local bowling clubs. The competition was played over 7 rinks, with a total of 42 bowlers. It was a 9am start and it was fortunate the weather was good.

Results were: Mapua team of Don Sixtus, Allison Brett, and Tony Mcquade with 4 wins, 27 ends, 1; Motueka team of Annett Mcmillan, Doreen Cromer, and Marges Trenteer with 3 wins, 1 draw, and 25 ends, 2; Mapua team of Arnie Ahnfeldt, John Coland, and Les McAlwee with 3 wins, 1 draw and 19 ends, 3. The Ngatimoti team of N. Benseman, M Batt, and T. Rogers won the lucky draw prize

The Enstone Trophy for the triples competition sponsored by Guthry Bowron of Motueka was held on 7 November.. The proceeds were donated to the Foundation for the Blind. There was a full entry of 48 bowlers using all 8 rinks. The competition comprised of 4 games of 10 ends.

Results were: Mapua team of Don Sixtus, Les Mc Alwee, and Harry Jardine, with 4 wins, 27 ends & 48pts, 1; Richmond team of K. Tomlinson, H. Frans, and R.Steel with 4 wins, 21 ends, & 56pts, 2; United team of J. Heeman, M. Gibbons, and D.Hancock with 3 wins, 1 draw, 25 ends & 46pts, 3.

The weekend of the 4th of November was the start of the club championships. The various competitions will be played through out the season. The first results were the men's four's. The winning team being John Coeland, Graham Young, Les Mc Alwee, and Tony McQuade.

The open regional junior pairs competition was held on the weekend of the 10th of November. Representing Mapua was Allison Brett and Don Sixtus. They played 6 games of 16 ends, over twodays at the Richmond Bowling Club. They reached the finals of the plate, being beaten by the Richmond pair.

The season's Monday evening league bowls got away to a good start with a good response of bowlers that were able to form 8 teams of triples. They comprised one ladies team, several mixed teams, and the rest being men's teams. The league bowls group can accept more players. For further details please phone Vickie 540-2960.

*David Higgs*

# Property News

Property values in the Mapua Tasman area are in general holding up and are continuing to sell above their quotable value (GV) – although three Brabant Drive properties recently sold below their GV.

Overall the Tasman property market looks very sound – properties in excess of \$800,000 are taking longer to sell whilst the most active range is the \$300,000 to \$400,000 bracket.

Some current sales are:-

14 Sep Stafford Dr	3 B/R, 809m <sup>2</sup>	\$295,000
12 Oct Tahiti St	1 B/R, 700m <sup>2</sup>	\$361,000
23 Oct Baldwin Rd	3 B/R, 966m <sup>2</sup>	\$330,000
24 Oct Iwa St	3 B/R, 899m <sup>2</sup>	\$380,000
25 Oct Broadsea Ave	5 B/R, 809m <sup>2</sup>	\$430,000

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**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
greetings to you all.**



Just before Christmas, there was an honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus travelling in a lift of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$20 note lying on the floor. Which one picked it up??

Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

# Mapua Village Fair - Oklahoma

**W**e are from Australia – best fair we’ve ever seen,”

“It’s so hard to choose (one display) – it’s a wonderful show,”

“Excellent.”

Just some of the quotes and comments heard around the Village Hall over the weekend of 17th /18th November, a weekend that saw the Hall transformed into a work of art.

More than 1600 people visited the Village Fair and we are sure most went home impressed by the creativity and artistic flair here in our unique area. As well as displays and exhibits from more than 20 local craft groups, social groups and small businesses we were lucky enough to have two singers in the shape of Arch Barclay and Peter Gordon who were ably backed by Pauline Boyd on keyboard. Arch and Peter performed a handful of songs from the musical on both days which helped set the scene. Our auctions of hampers were expertly handled by John Cuttle who made sure people parted with their money with a smile. Thank you to all our participants.

The public were asked to vote for their favourite display in a viewer’s choice competition and this title was won by the Mapua Quilters. The beautiful rocking horses from Paul Trolove vied for second place with the Moutere Rose Society’s ‘Rose Saloon’ (or gambling den), so well done to you all.

The Mapua Show Incorporated committee has been overwhelmed by the messages of support and by the wonderful community spirit shown by all who helped out over the weekend.

Advertising is key to the success of any event and we are sincerely grateful to our sponsors, Canterbury Community Trust, Ray White – Mapua, Tasman District Council, the Mapua/Ruby Bay & District Community Trust, A1 Homes, Mapua Pharmacy, Mapua Auto Centre and Tessa Maes ‘with attitude’

We were also able to offer generous prizes in our raffle thanks to The Village Inn, Mapua Leisure Park, The Naked Bun, Mapua Tavern, The Orangery at Monaco, Tessa Maes – ‘with attitude’, and for contributions to the hamper from 4 Square and Kerstiens.

Such events take many hours to bring all the elements together and we are very grateful to the veritable army of people who helped in so many ways, pushing brooms, mops and dusters, making cups of tea, supplying bales of straw and netting along with various other props, sewing bunting, cutting flowers from their gardens, sourcing US flags, arranging displays and manning exhibits. Our thanks must also go to the spouses of all involved who have brought together carpentry, electrical and sheer manpower just when it was needed. We are proud to be supported by such a wonderful group of people.



# Mapua Health Centre

As we look forward to Christmas and holiday time we expect that our busy health centre is going to get even busier. With the influx of visitors it is important to make sure that arrangements are made in advance for regular prescriptions and to remember to book ahead for non-urgent appointments. For repeat prescriptions it is helpful if you can arrange them by emailing details to our practice manager at [prescription@mapuahealth.com](mailto:prescription@mapuahealth.com). We will be open over the festive season except for the statutory holidays and there will be an emergency after-hours service, as usual, by phoning 540 2211.

We welcome two new staff members who have already started work with our Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) chamber. Bridget is a nurse/operator who will be running the chamber along with Peter who is the technical manager. Bridget comes from working in a surgical ward at Nelson hospital where she has specialised in wound care and Peter has been in charge of the main HBOT unit in Auckland. So we are very fortunate to have their skills added to the wealth of talents already in place at the health centre.

Also, a reminder that Healthline is now available in our area. It is a free telephone health information service where calls are looked after by registered nurses using a computer programme that specifies the recommendations. The telephone triage may include symptom assessment, counselling, home treatment advice, referral, information

provision, disease management and crisis intervention. To call Healthline phone 0800 611 116.

It looks like we are going to have a wonderfully warm summer which means that there is likely to be plenty of UV light to zap our skin and potentially lead to skin cancer if we get over exposed. So please don't forget the sunsmart slogan of slip under some shade, slip into some clothing, slop on some sunscreen and slap on a hat.

Also, summer is a great time to get into a fitness routine, whether walking, cycling, jogging, swimming, gym, sports, etc... If you need some extra help we can provide a 'green prescription' for those interested in starting an exercise programme, which is run by Sport Tasman, and gives personalised support, as well as reduced rates to the gym and pool. Contact our practice nurses for more information.

## The health events for this month include:

- 1 Dec World Aids Day [www.who.org](http://www.who.org)
- 3 Dec International Day of Disabled Persons - Equal opportunities, equal participation
- 5 Dec International Volunteers Day [www.worldvolunteerweb.org](http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org)
- 10 Dec International Human Rights Day [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

As we get closer to Santa's arrival and the chance to take some time off with family and friends we would all like to wish you the very best for a joyful and wonderfully recuperative Xmas and New Year.

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## Nelson Returned & Services Assn Inc.

*(Moutere Hills Branch)*

Our RSA, with approval from Mapua Library Committee, have had made two display cabinets, glass fronted and lockable and placed on the wall either side of the Moutere Hills Roll of Honour Board in the Library Foyer.

We do already have medals collected and given of significance but we will now have room for more to put on show, either given or on loan.

We express our appreciation for donations to pay for the cabinets: McKee Trust, Mapua Ruby Bay Community

Trust and Fruitfed Supplies a branch of Williams and Kettle and PGG Wrightson, Ruby Bay. Ruby Bay Joinery gave us a generous quote and they have hung the cabinets in the foyer. Thank you to all.

These display cabinets will give added significance to this library complex in recognition of Moutere Hills RSA's large contribution for giving the land the Community Library now rests on.

For further enquiries, please contact: Norm Thawley, President or Peter Latter, Secretary.

# Hills Community Church

## *Well, the Wise Men Trudged through Sand, Too...*



This will be my second New Zealand Christmas and I'm well, warming, to the idea. Funny how we can get stuck on the way things are supposed to be. I've heard that until recently a traditional Christmas dinner in New Zealand would be fit for the Queen which of course meant cooking a roast with all the trimmings in a hot, summer kitchen. Seems most folks these days are wisely taking their holiday feast to the beach.

Last year I purchased a topiary frame from the garden centre and a length of pre-lit garland which I wrapped around the frame to create my first artificial (!) Christmas tree. I tried not to get too nostalgic about the many woodland tramps my husband Rod and I took through knee-deep snow to cut down previous year's trees. Then, after a busy afternoon of decorating we'd relax with glasses of eggnog around a blazing fireplace and admire what we declared each year to be "the best tree ever."

However, "cooler" refreshments filled our glasses last year as we admired the finished project and a warm, gentle sea breeze blew through our opened lounge doors. I gave the tree a "Sea & Snow theme" with a nod to both northern and southern hemispheres. Sea shells, snow flakes and other water and ice embellishments adorned the branches. A nautilus shell topped the tree since the box with the "traditional" Christmas star that was supposed to go there had been confiscated by NZ Customs along with the pine-coned covered garland I attempted to ship over (oops!) from the States.

But best of all, the tree went safely into storage after the holidays and all I need to do this year is bring it out of the closet, uncover it, plug it in and hope the lights still work (some things never change).

Yes, Christmases come and go and the way we celebrate them may change with the times and locale. Different faces may surround the Christmas table (or

beach blanket) as new members join the family and others depart.

But some things about Christmas should never change like the wonder that rests in our hearts as we contemplate the reality that God chose to send His very own Son, Jesus Christ, into the world so that for once and for always we could experience the living, breathing presence of God in our lives.

No matter what changes in your Christmas celebration this year, may the Christ always remain.

*Rev Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church*

**December Services** – We celebrate the Advent season with our regular services at 9:00 & 10:45am.

### **Carols in the Park (Aranui Park)**

Sunday, 16 December – 5:30pm

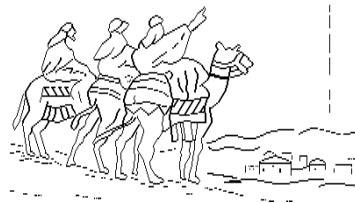
Pack a picnic and bring the whole family for an evening of song and celebration with performances by the Motueka Municipal Band, Barry's Barbershop Chorus and additional holiday entertainment.

**Christmas Eve** - Candlelight Service with Carols & Readings – 9:00pm

**Christmas Day** - Communion Service – 9:00am

**31 December** - Christmas Carol Stories - 10:00am

**Services in January** – 10:00am only





# Mahana School

Another busy month has zipped by, with the main focus being the Moutere Hills Athletics Day held on 10th November. What a great effort the children put in, and it was heartening to see so many parents there in support.

The whole school took part in a Health and Nutrition unit this term focused around healthy lunch options. Nicola Galloway spoke to parents at the school about nutrition and the importance of fuelling young brains with nutrient-dense foods, minimising junk foods, and offered some great lunchbox ideas.

To finish up the term the Mahana School Year 8 students are going on an overnight camping trip at Pinedale Motor Camp in the Whakamarina Valley. They'll be organising their own meals, doing some bush activities, and panning for gold. A great way to end the year, around the bonfire with a bag or three of marshmallows!

We have our school prize-giving coming up at the end of the term and look forward to recognising those students who have done themselves and the school proud. We will be farewelling some senior students taking the next step on the educational ladder, and enjoying a school community catch up with parents and children alike.

Changes are afoot at Mahana School next year. Our principal of 17 years, Rodger Smith, has informed us that he would like to have more time for golf, and has decided to retire at the end of term 1, 2008. The board of trustees is in the midst of the exciting (and somewhat unfamiliar!) process of recruiting a new principal. We are looking for an energetic, visionary, teacher with excellent leadership and management skills (the ability to walk on water also helpful!) to fill Rodger's boots.

That's it for Mahana School for the year, see you all back in Term 1 2008. If you would like enrolment information for Mahana School for 2008 please contact Jenny in the office before the end of term (03) 543 2887.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy holidays,

The Mahana School Board of Trustees – Rodger Smith (Principal), Alan Pumphrey (Chair), Jacqueline Brown, Lynette Roose, Simon Floyd, Karen Hunt, and Kath O'Reilly (Staff Representative).



## Tamaha Sea Scouts

### Guy Fawkes Night

Unfortunately, after some long deliberation we had to cancel this event. I will try to explain why.

The person who does our display has the authority to purchase fireworks at any time during the year. The local business we were buying the fireworks from was happy for him to purchase them prior to the legal selling day but they were overridden by some big boss in Auckland! We were sorry this decision had to be made but it was out of our hands, as there was no other time or venue available that coincided so we could not postpone it. Hopefully we will be back on track for next year.

### Jamboree.

This year, a group of scouts are heading to Christchurch for Jamboree. This Jamboree is probably more significant than most, as scouting has been going for 100 years. We have nine scouts and two leaders attending so I am sure you will join with me in wishing them well. They are busy fundraising at the moment.

As part of the fundraising efforts, the scouts will be selling grocery hamper raffles outside the Mapua 4 Square over the next few weeks.

Our big fundraiser will be a calendar of Mapua in the "Olden Days". They will be available at the end of November (we hope), so please support the scouts. At \$15 they will make great Christmas presents. Thank you to the families that lent us photos. If you have any queries or would like to order one please contact Sue Fox 5402 828.

A big thank you also to the Mapua Ruby Bay Community Trust for their donation of \$350 towards the cost of galvanising the new Cutter trailer. This kind donation was truly appreciated.

Finally a big thank you to our team of dedicated leaders. We really appreciate the time and energy you all put into our children.

We hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year. Take care on the roads and we will see you all in 2008.



# Strengthening Our Village group hosts “Spring Fling”

Mapua Domain was abuzz on Thursday 25th October. Volunteers in the NBS marquee were serving free sausages, home-made lemonade and donated Talleys ice-cream. A group of children was playing an inventive game across the Domain with a large blue ball, others were swinging and sliding on the playground, skaters and BMX riders were making maximum use of the skate park and BMX dirt mounds and two oversize teams were battling out a game of bull-rush and later rippa rugby with Kahu Marfell of Tasman Makos fame. Lots of younger children were enjoying the ground parachute, hoops, cones and slalom course and other wonderful play equipment that arrived with Mike Tasman-Jones and the TDC Way2Go activities trailer.

The happy noise of the community having fun was twice loudly interrupted by John Miller starting up his Renault Dauphin. John has rebuilt/replicated this little car that he raced in the late 1960s, and its size belies its speed and power! Not only did the mechanically minded enjoy the car and its story, but lots of children loved sitting in the seat with its racing harness and steering wheel and admiring the engine alongside their left elbow!

The occasion was the “Spring Fling” and it was organised for all Mapua residents by a group that has been working with Celia Lashlie for the last 18 months on a “Strengthening Our Village” project. This project has involved exploring the challenge of how to ensure that the existing Mapua lifestyle is preserved, built on and offers something for all—as the community grows and its demographic make-up changes.

A key point of interest that has frequently arisen is the need to strengthen the identity for Mapua teenagers as residents of the village. A complicating factor for this group is that once they leave Mapua School, they disperse to six different secondary schools. Celia was interested to discover what the implications of this are, as well as what local teenagers felt were issues relevant to their lives in the village.

After nearly two hours of playing and eating, the teenagers were gathered together by Celia for a discussion with them directly. A big thank you to Mapua Playcentre who provided the venue for this meeting. Earlier in the day Celia had enjoyed a similar meeting with Mapua School senior students. (Thanks also to Mapua School for its support of this project and discussion.) Celia is compiling a report on her discussions that will be presented at the final meeting with her in December.

As the “Spring Fling” wound down and the packing up got under way Celia commented on how generous people were with their time, what a wonderful resource

the Domain is and of how comfortably and easily the village locals of all ages came together and joined in. After lots of positive feedback and many requests, organisers intend to make the “Spring Fling” an annual event.

As well as the people and businesses mentioned above, the organising group also acknowledges the generous support of New World Motueka for their donation of \$50 worth of groceries, Mapua Auto Centre who provided photocopying services, Mapua Women’s Recreation Group who delivered flyers, Pat Perry for her MC skills, and Mapua Boat Club members who helped erect the marquee. Appreciation must also go to Hamish’s Ice-cream Parlour and Café for its support, Dot and Tim Moriarty for their generous donation of delicious O’Neills sausages and to those families who lent their barbecues. Huge thanks to everyone else who was involved in any way, big or small, in making this such a successful event.

The last meeting with Celia will be at Mapua School on Wednesday 12th December at 6.30pm. You are welcome to attend. The key points of her report will be published in the February edition of the Coastal News.

Celia has donated her time, knowledge, wisdom and facilitation skills to this project over nearly two years. Last year she presented her ideas and the information she has gathered on raising boys in a very entertaining and down-to-earth talk, and Mapua Hall was bursting with interested parents and grandparents. Throughout all meetings, she has put out ideas to challenge and inspire thought, debate and discussion and has added her pearls of wisdom along the way. Despite having an extremely busy life and being in demand around the country, Celia has always enthusiastically and willingly contributed to our community. A group who has attended many of the discussions with Celia is organising a hamper to present to Celia at the December meeting as a token of appreciation from the community. If you wish to make a contribution of a small gift or non-perishable food item, please leave it at Mapua School or Mapua Auto Centre before Tuesday 11 December.





# *An open letter to clients of Smythes Lawyers in Mapua and Ruby Bay*

As many of you know I have been working for the Ministry of Justice since December last year and the time I have had available for my private legal practice with Smythes has been limited. As my role with the Ministry has now come to an end, I have made a decision not to return to full-time legal practice.

For me the down side of this decision is that I lose the regular contact I have developed with many of you during the 15 years I have had a weekly office in Mapua. I will miss the people, but not the daily commute from the Moutere to Nelson. It has been a privilege to work with so many of you as you have bought and sold property, transitioned through relationships, and planned for your futures with family trusts and wills.

I am pleased that with my decision to leave Smythes Lawyers they have decided to continue to hold the weekly office in Mapua on Wednesdays and I know that many of you have already met Erika or Ron who have been sharing the staffing of the weekly Mapua office through 2007. If you haven't met them at our new offices call by to say hello – to the left of the pharmacy in the back part of the mall.

I know that some of you are curious about what I will do now. The answer is that I am not yet sure. In the short term – I am organising a blackcurrant festival

and farmers' market to be held at the Moutere Community Centre and grounds (Sarau Festival) on 3 February. Beyond that I hope to become involved in a mixture of work – perhaps some more management, some training work, mediation, arbitration and negotiation work. Then there is editing and writing – who knows what lies ahead?

Finally may I take the opportunity to thank you all for the friendship you have offered – I look forward to continuing to see you as I lurk about the village and hope that you will join us for an afternoon of fun in the Moutere on 3 February!

*Jenny Leith, November 2007*

## **Footnote:**

As the founding partner of Smythes Lawyers I wish to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Jenny for her diligence, friendly style, and professional competence in setting up and maintaining our Mapua office. She will be missed, and we who remain wish her all the best in whatever her future may bring, and undertake that we will use our best endeavours to continue our Mapua legal services at the standard to which you have become accustomed.

*Brian Smythe*

## Motoring with *Mapua Auto*

### MTA Warns Motorists of Snow Tyre Dangers

The Motor Trade Association (MTA) is warning NZ motorists that snow tyres on vehicles in normal road conditions are dangerous, and should be replaced immediately with conventional road tyres.

The MTA warning follows its recent call to Government to ban imports of used snow tyres, and what appears to be a growing trend in motorists fitting them because their increased tread depth exceeds Warrant of Fitness (WOF) minimum levels.

MTA communications manager, Andy Cuming said the usual summer increase in vehicle movement made it particularly important for increased tyre and vehicle safety awareness. "We are sounding this alert in advance of the usual busy holiday period" he said.

MTA recommended Land Transport NZ (LTNZ) ban such tyres at used vehicle import entry, prohibit in used tyre imports and fail at vehicle WOF checks.

LTNZ is studying this in the wake of a number of fatal accidents where the use of snow tyres was cited as a major contributing factor. MTA is urging prompt action on the part of Government, and is also launching its own public awareness campaign. "There is no accurate figure on just how many vehicles would be affected, but our estimate would be some thousands" said Andy Cuming.

The MTA campaign urges motorists to check their tyres. If the word 'studless' or a snowflake symbol is on its side it is definitely a snow tyre. Otherwise tread patterns may look deceptively similar to conventional tyres – but there are very important differences in composition and flexibility. Those with snow tyres or unsure should contact an MTA member for advice.

Andy Cuming emphasised that at the present time snow tyres were legal, but motorists needed to understand that they are designed to operate in very cold conditions and are dangerous in normal NZ road conditions.

"Recent experiences with accidents on NZ roads, and analysis of the results of comprehensive tests, clearly indicate there is a serious problem with these tyres when used in conditions that are found quite normally on NZ roads" he said.

"The average motorist may not be aware they have these specialist tyres fitted, and certainly will not be aware of the unpredictable operating characteristics in certain conditions."

MTA will also encourage NZ Police to check vehicles for snow tyres in the normal course of their vehicle inspections and advise motorists if they are fitted.

Andy Cuming believed that inevitably it would be illegal to have snow tyres fitted to vehicles operating in normal road conditions, and that this would be policed through WOF checks and compliance checks on vehicle import entry.

"In the meantime there is a real need for motorists to be aware of the significant safety risks and seek advice," he said.

There are approximately 4,500 MTA member companies throughout NZ, with distinctive signage to identify their presence in every town.

**Happy & Safe Motoring**

# PANZ

The Nelson Area of PANZ (pastel artists) members have had a very productive year for 2007. A total of seven well attended workshops were held through the year with tutors coming from Golden Bay, Nelson, Wanganui and Australia.

We also held our first Group Exhibition at the Refinery Gallery in Nelson during the month of August. For many of our members, it was the first time they had exhibited their own paintings and it was a great learning experience.

Next year will open with a framing workshop at Mapua Hall with Lance Trollé over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd February. Enquiries for this are to be directed to Angela Sharland 544-0667.

Our first Tuesday morning session will be 5th Feb. Our "Tuesdays" are proving very popular and we have had lots of visitors throughout the year. For \$2 you can come and "try before you buy" to see if you would like pastels as a painting medium, and share a cup of tea or coffee. Feel free to come and visit, talk to members and see what everyone is doing. You may be surprised at what can be done with pastels.

February will also include the "Top of the South" pastel art exhibition, being held in the Mapua Hall. With opening night at 7pm on 22nd Feb, the exhibition will run over Sat 23rd and Sun 24th, opening hours 9am to 4.30pm. Artists will be demonstrating and on hand to answer any questions. All works will be for sale. PANZ members from both Nelson and Marlborough will be exhibiting. Put these dates on your calendar.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe travelling over the holidays. See you in February 2008

All enquiries to Glenys Forbes (convenor) 540-3388

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## Letters to the Editor...



### *Statements challenged*

Jenny Easton of the Tasman District Council uses the term “satisfactory” to describe the Mapua clean-up in her November 07 *Coastal News* article. Her lack of enthusiasm is underwhelming.

Again I have to challenge her statements regarding the Total Hazard Index (THI). It is a complicated, theoretical formula and regardless of the endless recent tweaking, is still quite inaccurate. It will not provide any assurance of health protection simply because they haven't included all the highly toxic chemicals that were in the air based on their own lab results. That ensures that the THI will always be favourably low. If the TDC or MFE can refute this claim or any other that has been made, then please do so.

Jenny's suggestion that high levels of toxic chemicals in the monitoring results were just a “nuisance” and possibly the result of tampering is appalling. Does she think the highly contaminated local snail population was also “tampered” with? Toxic chemicals are a health hazard, not a nuisance. The local residents who were exposed to the carcinogenic cocktail on almost a daily basis deserve a lot more credit than that.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote to mapuadisaster@hotmail.com with their concerns and support. Thank you also to the *Coastal News* staff for their balanced reporting.

*A Dickson, Ruby Bay*

### *Fifteen Months*

Fifteen months has passed since Transport NZ re-activated the State Highway 60 “Ruby Bay By-Pass Roothing Project”. It has been a steady fifteen months of progress, as many of you know from my monthly up-date letters to the *Coastal News*.

I've enjoyed doing these up-dates for a variety of reasons. Not the least being the many calls and letters of support from those who have read my letters. I have also enjoyed the comments of those readers who have written letters to the *Coastal News* about the By-Pass. In particular the barbed humour of Keith Darling. Thank you Keith for keeping us all from getting too serious about it all. It has been a fascinating learning curve for me in gaining a better understanding of what is involved in the planning & designing of a major State Highway Project. Not nearly as simple as I had previously perceived it to be.

This year is ending with the By-Pass Project on track as the independent auditing of both construction costings and safety aspects are due for completion this month. Assuming these audits pass muster, so to speak, Transit NZ Wellington will review the Project and then Transport New Zealand will become involved and the construction funding hurdle will have to be jumped. Let's keep our fingers crossed on that one.

I will be back in February of next year to resume the By-Pass Project updates. 2008 will be an exciting year and hopefully a year from now the dirt may start fly.

Thanks to both Transit NZ and Opus Consultants staff who have been generous with both time and information about the Project, and thanks to all of you who have responded with your positive support for the Project.

A reminder: the large-scale route map of the Ruby Bay By-Pass is available for your inspection at the Mapua Community Library when it is open.

*Hugh Gordon*



# MAPUA AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Chairperson: Marion Satherley ph 540 2180

Coordinator: Janet Taylor ph 540 3364

Secretary: Diane Maisey ph 544 8275

*Welcome to the 49th and 50th member profile you have read since the business assoc. began including a page in each issue of the Coastal News—back in October 2005.*

*We would like to say a huge thank you to the team at the Coastal News for their efforts in producing this highly informative local newsletter and giving us the opportunity to present the local businesses to you.*

*Also, another big thank you to you, our residents, for supporting all our local businesses.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## MEMBER PROFILE

### David Kemp Painter / Sculptor

After operating from the former Artizanne B&B in Higgs Rd for four years, I have now established my studio/gallery at 190 Dominion Rd., where the well known 'sawdust' sign is.

Continuing in the bold, colourful, 'blokey expressionist' manner, the current "Rooted in Tasman" series relates initially back to my mother's 'Roil' family arriving in Nelson on the Bolton in 1842. A feature of these larger paintings is their heavily textured surfaces. All the images are sourced locally and may be recognised. With at least six layers of meaning, there is plenty to reflect upon and talk about. Tree roots will never be the same! The first work in this series has been included in the 2008 Nelson Artists calendar.

Works from earlier series celebrating the local landscape, and the 'Fecundity' series which featured fertility through fruit, are available, some as prints.

In addition to paintings, there are various bronzes from twelve years of casting after being inspired by Jens Hansen's summer workshop in Nelson in 1981.

I welcome visits to view, discuss and perhaps purchase my works, by locals and visitors. Works may be trialled at home or business locally. Please make an appointment - to avoid disappointment.

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## MEMBER PROFILE

### Seafront Web Design Wendy Whitehead

I love designing websites....Having been in business myself all my life, I know how hard it can be to keep up with the latest trends when you are just busy keeping up with the orders. When it comes to finding the product or service you require, more and more people are turning to the internet and business websites to help them choose. I am passionate about getting small and medium sized businesses into the internet marketplace easily and successfully.

I add to my graphic design skills with a background in counselling as well as business administration, expertise to create an easy, understanding business relationship. I have been designing and building websites since 2000 creating fast loading and visually appealing sites. Simple designs not only render most consistently across a wide variety of user agents (browsers, pda's, mobile phones etc), but they make it easier for the viewer to interact with the content.

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# MAPUA LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545

## Guest Speaker Series:

Thanks to the Creative Communities Scheme provided by the Arts Council Nelson, the library is initiating a series of speakers over the next few months. First up is Gerard Hindmarsh of Golden Bay, and he will be at Jester House, 7.30pm Monday 3rd December. His theme will be "Half-way between fact and fiction, the art of Faction – an alternative approach to recording history" Gerard is the author of *Angelina* and *Swamp Fever*, both very favourably received by readers. Refreshments will be available for purchase afterwards.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

There will be a sumptuous Christmas Hamper on display outside the Mapua 4 Square shop Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th December. We will be selling raffle tickets for this hamper, with all proceeds going towards the running of our community library, so keep a look out, and be lucky!

**Susanne du Fresne** is looking for an apprentice to help with purchasing and cataloguing books which come into the library. You don't have to be a trained librarian for this job, (although that would make it easy!) Susanne has everything she does written down, and will be around to help get you up to speed. Anyone who can read and follow instructions can do this job! If you would like to be involved, please ring either Susanne 540-2508 (evenings) or Sarah 540-2698.

**Over the past months** we have been steadily using the Canterbury Community Trust Grant we received earlier this year. We have until February 2008 to complete spending the funds. Having such a substantial grant (\$3000) has enabled us to take a good overview of our book stock, and purchase new books in a cohesive and planned manner. From this we have a greatly improved library, and the best place to come and get your books!

**A pat on the back:** A librarian from the Christchurch Public Library recently visited our library and was extremely impressed with our efforts to provide a community library on a volunteer basis. She was very taken with the quality and content of our book collection, and thought the building and the ambience was great. It's very heartening to get feedback like this from someone in the "trade", and it's all thanks to our tireless volunteers. Give them a smile next time you are visiting the library!

We would like to wish all our library members a very happy Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year.

*Sarah McLeod*

## Library Hours:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 2pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 10am – 12.30pm



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## Christmas gift suggestions:

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To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

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To yourself, respect."

~

*Oren Arnold*

# Noticeboard

**Strengthening Our Village:** Hear Celia Lashlie's report summarising information gathered when talking to Mapua teens and discuss "Where to From Here?" Mapua School, 12 December, 6.30pm. This is this group's final meeting with Celia. All welcome. Phone Rose 540 3600 or Lynley 540 2292.

**Thanks Celia Lashlie:** if you wish to acknowledge to Celia your appreciation for her donation of time to Mapua over the last two years through regular meetings with interested parties and her presentation in Mapua Hall on raising boys, items for a hamper can be left at Mapua School or Mapua Auto Centre before 11 December. (See item in body of Coastal News)

**LOST** Tuesday 13th November (the day of the Deck funeral), a small black and white brooch (about the size of a 50c coin). Great sentimental value. If found, please phone Letty, 5402 876.

**Mapua Friendship Club** finishes the year with Christmas lunch December 20th, at The Village Inn, Mapua. They are kindly arranging a table downstairs, which is good for those of us with creaky bits. Following lunch we will go to the Hall for bowls and a (small) afternoon tea. We will meet on the third Thursday in January for our usual game of bowls and afternoon tea. For information: Val Roche, 540-3685. All are welcome.

**Wanted to rent:** professional responsible couple for a minimum 6 months, furnished or unfurnished, 3 or 4 bed home in or around Mapua (husband will be working in Nelson starting 7 Jan), No pets, refs available - please contact Pete, 0210 227 0944, or Kathy, 0210 227 0997 or 03 409 8497

**For Sale:** Mirror Sailing dinghy (wooden hull). Perfect for estuary sailing. \$1,000 ono. Contact Vicky Melville 03-5433628

**Carols in the Park** (Aranui Park): Sunday 16 Dec 5:30pm. Pack a picnic, bring the whole family for an evening of sing along & celebration with the Motueka Municipal Band, Barry's Barber-shop Chorus and additional holiday entertainment. Sponsored by Hills Community Church. Celebrate the season with family, neighbours and friends!

**Digital Photography Group** welcomes anyone interested to meetings on first Tuesdays, 1.30pm. Ph Dot Siddle for more info, 540 2323.

**Spinners, Knitters, Weavers** – Wool Gatherers meet at Mapua Hall, second Tuesdays, 10am. All welcome.

**Coastal Garden Group** meet first Thursdays, 1.30pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Enquiries: Barry Highsted 540 3139, Anne-Marie Giddens 540 2335.

**Kidz'n'Koffee Playgroup**, every Wednesday (in school term), 10am-noon at Hills Community Church. Ages 0-

5yrs. All parents & caregivers are welcome to attend, no cost, donation for morning tea. Come & relax & meet some neighbours. Enquiries: Sara Pumphrey 540 3889, Sharon De Jong 543 2486.

**Toy Library:** check out our extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Located behind the Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Tracey, 5403307, or Kirstin, 5402811 about membership or casual hire.

**Mapua Bowling Club** is looking at increasing membership. Social bowling Tues, Thurs, Sats at 1pm. Loan bowls, coaching provided for anyone interested in learning the sport. League bowls Mondays, 6pm. For further information: Pres, Nancy McAlwee, 540 2834 or Secr, Margaret Busby, 544 3625.

**WhizKid Sam.** Need Help? Can't connect your DVD/ Video player/ Lost your computer work? Can't download your digital photos? Need help setting up an email account? Average job price only \$15! Basic web design, average price \$25/page, including advice on domain registration. Call WhizKid Sam! 540 2804. sam@realspecial.co.nz - http://whizkid.awardspace.com/

**Mapua Hall bookings** can be made at Video Ezy Mapua, 69 Aranui Road, 540-3370. Open daily 11am till late. Phone bookings accepted.

**Genealogy** Computer Discussion Group: meets 1.30pm Saturday, last meeting this year: 8 Dec. For information: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays 1.30pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Margaret Butchart 540 2686, Secr. Thelma Mathieson 540 3132.

**Women's Recreation Group:** meet outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Early group leaves at 9.15am and walks for approximately 1½ hours, various walks. Join us whenever you can. Lynley 5402292 for more info and to talk about cycling. Later group leaves 10am and walks approx 50 minutes. Val 5403931.

**PANZ** (pastel artists of NZ) meet each Tuesday, Mapua Hall, 9am-noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 540-3388.

**Mapua Hills Rose Society** (est 1949) meets 1st Mondays (except J months) 7.45pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Rose lovers, growers, visitors and guests very welcome. Enquiries: Letty Thawley, 540 2876, Margaret Sinclair 03 528 8477.

**YOGA with Robin** - Classes weekly. All levels welcome. Call 540 2113 for class times & information. www.rubybayyoga.com