



Coastal News

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Tenders have been called for work on the Sea Wall

At the April meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association a further update on progress related to the coastal protection along the Old Mill Walkway was received.

The Old Mill Walkway runs from Warren Place, Mapua, to the Chaytor Reserve, Ruby Bay. The final 700 metres of the walkway runs along the Ruby Bay foreshore in a Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve, and has been subject to on-going coastal erosion.

The council has submitted a draft assessment of environmental effects for the short term to affected parties (landowners, iwi and DOC). They have concluded discussions with the affected parties in terms of the resource consent application and have been advised that approval will be given to these parties when the consent application is lodged. The council has reached an agreement with landowners for occupation and access across their properties during the short-term works and it has submitted a resource consent application for these works (March 28). The council has received formal written approval under Section 94 of the Resource Management Act from three of the four directly affected parties with the fourth expected immediately, and they have issued tender documents to five invited tenderers for the work. Tenders closed on April 18.

The council has resolved to tackle the erosion problem along this section of the coastline in a staged process.

Stage 1 involves protection of the 170m of the reserve, which is particularly threatened, in the short term, and stage 2 will involve protection of the remaining coastline in the medium term.

The principal matter of business at the meeting was the consideration of submissions to the Tasman District Council's Annual Plan.

One of these submissions challenged the council's proposal to continue to set a targeted rate for the Mapua-Ruby Bay area to pay for 47 percent of the cost of stage one of the coastal protection scheme in addition to a 20 percent charge on the general rate. Members present agreed to seek the opinion of those affected by this targeted rate and a letterbox drop containing relevant

information is, at the time of writing, being prepared. If you have not responded to this request by the time the *Coastal News* is published, please do so urgently because the opinion of all residents is needed.

The second submission related to water supplied to the district and the proposal to share water from the proposed Lee Valley Dam with Nelson city. It was clear that members thought that water issues were significant and serious for the Waimea Plains and Motueka.

We also received a private submission relating to the flooding that occurs along Iwa Street with a request for support.

These topics will be on the agenda for the meeting on May 14 in the hall. Submissions close on May 18.

As many will know, the council received \$12.5 million from the Nelson Port Company. It seeks ideas on how to make use of this money and will receive submissions on this matter until July 22. Anyone who has an idea on how this money might be used is welcome to make a submission to the Tasman District Council.

The next meeting of the Community Association will be on May 14 at 7.30 p.m. in the Mapua Hall. We will discuss submissions in relation to the Annual Plan and we expect to have the new CEO of the Tasman District Council as a guest speaker. All residents and visitors are welcome to attend.

Jim Bryse, Chair

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Our monthly luncheon was on 12 April at Ruby's café, Appleby Highway, where 16 ladies enjoyed a lovely meal. There was a variety of foods from pan-fried fish, chicken breast grilled to perfection, pizzas on a pita base, and even hot tomato soup with hot bread.

After our meal we were off to the Richmond Mall for a bit of RT.

Our group is slowly growing with three new members joining our group on the luncheon trail.

The next luncheon will be on Thursday 10 May at 11.45am at Riverside on the Moutere Highway. Please contact Dot on 540-2323 to confirm attendance and to arrange car-pooling.

Dot Siddle

Garden Notes

May is the last month for planting spring flowering bulbs; any not planted should be put in at once. Now is the time to order your new roses. Tasman Bay Roses are preparing now for the busy season ahead. Iceberg still tops the list as the best-seller. The ground for roses should be well prepared in advance, making life that little bit easier.

Lilies will be arriving in stores this month. Among the Aura Tums – Red Perfume, Kiss-proof, and Star-gazer – are all well worth growing, and reliable to actually flower and do well. Plus that perfume!

If lifting lily bulbs plant right away as they don't have a real rest period. All perennials can now be cut back as the flowering finishes. Iceland poppies, polyanthus, stocks, and pansies can all be planted out now. Feed well to get that great spring show.

The planting of trees and shrubs can now be taken in hand. Autumn planting is the best for evergreens. Weed the lawn this month, and renovate bare patches. Rake off moss and apply a good lawn fertiliser.

In the vege patch broad beans, cabbages, and spinach can be planted. The vege patch really needs to rest now. Compost and your favourite manure can be dug in to decompose over the winter months.

Apply lime if you have not done so over the last three years.

May is the best month to plant strawberries. Fruit tree pruning can be commenced as soon as the foliage has fallen. The gardener's rest period is not too far away – but not yet. There is work to be done.

Happy gardening.

Barry Highsted

The group met just before Easter and as always we had a busy meeting. Club announcements and business matters were kept brief before some tips for jobs requiring attention in May were passed on. Barry reported back from his visit to the Melbourne Flower Show where blue crocus were among the new introductions we can look forward to seeing here soon.

At an informal session members were invited to tell the group where the inspiration came from for their garden design. Visiting other gardens was a popular way to get ideas and this was true of public gardens as much as private ones. For some the emphasis was on natives or on 'easy' care but for the majority colour, particularly around the house, was important.

After enjoying afternoon tea the results of our informal competition were discussed and the table was full of colour once again with dahlias and hibiscus vying for attention. The first of the camellias made an appearance and fuchsias dominated the shrub category.

Whilst there was less for sale on our plant auction this month one or two special items meant our fund-raising efforts were well rewarded.

After our meeting a successful workshop was held on the Domain with Sarah from Nelson/Tasman's Waste Education Services and Michel from Riverside explaining the best ways to turn kitchen and garden waste into useful compost and fertiliser for our gardens. We were all impressed with the potential that E M Bokashi offered and look forward to this system being subsidised by the TDC along with the compost bins and worm farms they offer.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 May at 1.30 pm in the Supper Room of the Mapua Hall. Guests and visitors are always welcome to come along and if you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barry Highsted (540-3139) or Anne-Marie Giddens (540-2335).

Anne-Marie Giddens

MAPUA Bowling Club

On Sunday 1 April the club held its final bowling tournament for the season. It was the ever-popular Ladies Friendship Day fours competition, or “Giggle Day”. The Mapua business firms of Tessa Maes and the Flavour Café kindly sponsored the competition. It is a fun day with not too much serious bowling. There was a good turnout of ladies from various clubs around the Nelson district. Most of them dressed in fancy hats and unconventional bowling attire.

The day’s bowling involved 56 ladies using 7 greens playing 3 games of 10 ends. Vicki Sixtus of Mapua, supported by J Mcaa, D.James, and L. Hancock, from the Murchison club, skipped the winning team. The second team was skipped by Nancy McAlwee, supported by J Hands, B Hunt, and J Daubney.

Individual prizes were also given out to J Gibbison of team 5, as best skip. K Tomlinson of team 6 as best No.3, J Wittington of team 14 as best No. 2 and S Peter of team No 2 as best lead.

The prize for the best costumes went to the “Naughty Girls” team, and the best individual costume went to Frankie. Five men were “excommunicated” to the kitchen and bar duties, putting on a good service for the ladies. The day ended up with a good afternoon tea, dancing and an enjoyable social get together.

The remaining two Mapua club championships were recently completed. They were the Thomas Trophy for the mixed pairs competition that was won by Nancy & Les McAlwee, and the veterans’ 75+ competition won by Harry Jardine.

On completion of the closing day, held on 21 April, club members will be involved in routine maintenance of the green, such as re-soiling and painting the green surrounds, in preparation of the new season in September.

David Higgs



Nelson Tasman Business Trust is an independent non-profit-making Trust based in Nelson offering advice services to local businesses – small to medium size, new and existing.

The Trust offers start-up training courses, advice from qualified professionals, business resources and referrals, Warrant of Fitness health checks and network opportunities with many associated services in the region.

We also administer the Business Mentors New Zealand Scheme which matches business owners with an experienced business professional who can help them work on their business. Mentors are volunteers who provide a valuable service with advice, recommendations and business know-how which gives great benefits to the business. Last year 134 businesses benefited from the advice of their mentor.

Almost 40% of our enquiries are now coming from the Tasman region – business is definitely booming! We now need more business mentors in your region, an area with increasing growth and development. We would be pleased to hear from individuals who are interested in supporting business owners and giving something back to the community.

They may well be retired or semi-retired business people with some time on their hands, who have much experience and expertise to pass on. Business mentors can make a significant difference, and they are highly valued by the business community. Mentors receive full administrative support and training in this national scheme, from the Nelson Tasman Business Trust.

If you would like to know more about how to become a business mentor, or about the business services offered by the NTBT, please contact Sarah Holmes on 03) 539-0824 or email sarah@ntbt.co.nz.

Letters to the Editor...



Changes to design

As of today (April 20th) progress on the Ruby Bay by-pass is steady and positive on all fronts, ie, design, access, rights of way and property acquisition. Andrew Adams, the Transit NZ Project Engineer, was both optimistic and very positive in our discussion today. Here is his report plus a few asides of my own.

The by-pass design review is now completed. Meanwhile, Transit NZ has decided to increase the radius of some curves in the road and to make some adjustments to the number of access connections to the highway. These changes mean a further bit of design change and review by Opus Consultants who are doing the working drawings. Unfortunately, a bit more added time before the “ready for tender” date comes up. Today, I was both interested and also a bit dismayed to learn that there are some 35 pages of these working drawings involved. I am slowly learning that the building of a new road way to State Highway specifications is no simple matter.

In regard to access to the new road: It is important for all of us to realize that new road will be a “limited access highway”. In other words there will only be two or three entry points between Dominion Road and Harley Road. At first glance that was a disturbing thought. However, on second thoughts and considering the projected growth of the area where the highway is going to be, I realised that the more access points the more like the highway we already have. One of the main

purposes, after all, is to have a highway that is just what it is called – a by-pass in all respects.

I am pleased to note that the monthly meetings between Transit NZ staff and the TDC are continuing (another meeting last week). These meetings are of a very positive nature. Our Mayor and some of our councillors are attending as well as TDC staff. Please let our Mayor and Council and any TDC staff you know that you are pleased with their support. But also, speak up if there are any issues about the by-pass that are of concern. Let’s try to get it right. Free and open communication between all of us keeps things going in a win/win direction.

I am hoping that by this time next month Transit NZ will have an aerial over-view route map available for local distribution and viewing. That will give us a much better picture of what’s where and why it’s there..

Keep talking “By-Pass”. Each month of positive talk brings us just that much closer to that first shovel-full of dirt and the final ribbon-cutting day.

Hugh Gordon

A contrary opinion

I read Hugh Gordon’s last letter in the April *Coastal News* with a cynical sigh. I had just read a much more lucid piece of writing on the need for roading improvement to the switchbacks on Paton Road, Hope. I will now begin to “talk up” the Paton Road issue and that perhaps, when our elected representatives are contacted, the TDC may consider re-allocating the funds for the Mapua by-pass to the more community-oriented roading improvement in Hope. The Mapua by-pass is only community oriented for a few; many of us in the Mapua community do not support its construction.

Alison Roach-Wilson

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The Three Personalities of a Business Owner

Within each of us there are three types of business personality. We are each the Entrepreneur, the Manager, and the Technician.

To understand why we view business the way we do it is helpful to understand the differences between these three types of personality and the way each affects our thoughts.

The Entrepreneur is the visionary in us, the dreamer. S/he lives in the future.

The Entrepreneur is our creative personality – always at its best dealing with the unknown, prodding the future, creating probabilities out of possibilities.

Every strong entrepreneurial personality has an extraordinary need for control. Living as s/he does in a visionary world of the future, s/he needs control of people and events in the present so that s/he can concentrate on their dreams.

The Managerial personality is pragmatic. Without the Manager there would be no planning, no order, no predictability. The Manager craves order and clings to the status quo.

Where the Entrepreneur invariably sees the opportunities in events, the Manager invariably sees the problems. The Manager creates neat, orderly rows of things. The Entrepreneur creates the things the Manager puts in rows.

The Technician is the doer. “If you want it done right do it yourself” is the Technician’s credo. The Technician lives in the present. As long as s/he is working s/he is happy.

The Technician likes to be in control of the workflow and for this reason mistrusts the Entrepreneur who is always trying to introduce change.

To the Technician thinking is unproductive unless it’s thinking about the work that needs to get done.

The ideal would be if each of these personalities inside us were equally balanced. The reality is that most people who go into business start out, and often continue, being 10% Entrepreneur, 20 % Manager and 70 % Technician.

This does not need to be a problem provided you are willing to invest time developing and growing your Entrepreneurial and Managerial personalities as well as your Technical personality.

There are a number of well-recognized phases of growth that small businesses pass through in their first 5-10 years. Much of the stress, exhaustion and disorder of the early phases is due almost entirely to the fact that it is a Technician at the helm.

By taking a more heavily dominated Entrepreneurial and Managerial perspective it is possible to plan and

develop a business that misses the early stages of business growth and fast tracks success.

To contrast the two perspectives – the Entrepreneurial perspective starts with the recognition of a customer need and builds a business that will satisfy that need – the business itself is “the product”.

Conversely, the Technician’s perspective is all about a love of making a particular product with growth and marketing being secondary.

In order to allow the Entrepreneur and Manager within you to visualise, plan and systemise you must make time for them. This is the concept of working ON rather than IN your business. The importance of making time for important but not urgent work cannot be emphasised enough. If you are spending all, or the majority of your time, working in your business doing technical things, that in themselves won’t bring you long term wealth or success, now is the time to make some changes. Even if they are only small changes to start with. Be willing to invest rather than spend your time.

For information on and assistance with developing a successful business model contact LJ at evolvecoaching@xtra.co.nz or on 540-3325 or 027 292 6738



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Sam's Spam

Issue4

Hello readers, Whiz Kid Sam here. Well, the Playstation 3 was released in New Zealand late last month, and it seems to be a huge improvement from the PS2. With a built-in hard drive (it comes in 20GB and 60GB), and wireless controllers, it sounds pretty good! However, the PS3's size and weight are something of a setback, and with such a high price (20GB is \$999 NZD and the 60GB is \$1199.95 NZD!) I'm not in any hurry to buy it! And according to "NexGen Wars" (which marks the sales of the next generation consoles), neither are you! The XBOX 360 is currently #1 with over 10,000,000 sales, #2 is the Wii, with over 6,000,000 sales, and #3 is PS3 with a disappointing 2,000,000 sales internationally. You can track this information on www.nexgenwars.com

Game of the month – Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Actually, the "Game of the Month" part of the title is a lie, as Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix won't be hitting shelves until July. However, with all the cool features of the Wii version, I felt I had to write about it. Seeing as the Wii-mote is motion-sensitive, it will be used as a wand in the game. You can wave the controller in a particular way, the game will recognize it, and it will cast a spell!

"It really feels like you're casting magic. If you want to set an object on fire, you simply flick the wand quickly from left to

right, as if you were striking a match. If you want to levitate an object in the world using wingardium leviosa, just raise the wand and the nunchuk together and the object will lift, and then moving the wand around will move the object in the world. It's pretty much exactly how you would imagine it." – Harvey Elliot, EA Games

The current set worldwide release date for this game is July 25th, 2007

Free download of the month – Windows Live OneCare

Windows Live OneCare works quietly in the background on your computer, helping protect your PC from viruses, spyware, hackers, and other unwanted intruders. It also goes beyond security, regularly backing up all your important files and automatically cleaning up and tuning up your PC to help keep it running at top speed.

You can download a free 90-day trial at this address:

http://onecare.live.com/standard/en-us/purchase/trial.htm?sc_cid=mscom_hp

That's all for this month! Remember, I have my advert in the Noticeboard section of *Coastal News* for anyone out there needing help with computers, designing websites, setting up DVD players etc (03 540-2804). Bye for now!

Mapua & Districts Soccer Club



Yippee! The first whistles have been blown and games commenced. The Men's season started on 14 April and the Juniors on 28 April. As you may have heard we also have two new teams, a Ladies Team and a Youth Team, both of which have received a lot of support and encouragement.

Juniors

Welcome back to all our old players and just welcome to our new players. We have teams from Midgets to the Youth team catering for both boys and girls. The enthusiasm at the start of the season is great and we have approximately 100 players this year in the juniors. Each team has a coach and assistant coach and thank you to those volunteers who have taken on the roles. We will be looking to the parents and guardians to give their support to the team coaches (and lend a hand where required). It has been great to hear the sound of the teams and their coaches coming off the domain on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as practices get under way. Good luck to all the teams and do enjoy yourselves.

Seniors

At time of writing the Senior Men's had played their first competition game, thrashing Motueka Faulty's 8-0 (some team members are sure they counted 9 goals). A great start with an unusually low injury count so all in all a good result. I have been asked to highlight that the first goal was scored by Toby Wild. However, our new starts of James, Richard, Ed, and Peter also gave a good account of themselves with Richard getting good coverage across the Motueka *Guardian*.

Also at time of writing our Senior Women's have played their first 11 a-side game in a friendly against Motueka. Bridget Wild and the team performed admirably and the 0-1 loss was a great result considering a good number of the team have never played competitive soccer before. I understand Kate "the gloves" Neville pulled off a number of great saves in goal which kept the team in the hunt for the whole match.

Who knows the rules!

As part of a national bid to improve the knowledge of players, coaches, and supporters when it comes to football rules Nelson Bays Football are requiring every team (junior and senior) to have at least two persons pass a Level 0 Referee Course. This course covers basic rules and conduct, and will be useful for both players, coaches and supporters. MDSC is arranging to undertake training in Mapua. The full training takes four hours and at this stage is planned to occur over two consecutive Tuesday evenings (15 and 22 May). This a change to an earlier notice of a Sunday session.

The course is open to all. The cost is \$10 per person and the club will cover the costs of any interested player and at least two others per team.

If you are like me and, despite my confidant yelling on the side of the pitch, know there are some holes in my basic knowledge (like the current off-side rule) do consider coming along. Please RSVP to Andrew Neville at ap_neville@hotmail.com or call Tony on 03 540-3664.

We now have club socks for sale. Quality nylon, black and orange with MDSC on the side. All sizes. Not only for players as they are bound to be a collector's item in years to come. Price \$13.50 per pair. Available from Toby Wild 03 540-2030 (thewilds@actrix.co.nz).

Club contacts

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Gary Breakspeare 03 540-2044

Toby Wild (Seniors Men's co-ordinator) 03 540-2030

Bridget Wild (Senior Ladies co-ordinator) 03 540-2030

E-mail Jemmez@xtra.co.nz

A Call to Women

Women from all over Mapua are coming out of their homes and businesses to answer the call of the Wild—Bridget Wild, that is. Bridget has been the driving force in forming the new Mapua Auto Centre Women's Soccer Team, and though there were many sceptics, Mapua's women are proving that they're keen to try their foot at it. While some are dusting off their boots from days of old, many women are coming with nothing more than a kit bag full of enthusiasm, an urge to get fit and an eagerness to socialise.

Newcomers are enthusiastically welcomed. We meet for practice on Tuesday evenings, with games against fellow Second Division teams on Sunday mornings around the district. We understand that everyone leads busy lives, so we are hoping for a large enough pool of players that people can join in as schedules allow. Surprise your friends, shock your children or just do it for yourself. Grab that kit bag and ring Bridget for confirmation of practice and game details: 540-2030.

And a huge thank you to the Mapua Auto Centre for sponsoring our team uniforms. Your generosity shows great community spirit and means we can represent Mapua in style.

Kim Francis

PROBUS CLUB OF MAPUA & DISTRICT

The club's monthly meeting was held on 13 April. The main speaker was Fiona Newey. Her subject was the services and operation of the St. John Ambulance. Fiona is the Project Manager for the Nelson District. "Friends of the Emergency" are a group of volunteers that are roistered on at Nelson Hospital and they are there to assist and support family members that are involved with the Accident & Emergency Dept. This could be assisting medical staff or looking after accident victims' children.

St John is involved in the sale of a wide range of medical equipment from defibrillators to first aid kits, and life link alarms. The life link alarms are often worn around the wrist and are connected to the client's phone. When activated it gives a direct contact to the control centre in Christchurch, which in turn can quickly contact the ambulance service in Nelson.

Another volunteering group is 22 St John Caring Callers that operate from Motueka. They will phone a client once a week for a general social chat to ensure that their clients are coping on their own. There are two youth groups in Nelson and one in Motueka. The youngest group, known as the Penguins, start at the age of six. The older youth group starts at the age of 12. Both groups are given a basic introduction and training in first aid. For adults St John have training rooms at St Vincent Street in Nelson that run first aid courses, as required.

The ambulance service has had over 7000 call outs in a year with a further 1000 from the Motueka area. Last year the ambulance officers attended 1349 road accidents in the district. St John operates a health shuttle

service in Motueka and Nelson. It is a basic taxi service where handicapped clients can be picked up and dropped off to various parts of the towns.

Fiona spoke of her involvement in fund-raising that has to cover 30% of the operational cost of the ambulance services. Last year the national annual appeal for Nelson raised \$1700. This equated to 7 cents per household in the Nelson district. Fiona finished her talk with a general discussion on the possibilities of having a building available to house an ambulance stationed in Mapua. Discussion with TDC councillors would be required to gain approval for this objective.

After the tea break, a fruit gift basket was presented to Joy and John Sharman for their respective long-time services to the club. Joy looked after the club's catering requirements, while John diligently handled the club's finances.

The club's mini speaker was the club's new treasurer, Glenys Forbes. Her subject was her involvement with PANZ, which stands for the Pastel Artists of New Zealand. Walter Scott of Blenheim instigated this art group in 2002. PANZ has expanded through New Zealand from Dargaville to Invercargill. It holds an annual convention every year, and last year Nelson hosted the convention in the Mapua Hall.

Glenys spoke about the local group that started with three members and has increased to 45. The group meets each Tuesday at the Mapua Hall, and new members are always welcome. Glenys finished her talk by showing the various pastels and paper used by the group, and three pastel framed pictures of horses, showing different types of pastel.

David Higgs

Mapua Health Centre

There have been a variety of bugs going around, including a transient infection of the inner ears which produces bouts of dizziness, vertigo and nausea – called acute vestibulitis – and usually due to a viral infection which is self-limiting but which may require medication to deal with the symptoms, as well as caution re driving and using machinery; and a diarrhoea and vomiting infection which again is usually self-limiting but requires care to avoid dehydration, especially in young children.

There have also been a few cases of a more serious type of gastro-enteritis which tends to cause a more persistent diarrhoea which may be accompanied with colicky pains and the passage of blood. If in doubt please contact the Health Centre on 540-2211.

This year's flu vaccine is now available and reminders have been posted out in the last two weeks to previously vaccinated patients. The vaccine is free for those over 65 years and for anyone with respiratory problems requiring regular use of inhalers, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, certain neurological conditions and auto-immune disease. If you would like to receive immunization please phone the practice nurse.

A reminder for any patients who have equipment out on loan from the centre which they no longer need, especially crutches, we would greatly appreciate their return so that others can make use of them.

Websites to visit

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| 1 | World Asthma Day | www.asthma.co.nz |
| 2-8 | Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal | www.salvationarmy.org.nz |
| 1-8 | Rape Awareness Week | www.rapecrisis.org.nz |
| 5 | Balloon Day Asthma & Respiratory Foundation | www.asthmaco.nz |
| 5 | International Midwives Day | www.midwiferycouncil.org.nz |
| 5-12 | ME Awareness Week - 12th International CFS Awareness Day | www.anzmes.org.nz |
| 7-11 | WestPac Chopper Appeal | info@rescuehelicopter.org.nz |
| 7-13 | NZ Sign Language Week | www.nzslta.org.nz |
| 12 | International Nurses Day | www.nursingcouncil.org.nz |
| 13-20 | Hospice Appeal Week Hospice New Zealand | www.hospice.org.nz |
| 13-17 | Allergy Awareness Week | redalert@allergy.org.nz |
| 14 | Plunket Founders Day | www.plunket.org.nz |
| 15 | International Day of Families | www.un.org |
| 20-26 | Heart Children Awareness Week | www.heartchildren.org.nz |
| 21-27 | Youth Week | www.nzaahd.co.nz |
| 31 | World No-Tobacco Day | www.who.int |
| 31-4/6 | Infant Gastric Awareness Week | www.cryingoverspiltmilk.co.nz |

And on the subject of cyberspace, ACC has just launched some new websites aimed at helping more kiwis who play sport or enjoy physical activities to stay injury-free.

- www.activesmart.co.nz (aimed at runners, walkers and cyclists)
- www.snowsmart.co.nz (for skiers and snowboarders)
- www.netballsmart.co.nz
- www.soccersmart.co.nz

Anyone can visit the websites and access a range of fitness and injury-prevention information. In some instances, people may be advised to have their health checked by a health practitioner before beginning training. Please note, ACC does not cover the cost of these visits.

RSA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Ph 540-2545

Two important dates are coming up for supporters of the library. Our Library Committee AGM will be held at 7.30pm at the library on Tuesday 8 May, and also our birthday celebrations and logo launch will be held Saturday 12 May, 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

If you would like to become involved in the committee, or help at the library in any other way, please come along to the AGM, newcomers are always welcome. The library functions very well with the team of volunteers that we have rostered on the desk, and the committee is focused on management of the library. We are involved with such things as ensuring there are sufficient funds by way of fund-raising and grant applications, implementing volunteer training, upgrading and maintaining facilities, and promoting the library in the community. Enquiries to Sarah, 540-2698.

If you are a past or present supporter of the library we would love to see you at our Fifth Birthday celebrations on Saturday 12 May. This year we will have been in the present library building for five years. To mark this milestone we will play host to friends of the library for the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There will be an unveiling of our new sign and logo around 3pm, with refreshments to follow. It's a chance to mix and mingle, chat with friends, and get a book out to read before you go home. Hope to see you there.

Some new books

The craft and hobby books continue to arrive, including several on flax weaving, and some exercise-oriented titles on tramping, walking and cycling.

We have picked up some fiction, adults' & children's, from 2006 at a good price – books which didn't quite squeeze into the budget at full price, and we're delighted to make them available to you.

It is nearly time for the New Zealand Post Children's Book Award prize winners to be announced. We have the short-listed titles in stock for you from which you can make your own choices.

Sarah McLeod

Toy Library update

Thank you to everyone who purchased BLTs, brownie, tea and coffee from the Toy Library food stall held at the Mapua Easter Fair. This was another amazing fund-raiser for us, raising over \$1400! A big thank you to the committee and members who contribute to this awesome result.

We especially couldn't have achieved this without the support of the following:

- Peter at 4 Square Mapua
- Leigh at Pomeroy's
- Judy at Neudorf Winery
- Neil at Lansdowne Salad Factory
- Justin at Redwood Cellars
- Rai Valley Bacon Co (Pestells Bacon)

Please be sure to support those businesses that support us!

With our membership thriving and many new members joining it is great to be able to raise our own funds to buy new toys and replace old ones.

The Toy Library has also been lucky enough to secure two grants recently – \$500 from the Tasman District Council for the purchase of outdoor toys and a \$700 Lottery Community grant via the Toy Library Federation. A BIG thank you to these two contributors. We also wish to thank Ben Thurlow from Overland Electrical for wiring our outdoor shed. We can now see the wonderful new toys at our evening sessions!

The Toy Library is a wonderful asset for families in our community, and we welcome any new members and visitors. The Toy Library is open the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10am to 11am, and 6.30pm to 8pm, and is at the rear of the Mapua Hall.

Angela Fon

Postal Delivery

We can post you the Coastal News. To take advantage of this post \$10 with your name and address to Coastal News, PO Box 19, Mapua Store, 7048. Include your new postal code for rapid delivery. Existing subscribers can also send their new code in by email coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz or by post.

Digital Photography Group

Our meeting this month was held at Dot's home, attended by ten members. We saw how to mount our favourite photographs on coloured board with a suitable back cover ready to fit into frames. It was suggested that rather than go to the expense of buying new frames every time we want to "hang a print", it is worth visiting garage and jumble sales where very often there are many discarded pictures in perfectly good frames! These can usually be bought for cents, rather than many dollars. Several pre-cut mounting boards were available for us to select a few each for mounting our best photos at home and members are invited to bring these along to future meetings to air their work.

We had the opportunity to look through David and Yvonne's huge photo album containing many pictures that they had taken during their extensive tour of China last year. David certainly has an eye for the perfect photo and some of these portrayed the real China, rather than the usual tourist views.

The Mapua library has several very informative books on digital camera work, two of which were passed around at the meeting. These are "Get the most from your digital camera" by Rob Clarke and "The complete digital photography and video manual" by Phillip Andrews and Others. The former is an easy-to-read guide for the "technologically disadvantaged", and the

latter becomes quite detailed in theory and practice, although the

It appears that one can buy postcard-sized sheets of photos in Richmond – twenty sheets for \$2 and the quality of reproduction is for the record. However, before rushing off to buy a few packs, you can process 6x4 sheets as well as the usual A4 size.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 May, when we will visit... are many photo opportunities at such places, especially when there are interesting autumnal colour effects over the headstones. We will be pooling as required. On return, we might just have time for a quick weather turns out to be wet, we will meet at Dot's home at 1.30 programme to improve our pictures. If there is any doubt about the time, late in the morning of the 1st.

Reported by Mike Halse.

Property News

With property values continuing to escalate, an increasing number of people are, or considering, "sharing" the cost of property ownership with family members or friends.

Many see it as an opportunity to buy a property they previously would not have been able to afford, or to buy in a better area.

Purchasing a property on a share basis is an attractive option – mortgage, maintenance costs rates and bills are shared, making the ownership of a property more affordable. This share method is also available for buying investment properties.

Some recent sales are:-

9 Jan: Te Aroha Pl 4 B/R House 760m ²	\$456,500
2 Feb: Seaton Valley Rd 3 B/R House 8174m ²	\$419,000
21 Feb Aranui Rd 3 B/R House 1186m ²	\$326,000
28 Feb: Higgs Rd 3 B/R House 860m ²	\$345,000
15 Mar: Higgs Rd 3 B/R House 792m ²	\$370,000

Compiled by Grahame Williams, Ray White Real Estate MREINZ

Mahana School

In my last report I mentioned the Year 8 trip to the Abel Tasman National Park, which was a great success with the seals doing their part to make the trip a fabulous experience! “The seals were delighted to see us, and the children were delighted to see them,” said senior room teacher Bruce Lissant-Clayton of the visit to the Tonga Island seal colony.

Initial pre-trip difficulties with the kayaks were overcome with the generous assistance of Marahau-based ‘Southern Exposure’ who provided two kayaks teeming with safety equipment for the trip. A night was spent at Bark Bay with beach walks, star-gazing and marshmallows toasted over the fire. “The trip was a good team-building activity,” says Bruce, “it really boosted their enjoyment and appreciation of the National Park”. Put another way, the trip was a resounding success!

Bird flu continues to feature in the headlines, with the Ministry of Education now requiring that schools have Pandemic Action Plans as well as their civil defence emergency plans. We are developing our plan and will soon be sending information on this out to parents. The key to controlling the spread of any influenza virus is good hand-washing, the use of sneezing/coughing etiquette, and keeping children home when they are unwell. As with civil defence emergencies, families should have their own plan for

managing during a pandemic. See www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/pandemicinfluenza-resources-checklists for more information.

In my last report I referred to research on transition of senior primary school students to college. A literature review by researchers at the University of Waikato found that “many rural children were confident and willing to ‘have a go’ at anything and usually had high self-esteem” and that “rural school culture and values reflected community culture and values, which reduced students’ feeling of isolation and alienation when they moved from primary school”*. It is a pleasant surprise when research confirms what we already know! We will soon have materials available for parents with research-based information on how best to help their children make this transition.

The school underwent an ERO review in the last week of April and the written review should be available soon. I’ll share with you some of the reviewer’s comments in the next report.

Jacqueline Brown, Mahana School Board of Trustees

** McGee, C, Ward, R, Gibbons, J, Harlow, A
Transition to Secondary School: A Literature Review
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Police Update

Hi all. The mornings are getting a bit cooler but great that we are still having some fantastic weather. It is great to be able to report that the school holidays have been passing without too many problems in the Mapua area. As I write one of my colleagues is investigating a theft from the Leisure Park. Three young girls are the suspects and we know who one of them is.

It has been noticeable in the last month that there are a lot of accidents. I guess this may be because there are so many people in our area doing seasonal work who aren't used to the roads.

Also there are a few thefts being reported.

Just this week I have been contacted by two people giving me some information about issues they thought I should know about. I thank them for doing so and encourage anybody to give me a call in confidence—you as the residents are my eyes and ears for most of the time and you see a lot more than I do. Please keep this up.

Take care all.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Ph 03)
528-1220*

Mapua Occurrences:

March 5: Seaton Valley Road accident. Minor injuries.
12 March 12: Vehicle crashed into parked car and driver then took off.

March: Persons seen at FCC site at night. In a maroon car. Other details unknown.

April 8: Theft of a handbag from roadside near Mapua Fair while woman changing tyre. Bamboo-style handbag containing Canon digital camera and Sharp ESX20 cellphone.

April 8: Theft. McKee Domain. Cellphone and digital camera stolen. Suspect's vehicle a very dirty white Toyota Corolla station wagon.

April 10-12:- Theft of Stihl 039 chainsaw from Leisure Park

April 11: Shoplifter. 13-year-old local boy caught stealing at Mapua 4 Square

Too Late !

Some hopeful people are sending articles or advertisements in far too late. One month someone sent us something five days after the deadline and hoped it would get in. The copy was all at the printer by that time, so there was nothing we could do to get it in. You should have everything to us by the 20th of the month.

The Editors

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

February-April call-outs

Feb 16: Cover move to Nelson Station, Ship fire.

Feb 24: Gas stove fire Flax restaurant, possible gas leak.

Mar 2: Scrub fire Moutere Hill, turn back.

Mar 3: Scrub fire Seaton Valley Rd, ash from brazier dumped beside swamp few days after use.

Mar 5: MVC Seaton Valley Rd, crossed centre and line hit bank.

Mar 11: MVC SH60 & Permin Rd, car pulled out in front of another.

Mar 18: MVC SH60 near Permin Rd, failed to take corner .

Mar 20: Forest fire Moutere Hill, person power only.

Mar 24: Beach fire Kina, put out.

Apr 13: Controlled burn Awa Awa Rd, no action taken.

Apr 13: Shed fire Riwaka, turned back.

Apr 20: MVC SH60 near Maisey Rd, car v. log truck



Safety Tip – clean chimneys

Motoring with Mapua Auto Centre

(next to Mapua School)

April 2007

-Winter Motoring- Are you Prepared?

With the official start to winter being June, it will not be long now before we will be heating our homes and exercising more caution when driving on our wet/icy roads.

Part of exercising caution when driving on our winter roads, relates to how well we prepare our vehicle/s so as they are in the best possible condition to face the extremes of winter motoring.

The following is an indication of the items which we recommend specific attention is given to prior to winter arriving.

•**Coolant Inhibitor Levels.** Commonly known as Anti-freeze. Anti-freeze has a multi functional purpose in the cooling system. It helps keep it free of corrosion; stops it from freezing or boiling – both of which can cause expensive engine damage. The only effective way to test the coolants condition is via specialized test equipment.

We recommend **Coolant** is replaced at least every 12 months.

•**Wiper Blades: (A Major Safety Item)** To maintain optimum vision during wet weather it is important to have wiper blades in good condition. The heat of summer (especially if your vehicles are outside a lot) will deteriorate the rubber based compound wiper blades are made from.

•**Battery:** When the air temperature drops the battery has to work a lot harder to start your vehicle. So for those batteries which are near the end of their lives &/or are too small for the task at hand, they will struggle or fail to start your vehicle. A good time to have your battery tested and possibly replaced.

•**Thermostat:** The thermostat determines how effective your heater will function; it also helps your vehicle use fuel economically. So, is the thermostat in your vehicle operating efficiently – a good way to tell is if the temperature gauge on your dash is slow to register & reads low; is your heater slow to heat &/or has your fuel consumption increased.

•**Tyres/Wheel Alignment/Shock Absorbers. (A Major Safety Item)** These three work hand in hand to give maximum handling, performance & saves on wear & tear & fuel consumption. Good shock absorbers ensure the wheel stays in contact with the road at all times. Good Wheel Alignment means your wheels are tracking in a straight line while traveling down the road and good Tyres mean the tread depths are such that your tyres gain the best possible grip onto the roads surface.

•**Brakefluid. (A Major Safety Item)** Brakefluid is hydroscopic (absorbs water from the atmosphere) which not only reduces the braking efficiency of your vehicle, it also allows internal corrosion to occur within the brake system. Brakefluid testing is done via specialized test equipment. Full **brakefluid** replacement is recommended at least every 12 months.

If you have any concerns, contact your friendly Automotive Technician.

We wish you Happy & Safe Motoring

Regards:

The team at Mapua Auto Centre



MAPUA & DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Chairperson: Marion Satherley ph 540 2180 Secretary: Diane Maisey ph 544 8275

Another successful Easter Fair! Congratulations to Sue Fox and her team. The MDBA has also finalised a couple of projects.

- We have successfully liaised with Opus and have had the Transit signs at the entrance to Mapua amended to read a more visitor friendly phrase of 'Mapua Village' replacing 'Port Mapua.'
- We have agreed to sponsor a weekly two hour radio programme broadcast every Wednesday evening from 8-10pm on FreshFM. Rick Coleman, who is the volunteer radio programmer, broadcasts an easy listening world music programme and will be providing awareness of Mapua and our wider district, members of the MDBA and our website to listeners throughout our local community and the top of the South Island. In Mapua, FreshFM can be heard on 99.4 & 99.5FM, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MEMBER PROFILE: Site Productions



Site Productions is the creative website design business of Rick Coleman of Mapua. Working from a home office near Ruby Bay this small business provides a personal service to many local and overseas businesses wanting to present a professional web presence to the world. Building small to medium sized websites he creates mainly brochure style websites optimised for search engines and ideally suited to travel and accommodation type enterprises. An experienced HTML editor, writer, photographer, cameraman and video editor with a keen eye for design, his creation of eye-catching, simple, easily navigated and search engine friendly websites have made his services employed by over 50 widely varying businesses on a regular and ongoing basis. Rick can be contacted on ph 540 2012 or www.sp.co.nz

MEMBER PROFILE: Atom

Situated just 50km from where Ernest Rutherford was born....a new **Atom** with a **creative** nucleus is discovered. Not rocket science but inventive... a fresh solution to advertising named 'Audiographics' Definition – Total Corporate Branding, Audio and Graphic Design.

With an extensive background in marketing, design and music composition Suzi's creative ideas are the nucleus of Atom. Suzi's dynamic combination of skills and her lateral approach to audio and graphic design produces branding packages that are inventive and unforgettable. Her talented support team of graphic designers, web designers and music producers complete the creative nucleus of **Atom**.

Testimonial: THE NAKED BUN PATISSERIE & CAFÉ— "Suzi's experience and natural abilities in marketing proved to be invaluable to us and enabled us to identify our target market and to very successfully launch our business. In 2002, we were awarded the Nelson Commerce Emerging Business Award, an accomplishment achieved with Suzi's assistance." LJ Lawson.

Creative Director Suzi Fray and be contacted on ph 021 266 9931 or www.suzifray.co.nz



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to find and support local
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A business listing on our website will help to get you found on-line. The MDBA is here to help YOUR local business succeed. Become a member of the MDBA and you too can benefit.

Be Local—Buy Local

LIFE IS PURRR...FECT

How are you all? I hope you had a healthy and prosperous month.

Unfortunately the owners of Flavour, Brian and Ange, have sold the business and will be moving on. The business changed hands on 30 April. The new owners are Ella and Grant. Apparently they are real neat people. I just hope they will keep me on, as I know you would sadly miss me. Ella and Grant are from Lyttelton and are looking forward to meeting you all and having a great life in Mapua.



Brian and Ange will stay living in Mapua, as it is such a great place to live. You will see them mooching around the village from time to time. I am sure they will welcome you to their home for a coffee if you give them a ring. (They are in the book). I know I will be visiting.

They had a lot of fun during their four and a half years at Flavour and asked me to thank you all for your support and a special thanks for the help, support and encouragement that the village gave to Ange during her fight with cancer. Three clear scans in a row now she is looking forward to a great future relaxing and enjoying Mapua and the great friends she has made here.

I know you will all support Ella and Grant as well, and visit me from time to time. As for me I'm a pretty adaptable sort of cat so I suppose it won't take them long for me to get used to them and them to understand who really is the boss around here. In the meantime get yourselves out of that armchair and come on down and meet the new owners at Flavour. I'll be here as well.

Tiger Lily, Village Cat