

Tasman National Art Awards

The 2022 Tasman National Art Awards were a wonderful success.

This is the feedback we have had from 2700 folk who attended this wonderful display of local and national artistic talent.

Folk mentioned repeatedly of the outstanding caliber of the exhibition and the works on display. This is truly becoming one of NZ's top Art Awards.

Art works came from all over NZ and the standard was extremely high with a great variety of styles, genres, and mediums.

Of 150 artists and 327 artworks submitted for the awards, three selectors anonymously selected 121 art works from 91 artists. These pieces were on display at the Māpua Hall from 1st October to 15th October.

Judging took place on 1st October by 3 independent judges. They were Min Kim, Bryce Gallery Christchurch; David James, Atelier Gallery Nelson; and Glenys Della Bosca (replacing Charlotte Giblin from New Plymouth who was unable to judge at the last minute due to personal circumstances).



"Lost" by Ngatimoti artist Anne Bannock who won the medium award for ink and/or pencil

The opening night was well supported with over 130 guests with the event opened by our Tasman Mayor, Tim King.

Awards valued at over \$10,000 were distributed to the winning artists.

We thank our sponsors for their support; without you we wouldn't have awards!

All artworks were for sale and 29 purchasers collected their treasures at the end of the exhibition.

This year the dates are:

Opening night, Saturday 23rd September @ 7pm

Exhibition, Sunday 24th September – Saturday 7th October, daily 9.30am-4.30pm.

To keep up to date on information about next years' event:

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The committee are gearing up and aiming for this year's event to be an even greater success.

Thank you Māpua and region for your support!



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Letters to the Editor

Māpua Waterfront Park

Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust responds...

The Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust would like to respond to your writer's concerns raised in the July Edition 2023 by the Pétanque Group.

The issue of a replacement boat ramp, (the original ramp being taken away by the TDC when they redeveloped the Māpua Waterfront area), has been going on for over 15 years. A replacement boat ramp was promised by council at this time.

Since then, in spite of numerous requests to Council and thousands of hours of work by the Māpua Boat club members, little had changed.

The forming of the Boat Ramp Trust resulted in the TDC allocating \$700,000 towards the ramp project, with the rest of the funds to be raised by the Trust through various grant applications and donations.

After achieving this result, the TDC requested the Trust to liaise with Tamaha Sea Scouts to help resolve their issues of lack of space.

After speaking with them it became obvious that the building of a facility not only to house the Sea scouts which would help them grow, would also give the chance to allow other groups a base from which to establish themselves, i.e. sailing, canoeing etc.

The lack of space for Sea Scouts has meant they have had to turn away dozens of children wishing to join, as well as preventing the establishment of a Ventura Section catering for 14–18-year-olds.

The Trust believes that providing these facilities will help steer children and young people in the right direction of sport, community involvement and a connection to our area. Everyone complains that kids need to get outdoors more and off devices. This is a way of doing it locally.

The Trust has done extensive consultations with the community, Iwi, sports groups, and businesses. We have held public meetings and door to door surveys outlining the proposal, along with advertising the project and how to get in touch with us via social media and billboards etc.

The result of the survey was over 90% in favour, 2% against and 3% undecided, from those we have contacted.

The costs advertised have changed due to increased expenses, plus a change in the project going from just a ramp to also include the Community Marine Centre.

The floating pontoon has been removed from the application at this stage due to the comments by OCEL (an engineering company), so to stop the process from being held up we have withdrawn it. It can be decided on at a later date.

Children jumping off the wharf is a rite of passage in the community. We hope it never stops. But in fairness, they are at greater risk from boats coming in to use the existing pontoon and Māpua wharf area. The new ramp will be further away, and users will go straight out into the channel.

The land is owned by the Council and will always be so. Council do operate leases for community groups to lease their land for community organisations. This would be no different.

The land proposed for the Trust to use is the area alongside the neighbouring properties plus the existing car park on the waterfront park. Some parks will remain.

In our plan we have shown the Pétanque court being moved slightly, with the addition of BBQs and a covered area so more can enjoy the sport.

As your writer pointed out, they are one of the few groups who use this area. This is a shame as this location should be used by a broader range of people and at the same time become the heart of activities in our community.

We have a duty to improve things for the next generation. Imagine if our parents and grandparents had done nothing. We would be still driving on dirt roads.

The alternative is, when we have kids in trouble or wandering around the streets, we will complain. Here is the chance to do something about it.

I am always happy to discuss our proposal and dream for this area with anyone or group, just ring me.

*Trevor Marshall, Project Co-ordinator
Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust*

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Letters to the Editor

Māpua Waterfront Park and Boat Ramp

Thank you to the Māpua Pétanque Group for raising an alternative viewpoint on the proposed Māpua Boat Ramp (Coastal News July 2023).

This is being referred to as a fait accompli, but it still must get resource consent, and submissions on the proposal will be considered.

It is not a small boat ramp for dinghies. Much has been said and written about the reasons why a boat ramp is needed, but little has been heard about the legitimate concerns it raises.

These are a few I share with others in the community:

- One is the issue raised by the Pétanque Group, that Māpua Waterfront Park was gifted to the people of Māpua by the Ministry for the Environment in recognition of the harm caused to Māpua by the former chemical works on that site. If it is to be parcelled out to special interest groups, no matter how worthy (and if one can have access to the land, why not others?), it is privatising public land, and this cannot serve the community as a whole. The plans for the boat ramp and associated structures affect the use of the park and of the wharf by non-boat owners.
- Another is the remediated but still contaminated soil under the site. (Many current Māpua residents may be unaware that Māpua once had the most contaminated chemical plant in NZ where many of the world's "dirty dozen" chemicals were manufactured, initially for the horticultural industry. At the time it started, there were few people living here.) Jenny Easton, the scientist in charge of the contaminated soil clean-up operation,

spoke to the TDC when the idea of the boat ramp was first raised. She reminded them that the soil is no danger if it remains underneath the top half metre of clean soil and within the Waterfront Park. However, if it is disturbed and enters the environment, it will be toxic to marine and estuary life. I wonder if the plans for the boat ramp can really avoid disturbing the soil.

- How will people wanting to walk round the beach to Grossi Point get safely across the busy boat ramp?
- Traffic is a big concern. Given in particular, the summer traffic in the area, I wonder how vehicles pulling boats and trailers are going to add to the mix safely. Where are they going to park all the boat trailers without taking up even more of the public reserve?
- The effect on the wharf. Jumping off and swimming by the Māpua Wharf is a highlight of the summer for hundreds of young people, local and visiting. It is hard to see how having the boat ramp so close and the increased use of motorboats can safely co-exist with this activity, which is free and available to the majority who do not own boats.

Just wondering.

If you have any reservations about the proposed boat ramp, please keep a watch out for the Public Notification for the Resource Consent and submit your concerns.

Incidentally, I believe money was put aside to make the Waterfront Park more inviting: shade sails, a children's play area, interpretive panels about the history and what's under your feet, but none of that has happened.

Judy Mitchell



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Letters to the Editor

Māpua toxic site

It is only 15 years since the clean-up of New Zealand's most toxic site – the Māpua Fruitgrowers Chemical Company (1932) – took place near the waterfront. This was at a cost of more than \$12m. More than 85 percent of this was met by the taxpayer through the Ministry for the Environment, which not only initiated the project, but drove it.

The science of the remediation was novel and controversial, on what is now the long green sward running east of southern Aranui Rd. It extends well to the north of the Cool Store across the road. Over 3 years 60,000 sq m of soil was excavated. Most was dried and mechanically treated, some removed for incineration and the entire affected area capped with clean clay to a depth of 0.5m. The interface with the estuary shore was armoured with boulders and a protective cloth.

The Tasman District Council paid the balance of the cost. The project enabled the TDC to proceed with its modernization of the waterfront. In the process the Māpua Boat club was no longer able to launch from its site, near where the Flat Bottomed Floozie now embarks.

It is the lack of a suitable alternative launching site locally which has caused so much division in the Māpua community.

The toxic site was the subject of a number of organochlorine pesticides (OCPs), which include DDT, DDD and DDE, and ADL [aldrin, dieldrin and lindane]. Their dangers to human and most other forms of life are today well understood. It is fair to say that all the subsequent audits, including two Parliamentary Commission for the Environment reports have essentially given the clean-up a cautionary sign-off. However, possible disruption to the sealing cap and bund was not in any of the report briefs.

The Validation Report draft by respected consultants Pattle Delmore Partners, from 2009, after the remediation made the following observation:

'It is considered that remediation to the extent practicable has been broadly achieved in the marine foreshore areas. The benefits of further remediation are likely to be outweighed by the additional disruption and impacts to the environment. It is clear that the remediation in these areas has not been successful in meeting the [standards] for DDX and ADL. However, re-deposition of non-complying sediment from the surrounding marine environment probably meant that compliance with the SACs could not be achieved within the foreshore surface sediments. In addition, re-contamination of the deeper backfill material has occurred during the remediation works. The mechanism(s) for this are not clear, but site runoff is probably a major contributor.'

With the passing of 15 years, some of the more toxic substances will have declined through leaching and their own half-life processes. However, the clay cap and the shoreline rock bund were not designed to be interfered with and doing so poses, however small, a potential public health issue.

If the ramp is to be built on this site, the following precautionary measures could be considered:

- The Boat Club has, I understand, been responsible for the excellent interpretative panels on the history of the wharf displayed in the museum. Could a similar array of panels be developed based on the history of the site with key messages in the official reports? They could be housed in the buildings proposed for the site.
- Location signage as to the potential for harm from interaction with this history on the proposed ramp needs to be carefully considered, especially in terms of exposure from cuts and ingestion of any form of sea life along there.

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Public meeting: 7-9pm Mon 14th August
Moutere Hills Community Centre,
1539 Moutere Highway, Upper Moutere.

Join Lan Pham (Former Environment Canterbury Councillor, Freshwater Ecologist to hear about the wonders of our native fish and the latest on the state of Aotearoa's freshwater; the implications for both human health and the health of our environment; and what is happening (or not happening) nationally, internationally and locally to ensure we can have healthy, safe, drinking water and freshwater ecosystems for us, our kids and generations to come.

Lan Pham says "Clean, healthy freshwater is absolutely critical to the health of not only our environment, but ourselves."

The evening will be complemented by a panel with Annette Litherland, Regional Coordinator at NZ Landcare Trust (who is closely involved in the local Motueka and Moutere Catchment Collectives) and Barbara Nicholas, a local expert in community engagement.

After a short introduction they will exchange their knowledge and take part in answering questions from the public. The meeting will be MC'd by Steve Richards, owner of the Jester House, well known in the area, and an active member of the Moutere Catchment Collective.

Although Lan is also a Green Party candidate, this event is a non-political event with our freshwater environment as the theme of the night.

Lan Pham's background is in Freshwater Ecology (MSc) where it was Aotearoa's quirky endangered native fish that first got her involved in tricky intergenerational issues like freshwater pollution and climate change. Over the last 15 years Lan has worked with community groups, schools, farmers, iwi and government agencies across Southland,

Otago and Canterbury on grass-roots freshwater restoration projects as a freshwater ranger for DOC and as founder and trustee of Working Waters Trust.

Lan has served the last six years in Local Government as a Regional Councillor on Environment Canterbury

from 2016 - 2022 where she championed action for nature, climate and people. Her initial election campaign for Environment Canterbury in 2016 was launched while on a year-long placement on Raoul Island in the Kermadecs – a five-day, 1000km boat ride away.

Looking at the state of our freshwater environment, Lan says: "Getting ourselves out of this mess is about leaving a better future for our kids and grandkids. We all have a part to play in this. We can all be part of this change through our votes, through using our voice, through taking action."

this non-political event is organised by members of the Motueka Branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa NZ.

Jan Heijs, Māpua

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MDCA 10th July Public meeting



TDC Councillor report

Christeen Mackenzie

- Outstanding Community Service Awards are open for nominations. These awards recognize outstanding contribution to the community for more the 20 years' service. Nominations close 31st August 2023.
- Omnibus Plan Change. MDCA and others made submissions to remove the indicative road onto Aranui Road. Christeen stated that this didn't occur because it was out of scope of the change based on case law. Because the submission for this concern was out of scope it is recommended to re-submit again as these details will most likely not be retained by TDC planners. Residents provided other examples of where road changes had been included and noted that there appears to be inconsistencies regarding what was an acceptable change and what wasn't in this Omnibus Plan Change.
- LGNZ Report: Local Govt NZ has not had a review and is now not fit for purpose, especially regarding rates. GST on rates throughout NZ is approx. \$1billion per year. This GST could be put back into communities. It is also noteworthy that central government doesn't pay rates to local government on their large land holdings.

Mike Kininmonth

- Drivers don't appear to know the road rules, especially when it comes to who should give way going up and coming down the single lane area at the Bluffs.
- Electric buses have arrived and are currently undergoing road trials in and around Richmond.
- Māpua Masterplan (MMP) Steering Group first met on 1st June and looked at the concept. The August meeting will discuss a series of planned public consultations, and how these will best add value within the community. November is the deadline for completing the MMP planning phase.

Kit Maling

Māpua Masterplan (MMP) Steering Group received an email from Anna MacKenzie (TDC) stating the terms of reference. Three local Iwi will be represented on the steering group; however no communication has been received from Iwi as yet. This means the terms of reference have not been secured prior to the draft MMP being prepared. The draft includes vision, principles and feedback from the steering group which will inform the final draft plan before community engagement commences in August 2023.

- The community engagement sessions will aim to identify key issues, and these will be taken into account ahead of the final round of community consultations planned for November 2023.
- Bus route and timetable. Nelson to Wakefield and Nelson via Richmond to Māpua and Motueka. Four times a day for one route and three times a day for another route. Bus drivers are being employed by NBL (Nelson Bus Lines) and they have recruited 30 new drivers, all non-New Zealanders.
- A resident, noting that given a lot that has changed in the world since the last transportation feedback, asked

if the TDC knows whether there is the same demand for housing as earlier predicted based on earlier population growth assumptions, and asked whether this has been revisited. Kit replied that TDC are currently working on updating the growth model and will consider how any changes might impact patronage of the new bus service.

- LTP is expected to be signed off by June next year (2024).
- Māpua Masterplan (MMP). MDCA had lobbied for the MMP in the hope that better prioritization of development would occur to help to improve the look, feel, and functionality of the community moving forward. Kit noted that while these are good goals, the MMP (which is being prepared under the Local Govt Act) recommendations will not be binding and anyone can put in a Resource Consent application (governed by the RMA and its successor legislation). There is a conflict between the MMP guidance and RMA applications, and these will need to be resolved via the normal council processes. A question was asked whether the community's feedback would be taken seriously. Kit confirmed that feedback on why a decision was adopted will be included in any final Plan Change and/or Resource Consent report. MDCA noted that the MMP has an important part to play in achieving changes in the community, so it is critical for residents to get involved and share their views.

Dominion Flats

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Dominion Flats, drone footage will be acquired to highlight this impressive decade-long achievement. If you haven't already visited the area, please make time to go down there for a visit and wander the tracks. The last month has seen an old fence removed from the creek near Māpua Drive; thank you to TDC for removing the debris. Helen, Neville, and their team of helpers were acknowledged and congratulated for their amazing efforts over the past 10 years.

General Business

Māpua Boat Club Resource Consent

Mike discussed the recent Coastal News article, which was submitted anonymously, apparently due to the author having been the target of abuse as the result of sharing their views publicly in the past.

Streets for People:

- MDCA Chair asked how widely flyers were distributed, as requested at the last working group meeting. Mike to follow this up. This is important as members and Cllr Mike Kininmonth noted that they still meet residents who are unaware of cycleway plans. An audience member also reminded attendees that under the Local Government Act, TDC are obliged to contact all those impacted by changes.
- Gary Clark (a traffic safety consultant) raised potential safety issues regarding the kerb being down the middle of a walking/cycling path.

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- MDCA Chair was reassured there would be heaps of observations of how the shared path is working once it is on the ground. The evaluation of the trail will be reliant on full community feedback via the SKU code/feedback forms available along Aranui Rd.
- Concerns were raised by attendees regarding the loss of parking and congestion-related increased journey times potentially resulting from the new street layout and general impediments to mobility, restricting resident/visitor movements. Cllr Christeen Mackenzie stated this was not what this plan is about.
- Attendees asked Councillors their views on the concept of '20-minute towns' referenced in TDC's Walking & Cycling Strategy. Cllr Christeen Mackenzie stated it is a concept that comes out of countries with bigger populations and that there are two narratives around this, but reassured members that the strategy is not about restricting movements.
- MDCA Chair reiterated that the 'Streets for People' is a two-month trial only, that residents can have input during and following the trial period, and if it is not wanted by the community it can be removed.
- Bruce Struthers watched a council meeting and congratulated Cllr Christeen Mackenzie for the way she conducts herself in council meetings and how she requested Jamie McPherson (TDC Transport Manager) to ensure all data and statistics are provided and considered before any plans are in place. Bruce also suggested to Vincent Revell (Street's for People Māpua Project lead – TDC consultant) that it might be a good idea to paint lines on the road prior to the trial taking place so residents can physically see where the extended cycle/walking paths will be, along with the bus stops and pedestrian crossings.
- When talking about the loss of parking, another member took the opportunity to remind TDC and the audience that the carpark at Māpua Hall is a private carpark and that TDC should be providing separate parking areas for Domain users.

- Cllr Mike Kininmonth confirmed he has received a petition from 216 residents opposed to Māpua's 'Streets for People' and will be delivering this petition to TDC.

Bluffs Road

Observations have been made that at the one-way section, some drivers are failing to give way to uphill traffic. Jaime McPherson (TDC) will investigate options for additional signage driver education, and to remind drivers they need to give way to cyclists. Speed limit changes for this section were also originally considered and he will be checking on the status of this.

MDCA AGM

Will be held at the Māpua Hall on the 14th of August 2023. Nominations are open, so this is your opportunity to get involved in your local community to ensure the character and uniqueness of our seaside village is maintained moving into the future. Email your nomination to info@ourmapua.org.

MDCA works closely with TDC to ensure our community functions in a way that suits the majority of our residents. To have a vote that counts, become a financial member of MDCA by simply paying \$10.00 per person per year into our NBS account 03 1354 0356471 using your name and phone number as references.

Next Public meeting to be held on

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Book Reviews

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Published by Harper October 2022,

Winner of the 2023 Pulitzer prize - winner of the women's prize for fiction

I started listening to Demon Copperhead as an audio book downloaded from Tasman District Libraries via Borrow Box earlier this year, but it's also available in the Māpua Library.

The book initially grabbed my attention, well Demon did, although it was emotionally very hard going.

Set in West Virginia in the Appalachian hills in an economically deprived region at the onset of the opioid crisis, the book captivated my attention with its memorable characters set in an identifiable geographic area and with a strong storyline.

The titular character Demon Copperhead first *'gets himself born'* and really, that's the end of the good news for Demon. His early life is characterised and defined by inadequate and non-existent parenting, desperate poverty and lack of resources.

Demon goes from crisis to crisis with little in the way of light relief, or any relief in fact. Except for his irrepressible sense of humour and resilience, some 'significant other' adults (not his parents) and his talents.

As I said, I started off listening to the audiobook and got a very strong idea of Demon's character. The voice actor



was absolutely outstanding and provided an entrée into the local Appalachian hill country dialect. What wasn't so successful in terms of a talking book, was my inability to keep awake and the fact that new characters and situations would sneak in with me having little idea how they got into the story. I had to keep rewinding which is much harder than flipping back and skim reading.

So of course, that took me to the 'reserves' list at the Māpua Library and in due course to the actual book. It turned out to be another one of those books where I got to the end only to want to go straight back to the beginning. Then the library rang, and I had to give it back so back onto the reserves list I went and got a second crack at it a few weeks later – the reserves list by the way, is brilliant.

Things go from bad to worse for Demon until the final sort of happy ending. I'm telling you that so that you won't give up. Demon didn't so you shouldn't either.

Equally hilarious and heart breaking, this is the story of a boy nobody wants but you will . . .

I might even get myself back onto the reserves list . . .

Reviewed by Hilary Clifton



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A Short Story

Kamate, Kamate, Koha, Koha! - Peter Francis, Dec 22

"It's a total mystery, nobody in Māpua has ever been able to solve. I've researched every resource I can find at the Māpua and Nelson libraries and asked all the old Māpua identities, but nobody's got a bloody clue how on earth that came to arrive here."

That's what I told my old school friend Tipene, as we paddled our Kayaks past the rusting skeleton of the midget submarine which lies at the end of Hoddy Road in the Waimea estuary.

"Why don't we pull in here then and you prepare our lunch while I'll uncork the 'Sweet Agnes' Riesling? Then maybe I might be able to help



you solve your riddle." said Tipene mysteriously. As I unpacked our picnic lunch and started filling the bread rolls Tipene carefully poured two large plastic goblets of wine and began recounting his amazing story.

"So Peter, have you never considered why so many Nelson Wineries now have German names like Neudorf, Himmelsfeld or Seifried? And why just a handful of local Māori Iwi now own over fifty percent of New Zealand's seafood industry?"

"Hell no, I've never even given a thought to either of those. But here you'd better start eating one of these rolls before the flies devour them."

Chewing on a mouthful of bread roll Tipene continued. "Well really Peter it all began around 1850 when Te Rauparaha's fearsome war parties, heavily armed with muskets and opposed only by locals armed with sticks and clubs, almost annihilated most of the tribes of the Upper South Island.

"You may have read how during the Tasman Bay raids, rather than be murdered or enslaved many of the local wahine retreated to high on the Ruby Bay Bluffs from where they first threw their babies to their deaths before jumping after them?"

"They killed their own babies? Jesus Tipene, surely you must be joking?" as I choked up half chewed chunks of bread.

"No Peter, believe me it was no joke to be captured by Te Rauparaha. However, what very few people know is that a small number of Māpua hapu evaded capture and torture by hiding in an undersea cave concealed just below the shoreline of the Ruby Bay Bluffs which could only be accessed at low tide. The descendants of those survivors kept the location of this cave secret until that one night in 1945 when a German U-Boat sneaked into the Māpua entrance".

"German U-Boat? Really? Yeah right Tipene, is this really a true story or just another one of your Māori fairy tales?" I asked wide-eyed.

"Look Peter we sat next to each other in class, we played in the same rugby teams, we dated the same girls and experimented with alcohol – remember I was the first person to give you a Gin & Tonic – and now you're asking if I can be trusted? I'm very disappointed you would even think I might try to bullshit you."

As I topped up his wine glass Tipene took another bite out of his bread roll then resumed the incredible story. "Late in the second world war the miniature German submarine U888

(whose Commander had been mortally wounded during an Allied aircraft strafing) was on its way to Japan laden with a treasure trove of Gold Reichsmarks to support the Japanese war effort, when, while committing their Captains body to the deep, the crew heard on their radio that Germany had surrendered.

Realising if they were captured they would probably be murdered for the Gold or tried as War criminals, their Officers decided they should keep the gold and make it appear their vessel had been sunk, and because one of the crewmembers had some family links to people living in the Moutere, they figured they could try to find safe refuge right here in Tasman Bay".

"Here let me refill your glass all this talking must be drying out your throat."

Before continuing his tale Tipene took another deep swallow of the fruity Sweet Agnes Riesling.

"As they silently crept their small craft past Māpua wharf on a dark winter's night, only one person saw them. He was a young Māori fishing for flounder near Grossi Point who challenged them with Te Rauparaha's Haka.

"Desperate not to be exposed the U-Boat Second Officer offered the fisherman a substantial share of their gold if he would just help them hide it. Fortunately for the Submarine crew he was one of the descendants of those Māori who so long ago had hidden from Te Rauparaha in that undersea cave below the Ruby Bay bluffs.

"As they waited for the tide to recede the crew scuttled their Submarine behind Rabbit Island, while the Māori fisherman secretly concealed his portion of the treasure.

He then led the Germans to that undersea cave where the Crew concealed their remaining Gold and afterwards took them up to the Moutere to meet their German relatives."

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"I bet they were all very happy to see them, especially bringing all of that Gold with them?"

"Well no Peter, initially they were not at all keen. Don't forget there was a great deal of anti-German sentiment in New Zealand at that time. At first the relatives were most unwilling to become involved but apparently after deciding that gold weighed heavier than their consciences, they eventually agreed to conceal the crew from the authorities."

"Didn't the authorities ever find out a German U-Boat crew was living in Tasman?"

"No never, because the crew wisely quietly assimilated themselves into the local community by joining in with all the farming, horticultural and social activities".

"I imagine they were not the only Germans to find refuge in New Zealand after the war, but what on earth did they do with all of that gold?"

"Many neighbours in the Moutere have puzzled for years how come a handful of lucky Viticulturist businesses seemed to be totally immune to market downturns. Those fortunate few merely had to wait for a late-night low tide so they could enter the hidden undersea cave and dig up more of their buried Gold Reichsmark, and that's why so many very successful local wineries now have German names."

"That's really incredible, but what happened to that Māori fisherman, surely it must have been illegal for him to take all that German Gold?"

"Oh no Peter you of all people should know under Māori culture we call that 'Koha'. As for what he did with that wealth? Well wisely he invested his gold buying a fleet of war surplus vessels and converting them into fishing trawlers, gradually building a huge fishing fleet.

"That's why Dad's Whanau is now the biggest player in New Zealand's fishing industry. Hey Peter, after all that talking my throat is as dry as a wooden Tiki. Is there any more of that delicious Seifried Sweet Agnes Riesling?"



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What do you want to see in the Māpua Masterplan?

Tasman District Council is planning for future growth and development in Māpua over the next 10, 20 and 30 years, and we need your feedback to ensure a solid foundation to shape our future conversations.

In Te Reo, Māpua translates to 'a place of abundance' and there are plenty of reasons why people choose to live in or visit this wonderful part of Tasman.

How we go about maintaining its character while managing key projects and changes in the years ahead requires careful consideration.

The aim of the Māpua Masterplan is to develop an integrated plan, in collaboration with the community and iwi, that brings together council planning processes to address key challenges and opportunities.

It will guide multiple council processes including infrastructure strategies, catchment and asset management plans, the Long-Term Plan and policies and rules which form part of the District Plan.

As such, it is an important document for the future of Māpua which should reflect the aspirations of this growing coastal community.

Drawing on previous feedback from the community, we've developed 10 draft principles that incorporate issues and opportunities within Māpua.

Six guiding themes have also been identified:

- Placemaking
- Connectivity
- Infrastructure
- Environmental Values
- Cultural Identity
- Natural Hazards and Climate Change

The initial phase of public engagement is about to commence.

Throughout August, you'll be receiving more information about the overall process and more importantly when where and how you can be a part of the conversation.

A series of drop-in sessions are also planned between late August and September, where staff will be available to hear and record your feedback in person.

Updates, information and opportunities to submit feedback can also be found at www.shape.tasman.govt.nz/Mapua-masterplan-2023

Māpua Craft Group

A big thank you to the many kind people who have donated materials for the Vanuatu project of sending aid there.

Elizabeth Gibson has already made 30 bags and pin cushions (see photos) and our craft group is making pin cushions and needle cases. These will be given to the ladies in Vanuatu so that they can set up sewing groups under the guidance of several New Zealand ladies who will be giving workshops there in November.

A drop in the ocean is having a ripple effect as people become aware of "giving a little" that means so much.

It was a pleasure to welcome Claire and Janet to our meeting in July, when they helped each other with a crochet project. Janet and Elizabeth discovered that they had met before when their children were at kindergarten!

Meetings for August are on the 4th and 18th at 10am in the Hills Community Church supper room.

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	9.00 am SIOUX LINE DANCE	9.15 am SLOW YOGA* with Nikki	9.30am MĀPUA ART GROUP	9.15 am YOGA with Martin
	10.00 am MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE 2nd Tuesdays	10.15 am PILATES with Lynda		10.15 am PILATES with Lynda
3.30 pm BALLET 3-4yrs* Kerry Clarke Dance		11.30am TAI CHI INTERNAL ARTS		
4.00 pm BALLET 5-7yrs* Kerry Clark Dance				
5.30 pm BROGA YOGA* with Nikki	6.00 pm STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda	6.00 pm Māpua Football Club	7.30 pm MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR	
7.00 pm MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY Meeting 3rd Mondays	6.00 pm YOGA with Martin			
7.15 pm MDCA PUBLIC MEET 2nd Mondays				

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Hall Society News August 2023

The Hall Society are busy again working towards the much needed repair and update to the back deck. As we seek funding through Grants and fundraising such as the upcoming **Curry Night on 25th August**, the **Māpua School Quiz on Friday 8th September** and the **Māpua Hall Makers Market on Sunday 10th September** we hope many hands will make light work. You can contribute by purchasing tickets and coming along to these fantastic local events or volunteering to support the organising teams.

Events coming up at your local community Hall include **"Re-thinking Home"** on 16th August presented by Local Matters, Motueka Greens, tickets \$10 available at the door. The **"Māpua Literary Festival"** 15th-17th September hosted by Māpua Library, tickets available for readings, workshops and presentations through the Māpua Library.

Thank you to our Sponsors at **Māpua Sprig & Fern**, **NBS Motueka** and **Architecture Studio Māpua**. Many thanks to **Māpua Plumbing** for their ongoing support keeping our plumbing in check.



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Each author will be heard in conversation with other well-known identities.

What a treasure trove to draw from! Check it out on our website www.mapuacommunitylibrary.com. This weekend is one not to be missed.

Tickets and brochures are available from the Māpua Community Library, Tasman District and Nelson Libraries or online at www.mapuacommunitylibrary.com

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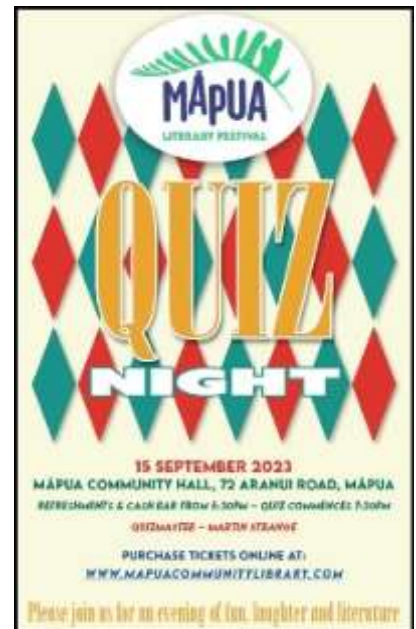
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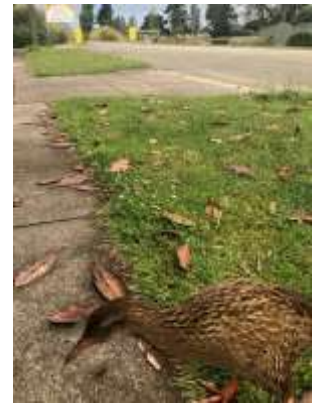
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Road Runners

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The Weka either swam across from Rabbit Island or journeyed from Kahurangi or Abel Tasman, or both! And they have spread out.

In recent times quite a population of Weka has been discovered at Dominion Flats, thanks to the new developing forest ecosystem, a perfect habitat for them. Plenty of cover, nesting opportunities and fresh water. They have spilled over into Higgs Reserve as well, where it is fantastic to hear their low booming and chuckles.

The downside to the Weka being in both Reserves is that Māpua Drive, quite a busy road, runs right through their habitat. And they seem to be determined to dash back and forth across the road. There has already been one fatality and I suspect many near misses.

We appeal to the community to spread the word, and, when driving near the Sculpture, to be on alert for a Weka Road Runner making a dash. Beep beep!

Thank you. Jo Heatherbell, (Higgs Reserve team)

Ruby Coast Running Club

We have passed the shortest day, but summer still feels a long way off! While we still have a hardy bunch of runners and walkers attending our regular Thursday evening 5km events, there have definitely been fewer of us out there on some of the really cold evenings.

However, as I'm sure most of our runners will agree, it is leaving a warm house and getting to the start line that is the hardest part. As that well known saying goes, you've got to "just do it"!

Winter has also seen a drop off in events, but not in results.

Congratulations to Graeme who had an outstanding result in the half marathon event at the Wellington Marathon in the last week of June. He was placed first in his age group category with a time that was just 18 seconds shy of the record. A great result, well done!

July saw the start of the Sprig & Fern 10K series. The series comprises four 10 km fun runs and walks in four different locations: Richmond, Brightwater, Motueka and Māpua. The fun is not just taking part in the run or walk itself, but also the refreshments and socialising at the prizegiving afterwards at the local Sprig & Fern.

First up on 15 July was the Richmond 10km event. We had a small group of runners attend. Everyone had a good run, especially Graeme who was placed fourth overall.

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, trying one of our regular Thursday 5km events is a great place to start. We meet each week in

front of the playground by the Māpua Hall. Our start times are 5.15pm for walkers and runners who need more than 30 minutes to complete 5km, and 5.30pm for everyone else.

No need to register in advance – just come along a few minutes beforehand to sign in. And don't forget your headtorch now that it is dark in the evenings. Warm and reflective clothing is a good idea too. Hope to see you there!

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

K Welsford



**RCRC runners at the Richmond Sprig & Fern 10K:
Rob, Debbi and Graeme**

Anchors

I dragged the anchor across the room laying out about 6m of chain as I went. The old folks wondered what I was doing . . . But they knew from previous visits that I would have some sort of story to tell.

It's a little-known fact that Churches in our region roster themselves to take small informal services in the aged care facilities. This is part of the wider support the community provides, and I've met all sorts of wonderful volunteers giving their time to be present alongside dear people in their latter years living in these establishments.

So, I launched into my story about a time working at Outward Bound when the crew I was with were very glad for the very particular instructions that



needed to be observed to make sure there was enough line out with their anchor chain, and that the anchor was properly and firmly set on the bottom.

An anchor must do its job! And what is that job? Simply put, the anchor and chain secure a vessel to the bottom. If those participants on that course wanted a good night's sleep with no worries about drifting onto shore or floating away to the rip tides of Cook Strait, then their anchor had better "hold fast".

The old folks understood this of course and I checked if they had any stories about anchors of their own (and yes, I was half-expecting some classic tale of someone throwing an anchor overboard without first tying off the line to the boat. We all know that one! A bad experience is a good teacher).

I then launched into a story of another kind . . . about the writer of an old well-known hymn. Priscilla Owens was born in 1829 and wrote many songs during a more than a 50-year span of working with young people. Many of her songs were composed for children, but she also wrote hymns. One old hymn was titled "**Will your Anchor Hold**".

As the story goes, that hymn was once sung outside the door of another prolific writer of hymns, as she lay on her deathbed. She sent a message of encouragement out to the singers:

"Tell them that it does not fail – it holds!"

When the storms of life come your way are you able to remain at peace, secure in a HOPE that is strongly grounded by faith in the one who came to save your soul.

I pulled up that old hymn on YouTube, synced with the UEBoom, and we all sang with great gusto! Those dearest folk knew by heart and soul the words of the chorus.

*"We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love."
(Priscilla Owens)*

Greig @ Tasman Church

Orphan Kids Charity (OKC)

update

Having been unable to run any fundraising events for two years due to Covid-19, it was a great relief to actually hold our much talked about sunset cruise on the Māpua ferry (even if the sun was nowhere to be seen!) last November. We are hugely grateful to all the businesses and individuals who supported the event.



We also held our annual 10x10x10 campaign in October and along with ongoing supporters we had donations from new donors, possibly as a result of the Pecha Kucha talk I gave at the end of August. This presentation was about our very first 'shoes and coats' project back in 2011, before the Trust was formalised. It was an interesting evening and great to be able to reach new supporters.

We have continued to sell our handmade cinnamon soap (made with goat's milk - \$20 for 3 bars) and currently have plenty if you would like to re-stock! Cinnamon is one of the crops grown in the north of Vietnam where the orphanage is based.

2023 marks the 10-year milestone of the formation of OKC as a Trust and we are keen to celebrate this achievement. At this stage we are thinking of an informal dinner, get together in September for friends and supporters of OKC. Expressions of interest would help us plan the venue, confirm dates and details, so if you feel like joining us, please be in touch to let us know and we'll forward further details!

Meanwhile we will be having a fund-raising **Quiz Night** at the Sprig & Fern in Māpua. These Wednesday evening quiz nights are extremely popular and OKC has managed to secure an evening on **23rd August**. If you would like to come along for a fun night out, while supporting OKC, contact the Sprig & Fern and book a table. We look forward to seeing you there!

Three of our supported students have recently graduated (in IT, automotive technology and tourism) and we are thrilled to learn they have now gained employment.

We continue to receive letters and photos from our supported students and know our scholarships are making a difference in their lives. I am excited to be returning to Vietnam later this year and I'm so looking forward to meeting up with these young people once again.

The Trust has very recently farewelled Bridget Miller as a Trustee. Bridget has been on the Trust since November 2020, and we have very much appreciated her input and perspectives. We sincerely thank her for her contributions over the past two and a half years.

This means we are looking for a new trustee – let us know if you're interested! We are a small efficient Trust, meeting only 3 – 4 times per year.

As Trustees we are continually impressed by our students' resilience and commitment to their studies and our supporters' generosity and willingness to make a difference. Thank you for your ongoing support and interest.

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Reflections on a liquor hearing

Take 33 objectors, two applicants, three lawyers, a lovely teddy bear of a Chairperson with Kanga and Roo at his side, throw them into a room for four days, stir and simmer. Flavour with a touch of humour and some emotion. Once finished, leave to mature for three or so weeks after which you'll know whether we get, right opposite the Māpua School, a bottle shop selling hard liquor, New Zealand's most harmful drug.

Some observations of the hearing:

Seeing the trees or seeing the forest?

It's a very human behaviour, when confronted by an opponent's seemingly impenetrable barrier, to dig, to needle, to probe for the weak points when if you sit back and look at the big picture, the answer was just bloomingly obvious.

The whole process of this hearing has been a game of presenting your case and the opposition needling, probing, and picking irrespective whether you're a bottle store pro or an objector.

Then there's the game of tactics. Go for broke at the start but back down and give in on trivial stuff in order to look "reasonable", all the while protecting your money-making objective. It was, at times, very theatrical, a game of intellectual one upmanship, a brain fencing duel but not of the agricultural type, of fencing that is.

This descent into the trivia of the trees means the big picture of the forest was being missed, witnessed by how legal argument twisted into judicial gobbledygook; the simple truth that if you are selling more alcohol, you can't minimize the harms.

Suitability of applicant: perception

It was April 7, 2022, when the Super Liquor posse rode into town to have a shindig with the locals. As a starting point for relations with the townsfolk, the visitor's description of the meeting as "positive" is a strong indicator of their lack of perception, witness by the fact that 80 locals entered formal objections to their application and many of those were the very people who attended the April meeting. Not a good start when the prime objective of the law applying to this application is to "*minimize the harm...to the community...caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol*".

How can you minimize harm in the community if you can't engage with it? Super Liquor's track record here has been anything but engaging and throughout the four-day hearing, it failed to demonstrate any understanding, let alone empathy, for a community clearly against their proposed bottle store. The distrust resultant of this failure means their rhetorical proposal for "meetings" to deal with the problems their liquor store will create, fell on very deaf ears. Trust cannot be bought; it must be earned.

Law and science

You must feel sorry for the District Liquor Committee, the judges in this Commission of Inquiry. Having to sit through four days of hearing, having to read nearly 1000 pages of evidence and then having to evaluate and weigh up the multitudinous arguments; legal, scientific, and otherwise, is a job I am grateful they and not I, are doing.

As I sat there with waves of opinion and evidence sloshing over me, I wondered of the skills requisite for a DLC member?

Obviously, familiarity with the law is essential, as is knowledge of alcohol in all its multifarious colours, forms and strength. Training on this skill sounds interesting but alas potentially hazardous. Then there is the stamina needed for four days of meeting. I did not observe any of the panel nodding off at any stage, well not when I was awake.

On one of my waking spells, a juicy piece of data washed past, triggering a sympathetic thought for the DLC having to not only comprehend the meaning of the data, but then having to judge which of the protagonists had drawn the right conclusion. The applicant's counsel or the local objector? Who to believe? The legal counsel's undeniable expertise in the law and its application, or a common lay objector with 35 years of training on interpreting and applying scientific research findings to the real world? Imagine having to judge if linear regression analysis was applicable to the data, whether the confidence intervals were meaningful, was the time frame relevant, was the population in the data set presented applicable to the local circumstance, either in the past, now or in the future? Not an easy thing to do.

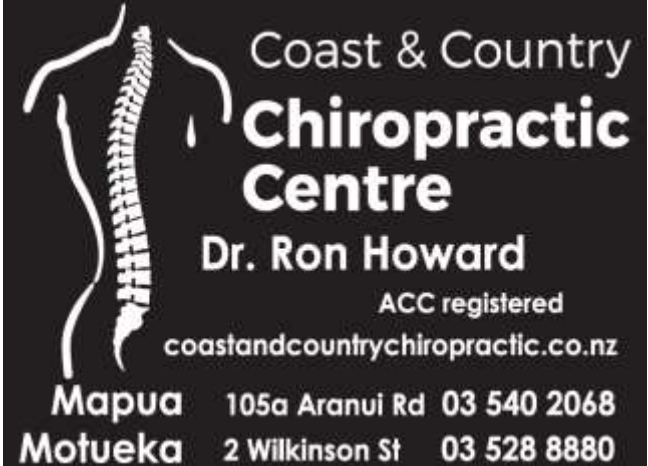
The take home message

Māpua is not a one off. Super Liquor declared at the hearing, that it intends to open a lot more liquor stores around the country which seems to fly against the intent of the Sale of Liquor Act. I castigated myself for naively believing that a company selling alcohol in the manner of Super Liquor might ever respect this object of this law.

Irrespective of the outcome, the process has empowered our local community. We are lucky to have the time, the expertise, and the money to be able to resist this blind pursuit of financial gain by a liquor Baronette. That less fortunate communities may not have Māpua's resources and could well be limited by a colonial law that ignores indigenous rights, is a sad reflection on the power of the alcohol industry and the inequity of our law.

PS a very big thankyou to Dr Liz Gordon, legal counsel for the objectors.

Jim Vause.



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The Write Bias

News from Māpuā Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17th June was very well attended. The new Board was elected and for a change, there were no contentious issues to be discussed. Instead, members were very happy to share an afternoon tea and catch up with their friends.

Board members are:

President, Debbie Win; Vice President, Warren Keith; Secretary, Di Blanchet; Treasurer, Karen Clark; Bar Manager, Denzil Stephenson; Greenkeeper, Ian Benbow; Communications, Sue England; Sponsorship, Ian Sullivan.

Club maintenance, fundraising and planning for next season all continue quietly in preparation for opening at the end of September.

We are very pleased to welcome the local Friendship Group to our club. Their members will be joining some of ours to use the indoor carpet bowls on the third and fourth Mondays of every month commencing at 2 p.m. on Monday 21st August. If anyone would like to give it a go we would be delighted to see them. It is very relaxed, \$3 per session for carpet bowls, tea and biscuits and friendship. For more information, please contact Val Roche (540 3685) or me, Sue England (540 2934).

For any information about bowling, coaching, winter socials or booking the Clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, sporty.co.nz/mapuabowls.

Sue England

Friendship Club

The Māpuā Friendship group is "on the move".

In August we will be changing our meeting place and our meeting days. The Māpuā Bowling Club has kindly invited us to move our indoor Bowling matches to their Clubhouse.

Our meeting days change to the third and last Mondays of each month.

Everything else remains the same, set up at 1.30pm to start play at 2pm, \$3 door fee, and please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Come join us, you do not need to be a member of the Māpuā Bowling Club to come to these two Friendship club meetings.

However, the Friendship Club are hoping to welcome some of the Māpuā Bowling Club members to join us in our games.

For information about the Friendship Club indoor bowls, please contact Val on 540 3685.



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Māpua Boat Club room's acoustics enhanced



Forty discreet white panels fixed to the ceiling have made conversations at the Māpua Boat Club rooms so much more enjoyable.

That's because the acoustic panels are dampening and deadening soundwaves, helping to eliminate any back noise and echoes, and making it easier for everyone to hear each other.

Late last year Andrew Butler, Māpua Boat Club Commodore suggested the club's committee needed to consider putting some soundproofing in the club rooms.

"It was quite unpleasant on the ears when larger numbers turned up on Thursday night or even when we had prizegiving and other events. So, a big thanks particularly to Steve Rice and other members who helped put up 40 sound absorbing panels on the ceiling.

"The improvement is considerable, both to those wanting to hear and for those delivering their messages."

Steve Rice, Māpua Boat Club committee member says the panels, installed in April, have made a significant difference to noise levels in the club room on the Māpua Wharf.

"For some time, club members had been complaining about how hard it was to hear each other during the club's meetings so we started looking at ways to solve the problem," says Steve.

"Now, even on a busy club night with lots of people all talking at once, it's possible to have a conversation and hear what's being said, which wasn't the case before we installed the panels."

The committee spent some time investigating different options to improve the sound quality in the club rooms which measure 7.5 x 9 m with a 2.6m stud.

Finally, the decision was made to purchase the polyester panels from Christchurch company NZ Acoustics. The panels which measure 1200 x 600 x 50 mm are the same as those used in schools, cafes, restaurants, bars, professional and home studios, offices, and video conferencing facilities.

They are made from bonded plastic fibre and NZ Acoustic's website says they are light, eco-friendly, washable, fade resistant, fireproof and 100% NZ building regulation compliant.

Steve and Ali Rice collected the panels from Christchurch and a few days later Steve, assisted by club members Rene Kampman, Dave Chatwin, Wayne Daniel, and Graham Fisher began gluing the panels to cover 40% of the ceiling space, as recommended by NZ Acoustics.

The work took about three days but now all those who use the club rooms are enjoying the benefits.

The Māpua Boat Club meets every Thursday from 5.30pm to 7pm and new members are always welcome.



**Preliminary notice of
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
7pm Wednesday 20th September
At Māpua Boat Club rooms - Māpua Wharf
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18 June 22:25 Call to chimney fire/smoke in house on Toru St. Found newspapers stacked up tightly under fire box smouldering. When we pulled the newspapers out, they burst into flames. No smoke alarm in that area of house.

7 July 07:24 Four car crash (MVC) SH60 near Tasman View Road. Six taken to hospital, left with police and roading contractors.

10 July 20:26 Wood fire smoking on Tarrant Rd, chimney badly blocked, advise owner to clean before using again.

Call outs for the year = 33

Safety Tip – Be safe

Clean chimneys, check firebox for cracks.

1 metre rule for heaters and fireplaces.

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

for fire permits go to -<http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

We are also looking for some new members to join the brigade, who would be available day time. If interested come and see us at 3 Iwa St after 7pm on a Thursday evening.

Rethinking Home

Innovative Approaches to Transforming Housing options in Nelson Tasman

'Local Matters' is hosting a meeting on housing and urban development in Nelson/Tasman on:

Wednesday 16 August at Māpua Hall.



An artist impression of sustainable housing

Members of NelsonTasman2050, a local housing and urban development think tank, will discuss the housing challenges that we face in our region. Our speakers will present initiatives and innovative design approaches that better respond to the region's environmental and social needs.

They will look at the pressures placed on the overburdened housing sector and explore ways that we can build more sustainably, affordably, and thoughtfully within our local communities.

Speakers on the night are NelsonTasman2050 members Magdalena Garbarczyk and William Samuels, both architects, and Jan Heijs, a civil engineer.

The Nelson/Tasman region ranks in the top five most expensive in the country for housing affordability. Jan Heijs says 'our region's residential growth has been unequally distributed to fringe suburbs and outlying towns and villages, while living more centrally is out of reach for most.

William Samuels adds 'urban intensification has been misguided as uncoordinated backyard infill development. This has resulted in a lack of housing choice, poor environmental qualities, rising costs of living and rising greenhouse gas emissions.'

This trend needs to be re-balanced to enable more affordable housing, reduce our collective carbon footprint and to facilitate quality urban environments with a variety of housing options, enabling walking, cycling and public transport as real mobility choices.

Featuring an overview of the advocacy work that NelsonTasman2050 is undertaking, along with presentations from two local architectural practitioners on their low cost, sustainable designs, this event is designed to generate discussion and spark ideas about what type of housing we want and what is appropriate for our local context.

'Rethinking Home' Wednesday 16 August 7.30 pm - Māpua Hall. Door sales only - \$10 ticket - Students with ID free - Supper included

This is a Local Matters event, organised by the Motueka Branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa NZ

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Māpua Health Centre report

We are very pleased to have Dr Louise Darwin joining us for six months in August as our GP Registrar. Louise will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

We are now able to offer a full skin-check service with an experienced female clinician. The cost is \$130 for a 40-minute assessment. Funding may be available for any treatment required. There will be a small rise in some patient medical and nursing fees in line with the PHO agreed increases.

Join the Portal – ManageMyHealth is our patient portal which now offers you access to your consultation notes which is a great way to refresh your memory about any instructions or advice that you have been given by your GP. It also gives the ability to order prescription renewals, make your own appointment, check your lab results, and send messages. Simply bring your Driver Licence to MHC and Reception can sign you up.

The August calendar includes Iron Awareness Week. Iron deficiency is not necessarily the consequence of low intake but can also be the result of various medical conditions (from chronic renal failure to coeliac disease and gastrointestinal blood loss), heavy periods and excess intake of zinc (which hinders iron absorption). Iron-deficiency anaemia is a serious problem in the developing world due to a limited food supply, while in Western countries it can occur in people who follow restricted calorie diets to lose weight.

Iron intake is most easily achieved with eating meat but can also be managed by consuming healthy iron-rich vegetarian foods in combination with vitamin C-rich foods (such as citrus, broccoli, bell peppers etc.) in the same meal which will improve iron absorption. The bio-accessibility of iron from whole-grains (such as brown rice, quinoa) can also be increased by garlic and onion. As little as one thin slice of onion can significantly increase iron absorption. Drinking tea and coffee with meals can impair iron absorption so try to avoid those, however, the good news is that vitamin C can overcome the effects of iron inhibitors such as phytic acid, polyphenols, calcium and milk proteins.

It is also Daffodil Day this month in support of the Cancer Society. A recent review of studies and meta-analyses found "convincing evidence" that a lowering of colon cancer risk can be achieved with less alcohol and red meat and eating diets high in dietary fibre, including adherence to a Mediterranean diet, a pesco-vegetarian or semi vegetarian diet. (*JAMA* February 16, 2021).

An earlier study found that highly processed foods may raise overall cancer risk and that even a 10% increase in the proportion of ultra processed foods, (such as dehydrated soups, processed meats, biscuits and sauces) in the diet was associated with an 11% increase in overall cancer risk.

Conversely, a diet consisting mostly of fresh or minimally processed foods, including fruits, vegetables, pulses, rice, pasta, eggs, meat, fish, and milk, was associated with a reduced risk for overall cancer and breast cancer (*BMJ*. February 14, 2018).

We know that sugar is not good for us, but even some artificial sweeteners can lead to cancer, especially aspartame which causes a 22% increased risk (*PLoS Med*. 2022 Mar 24).

There are a number of important events for the month, including:

- 1-7 World Breastfeeding Week
<https://worldbreastfeedingweek.org>
- 9 International Day of Indigenous People
www.un.org
- 12 International Youth Day
www.un.org/en/events/youthday
- 25 Daffodil Day – Cancer Society NZ
www.cancersociety.org.nz
- 28-3/9 Iron Awareness Week
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Our latest news & adventures

Unexpected Powelliphanta Find

Our Environmental Sustainability students were full of excitement when they discovered an endangered powelliphanta snail whilst out on programme recently. The snail wasn't believed to have survived widespread flooding that had occurred at the project site where students were pulling out weeds to protect the endangered long-tailed bat population in a reserve in the Te Hoiere/ Pelorus River catchment. It was a memorable end to the programme for the students and instructors.

Cultural Curriculum a hit!

Whenua Iti instructors Taylor and Ebony recently designed and delivered a pilot programme enriching cross-cultural understandings, holistic wellbeing, nature connections, and actively taught te reo and tikanga to the senior and middle school classes at Māpua school. These learnings enabled the students to develop their haka pōhiri (Tōia Mai) to upskill their matauranga in preparation for their Matariki school event. Ka Pai to the tamariki and supporting kaiako from Māpua school for their energy and enthusiasm!



Environmental Sustainability students who found endangered powelliphanta snail in a reserve in the Pelorus River catchment.



Holiday Programmes

We hope everyone has enjoyed the school holidays! Whenua Iti has been busy delivering programmes here in Nelson/ Taman as well as Te Tai Poutini/ West Coast. Participants have had a blast! Special thanks to our funders that have allowed us to deliver more programming for West Coast residents including Sport Canterbury/ Tū Manawa and the Department of Internal Affairs through the Lotteries Grants Board. Keep an eye out on our website for more upcoming holiday programmes.

Hoops for Charity

Ngā mihi nui to Sarah who represented Whenua Iti Outdoors at the NBS Giants 'Hoops for Charity' game. Sarah managed a successful shot through the net scoring Whenua Iti \$500! A huge thank you to NBS for having us and congratulations to our competition on the night Volunteer Nelson for taking out the top spot scoring \$1000!



Whenua Iti staff member Mike Elkington at the NBS Nelson Giants 'Hoops for Charity' event.

We'll see you out there!

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August 2023

One more month of winter, how are we all doing? Hoping for those who are in your quieter time of the year you have had some time to recharge and some time to work on your business, prior to the busy summer season which will be here before you know it.

The focus for the MDBA committee over the past month has been on our annual AGM which was held on Tuesday 18 July at the Tasman Golf Club. A big thank you to the team at the golf club for hosting us, it is such a great venue to hire for social, work or special celebrations so keep it in mind for your next event.

40 members attended to hear Mark Thompson the CEO of Nelson Airport give an update on all things airport. His presentation was well received and attendees are now aware of the challenges and opportunities for this strategic asset for our region.

The association has also been focussed on the roll out of the new eBus service, regional economic development and local business issues. More updates to come.

Remember to follow us on our social pages via Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn which is new.

Till next month, cheers from the MDBA.

2023 MDBA FREE MAP IS OUT NOW

The new map looks fantastic, if you would like some copies please email us via the MDBA website <https://www.mapua.co.nz/free-tourist-map>

Upcoming Events

Wed 9 Aug, 12-1pm Mapua Community Hall

Seven Ways to Grow Your Business with Manoli Aerakis from Malloch McClean in conjunction with Business Assist.

Tue 19 Sep, 5.30-6.30pm Networking Event

Location to be confirmed. Register on line for these free member events <https://www.mapua.co.nz/events/>

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Motueka Lighthouse: last Thursdays, Motueka Community House, 7-9pm. \$3 Donation Appreciated. Thurs 31 August - Starseeds with Claudia. Angie: angel3000.h@gmail.com

Energy/Spiritual healing by donation, Sunday 6 August 3.30-6.30pm. Motueka Community House, Decks Reserve. 20 min sessions available. Bookings at the door. Angie: angel3000.h@gmail.com

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

New Book Group meeting 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4 pm. Call Vanessa 0223630219 Or Sue 0212671317

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

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

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

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

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

Local Women's Walking Group - all welcome to our Tuesday morning walk of 5-7km leaving 9am - call Lynley 03 540 2292 for more information.

Motueka Toastmasters: Like to speak with more confidence? Meet 1st & 3rd Weds, 6.45-8.30pm, St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis hospital. Visitors welcome. Info Sierra 027 8444765 or Peter 027 7468311.

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

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

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

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

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

Mapua Friendship Club indoor bowls, third & last Mondays. Now at Mapua Bowling Club rooms. Bowls at 2pm, followed by "bring a plate" afternoon tea. \$3 door fee. We are not a competitive bunch and have lots of laughs. For more information contact Val 540 3685

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

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

Māpua Art Group meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9-noon. Paint, draw, help each other in a social environment. All levels & media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. Barbara Glass 027 443 1121

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

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

Fibre Craft Sunday. Birch Hall, Richmond A&P Showgrounds. Last Sundays 1.30-3.30pm. Learn to spin, knit, felt or weave. \$5 includes tea or coffee. All ages welcome. Richmond Creative Fibre Group: Diane 547-6517 or Karyn 544-9709

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

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

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11am & 6.30-7.30pm, 1st & 3rd Friday 3-4pm. mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com

Ruby Coast Walking Group meets 9.30am Wednesdays by Tasman Store. Walk 1½ hrs then coffee & muffins back at the Store. All welcome. Fiona: 021 232 6089 for more info.

Ruby Coast Running Club: 5k run Thursday nights 5:30pm. Also runs most mornings. Find us on Facebook or contact Debbi 027 327 4055.

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

Motueka Senior Net. Tech for mature adults. Monthly meetings. Help sessions 2x/month. De-mystify technology in a fun & friendly forum. Clubrooms 42 Pah St, Motueka. Seniornetmotueka.org.nz

Coastal Garden Group meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). Men and women most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Ph 03 265 1842

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

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

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