

Press "Pause" on plans

Time to hit "pause" on the Māpua Masterplan process?

As we have clearly seen in the past few weeks, sometimes Nature makes other plans. Let's hope that Tasman District Council listens to reason, stands back, takes stock, and learns from the first month of winter 2025.

Nature hasn't read the Annual Plan, the 10 Year Plan or the Future Development Strategy. It probably doesn't care, either, how much work has been put into these plans.

It doesn't care that residents and developers offered submissions, some of which were spoken to in a deliberations hearing run on June 5 with a ruthless efficiency and approved by a committee that was not given time to adequately ask questions, as the Chair had his own schedule to meet.

Nature doesn't care that the promised Māpua Catchment Management Plan is still a promise, not a document available for public and elected member review.

The Catchment Management Plan is a prerequisite, not a footnote, in understanding the degree to which hundreds of new homes, their roofs, driveways and landscaping features will accelerate the flow of water from the skies to the lowlands, including Māpua School.

The flooding of Seaton Valley, twice in two "unprecedented" weeks, show that the existing stormwater infrastructure cannot handle runoff from existing development, in conditions that are simply a repeat of August 2022.

The district planners need to wait for the Catchment Management Plan to be completed and thoroughly understood before asking elected members to adopt the Masterplan that depends on it. The Natural Hazards plan, Plan Change 85, has only progressed to the point of asking the public if the District has correctly identified the issues and options to react to natural hazards.

The feedback to the draft Plan Change 85 on flooding includes this proposed outcome: "Flooding and overland flow path hazards are identified and the risks to people,

property and the environment associated with these hazards, are avoided or mitigated".

How can the risks be avoided or mitigated before the Catchment Management Plan is complete? I asked to see the Māpua Catchment Management Plan, as is, on June 30, four days after the first significant rainfall. Evidently a snapshot in time of a highly technical document that will eventually be public requires review by the Legal Services team.

This work in progress was promised within twenty working days, or July 28, 2025. At the time of my request, elected members were to adopt the Māpua Masterplan in their full Council meeting scheduled July 31, 2025. The adoption process

may or may not have been delayed to August 14, or later. What matters is that the members of the Policy and Strategy Committee approved, by a vote of 12 to one, this motion:

"Moved Mayor King/ Deputy Mayor Bryant: SH25-06-7.

Recommendation to the Tasman District Council

That TDC adopts the

Māpua Masterplan, including the Māpua Catchment Management Plan".

https://tasman.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/06/SH_20250605_MIN_4990.PDF

Nature doesn't care about any of this. For whatever reason, rain will fall and wind will blow. Politicians will take helicopter rides, survey the damage, and lament the unprecedented conditions.

The media will show the elected officials' displays of concern and report on promises of government funding for restoration. Roads, bridges, stop banks and pipes will be repaired to keep existing infrastructure running.

Are you prepared to fund this predictable cycle by elected officials, who approve plans that aren't yet completed and don't reflect realistic conditions? I, for one, will not vote for anyone who adopts the Māpua Masterplan as is.

Bruce Struthers, 20 July 25



Opinion piece, Timo Neubauer

When Water Wins: smarter planning for Tasman's future

When you realise that you're losing a battle, doubling down with the same tactics is rarely the smart move. Good commanders pull back, protect what matters and negotiate new ground rules.

For more than a century, we've been fighting to control nature - clearing land, draining wetlands, straightening rivers and confining water behind stopbanks. But the fortunes of that war have turned. Extreme rainfall is hitting more often and with more force. Our old playbook is not working any more.

When we force rivers into narrow channels, they respond by moving faster and by hitting harder. In a world of more intense storms, the very systems that we built to protect us are now making flooding worse. Simply repairing embankments and dredging channels deeper isn't enough. It is time to ask some tough questions and to think bigger - planning with water and not against it.

1. Do we need to rethink clear-fell forestry?

Forests are natural sponges. They soak up heavy rain and release it slowly, flattening the curve of flood peaks. They also hold back sediment and slash. When whole forests are clear-felled, the remaining bare hillsides shed water fast, piling debris and slash into rivers - and causing flash flooding downstream. Should we move toward better forest management systems so that our forests can absorb and retain rainwater at the source of our rivers when storms hit: staggered harvesting, continuous canopy systems or tighter slash controls?

2. Do we need to restore wetlands?

Wetlands are not wasted land; they are water storage that we don't have to pour concrete for. Re-establishing wetland and riparian flood storage upstream can blunt peak flows and reduce the damage downstream. Could targeted wetland restoration save millions in future repairs?

3. Do we need to make room for rivers?

Pastures can flood and recover. Homes, pipes, schools and lives cannot. If we keep pushing subdivisions into natural floodplains, we will pay for it again and again. Some land will flood. The real question is: do we plan for that reality and encourage people to adapt or keep pretending that stopbanks can hold back a changing climate? If relocation is on the table, what is fair compensation, who funds it and how do we phase it? (According to recent advice from The Independent Ministerial Advisory Group on climate adaptation, tightening central government support might mean that we are on our own after 2045 - so councils need credible pathways now.)

4. Do we need to size for future floods, not past averages?

Most of our stormwater and flood infrastructure was designed for yesterday's rain. We need to update design standards to reflect what's coming - and we need to do it now.

5. What does this mean for ratepayers and for our economy?

Every decision has a price tag. Do we spend millions defending an outdated model or do we invest in smarter

land use and upstream solutions that cost less over time? Smarter planning can reduce insurance exposure and free up money for core services, rural roads and resilience where people already live.

I don't claim to have all the answers, and I know that we will need input from landowners, iwi, engineers and environmental experts. But I know this much: jumping to short-sighted conclusions that simply aim to prolong the status quo is no strategy to win this struggle.

And new greenfield subdivisions in low-lying areas - such as those planned for an area that Māpua residents dryly call "Lake Seaton" - defy common sense and lock ratepayers into future costs, draining funds that we will need to protect Māpua, Motueka and other vulnerable communities already at risk.

Council says that we will "build back better." Let's make that more than a slogan. Let's design for the future that we are actually facing and use ratepayer dollars where they reduce real risk - not where they bury us in bills the next time the rivers rise.

Timo Neubauer is a Hope-based urban designer and small business owner. He is a mayoral candidate for Tasman in this year's local government elections.



Māpua Craft Group

Unfortunately, due to the weather, illness and school holidays, we had to cancel the 4th of July gathering. Sorry for any inconvenience. We hope that August will be kinder to all of us so that we may enjoy our meetings.

It is hoped that we can make some small boxes to use for tiny gifts for birthdays, thank-yous etc as we are nearly halfway to Christmas already!

Your ideas are always very welcome; the craft cupboard is well stocked and there are many books and charts available to expand your talents. The attached photo shows some of the possible creations that you could try!



Our meetings for August are on the 1st and 15th from 10am till noon in the community church supper room.

If in doubt about any future meetings, please contact Val 5403931 or Barbara on 5403901; there is also an answerphone on the latter number. We also have email and mobile numbers if requested.

Barbara

Thank you from Tamaha Scouts

A heartfelt Thankyou to the Māpua Ruby Bay Community Trust for supporting the Tamaha Sea Scout group with a grant to purchase a new kayak to add to the group's existing fleet of kayaks.

Having another kayak will enable more youth to take part in kayaking excursions with the sea scout group. The group's kayaks are regularly used by all three sections of the group starting with the Keas 5–8 years old, Cubs 8-11 years old, through to the Scouts 11-14 years old.

Jesse Loader, Group Leader



PANZ (Pastel Artists of New Zealand) - Nelson Area

Our hearts go out to all those people who were caught up in the last two storms that hit the Tasman area. Mother nature can be very cruel at times, and she was certainly screwed up this past month.

For those of you who are not aware, we now have a display wall in the hall foyer where members can display art works for sale. It changes often, so keep looking.

We didn't run the colour wheel challenge as there were too many people away. It will be brought out once we all return home.

Christine Abernethy is part of a newcomer's exhibition at the Suter Gallery and Cynthia McKenzie has a small exhibition at Wall to Wall Gallery in Nelson. It's good to see members exhibiting out in the community.

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

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

Or if you cannot attend the Tuesday morning group and would like to try painting with pastel, try a Saturday morning at Greenmeadows (Stoke) on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

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People, Places and Personalities of Māpua

The following article is part of a series about Māpua and immediate surroundings. If you have any ideas or/ and wish to write an article (including interviews) yourself, please write to: storytimemapua@gmail.com

A flax mill and wetlands in Māpua

Most of us have seen, time and again, a 'lake' growing and then receding during weather events on the flats of Seaton Valley, a wetland once covered with flax.

It was this flax (*Phormium tenax* or harakeke) that gave rise to a brief, but successful flax milling industry, preceding the apple growing industry our area is known for. A milling that began in the late 19th century (1872), finishing in the 1930s.

Early flax fibre trade was with Sydney, Australia in the 1820s. Ropes were made for HMS Victory in Nelson, also for the Royal Navy. Factories at the time were in the Manawatu, Foxton (there's a flax museum there) and Templeton (Canterbury). Flax fibres were used for ropes, matting, carpet underfelt and wool packs.

Arthur Chaytor farmed the 37-ha property by the Old Mill Stream (the ditch that runs from the flat land to the mud flats by the sea) and called this property Seaton Estate after his family estate in England. A sign by the carpark near Broadsea Ave reads:

"As the rich swamp lands were covered in flax, he established a mill, using a bullock team to haul the heavy fibre 500m south of this sign. Late last century Chaytor built the first jetty at the present Māpua Wharf where small steamers called to load bales of 'hemp'. Arthur Chaytor passed away in 1937".

Ted and Joe Senior arrived in Māpua in 1906 and bought Seaton Estate, establishing by the Old Mill Stream a flax mill, one of Māpua's early industries, along with the Senior brother's orchard and the development of the wharf, which became an export point for apples and flax.

In 1925 Mr E. S. Senior on returning to Māpua, built a new mill by the foot of the hill equipped with a 'stripper machine' that removed the green coating from the flax, pressed into bales and tied together to be shipped and made into rope. This mill operated until the mid-1930s, the remains of its corrugated iron sheds can still be seen from the road at 49 Stafford Drive.



shed at 49 Stafford Drive

This whole area is very low lying, with the Seaton Valley Stream running down the valley along with many tributaries. When first drained the area revealed archaeological treasures, including an ihu (prow) of a waka, adzes, flax fishing net and a wooden rakau whakapapa (generation stick). A well-developed network of channels and dams now ensures the drainage of the wetland water

into the stream. However, further up the Seaton Valley, you will find some lovely examples of naturally regenerated flax wetlands reminiscent of the original wetland down in the valley.

Alas, while there is now less than 10% of the wetlands that once covered Aotearoa, their value as a natural flood control mechanism is only belatedly being understood, in addition to their role in improving water quality, providing habitats for a wide array of plant and animal species and mitigating climate change by storing carbon.

For Māpua, a regenerated Seaton Valley wetlands would not only be a beautiful backdrop to our rural environment but would also help mitigate the effects of climate change manifest by the increasing frequency and severity of flood events that we are all witnessing.



Thinking of comments on our community page on the 'Seaton Lake' from a few weeks ago: A great place for playing water polo and bog snorkelling competitions! Many birds were to be seen: Black swans, paradise ducks and Pukeko quickly moved in, until the water drained away.

If possible: it will take a huge labour of love from the community to get the land back to its historical roots of a swamp land with abundant flax and other plant species from the days of Arthur Chaytor, Joe, Ted and E.S. Senior. The flax won't be milled but admired and appreciated for its natural value for many years to come.

It is our responsibility to respond and mitigate the risks accordingly and to resist ill-considered Fasttrack developments from happening.

Resources used:

Fruits of Labour by Bernard Wells 1990.

The Prow www.theprow.org.nz

Footnote on the fast track:

Currently the wetlands as proposed by the fast-track plans for Seaton Valley's development will be a wetland in name only. It will not harbour the species necessary to be a functioning wetland, because particularly with the council's desired playing fields, it will be too small, and the residential housing run off with cleaning chemicals such as Wet and Forget will be toxic to the essential invertebrates wildlife.

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We want your stories and memories.

The Māpua Hall committee is planning a celebration to be held on the 17th of October. We would love to hear your stories of the Māpua Hall. Anything: anecdotes, recollections from old committee members, events attended, horror stories featuring hall happenings – no memories will be too small!

Please write or email to Mary or Hilary: m.garner@xtra.co.nz or h.clifton@icloud.com

If you don't want to write anything yourself, just phone either of us: Mary 0210469626 or Hilary 0211083037.

A small story from something that I wrote donkey's years ago:

"The hall's lovely Matai floor has been seasoned over 60+ years with chalk, sausage rolls, lamingtons, splodges of play dough and an alarming quantity of spilt alcohol – although mercifully, not always at the same time.

Any Māpua Resident of a certain age will remember the dances. All the local community groups used to take turns to run a dance as a fundraiser on a Saturday night during the apple season (one slice and a loaf made into sandwiches for each committee member please). They would run buses from Motueka.

My father said that all the men would congregate out the back where they had their half Gs hidden under the bushes. Dad remembered the local cop would come in, wander around and sometimes even stop for an interminable cup of tea while all the blokes milled around, forced to dance or (even worse), talk to the women. When the officer eventually got up to leave, he would invariably say something like, "Ok then – you blokes can go back to your booze now".

The formal flyer of invitation to the Hall 80th will appear elsewhere in the Coastal News and online.

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Now is also the perfect time to have your vehicle checked over to ensure it is ready to face the climatic extremes and the geographical nature of travelling to and from the slopes.

Rough snow covered roads can test your vehicle to the limit. Your cooling system will be working overtime: on the journey up to the field, and the tyres, suspension, gearboxes, and vehicle tune will also be put through their paces and then your vehicle will be left to sit in the snow covered car park until you decide to go home. This is when the condition of your battery and your anti-freeze will be put to the test.



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We are pleased to offer a full skin check service with an experienced female clinician. The cost is \$200 for a 40 minute assessment. Please call our reception team for more details and to make a booking.

It is daffodil day this month in support of the Cancer Society. 1 in 3 New Zealanders will get cancer in their lifetime. 1 in 3 is a lot of us. Daffodil Day is our country's chance to work together and change the experience of cancer for every New Zealander.

We all know someone affected by cancer and the toll this takes on them and their friends and whānau. But there is hope. The Cancer Society helps to fund cancer prevention policy and life-saving cancer research, and provides support and hope to cancer patients and their whānau from diagnosis through to post-treatment.

There are also things that we can do to decrease the likelihood of getting cancer. The results of numerous clinical and epidemiological studies clearly show the influence of lifestyles on the development and prevention of cancer.

An incorrect diet, composed mainly of saturated fats and processed products, resulting in increased body weight, combined with physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, and smoking, has induced an increase in the incidence of cancer (*Nutrients*. 2024 Mar 11;16(6):80).

There is convincing evidence for lowering colon cancer risk 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).

We also know that sugar is not good for us, but even some artificial sweeteners can lead to cancer, especially aspartame which has been associated with 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
- 11-17 Women's Health Week
www.womenshealthweek.nz
- 12 International Youth Day
www.un.org/en/events/youthday
- 29 Daffodil Day – Cancer Society NZ
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Book Review

Fire Weather

A True Story from a Hotter World by John Vaillant, published June 2023

Billie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction (2023), Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction (2024), Audie Award for Non-Fiction (2024), Shaughnessy Prize for Political Writing (2024), OLA Evergreen Award (2024).

Available at the Māpua Library .

"No-one would ever think that Nova Scotia and Greece would have anything in common, [but] this summer they both had catastrophic fires and catastrophic floods in the same season . . . we got to pay attention to that." John Vaillant, on winning the Billie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction in 2023.

John Vaillant tells a compelling and sensational story of a fire in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada in 2016 alongside an historical and scientific exploration of how we got to the point where between 80,000 - 90,000 people were forced to flee their city in a single afternoon; and where we go from here.

Arguably, there have been worse fires before and certainly since 2016, and there'll always be someone to tell you about them.

Fires with a greater cost to life, covering a larger area, costing insurance companies more..., the list goes on, however what John Vaillant achieves in this book is more than a disaster and survival horror story, it's an exploration of the rapidly changing relationship between fire and humankind with reference to this one particular fire.

In the words of the Billie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction judges in 2023, "Fire Weather brings together a series of harrowing human stories with science and geo-economics, in an extraordinary and elegantly rendered account of a terrifying climate disaster."

I think about climate change and global warming.

I think I know the causes and possible solutions but when challenged to discuss or explain or promote the need for action, I often flounder. I forget what the 'greenhouse effect' actually is, I forget how the atmosphere has changed, and I sometimes even forget why this period of climate change is so very different to previous periods of global warming and cooling. Well, I don't forget, but sometimes under pressure, I fail to assemble the vocabulary I need to speak bravely and succinctly and in a way that gets my message across.

In May 2016 the Canadian city of Fort McMurray was overrun by wildfire. Fort McMurray is located in northeast Alberta, in the middle of the Athabasca oil sands and surrounded by boreal forest. It has played a major role in the development of the Canadian petroleum industry.

Despite initial advice that schools, workplaces and life should continue as normal, local radio, on the advice of authorities, advised that this fire was simply another boreal

fire that would be easily and simply controlled. The authorities got it wrong.

The fire melted vehicles, turned entire neighbourhoods into firebombs and caused the panicked evacuation of thousands who clogged highways north and south with families, often separated and in separate cars, yet all miraculously survived.

With masterful writing and a cinematic eye, Vaillant takes us on a gripping journey through the intertwined histories of North America's oil industry and the birth of climate science, to the unprecedented devastation that modern forest fires wreak, and into lives forever changed by this and other disasters.

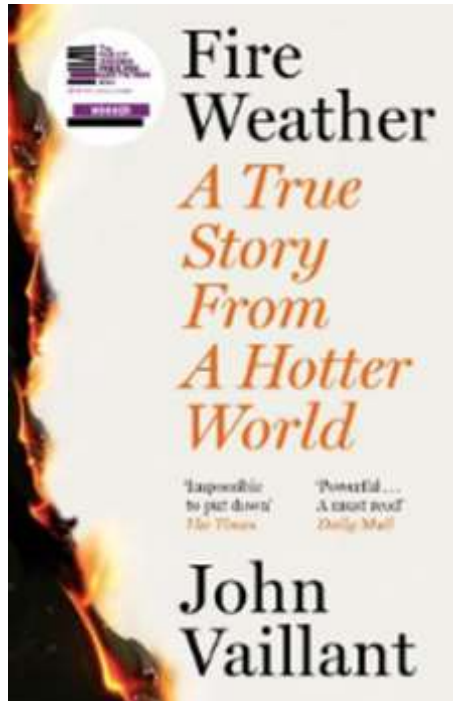
But John Vaillant believes humankind has a future, he advises we must "... read courageously, think courageously, speak courageously and openly, - that's gonna take some courage."

If you've got a good memory, this book will give you all the facts you need to hold your own with the

doubters and disbelievers; if like me, your recall deserts you in those pressured moments, you should have this book permanently in your reading pile, to dip into when needed and to read and reread.

I'm learning to speak courageously by knowing the facts well enough for instant recall and this book is a great start.

Hilary Clifton



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As the colder months settle in, many pets—especially seniors—begin to show signs of discomfort that may go unnoticed during warmer seasons. Winter can exacerbate underlying issues such as joint pain, stiffness, and reduced mobility, making it the perfect time to check in with your veterinary nurse for a winter wellness review.

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Spotting the signs early

Pets often mask pain, but winter's chill can reveal subtle changes in behaviour. You might notice your dog hesitating to jump into the car, or your cat avoiding stairs—signs that could point to arthritis, muscle weakness, or other mobility challenges.

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Through regular consults, we can monitor your pet's condition, recommend lifestyle adjustments, and collaborate with veterinarians to tailor pain relief plans. This might include medications, supplements, or alternative therapies like acupuncture or physiotherapy.

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Cold weather often means less activity, which can lead to a few extra kilos—and that added weight being a big pain in the joints! Our vet nurses offer tailored nutrition advice and regular weigh-ins to help your pet reach and maintain a healthy weight. Maintaining a healthy weight is one of the most effective ways to reduce strain on joints and improve overall wellbeing.

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Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA)

The MDCA May Public Meeting was held on Monday 14th July at Māpua Hall.

Michael Markert and **David Short** from **TACA** gave a well-received presentation on the **Te Mamaku Drive Planting Project**, including the vision, history of funding, planting efforts to date and future plans, including drone video/photos of the current result along SH60 (Tasman hill to Stagecoach Road). This project is a great success in contributing to the wider regional efforts to create native corridors for our bird and insect life. Many thanks to David and Michael for coming to the meeting and sharing this with us. Website:

<https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/te-mamaku-project>

Cr Mike Kininmonth noted that a response from NZTA regarding a question on potential changes to the road layout SH60/Corner of Māpua Drive indicated they do not have the funds to make improvements at this stage. He also announced that he will be standing to represent the Waimea-Moutere Ward at Council once again.

Cr Dan Shallcrass noted a representative from the Youth Council is hoping to attend MDCA Meetings in the near future. He also attended a hearing on the River Reserve submissions, noting it was good to see input from the public, particularly given its relevance to recent flooding across the district.

Cr Christeen McKenzie acknowledged the enormity of the severe weather events we have been through, thanking the various agencies currently working together closely on the recovery effort. Driving through the affected areas is mindboggling. It will be a long, long recovery. There are some subsidies for roads and bridges, but the costing is \$20million+ just for access. Donations can be made to the **Mayoral Relief Fund**, with is distributed to those in need via a submission system.

Regarding funding for disaster recovery, Councillor McKenzie clarified that TDC does not have money in reserve, so TDC's recovery funding can only come from insurance or reprioritisation. Finally, it was noted that the **Tasman Resource Management Plan** (TRMP) is now available online and can be used to find rules that relate to your property.

Regarding **Roads and Pathways**, we heard last month that the **Ruby Bay Bluffs Road** will remain single lane for the foreseeable future, with closures during severe weather (orange/red warnings), a position that MDCA supports. However, some residents have expressed concerns regarding the effect on the road surface/stability given that all traffic travels via the outside lane.

Given this, MDCA has requested TDC to consider options for realigning the outer lane a little closer to the Bluffs (nearer the former centre line), thus putting less wear-and-tear on the outer-most edge of the road. TDC responded promptly stating that a review of the geotechnical risks occurring at present includes looking at this aspect.

Regarding **parking on Māpua Drive, outside Aranui Park**, new signage will go up soon prohibiting parking of cars for sale within this area.

Work on the **Community Emergency Preparedness Plan (CEPP)** continues, with new members joining the Team and local businesses engaged-to-date being very supportive. Next steps are to work with the Māpua Community Hall on setting up the Hall to be our Community Emergency Centre, create a Network Map of our Neighbourhood Groups and launch a Resident/Business Owner Emergency Preparedness Survey. For more details and a link to participate in the Survey, see the **CEPP** update in this issue of Coastal News. [see page 27]

The MDCA website now includes a new AED drop down menu, covering the locations, maintenance and funding of these importance resources. MDCA would also like to recognise the work of the **Wellbeing Trust** in the community – many thanks! Their annual Fundraising plant sale is planned for 20th September. [see below.]

MDCA's next Public Meeting will be held at the Māpua Community Hall on Monday 14th July at 7pm and includes our AGM – please ensure you are a paid-up member if you plan to vote and also consider volunteering for a role on the committee.

In September, we will host a **Forum for Mayoral/Ward Councillor candidates**, with all residents from the greater Māpua-Ruby Bay-Tasman-Mahana area welcome to attend. In November, TDC's Alastair Clement (Natural Hazards/Geomorphology) will share his work on modelling the Waimea and Moutere estuaries, including how we use modelling to help ensure development around the district is resilient to natural hazards



Annual membership subscription can be paid by direct credit – see www.ourMāpua.org for details.

Māpua Spring plant sale

Saturday 20 September

10am - 1pm - Save the date

The Māpua Spring plant sale will be held at the Old Church Hall, 121 Aranui Road. There will be seedlings and plants at great prices, all donated from local gardens.

We welcome any donations of plants, so if you or your friends/neighbours have seedlings/cuttings/bulbs that can be potted up and labelled, please do so to support the event. Drop off for the plants is Thursday 18th and Friday 19th September, between 2 - 6pm, at the Old Church.

The Māpua Spring plant sale has become a popular and successful fundraiser for the Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust. Visit their Facebook page for the latest information on their activities.

For further information, contact Liz McPherson
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RUBY BAY STORE

What's on in August

MIDGE McCLEARY

Friday 8 August, 7pm, \$25

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ELISHA HOBBS

Saturday 16 August, 7pm, \$25

Welcome back to a local indie/folk singer-songwriter

TASTES OF PALESTINE: FOOD, FILM & FUNDRAISER

Saturday 23 August, 6pm, \$40

Nelson chef Fadia al Husseini cooks delectable Palestinian food. The film is 2025 Oscar winner *No Other Land*, a joint Israeli-Palestinian-made documentary. Proceeds will go to the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund. A three-course dinner will be served at 6pm, along with Fadia's explanation of her dishes' origins, followed by the film at 7pm

RONDO'S HAND-DRUMMING 'EDU-TAINMENT'

Sunday 31 August, 3pm, \$20 / \$10 for 16 & under

Rondo Weiss's percussion 'Edu-tainment' involves bongos, maracas, guiro, clave and cowbells. He'll explain and play them in the first half; the audience participates and plays in the second half. A drum prize for best junior

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England: from Heritage cities to hidden countryside

While London's landmarks are iconic, England's real soul often lies beyond the city. A self-drive or small group tour allows you to meander through the Lake District, Cotswolds, or Yorkshire Dales at your own pace, pausing for cream teas in stone cottages or to explore ruins that whisper of times long past.

Start your journey in Bath or Oxford, soaking in Georgian elegance and literary history. Then head north toward the Lakes, where you can hike trails once walked by Wordsworth, or simply relax beside mirror-like waters surrounded by dramatic peaks.

For those with ancestral ties as I have, there's something quietly moving about returning to English soil.

My own forefathers left England aboard the Lady Nugent, eventually settling in Nelson, and it's been a joy to raise our own family here in Māpua and further afield. That thread of connection makes these places feel especially meaningful.

Scotland: Castles, Clans, and the Call of the Isles

Crossing into Scotland, the scenery grows wilder, more windswept, more stirring. Edinburgh's skyline, a blend of spires and cliffs, sets the tone for a country steeped in legend.

A self-drive route through the Highlands offers the chance to explore beyond the guidebook: lochs draped in mist, red deer crossing the road at dusk, local whisky distilleries offering warm welcomes on chilly days.

Then there are the islands, particularly the Outer Hebrides, where time slows and landscapes stretch wide and empty. White sand beaches, Gaelic-speaking villages, ancient standing stones, and raw Atlantic coastlines await those who make the journey.

A small group tour makes these remote places accessible while preserving a sense of discovery. Whether you're tracing clan heritage, standing at the edge of the sea in Lewis, or walking through heather-covered hills in Skye, it's an experience that lingers long after the trip ends.

Inspiration awaits

England and Scotland invite you to step into history and perhaps even trace your own. Whether by car, coach, or rail, this part of the world rewards those who linger, who explore the lesser-travelled roads, and who open themselves to stories both old and new.

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Homewares News

After this very wet and devastating recent few weeks in the area we are looking forward to getting this difficult time behind us and welcome a good Spring.

It has been wonderful to see our fabulous Community Spirit at work once again to assist our neighbours to begin getting their lives and properties back on track.

Bring on the Sunshine!

This quieter time has enabled us to have a good sort out and clean up. We need space and \$\$ for new stock already on its way.

So to this end we are pleased to offer some excellent bargains on a variety of selected stock with 50% off (or more). Call in soon and grab a bargain.

We have a great promotion running for the month of August on a selected range of **WMF** cookware, cutlery and kitchen items.

WMF is our best European cookware, made in Germany. It is inspired by professionals and designed to give you many years of service for home. Excellent savings are to be had and apply to existing stock only.

Our Winter woollies have been restocked. Keep warm and cosy with **NZ Native World** possum and merino garments - including all the accessories: socks, hats, gloves and scarves.

We also have the popular **Lamington** merino socks for all the family (especially the little ones) and our new arrivals are the **Humphrey Law Health** socks from Australia, which are a blend of alpaca and wool – extra warm and hard wearing.

Something different now – to provide joy and elevate any outfit: **New Jewellery** for Spring and Summer!

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- Plus a few special items from the **Shelly Dahari Collection**, (Shelly is an Israeli designer) – Metal and natural materials.

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Māpua Community Library

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A weekend of Love Lies & Legacy

Māpua Community Library Literary Festival

12th – 14th September 2025.

Love, Lies & Legacy is the theme for this September's Māpua Community Library Literary Festival which features an impressive lineup of 17 writers and poets who will share their work and the stories behind their writing.

Tickets are on sale now for the festival, the seventh run by the library.

Friday 12 September begins with the highly acclaimed solo-performance "*Red Heavens*" by Martine Baanvinger inspired by New Zealand author Gerard Hindmarsh's book '*Angelina*' about his Italian grandmother.

The festival's informal and engaging format includes authors being interviewed by conservationists.

Saturday September 13 Adrienne Taylor will talk with Gerald Hindmarsh about his latest book *Hard-Case Heroes – Stories from the Abel Tasman*.

Saturday's programme also includes 'character creation', the first of two writing workshops by author Wendy Scott.

Crime writers Stef Harris and Michael Bennett will be interviewed by conversationalist – Chris Stuart.

In the afternoon Steve Henry will talk with Tom Rowling about his book *Rolling Seas to Rowling Heights*, the tale of the author's first six years at sea, from 1959–65.

Afternoon tea and cake are part of the next presentation when author Erin Palmisano talks with conversationalist Kerry Sutherland about her latest release *The Secrets of Maiden's Cove*.

Poetry at Night on Saturday is themed "Verses of the Heart, love, lies and lasting legacy". MC Roger Lusby will oversee 15-minute presentations from six poets: Carol Don Ercolano, Henry Ludbrook, Mark Raffills, Emma Stevens, Rose Michel von Dreger and Warwick Stubbs.

The evening will conclude with Roger Lusby's poetic, audiovisual tribute to Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Sunday's programme begins with Wendy Scott's second workshop 'creative writing'.

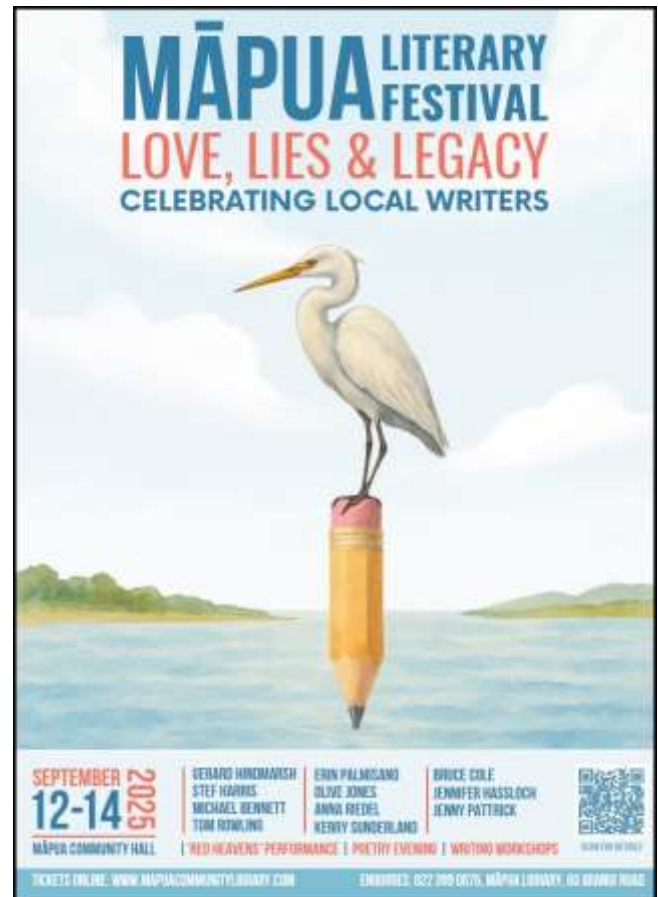
Three local authors whose writing explores alternative ways of living in Aotearoa, Olive Jones, Anna Riedel and Kerry Sunderland also feature on Sunday's programme in a session with conversationalist Liz Price.

Bruce Cole and Jennifer Hassloch, co-authors of *Revolt*, will be in conversation with Elaine Fisher about their latest book, the second in a dystopian trilogy set in New Zealand's South Island.

Sunday afternoon, one of New Zealand's most talented story tellers, Jenny Patrick, (OBE) and Mansfield Menton Fellowship winner will talk about her writing including her latest book "*Sea Change*" with Liz Price.

The festival ends with the announcement of the winners in the **Love, Lies & Legacy short story competition**.

Tickets for the festival are on sale now via the Māpua Community Library website, with a special offer - register for three author sessions, and the 4th is free. - <https://mapuacommunitylibrary.com>



Short story competition part of festival

This year's Māpua Community Library Literary Festival features a short story competition based on the festival's theme: Love, Lies and Legacy.

Open to all Tasman and Golden Bay writers, there are three categories: children, young adult and adult, with prizes including cash and vouchers from Page & Blackmore Booksellers. **Closing date for entries is 7 September.**

Entry forms available from the Māpua Library website. Submit your story with completed entry form to Māpua Library - Short Story Competition.

Stories will be judged anonymously, so do not write your name or address on the story pages.

Handwritten or double-spaced typed stories accepted; each page numbered and titled.

Winners will be announced at the Literary Festival awards ceremony 14 September 2025.

Age Categories

Children (Years 6-8) prize \$50; maximum 500 words

Young Adult (Years 9-13) prize \$100; maximum 1000 words

Adult (over 18 years) prize \$200; maximum 1000 words

Further details - June Fry 027 502 1593

Ruby Coast Running Club

We have had some very wet evenings for some of our recent Thursday 5km events. Well done to all the hardy walkers and runners who have braved the elements on these dismal evenings. We are also especially appreciative of our volunteer timekeepers on these cold wet evenings.

On a brighter note, we are now well past the shortest day and into the last month of winter and so are looking forward to some improved running conditions in the weeks ahead.

Recent local events our runners have been involved in include the first two events in the Sprig & Fern 10km series.

First up was the Richmond Sprig & Fern 10km at the end of June. After several days of rain there was a break in the weather, and we enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon for the run. We had a good turn-out and everyone ran really well. We all attended the prizegiving and socialising at the Richmond Sprig & Fern afterwards where a few of our team were lucky enough to win spot prizes.

The Brightwater Sprig & Fern 10km on 19 July was an equally successful event for our runners. We had a good group of runners take part and achieve some good times for their 10km. Everyone enjoyed the event and the socialising afterwards and more spot prizes were won as well.

We also had some runners join in the Waimea Harriers Abel Tasman trip at the beginning of July. With all the wet weather we were uncertain whether this trip would be going ahead, but fortunately it did. The event is not a race, but an informal run on the Abel Tasman Coast Track. You choose where you want to be dropped off by the water taxi and then make your way back along the track to Marahau.

All our runners opted to start at Bark Bay, which meant an approximately 22km run back to Marahau. We were lucky that the rain held off and it was a great day out.

Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, the weather conditions meant that the Nelson Marathon was cancelled. We will look forward to this new event when it hopefully takes place in better conditions next year.

If you would like to join our regular Thursday 5km event, we meet each week in front of the playground by the Māpua Hall. We start at 5:15pm for walkers and runners who need more than 30 mins to complete 5km, and 5:30pm for everyone else. You are welcome to bring your four-legged walking or running buddy – we just ask that you please start with 5:15pm walkers and runners.

There is no need to register in advance – just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing. Although we are past the shortest day, it is still quite dark and so advisable to bring a head torch. Then join us for well-earned refreshments at the Māpua Sprig & Fern afterwards.

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



RCRC Runners at the Richmond Sprig & Fern 10km.

Yoga with Martin

Mapua Hall

New! Beginners/Recovery:
Tuesday, 6.00 – 7.00pm

General: Friday, 9.15 – 10.30am

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Lynda's Exercise Classes in the Mapua Hall

Winter 2025, Classes restart Tuesday June 3rd.
Same timetable; classes now running in 3-week blocks.
Start dates: July 1st (no classes week of July 22nd).
July 28th (no classes week of August 18th). Etc.

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Māpua Village Bakery

Pet of the Month



This stunning specimen is Tank. He's a cream-coloured golden retriever with lovely flowing locks of fur. Just ask his Mom Leslie who has to do all the vacuuming.

Leslie is one of the wonderful staff members at the bakery and Tank tries to get invited along every time she comes to work.

He likes to swim at the beach and go for long, leisurely walks. For a 3-year-old, he's a perfect gentleman. Most importantly, he adores the bakery dog biscuits!

Welcome New Owners!

Māpua Village Bakery is under new ownership, with Lelum, Shani, and their son Lithum officially taking over on August 1st.



Lelum, a qualified baker with 25 years of experience, has spent the last 15 years as assistant bakery manager at Pac N Sav Richmond.

With his passion for baking and culinary skills he's eager to bring fresh ideas and exciting new flavours to the bakery.

The family is excited to become a part of the Māpua community and invites everyone to stop by to enjoy their delicious creations and warm hospitality.

A Fond Good-bye to Māpua Village Bakery.

We took the reins of the bakery nearly two years ago



and loved it. We loved the staff, the bakery and especially our customers.

We will always be proud of the quality product produced by our talented bakers and the rest of our staff.

While we learned heaps, and had a lot of ideas moving forward, an offer came along that was hard to look past.

We are handing the bakery over to a much younger owner who plans to work on site; something we were unable to do because of our other businesses.

He's also a trained chef and baker so will bring the kind of new ideas to the bakery we could not.

For now, we will have a quick (and very rare) holiday. But we can't wait to get back and see what Lelum and Shani do, especially with the café.

Live long and prosper, Barb & Eric.

New Cafe Menu

With new ownership comes fresh new ideas. With a background in Sri Lankan cuisine Lelum will be adding some new and exciting items and flavours to the cafe menu.

Nothing is set yet, but it will be very exciting.

Will there be more lunch options, maybe some tasty wraps?

Maybe some new sandwiches or even exotic rice dishes.

Anyone who has ever had something from Lelum's Taste of Sri Lanka food truck knows what I'm talking about.

But don't worry about losing your favourites! Most of the traditional cafe menu will remain, along with coffee served by our highly skilled baristas.



Māpua Community Hall

Weekly Classes August 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Delias Dance Divas 10.00-11.00am	Sioux Line dancing 9-12pm	Aerobic/Pilates with Lynda 9-11am	MAG Mapua Art Group 9.30-12.30pm	Cardio weights/Pilates with Lynda 9-11am
Mindful Movement with Tilly 11.30-12.30pm	Pastel Artists of NZ 9-12.00pm	Yoga for Healthy Living with Nikki 9.15-10.30am	Yoga with Debbie 9.15-10.30am	Yoga with Martin 9.15-10.45am
	Mapua Creative Fibre 10.00 - 13.00pm Monthly on the second Tuesday	Mindful Movement with Tilly 11.30-12.30	Yoga/ Pilates with Kris 10.45-11.30am	
	CB Dance with Courtney 3.30-4.30pm	Chair Yoga with Yvonne 1.30pm-2.30pm	Mapua pop up travel helpdesk  Thursday 9-12.30pm	
	Strength and Cardio with Lynda 6-7pm			
Broga with Nikki 5.30-7pm	Yoga with Martin 6-7pm	Mapua Football 5.30-8pm	African Fusion & Belly dance with Indy 5.30-6.30pm	The Hub Community drop in support 2.30-4.30pm
Delias Dance Divas 7.15-8.15pm	Boardgame night with Ryan 7-11.30pm	Yoga with Rachel 6.30-7.45pm	Mapua Community Choir 7.30-9pm	

Upcoming Events at our Hall



PechaKucha™ 1st August



Jazz-a-matazz comes to Māpua

NJC Big Band
Māpua School
Māpua Community Choir

Māpua Community Hall
Aranui Road, Māpua

Thu, 7 Aug, 7pm - 9.30pm



Rites of Passage Foundation WINTER HOOTENANNY!

Ceilidh Dance Fundraiser

Sat 16th Aug 2025, 7:00 pm, Mapua Community Hall

Fathers Day Mapua Hall Makers Market on 7th September 2025.

Applications for a stall are now open!!!

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Motoring with Fred

Beeps, squawks, lights and screens

My first car was a 1938 Dodge: a nice big American car with space.

It did have an extra, a 'heater' but with just a sort of warm flow as the fan didn't work. Also, a fuel gauge, speedo and temperature gauge which worked sometimes.

The indicators consisted of a hand out of the window for right turn and left turn was an arm arched over the roof pointing left.

Big enough so you could get the surf boards inside along with a few mates: everything I wanted at 18yrs old. The old Dodge took me everywhere I needed to go looking for a wave.

Fast forward and my late model Rav-4 is like sitting in a spaceship. Buttons all light up and screens with multi-step functions. Driving a latest hybrid involves beeps and squawks: beep for car on, beep in reverse, backing out of the garage, squawk passing the tree and squawk at the hedge down the drive. Thankfully indicators still just quietly tick and flash on the dash.

The screen has good navigation which is handy. My wife does all the Bluetooth and phone connections which has its merits with hands on the steering wheel all the time.

Myself, I find the screen distracting and I wonder how many people have had accidents fiddling with their on-board screen. I think they are equivalent to cell phones for distracting a driver.

In Melbourne I sat in the latest Tesla model and it had an oversized screen with most car comforts controlled on screen.

I like the screen totally off while driving at night as it puts too much light in the front cabin, ie secondary lights distract me from approaching vehicles. I could not find how to turn the screen off but I'm sure it's got an off switch somewhere.

All the auto functions like wipers and lights took a while to get adjusted to, as initially I felt alerted to something going wrong. I hanker for an 'off' button somewhere sometimes.

A new car and a new cell phone are very similar, but you do get an easy-to-follow owners' manual with the Rav-4. It takes weeks before you know how it all works, even longer.

Trusting the safe distance cruise control and braking system was nerve racking the first time. Reversing out of the garage on the electric motor and suddenly the petrol engine starts so the heater warms quicker. Phew, what was happening?

Listening to all the beeps has retrained me after about a year but still not sure about all the squawks. You have to read the owners' manual to keep up with all those beeps and squawks. I did get caught out the other day parking the car. Squawk as we parked the car next to another, beep as I put

it into park.

We got out and as I walked away, I pushed the auto lock key fob and got a reply of a low beep beep... What the --- was that all about? Had the battery gone flat? Being a hybrid, it had quietly used the electric motor while we parked the car. I went back to find the car was unlocked and the car/system still on. The car is retraining me!



1938 Dodge dash



Toyota Rav4 dash

Is there too much going on in modern motor cars? Shouldn't we just be watching the road?

My 38 Dodge was a lot more fun, it had a steering wheel, gear stick, clutch and accelerator but was bloody cold in the winter.

The Rav-4 heater is excellent!

Fred Cassin

Nice to see you back Fred! - Editor

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New minister for HCC

Kia ora. My name is Emily Holmes, and I am the new minister at Hills Community Church!

I grew up in Brightwater and St Arnaud, in a family of seven who are now all around the region and country. I am married to Greg Holmes who after serving in the IT industry overseas and in ministry himself as a Vicar, is now finishing his secondary teaching qualification to teach maths and physics in a local College. We have three sons: Sam, who is at University, Elijah, who is 12 and Gabriel, who is 10.



Māpua has held a very special place in my heart for a long time. From a young child I spent time most holidays with my beautiful grandparents, combing the beaches for shells, jumping off the wharf, learning about why the boats turn with the tide, visiting the neighbours in Tah Street, walking to the Village Bakery for a sweet pastry and savouring the sunsets over the estuary. Many celebrations and moments have been shared in this village, and our family is really excited to be here!

We look forward to serving among the Hills Church whanau and getting to know the people and life of beautiful Māpua!

Exciting news...

It takes a village to raise a child.

Hills Community Church have received a grant that has provided us with the opportunity to employ a Child Family Whanau Worker. This person is Emily Holmes, who in her other role, is the new minister at Hills Community Church.

Planning is underway to start a Kids Club.

Venue: Hills Community Church rooms

Time: After school until 5pm

When: 1 day a week during the school terms (the day to yet be confirmed)

Age range: Primary school aged children

Cost: We will continue to apply for grants and sponsorship. There will be no fixed cost for children to attend but a koha of what you can afford would be appreciated to help offset some of our costs.

Afternoon tea: a drink and something to eat will be provided.

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Our Vision...

An intergenerational opportunity where children can spend time with adults in our community, to have fun, learn new skills and interact in a safe and respectful environment.

Many children in our community don't have grandparents locally or even in New Zealand. We have so many skilled and talented people in our community and our goal is to provide an opportunity for our tamariki to benefit from your skills and friendship.

We are looking for volunteers and helpers who could share skills or hobbies such as knitting, crochet, craft, drawing, chess, ukulele, dance and cook. Other suggestions would be most welcome.

We would love to hear from you if you have a skill and time to share with our tamariki.

To ensure our children and volunteers can enjoy Kids Club as a safe space, we will guide our volunteers through police vetting and child-safe procedures as part of their preparation.

Please contact: Emily (Child Family Whanau Worker)
 027 868 8752, minister@hillscommunitychurch.org.nz
 Or Robyn (Child Family Whanau Coordinator)
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Ngā Ara ki te Taiao Wānanga

The recent wānanga was an exciting 4-day journey of exploration, learning, and connection to deepen our understanding of te ao Māori and our understanding of and connection to te taiao. Funded by Sport New Zealand the wānanga contributed to Te Pākē o Ihi Aotearoa, Sport NZ's Māori Outcomes Framework and attracted participants from across the active recreation sector of Aotearoa. The wānanga had presentations and kōrero from Hawaki Kura, Tiwaiwaka Aotearoa, Tasman Bay Guardians, Sport Tasman, Waka Abel Tasman, Ngāti Rārua Ātiawa Iwi Trust, Sport NZ and the Nature Conservancy NZ.



Ao Tawhiti school during their 4-day waka trip, Abel Tasman NP

Waka Journey Inspires Water Safety

Whenua Iti hosted rangatahi from Ao Tawhiti school in Christchurch for a 4-day waka trip into the Abel Tasman National Park which started 25 June. The group paddled to Rākauroa (Anchorage) and stayed in tents for two nights following a day of team building and tikanga associated with the waka. The trip was developed to increase the rangatahi's self-confidence, cultural connection and develop a sense of belonging. Special thanks to Water Safety NZ for supporting this exciting programme which included additional water safety training.

Youth Outdoor Film Festival

Motueka's State Cinema hosted the inaugural Youth Outdoor Film Festival. A sold out cinema enjoyed films from the two finalists in each category. The films ranged from a beach clean-up, sea kayaking in the Abel Tasman National Park, mountain bike trips to 19 hour overnight solo adventures through the backcountry on the way to school.



Prizegiving at the Youth Outdoor Film Festival, Motueka

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Cheeky seagull wins People's Choice

A photo of a cheeky seagull about to steal a chip won Hudson French of Richmond the People's Choice award in the **Māpua Boat Club's Amateur Photographic Competition**.

The young photographer's image was also commended in the children's nature section by the judges who described it as: "A great little moment – well captured".



Hudson French's photo of a cheeky seagull won People's Choice and is the image for July in the 2026 calendar now on sale at Delicious Homewares.

The talented brother and sister twosome of Cash and Brea Mickell from Brightwater won major prizes in the children's section for the second time.

Brea, aged six was the overall winner of the children's section, winner of the boats category and commended in the people section. Cash aged nine won the people section and was commended in the boats category. Last year Cash and Brae also won prizes in the people and boats sections.

Judges Jane Smith of Chocolate Dog Studio Māpua, and Jamie Brown of the contest's major sponsor CopyArt were impressed at the high standard of photography in both the children's and adult sections.

Overall winner in the adult section was Laura Lane of Richmond with a photo of the vintage timber vessel 'Lily' beached in the Waimea Estuary for winter maintenance. Owned by Patrick Maisey of Māpua, 'Lily' is a former Dunedin harbourmaster's double-ended working boat.

Judges described the winning photo as; "crisp shot with the boat as the star".

Prize giving at the Māpua Boat Club Rooms was attended by around 30 people on Sunday 27 July when prizes from the sponsors were awarded to winning photographers.

Sponsor were: CopyArt, Delicious Homewares, Jellyfish, The Smokehouse, Kiwi Journeys (Māpua Ferry), Jared's Fruit & Veg, Sprig & Fern Māpua and Māpua Pharmacy.

The full list of the 2025 winners is:

Children's section:

People - winner Cash Mickell

Runner-up - Oakley Hare

Commended - Brea Mickell

Boats - winner and overall children section winner

Brea Mickell

Runner-up - Jasmin Downey

Commended - Cash Mickell

Nature - Winner Jasmin Downey

Runner-up - Kaden Hare

Commended - Hudson French

Adults section:

People:

Winner - Hilary Hurst

Runner up - Vincent Revell

Commended - Sarah Easton

Boats:

Winner and overall adult section winner - Laura Lane

Runner up - Hilary Hurst

Commended - Deanna Douglas

Nature:

Winner - Raewyn Wood

Runner up - Lenka Vodakova

Commend - Mike Loughran

People's Choice – Hudson French.



Laura Lane's photo of the vintage timber vessel 'Lily' was the overall winner and is the March image in the 2026 calendar now on sale at Delicious Homewares.

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Noticeboard items are a gold coin donation in the collection boxes. Club notices are free.

DyingMatters Week

1-7 September 2025

"What happens to my Facebook account after I am gone?" "Can I make my own coffin?" "What is a natural funeral?" You can find answers to questions like these during DyingMatters Week in Motueka.

The Last Light Project aims to offer information and opportunities to deepen awareness and understanding around death and dying, as part of living. It is the creation of a group of people who aim to develop death-ready communities. They run the monthly Death Café in Motueka and are delighted to be able to offer a series of events during DyingMatters Week

Carried Away Coffins -

information and a demo at Renee's workshop and office.

Renee White, South Island representative for Carried Away Coffins NZ (www.carriedaway.kiwi.nz) will speak about different styles of coffins available, materials and optional finishes, legal requirements, eco-friendly options, and how she came to choose this line of work. She is very happy to answer questions. She will also demonstrate how to put together a flat-pack coffin, and you can have a go if you like!

Monday 1 September 10-11:30am 2 Courtney Street, Motueka Bookings essential (max 10) renee@carriedaway.kiwi.nz

A free event

Exploring hands-on how grief moves through us

Michelle Deva, artist and art therapist specialising in the grief process. We'll be using wet felting to explore the process of grief. No previous experience needed.

Tuesday 2 September 11:30am-2pm (with a break – BYO snack; drinks provided). Venue TBC (in Motueka) Registrations required (max 8). For questions and registration email deva.arts.therapy@gmail.com

Information Security After Death (beyond "delete my browser history")

Charlie Ablett is a red teamer at GitLab and loves finding intersections between interesting topics. Human lives are finite, but the internet remembers all. What does, will, or should happen to all the accounts, passwords and other data after a person dies or becomes unavailable?

An intersection between death, information security and other legal things. Relevant to absolutely everyone!

Tuesday 2 September 2-3pm Motueka Library Community Meeting Room, Decks Reserve, Motueka Contact: margaret@margaretmccallum.com 021 083 24224

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Natural Funerals workshop

Lynda Hannah, Natural funeral facilitator at Living Legacies.

The workshop includes: How and why to plan your own funeral. How to arrange a funeral for someone you love. The environmental implications of the funeral industry and the effect on those left behind. How to save \$1000s in funeral expenses. The value of a meaningful celebration of

life. Grieving and how to support someone who is bereaved. Natural burial parks. Communicating your feelings about death with your loved ones. Grief and family dynamics. How and why to preserve your personal life legacy through photos, journaling, memoirs, autobiography, ethical wills etc.

Wednesday 3 September 1.30 -3:30pm

Motueka Community House, Decks Reserve, Motueka Bookings essential. (Minimum numbers required to go forward) Contact: lynda@livinglegacies.nz

\$50 per person or \$80 per couple

Being with Dying series – a group exploration and learning
Margaret McCallum – death doula, soul midwife and funeral celebrant.

This series is about learning together and sharing experiences in relation to being with people who are dying.

We use as a starting place the stories in the book, *Soul Midwife's Journal – stories of honouring death* by the presenter. You will need access to a copy, available from Margaret, the library or The Crystal Shop in Motueka (\$20)
Start date: Thursday 4 September, meeting weekly on Thursdays 10-11:30am for six weeks, in the home of the presenter in Motueka.

Exchange: \$100-180 (or less if this is a barrier to participation) Maximum 6 participants. Bookings essential Contact: margaret@margaretmccallum.com 021 083 24224 www.margaretmccallum.com

End-of-Life Care and Support – a wee expo

Presenters: several

A time to explore how you and/or your loved ones may be supported and cared for at end-of-life.

Meet people with experience and a natural affinity in supporting people who are dying, and their families.

Talks, information, and a relaxed space to sit and chat with different people.

Taster sessions of craniosacral therapy to try out whether this might be beneficial for you or someone you know.

Saturday 6 September, 12-3pm

Motueka Library Community Room.

Contact: margaret@margaretmccallum.com 021 083 24224

A free event

Death Café

Elevation Café 218 High Street, Motueka (parking at rear).

Sunday 7 September, 10-11:30am

At Death Café, people drink tea and coffee, eat cake and talk about death!

Death Cafés are a global initiative, aiming to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

A Death Café is an opportunity to respectfully discuss death as a natural part of our lives. A warm and open space is held, allowing for all opinions and beliefs.

A free event Contact: Nicky Dodwell nickydodwell@protonmail.com 022 030 0428

Final and extra details will be available on the Motueka Community Noticeboard pages on Facebook nearer the time.

Māpua Bowling Club

With all the recent weather events, the green at the Club disappeared to become the favourite place for ducks and anyone wishing to have a paddle! Now there is plenty of work in store for our greenkeeper when the water recedes. He will be beaver away throughout these winter months to get the green back up to scratch for the next outdoor season starting at the end of September.

Although Māpua Bowling Club is currently closed some of our members continue to bowl on artificial surfaces at Motueka, Richmond, Tahunanui and Wakefield.

We also get together at the Club on the first and third Fridays of each month for a social evening. This starts at 5 pm. for indoor games, a light supper and general chit-chat.

Anyone thinking about having a go at lawn bowls is very welcome to join us at the Friday socials.

The AGM was held on Saturday 6th July where the new Board was elected and discussions about bowling in the 25/26 season took place.

Board members are:

President, Debbie Win; Vice President, Arthur Win; Secretary, Di Blanchet; Treasurer, Karen Clark; Greenkeeper, Ian Benbow; Bar Manager, Denzil Stephenson; Sponsor Liaison, Ian Sullivan; Grants Convenor, Lance Straker.

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

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Upcoming Workshops: August 2025

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Recycle & Create Workshop - Creative Textiles
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2 Days: 13 to 14 August 2025
Location: Richmond, Tasman
Level: All levels welcome

Contemporary Feltmaking Workshop
with *Colleen Plank*
2 Days: 16 to 17 August 2025
Location: Atawhai, Nelson
Level: All levels welcome

Screen Printing - Create Fabulous Screen Prints on Fabric or Paper
with *Judith Ritchie*
2 Days: 23 to 24 August 2025
Location: Takaka, Golden Bay
Level: All levels welcome

Textile Collage Workshop - Intensive Stitch Stories
with *Sally Reynolds*
2 Days: 23 to 24 August 2025
Location: Mahana, Tasman
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Explore nature-inspired printing and stitching:
• 27 to 28 September
• 15 to 16 November
- Textile Collage Workshop - Contemporary Wall Hanging**
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• 29 to 30 November

1 Day Workshops:

- Textile Collage Workshop - Intro to Contemporary Stitch**
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• 06 September
• 04 October
• 01 November
- Textile Collage Workshop - Stitch Stories**
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Māpua celebrates with song and jazz

Māpua will once again ring to the sound of song and jazz. Māpua Community Choir and Nelson Jazz Club Big Band are getting together with Māpua School to present a fun evening next month. Following a very popular concert last year with the three groups they are coming together again to share some high energy music with the Māpua community, "**Jazz-a-mataz**".

Local Māpua singer Giselle Chandler, a past pupil of Māpua School, will feature with the Nelson Jazz Club Big Band, singing some jazz standards. The community choir will present a programme of popular songs from Aotearoa, Scotland, Ireland and America. The band and the choir will be joined in some items by choir of Māpua School, and the school has some special items too.

Anna Brewer, Māpua School Music Teacher says the Choir are excited to have the opportunity to participate in this now annual event. The students will sing a couple of songs that they will perform a few weeks later at The Kids Sing in Nelson and join the Community choir for two songs. It will be a great chance to perform so we feel stage-ready for the NCMA! It is also always a highlight for the students, getting to sing alongside the Community choir, hearing the harmonies and being a part of a lovely evening.

Māpua Community Choir has become a regular feature of local events, offering concerts, singing at the Māpua Easter fair and featuring at the annual Christmas pageant at Māpua wharf. The choir sings harmony arrangements of a wide range of music, under the direction of John Botting. "Our aim is to bring singing and harmony to the Māpua community", said John. "We welcome all those who enjoy singing and who want the joy of working with others to make a great sound." John also brings his enthusiasm for singing to collaborate with the school.

The Big Band brings together the excitement and energy of swing era dance music with contemporary melodic jazz. It is made up of some of the region's most talented jazz musicians.

Musical Director, Graeme Nicholas, explained that members of the band range from teenagers to those in their eighth decade. "It has been particularly exciting over the past year or so to have the talent and energy of students from Waimea College." The band features a traditional line-up of 18-20 musicians, incorporating saxophones, trombones, trumpets, keyboard, drums, bass and guitar.

**The concert will be in the
Māpua Community Hall
on Thursday 7th August at 7pm.**

Tickets will be available from Jared's Fruit and Veg, the Tasman General Store and on online at Humanitix.

Contacts:

Māpua School: abrewer@mapua.school.nz

Māpua Community Choir: John Botting, 021 030 5578

Nelson Jazz Club Big Band: Graeme Nicholas, 027 208 7314



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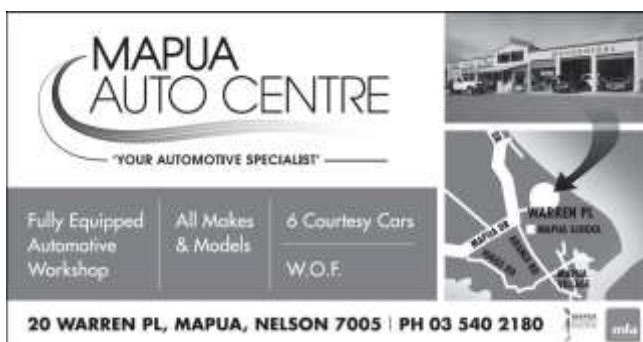


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- 24 June 09:37 Smoke in area of Kina Peninsula, controlled burn. No action taken.
- 27 June 08:49 Flooding Toru St, pumped to below floor level.
- 27 Jun 10:13 Flooding Stafford drive. No action taken, raining hard, flood rising.
- 27 Jun 10:30 Flooding/slip Brabant Dr, assist owners.
- 27 Jun 14:51 Flooding Stafford Dr. Pumped some water, too much.
- 28 Jun 08:27 Flooding Stafford Dr. Pumped some water, too much.
- 28 Jun 10:00 Flooding Stafford Dr. Pumped some water, too much.
- 11 July 16:20 Roof lifting Aporo Rd. Nothing we could do to help, left with owner.
- 11 July 22:51 Alarm activation Cliff Rd, cleared by security agent prior to arrival.
- 12 July 09:48 A live Power cable down across Aranui Rd, scene protection until Network Tasman arrived.
- 12 July 22:37 Smell of gas Seaton Valley Rd. Turn LPG cylinder off, leaky hardware.
- 14 July 21:37 Car on Les Wakefield Rd making a noise. Found a faulty relay.
- 15 July 11:19 Truck and ute crash SH60 near Trafalgar Rd, assisted at scene.
- 19 July 08:16 4WD on its side, Pomona Rd. Assisted driver. Helped to move vehicle off the road.

Call outs for the year =52

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

We have three vacancies at the Fire brigade.

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Preparedness Plan (CEPP). Community Update - July 2025

As of end-June 2025, the CEP Team have completed the CEP Plan, recruited a *Community Emergency Management Coordinator* (Susie Wendelborn as announced in last month's Coastal News) and have a number of volunteers (some of whom have already undertaken Civil Defence / Emergency Management and First Aid training sessions).

We are also in the process of readying the Māpua Community Hall for use as our Community Emergency Centre (CEC). Further training will be offered by NTEM next year once NTEM staff have had time to focus on the massive recovery effort underway across our region.

The decision to relocate the emergency supplies from the Hills Community Church to the Hall and establish it as our CEC was taken in coordination with NTEM after assessing various options within the Māpua Village, taking into consideration 24/7 access to the facility, resilience to flooding, proximity to community resources (healthcare, pharmacy, food store, veterinary clinic etc).

MDCA is currently working with the Hall Committee to agree on our approach and then make the necessary preparations for the Hall to function as the CEC (such as developing procedures, stocking additional emergency supplies (bedding, food/water, toiletries etc). MDCA is very appreciative of the support the Hall Committee has provided to date and looks forward to working together with the Hall, local clubs, businesses and residents in the future on communications, information-sharing and fund-raising.

Emergency preparedness includes clear guidance on when the CEC would be opened. Clarity on this matter is important, as opening and staffing the CEC involves mobilizing volunteers at a time when NTEM guidance will likely be to "Shelter-in-Place" and stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary. Residents should not assume that the CEC will be opened just because a Tasman Region State of Emergency has been declared.

The Māpua Ruby Bay Emergency Preparedness team will be working with the Hall Committee to develop a clear set of guidelines/criteria for deciding when the CEC would be activated. Once these are agreed and cross-checked with NTEM, they will be shared with the wider community via the MDCA / Hall websites, with links to all relevant community facebook pages. The guidelines are expected to be finalized and shared no later than Q4/2025.

Until these guidelines are in-place, CEP Team offers the following advice:

- *If the immediate Māpua-Ruby Bay area is experiencing severe weather, fire danger or the effects of a significant earthquake/tsunami risk, residents should follow the guidelines provided by Civil Defence. If the earthquake is long or strong and you live on the flats near the coast, then you need to evacuate to a higher point.*
- *If you feel it is unsafe to stay in/return to your home, please reach out to family/friends/ neighbours for temporary accommodation.*
- *If you are staying at a motel or camping ground, check with the business owner as they will likely have an emergency plan.*

- *If none of these options are available and a significant number of residents and/or visitors find themselves with no safe place to go due to road closures/power outages etc, then The Hall will likely be opened as a CEC and staffed by community volunteers.*

- *If the extent of the Emergency has resulted in the CEC volunteers themselves being impacted and/or The Hall being rendered unsafe/inaccessible, then NTEM/FENZ responders will provide guidance on which Emergency Evacuation Centre residents can self-evacuate to.*

Depending on the severity and/or duration of the emergency, it may be the Māpua-Ruby Bay Emergency Team that takes the decision to open and staff The CEC in the first instance.

However, if the initial event is major and/or worsens with time to impact a far greater proportion of our community, NTEM may decide to open the Hall under their authority to serve as a Civil Defence Evacuation Centre (similar to those at Upper Moutere Community Centre and Motueka Recreation Centre).

Work planned by the CEP Team for July-September 2025 includes:

- **Launching the *Community Emergency Preparedness Survey*.** *This will be accessible to all residents and business owners via the online Survey Monkey tool – it's an easy/quick yes/no series of questions regarding the emergency preparations residents do/don't have in-place, the resources we have within our community (skills and equipment) to cope with potential emergencies and the most-likely risks that residents see impacting their homes and/or businesses. There's also an opportunity for residents to sign-up as volunteers to help out with staffing the CEC.*
- *Drafting a Neighbourhood Support Group Network or NSG Map (refer to attached Area Map within which we expect more than 10 separate NSGs)*
- *Continuing to reach out to local businesses to update them personally on the work underway and seeking their support going forward. The response to date has been overwhelmingly positive and hugely encouraging.*
- *Initial planning for a formal launch of the CEPP and CEC – stay tuned for more information. The final version will be available to all residents to view in hardcopy at various locations (The Hall, Library, Church, School etc), and the link to the master CEPP will also be shared via online platforms (Facebook, Club websites etc)*
- *Scoping-out fund-raising opportunities, including applying for charities grants (e.g. Lotteries, Rata, Pub Charities, NBS etc)*

Once the CEPP has been formally launched, and a roster of CEP Team of Volunteers established, the CEP Team will operate independently but with the support of the wider community, including the MDCA and the Hall. Susie Wendelborn, as our local Civil Defence Coordinator, will be

the primary contact for NTEM and will nominate a number of secondary contacts from across our community to ensure the CEP Team can always be "on-call".



Noticeboard

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

Death Café: Share thoughts about death & dying. 2nd Wednesdays, 10-11.30am. Revite Café, 265 High St, Motueka. Email: LKc1957@protonmail.com or margaret@margaretmccallum.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your details: Please make sure contact details on this page are up to date. Send us an email.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coastal Garden Group meets 1pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). All most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Info: coastalgarden.group@gmail.com

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

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

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