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## Mapua Boat Club, Guardian of the Wharf

By Annette Walker

In 1987 the Nelson Harbour Board was about to destroy the Mapua Wharf –hard to believe in this day and age but the wharf was derelict and deemed a safety risk. The Mapua Boat Club was formed in 1987 to save the wharf from destruction and a lease was granted from the Nelson Harbour Board in 1988, for 15 years. This lease was transferred to Tasman District Council in 1989 when the Nelson Harbour Board ceased to exist.

Over the next few years a boat ramp at the wharf was built by volunteers of the Mapua Boat Club and the community, followed by the first floating jetty at the wharf, also built by volunteers of the Mapua Boat Club. Moorings in the channel were marked out and in 1989-1990, the clubhouse was built and in about 1991 the Tamaha Sea Scouts joined us, occupying the rear part of sheds.

The northern part of the wharf was again threatened with destruction in 2000, this time by the Tasman District Council who, believe it or not, did not think the wharf worthy of spending money on repairs. However, after a successful submission to the council, TDC undertook to re-pile this area and the boat club undertook to re-deck the area under threat. In 2004, after a near collapse of the main southern wharf pile and numerous other rotting piles and decking, a successful submission by the boat club was made to the council who now recognised the growing recreational use of the wharf. The main wharf was re-piled and new decking laid by the Tasman District Council.

The Mapua Boat Club Photo Museum was opened in 2002 in response to the looming possibility that the Tasman District Council may not renew the Boat Club's lease of its buildings on the wharf frontage. Ironically, having saved the wharf from destruction in 1987, the Mapua Boat Club now faced its second challenge—to save the wharf for all the public to enjoy, rather than the real risk of further commercial development on the

wharf frontage. The museum was part of that challenge. The Boat Club turned its social area into a multipurpose room which serves as a nautical museum and community hall, designing the information boards so that the displays can be folded back against the walls leaving the space free for floor talks and other community events.

The museum demonstrates how the wharf was used in the past and the boats associated with it together with the natural and social history associated with the wharf. In 2009 the Tasman District Council recognised the museum as a community asset and gave it \$2000 to help with its up-grade. This assisted us to repair the display boards, add more information and reproduce photos for the walls. We are now in a position to enhance the display area with a high definition TV screen and media player which will display all our digitised photos on a continuing basis throughout the day. We have designed a multifunction area that can seat up to 20 chairs which can also be used for marine educational purposes and small community events requiring audio visual presentation.

In 2005, after much discussion with the TDC, we were granted a license to once again occupy the buildings on the front part of the wharf for a further 20 years and this stability allowed us to renovate our club rooms. Unfortunately our floating jetty has seen better days and broke loose last year. The TDC has offered to pay for a new one and discussions are under way on how we can contribute to its replacement.

One does not need to have a boat to join the club; we are a social club as well, offering members fortnightly Friday evening get-togethers. The club rooms are also available for hire. We have over 60 members and if you are interested to support the wharf for the community please phone the president, Annette Walker on 540-2850 for further information.



# There is more to Mapua than partying!

Just as we thought the inaugural fund-raising excitement had settled, in came a large cheque from Damon Ward. For those of you that do not know Damon, he was the DJ for the fund-raising evening at The Tap and donated his entire fee to the hall project.

You may also have noticed the new bike stand by the bus stop—a special gift from Ted Perry so kids using the bus can leave their bikes securely locked to the stand.

And if that was not enough, a relatively new group of hall users, The Motueka Social Dance Club, has donated curtains for the north-facing windows in the hall. The old ones went walk-about quite some time ago and haven't been seen since. This group loves our wooden floor; just the right amount of bounce, they say. Perhaps floors such as ours are becoming a rarity among the more modern concrete slab constructions.

And last, but not least, Bill Williams' "Fundometer" is ready. For the near future it will be displayed inside the hall and brought out for special occasions when our fund-raising kicks into full swing. The fund-raising committee has quite a number of events in the planning, but as we all know, Rome (our hall) was not build in a single day.

We are taking big forward steps with the building and renovation compliance issues. There have been a lot of hurdles to jump, but the TDC has been most encouraging.

A valuable silver bracelet was left at the hall, but thanks to Barry and the Garden Club it was found. For more information call Hanne on 543-2602. Please note that it is the responsibility of each group and commercial operator to check the premises for anything left behind.

Last, but not least, a donation credited to the Community Association, had been made by the Mapua Community Trust. The trust has on several occasions been very generous to the hall, and deserves recognition for the good work it is doing. I wonder if any other small community is as lucky as we are to have a special Community Trust.

Jim, our hall manager, as most of you already know, has asked me to mention that the new Booking Book for 2012 is now at Video Easy. Each group must enter its own bookings.

That's about all for this month.

*Hanne Bjorklund, Treasurer, Mapua Hall Committee.*

# After the Rugby—Politics!

With the Rugby World Cup over, New Zealand is now turning its focus towards the upcoming elections to be held on 26 November. The Mapua and Districts Community Association and the Playhouse Cafe have joined forces to provide a political platform for the Tasman/West Coast candidates to express their views, policies and answer a few questions.

Entitled “Politics at the Playhouse, The Great Tasman Debate,” the event will take place on Wednesday 9 November from 7pm with all the major candidates attending as well as some smaller parties. Damian O’Connor (Labour), Chris Auchinvole (National), and Kevin Hague (Green Party) have all confirmed their attendance at the event, and an open invitation has been given to all minor parties to be part of the democratic process.

The night will consist of two parts. The first will be a live debate between all attending candidates; the second part will take shape as a “meet the candidates forum” where people can approach party members with questions and comments.

The debate will begin with each party member being given two minutes to introduce themselves and their political views. A series of questions will then be asked on a range of local topics which affect the Tasman area. The looming amalgamation of the Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council will be on the cards; questions on the local environment and economy will also be asked. The

debate will be hosted by Steve Richards of the Jester House and former West Coast/Tasman candidate himself.

A Facebook event page has been set up for the public to place their own questions on, called “Politics at The Playhouse, The Great Tasman Debate.” Here people have a chance to voice their questions to the politicians, with a chance to have them asked on the night.

The debate part of the evening will be filmed and audio recorded, with Fresh FM and Mainland TV both agreeing to broadcast the event. The audio recording will be available for any interested broadcaster to use and an edited version of the debate will be released onto YouTube for the general public to view if they cannot attend the debate proper.

The second part of the evening will be a more intimate affair with members of the public being able to approach candidates on a one-on-one basis to ask questions and voice opinions. Separate tables will be set up for each participating member where they will have party media setup for people to take away.

Last election the West Coast/Tasman seat was hotly contested, with Chris Auchinvole winning the seat from Damien O’Connor by fewer than 1000 votes. Kevin Hague will also be pushing for the party vote with a sharp rise in Green support over the last few months in the polls.

It will be a hot night of politics at The Playhouse, all are welcome with dinners available and the bar open from 5.30pm on Wednesday 9 November.

# MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's guest speaker for October was Heather Thomas, who spoke on "Fair Go, Fences, and Fustanella". The subjects related to her voluntary involvement as a staff member of the Nelson branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau, or CAB. She quickly got the club members involved by showing three large prints of social and legal questions often asked by members of the public. Each of the three groups was asked their opinions of the questions given.

Another interesting question presented by Heather was "What is the neighbour's legal right of an apple tree that is growing that over on your side of the fence?" The answer was somewhat surprising in that the tree's fruit, overhanging branches and the roots, that have been cut, have to be given back to the neighbor.

Heather advised members that they should consider purchasing gift vouchers from a store with a wide range of products. Most stores' policy is not to give out cash to make up the difference to the value of the gift voucher. She continued her talk on the history of CAB. The full public service was first started in Britain during WW2; there were many social problems with children being sent out of London separated from their families. It was in 1969 that the CAB was first set up in Auckland. Many Islanders, with poor resources, were involved in borrowing money from "loan sharks", who were charging up to 25% interest.

The CAB took three years to develop a website, the cost being donated by Microsoft. There are more than 40,000 contacts using the website a year. From the Nelson/ Tasman District office at Para Para Road, the staff handles around 4000 enquiries a year, a reduction from around 7000 a year before the availability of the website. The C.B has 2600 staff operating from 91 centers around the country, with 40 volunteers operating from the Nelson office. With the advent of the latest technology there is an ever-increasing number of enquiries from adults on teenagers' antisocial problems of cyber bullying, pornography etc.

Heather gave a startling figure that four out of every five teenagers own cell phones. CAB is now able to use a specialized advisor helping youth to guard against various anti social problems. Heather finished her talk by asking if anyone knew the meaning of the word "Fustanella". There was no response. She was able to show a photo of a Croatian man wearing a white type of tee-shirt, giving the meaning of the name.

The club's mini speaker was Peter Butchart. His subject was "People and Places". With the aid of a world map he was able show various countries where he had conducted tours over 25 years. It was a wide range of the globe including South Africa, Canada, USA, Europe and the Mediterranean. Norway had a personal interest for Peter who was able to research some history of his Norwegian grandmother.

For Peter the highlight of his tours is the generosity and kindness shown by the local people. A couple of examples given were the gratitude of a lady in Finland that helped her to become more confident in speaking English during their stay with her. On another tour, while staying a few days in the war-torn country of Bosnia, the local people went out of their way providing accommodation for the tour. Another memorable experience for Peter was the meeting up with Sir Paul Reeves, a very sociable and humble "Kiwi". On another tour to China Peter was surprised at the large number of men he saw that were either plumbers or gas fitters. Even though they couldn't speak English they were always ready to smile and acknowledge you.

Peter finished his interesting talk by stating his appreciation of our lifestyle in New Zealand compared with the hardships and problems shared by some countries of the world.

President Anne Evens formally accepted two new members—Stan Lawns, who was introduced by David Evens, and Jim Reid, introduced by Brian Russ.

*David Higgs*

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# MAPUA LIBRARY



This month we have a fresh selection of large-print books from the Tasman District Library. This is good news if you are a reader of this section. Please let us know if this selection meets your needs.

In the current Wetlands' display we see its progress and development. They are great photos David!

After the success of 'Soar', Mapua Community Library's first Literary Festival in 2010, the volunteers have decided to 'Soar Again' in 2012. Three days of events for adults and children will take place at various venues in Mapua on Friday 23, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 March. Log the dates of our second Literary Festival in your diaries, you won't want to miss this great opportunity to meet and interact with some of your favourite authors.

But you don't have to wait until March for the fun to start. Whatever your age you can: -

- Write a story
- Pen a limerick
- Have a go at a literary quiz
- Win a cash prize

Have a look at the library website, [www.mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz](http://www.mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz) and you will find

all the details about the festival programme and the entry forms for the competitions.

As well as the festival information, all the patrons of the library can make full use of the website to check our catalogue of books and the new releases. With a user name and password it is also possible to monitor personal usage of books currently out on loan and review books previously borrowed. Janet Vincent, Val Hunter and Dot Moriarty are the administrators of the computer system and any one of them would be delighted to organise your user name and password. Please ask to enjoy all the benefits of your community library.

For any enquiries about the Literary Festival please contact Sue England on 03 540-2934 or at [s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz)

## Library Hours: Open every afternoon

Monday:	2-4.30pm
Tuesday:	2-4.30pm
Wednesday:	2-6 30pm
Thursday:	10-12.30pm; 2-4.30pm
Friday:	2-4.30pm
Saturday:	2-4.30pm

## BOOK REVIEW

*Sing You Home*, by Jodi Picoult. This book is available in the Mapua Library. It was reviewed by Sue England

There are several books written by Jodi Picoult on the library bookshelves and I thought it was high time that I read one. I chose her latest, *Sing You Home*, and I wasn't disappointed. It is compelling, contemporary, controversial and beautifully written.

The story is told by the three main voices Zoe, Max and Vanessa and is interwoven with minor characters. All are plausible and I was soon wrapped up in their lives, shedding the occasional tear and putting housework on hold. Be warned!

The marriage of Zoe and Max ends in divorce after 10 years trying but failing to have a baby. Zoe throws herself back into work as a music therapist and Max resorts to alcohol. Unimagined changes are on the horizon for both of them.

Vanessa is a guidance counsellor and asks Zoe to work with a suicidal teenager at her school. This is a fascinating sub-plot in itself. Vanessa and Zoe become friends and the friendship blossoms into love and marriage.

Max is 'saved' by his brother and sister-in-law and embraced by the Eternal Glory Church. He lets Jesus

into his life and reforms ... almost. Alcohol lurks at the edges of his existence as does his infatuation with his brother's wife.

In the latter stages of their marriage Max and Zoe tried an IVF programme and still jointly own three unused, frozen embryos. Zoe and Vanessa would like to start a family using the embryos but Max refuses to give his permission, supported by the church pastor who is fighting his own homosexual agenda. The case goes to court, becomes public and a field day for the media.

Even in our liberated society the issues raised by this book are challenging and will raise your awareness of infertility, homosexual relationships and the rights of gay couples to have children, the power of the Law and the power of the Church. I even found myself checking the references to homosexuality in my Bible and was surprised by the result.

I found the very last page a little trite but it does tie up loose ends and in no way detracts from a very enjoyable and thought-provoking read.



### Moving On

Moving on from the Rugby World Cup is a bit of a jolt. No matter how you feel about the whole affair, it did one thing for us. It provided a welcome pause to focus on something other than all the negatives that are in our face most every day. I won't name them. Readers of the *Coastal News* are as familiar with them as I am. So back to the trenches and comments on local and national issues and events. Some positives, some negatives and a remark or two, and just to keep you going, something a bit different to finish off with.

**Cycles & the Ferry:** A very successful kick-off to the Mapua link into the Tasman Great Taste Trail on 2 October at the Mapua Wharf. A colourful (both colours and costumes) day. Close to 1000 people showed up despite the wet weather. Bishop Ruru blessed the new Fairy (ferry). Sarah Ulmer, Mayor Kempthorne, the new cross-channel ferry ran back and forth. Long-term financial and social benefits in the making for Mapua. Over the next couple of years the bits and pieces of the cycle trail loop will come together. Nobody seems to be mentioning this trail is also for the "walking" public. Equally important I should have thought. Question? How will the trail across Rabbit Island function when the fire risk becomes extreme enough for closure to the public of the high risk areas?

**Mapua Wharf Precinct:** Precinct? In Mapua Wharf Precinct Advisory Group-speak, that means the whole wharf area including the Waterfront Park. This group meets from time to time (last time was at the beginning of September). Chairman of the group is Cr Brian Ensor. The TDC is a major player here as it (us) owns the whole shooting box. TDC staff have now put together the Mapua Wharf Precinct Development Plan. It's a comprehensive plan with 10 scenarios and principles outlined therein.

Have a look at it in the Mapua Community Library foyer or TDC Richmond office. It was briefly noted in the October *Coastal News* and the TDC asked for public feedback by Monday 31 October. I will briefly note here that the plan did not get displayed at the Mapua Library until 19 October. And also briefly note the plan was prepared for the TDC on 7 September. Alas, another example of inadequate and timely communication and coordination from the TDC to our community and not too good a performance within our community. Jim Frater is quoted as saying that the TDC will do "what is best for Mapua". Hello Jim! Maybe an extension of time for public feedback is in order.

**Petition:** Jim Matranga (Golden Bear Brewery) is floating a petition relating to his problems of long-term tenancy at his place of business at the wharf. He is asking for public signatures to support his case. It is worthwhile to go to the Golden Bear Brewery and read the petition for yourself. Certainly pinpoints some of the problems confronting lessees running businesses at the wharf. Of particular concern is his allegation that a "ground lease" holder had been making unjustified profits on their subleases. The TDC property department say they are sorting out the problems involving Mapua Wharf lease holders. Yes, please.

**Mapua Aquarium:** If there ever was a "high emotion and emotional" happening in Mapua, the aquarium arson fire and subsequent issues must win a prize. The memorial service held in September was an event in itself. In the following days and weeks the grotesque wreckage remained to remind all and sundry of criminal vandalism at its worst. Now, a movement is afoot to rebuild the Mapua aquarium and money is being solicited from the public. The aquarium was a private enterprise. Is it the intent of those espousing its rebuild that it become a public enterprise? Are solicited funds to be held in trust? Time for those promoting this idea to come forth with full information and disclosure of their intentions.

**Elections:** By the time you read this, electioneering will be on in earnest. Some important decisions for us voters. Continue MMP? I say emphatically yes! First Past the Post? Emphatically no! Please no repeat of the fiasco of the 1978 election when the National Party was elected the Government with 39.8% of the popular vote and won 51 seats in Parliament and Labour polled 40.4% and won 40 seats and Social Credit won 16.1% of the popular vote and only one seat in the Parliament (Bruce Beetham in the Rangitikei electorate).

It gets worse. In the 1981 election, the National Party was elected the Government with 38.8% of the popular vote and won 51 seats, Labour won 43 seats with 39% of the popular vote while Social Credit increased their popular vote to 20.7% and still won only two seats in the Parliament (Rangitikei and East Coast Bays). Win over 20% of the popular vote and get only two seats in the Parliament? That's hardly what you would call proportional representation. Does anyone really want to go back to that possibility?



**Other Stuff:** We are still waiting and watching for something to happen with the proposed sewage pumping station at the Wharf. Maybe this month?

Something that is going ahead is the Mapua Hall Company rebuilding of the Mapua Hall. Their fundraising committee is really on to it. Please give them your support in any way you can. The TDC has budgeted over \$800,000 for the 2012 financial year. Our community needs to raise another \$200,000. An appreciable amount has been raised so far. Let's keep up the momentum!

**Transmogrification?** Also transmogrified or transmogrifying. Where did that come from? Blame an unnamed political studies bloke from Victoria University who used it. I guess he expected his audience to know its meaning. Its origin is unknown. Its first known use was in 1856. Definitions: To change into a different shape or form, especially one that is fantastic or bizarre. (noun). Or, to change or alter greatly and often with grotesque or humorous effect. Plenty of scope to apply this word in quite a few public places.

*Hugh Gordon*

### **Thank You All**

It has been hard to personally thank all those who have been so supportive and helpful after the loss of my business premises in the aquarium building fire. So please accept this as a thank you for the offers of accommodation and assistance, help in moving, words of comfort, hugs, gifts, cards and messages. These really have made a difference.

The fire at the Touch the Sea Aquarium building took many things away from many of us but what has emerged so clearly is the strength of the Mapua Wharf, and the greater Mapua community, and the love of friends which rise beyond the loss.

Thank you.

*Robin Simpson*

### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

The tragic fire at our Touch the Sea Aquarium has left us deeply shocked, hurt and saddened.

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, love, and understanding of our grief by you, the community of Mapua and the Mapua-Tasman area.

The many cards, letters, texts, emails and phone messages since 15 September has made us realise what an important part our aquarium played in the Nelson area.

Thank you sincerely for your kindness, generosity and caring in your thoughts, deeds and words to us.

We would particularly like to thank the children from Mapua and the many schools who sent pictures, poems and stories of how much the aquarium meant to them. A special appreciation to composer and musician Damon Ward for putting together the *Aquarium Fire Song* now on You Tube.

*Murray and Jenny Goss, Touch the Sea Aquarium*

Before the New Zealand v England World Cup semi-final: "Remember that rugby is a team game; all 14 of you make sure you pass the ball to Jonah." - Anon fax to N.Z. team (1995)

"Colin Meads is the kind of player you expect to see emerging from a ruck with the remains of a jockstrap between his teeth." - *Tom O'Reilly*

# Mapua Show & Art Trail Activities for bikers

It's almost here—the largest showcase of arts and fine crafts ever held in the area.

The Trail starts at the historic Mapua Hall on Aranui Road where the works of dozens of artists will be on display. Then follow your map along the Art Trail through the entire village, including the popular wharf. From there it's just a short drive down the scenic

coastal route to studios in Ruby Bay and Tasman.

The arts and fine crafts on display include ceramics, art glass, broken-tile mosaics, sculpture, fibre arts, floral arrangements, Oamaru stone carving, creative found art for the garden and home, and paintings in pastels, oil, and acrylics as well as limited-edition prints.



As a special addition, numerous workshops for experienced, as well as beginning, artists will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Don't miss out on this great event for the entire family—be sure to mark your calendars now for a great weekend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November!

At the invitation of the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust, Otago Central Rail Trail trust members, Daphne Hull and John Gibson, have agreed to share their 17-year “Central Otago Rail Trail journey”. Their presentation will include building the infrastructure highlights and of the resulting regional growth and economic development spin off, estimated at \$12 million a year.

This presentation will be at 2pm on Friday, 11 November, at Sport Tasman, 142 Saxton Road East, Stoke. The organisers asked those interested to RSVP and email their area of interest/questions to [exec@heartofbiking.org.nz](mailto:exec@heartofbiking.org.nz) before 28 October, which may be too early for readers of the *Coastal News*.

Thanks go to Tahunanui Beach Holiday Park for sponsoring flights, Cats Pajamas B&B for sponsoring accommodation and Sports Tasman, our venue sponsors.

On Saturday 12 November the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust and the Nelson City Council will officially open one of New Zealand Great Rides, “the Dun Mountain Trail”.

We invite the public to bring your bikes and take a day to explore the Maitai Valley trail.

Fiona Newey



# Mapua Health Centre

Just a quick reminder about healthy living, especially now that summer is pretty well here and it's time to consider shaking off some of those slothful habits of winter. This includes a diet with not too much meat and dairy fats but with plenty of plant foods, fruit and fish (diet sheets available at the Health Centre).

Also, consider adding some regular aerobic exercise (eg, brisk 40-minute walk, 4-5/week, gym programme or swimming, riding, etc) and loss of weight for those who are overweight. You may also want to consider getting a green prescription which is a government-funded scheme where a programme can be specifically tailored for you. For more detailed information please contact the practice nurse on 540-2211.

Whooping cough has been affecting the Nelson area, including Mapua and Tasman. It's an infection that affects the upper respiratory tract, causing the lining of the air passages to become inflamed. This leads to an excess production of mucus, which in turn irritates the respiratory tract and causes the characteristic cough.

The symptoms usually follow a cycle that lasts for a number of weeks. There are three distinct stages: First stage (Catarrhal stage): lasting 1-2 weeks with loss of appetite, slight fever, runny nose and eyes, fatigue, sneezing, irritating cough (especially at night) – all similar to a common cold or mild bronchitis. Second stage (Paroxysmal stage) usually lasting 1-6 weeks, but can continue for up to 10 weeks with severe

coughing spasms, a high-pitched “whooping” sound when breathing in after a coughing spasm (the “whoop” sound may not occur with young infants), and vomiting or turning blue due to severe coughing or choking on mucous. Finally, the Third stage (Convalescent stage) which may last for months when symptoms subside, but where subsequent chest infections, even months after the initial infection, can cause a recurrence of the coughing spasms.

The whooping cough bacteria are spread from person to person in airborne droplets or by direct contact with infected throat or nasal discharges. Once infection has occurred, the time until symptoms appear (incubation period) is usually between five to 10 days, though it can be as long as 21 days. The contagious period is from seven days following infection to up to one month after the beginning of the coughing spasms. The diagnosis is initially with a throat swab and later on using a blood test if needed.

Antibiotics are used in the treatment of whooping cough and are most effective when given in the very early stages of the disease. Further treatment is supportive and can include bed rest, small frequent meals, maintaining fluid intake and use of a humidifier to warm and moisten the air. Maintaining vaccination status helps to protect against the likelihood of being affected.

National and global health promotion events for the month include the following:

1-30	November (prostate prevention)	<a href="http://nz.movember.com">http://nz.movember.com</a>
1-7	Parkinson's Society Awareness & Appeal Week	<a href="http://www.parkinsons.org.nz">www.parkinsons.org.nz</a>
1-7	Leukaemia & Blood Foundation Awareness Week	<a href="http://www.leukaemia.org.nz">www.leukaemia.org.nz</a>
14-20	Sun Smart Week	<a href="http://www.sunsmart.org.nz/">www.sunsmart.org.nz/</a>
9-15	Food Safe Week	<a href="http://www.foodsafe.org.nz">www.foodsafe.org.nz</a>
16-22	Diabetes New Zealand Awareness & Appeal Week	<a href="http://www.diabetes.org.nz">www.diabetes.org.nz</a>
25	International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women	<a href="http://www.nzfamilies.org.nz">www.nzfamilies.org.nz</a>

# Sam's Spam

**H**i readers – I can't believe it's November already! As Christmas rapidly approaches, many of you might be thinking of buying new computers. When it comes to recycling your old ones, there are some things you need to do, otherwise your data might fall into the wrong hands.

A recent article highlighted how recycled 'e waste' from Australia was shipped to Africa and Asia and skimmed for data such as bank details, credit card numbers and account passwords.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/gadgets/5793873/Old-hard-drives-a-fraud-risk>

Security-wiping software varies in effectiveness. Many basic formatting programs for hard drives still leave "an image" of the data that could be read.

### **What you can do to protect yourself:**

Before selling or disposing of your computer, buy or download data-wiping software from a reputable provider, such as Blancco US\$19.95 (about NZ\$25.50). <http://www.blancco.com/en/>

Blancco erases and replaces your computer data up to seven times, resulting in it erasing your operating system. The problem with this though is that it means your PC will not start up as normal which may hinder your ability to sell it on so it's best to make sure you have your Windows re-installation CD handy.

If you want to recycle your computer, make sure you take it to an accredited recycler. Ask them what they do with the hardware and if they have any recycling certifications.

### **Free Software of the Month: Eraser**

Eraser is an advanced security tool for Windows which allows you to remove sensitive data from your hard drive by overwriting it several times with carefully selected patterns.

Although I cannot guarantee Eraser will completely remove your files, it is a great precaution to take when thinking about getting rid of your old computer. It is certainly better than doing nothing.

Download it for free at: <http://eraser.heidi.ie/>

## Police Report

**H**i all. Hope you have been enjoying following/supporting/attending the rugby recently. I have worked in Nelson at two of the games and was impressed at the good nature and behaviour of nearly everyone. It was great to see international teams based in Nelson and fantastic being able to get so close to a game rather than be 100 metres away in a stand.

A shame to see the aquarium site still there as I write. Hopefully it can be cleared and new plans developed. It was very sad to be involved with the scene examination the day after the fire. Let's hope we can catch the person responsible. The fire has destroyed a valuable and loved facility to the whole region.

On a brighter note there are no major crime trends in the last month. Long may that last.

*Grant Heney, Rural Community Constable, Motueka. Ph direct 528-226*

### **Mapua Occurrences:**

Sep 25: Male caught drink-driving near Gardner Valley Road

Sep 28: Domestic incident/assault Tahi Street. Male arrested for assault

Oct 12: Motueka male caught driving at 151kmh on new highway. Licence suspended immediately

Oct 13: Theft Aranui Road child's "Zoom" scooter with "KW" written all over the base

Oct 15: Local female drink-driving on Aranui Road

## MAPUA Bowling Club

### *The Write Bias*

**E**nthusiasm was as bright as the sunshine when Mapua Bowling Club opened its doors on Sunday 9 October in support of a national initiative, 'Have A Go Day'. It was great to see ten people doing just that, having a go, with the support and encouragement of some of the club members. For complete beginners they all did exceptionally well with a couple of absolute naturals amongst the group. We look forward to your application forms!

If you missed this opportunity, all is not lost. Just call Dave or Jean and a time can be arranged for you to try your hand at lawn bowls or join us for a roll-up on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon starting at 1.15 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Now we are looking forward to hosting our first tournament of the season on Wednesday 9 November kindly sponsored by Guthrie Bowron. This is the first of eight open tournaments for the September 2011/ April 2012 season and we are very fortunate to have local sponsors for all of them. It is their support that enables us to invite visitors to play at our club and to enjoy the facilities that Mapua has to offer.

For any information about bowling please contact secretary Jean Daubney (543-2765) or president Dave England (540934).

*Sue England*

# Under The Bonnet with Fred

On the Road Again—Pacific Coastal Highway, Ca(part 1)

Once you have the travel bug you have it for life. A road trip with real adventure, stopping to talk to the locals and staying where it feels good. The master plan was flying into San Francisco to meet Gary Head, a surf buddy 40yrs ago, take the train to Denver through the Rocky Mountains and drive the Pacific Highway in California. Oh! Plus buy another car.

After cycling over the Golden Gate Bridge we had dinner with Gary in Sausalito right on the water over looking San Francisco Bay. The culture there is quite Spanish with restaurant staff speaking Spanish amongst themselves and English to clients. We had a great time eating Spanish food, drinking margaritas and talking with the others at the table. The US debt problem came up in conversation and I suggested they up their tax to 25% for three years to collectively get themselves out of debt. No way, said the 45-year-old school teacher, that's communism.

Sausalito used to be a low economy area until after the earthquake in 1994 when all the wealthy started building houses on the more stable land. It's become the place now and my old surf buddy Gary now has Carlos Santana of the famous 70s rock band Santana living next door. Gary's house painting business does well and I think Gary's become the man in his trade.

That afternoon I rang Wheels & Deals car sales in San Jose about 60km south that specialise in classic and interesting vehicles. I asked if the 88 Lincoln Mk VII was still available and there was a military reply, "Yes sir, and we have dropped the price." I told them I'd be back in a week.

A train ticket for two with sleeper and all meals with Amtrak from San Francisco to Denver through the Rocky Mountains on line was \$US762. With a bit of negotiation and after the ticket office clerk suggesting I was 62 years old we paid \$US524. If you're travelling in the USA with grey hair or a "silver top," the local name for this condition, hustle a bit buying tickets. The train was great with panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains, interesting people to socialise with in the viewing lounge, a bar open at 3pm with the food OK. I recommend the trip.

We arrived in Denver late and after a few dinosaur museums there was nothing interesting to keep us there so I phoned Wheels & Deals in San Jose to ask if the 88 Lincoln was still available and it was a military "Yes, sir and we have dropped the price." I think it was their standard reply.



We flew back to San Jose direct for \$325 and I ran from the motel to Wheels & Deals car sales. The 88 Lincoln was midnight blue, my favourite colour, in better condition than I imagined, back end mint, front end a few stone chips. The upholstery had a worn driver's seat but otherwise it was very good, the transmission oil was clean and all the maintenance receipts matched what I had been told. The VIN number checked out. Under the bonnet was a Mustang GT HO motor with all the running gear. Lincoln is made by Ford so I knew there would be a good mix and match with their other cars, making parts easily available a bonus.

I negotiated the price on condition he found third party insurance for me. On a strong handshake, with that military voice, "Yes sir, you got a deal."

When I got back from signing up third party insurance the dealer had a name and phone number in Monterey Bay of the last owner who wanted to meet Carolyn and me. He was fascinated that the car was going to New Zealand to lead the good life as it got older. We decided to call on them after Santa Cruz. I spent the next half-hour driving up and down El Camino Boulevard getting familiar with the car, driving on the right and especially looking to the right for traffic lights. There was a lot of horn-blowing from other cars in that 30 minutes.

We brought a GPS navigator and I also recommend a road map in California as name place spelling is Spanish, not English, and despite the GPS being very smart, it can't spell. Between the five of us—the GPS, the map, the Lonely Planet book, me driving with Carolyn navigator-in-charge, we did head out on to the highway, accelerating to 65mph on State Highway 17 for Santa Cruz on the Pacific Coast.

More next month.

*Fred Cassin*

# Garden Notes



**N**ovember: Daylight Saving gives us gardeners longer days to complete the many tasks required. The recent rains have brought rapid growth. Lawns are the main job round the home, mowing once or twice a week. There is nothing quite like a well-manicured lawn with such lush green grass.

But lawns like all plants require feeding, and be careful not to buy a fertiliser which will burn the grass, causing nasty brown patches. Quite ugly.

Feeding strengthens the grass for the coming dry season. As the weather becomes hotter raise the blade a little as the season progresses.

Aphids are on the move again, so watch out and spray with Shield when required. Hoe and hand-weed as often as possible. Weed control is essential during November. Snails are coming out of hiding and are quite visible on wet days.

Mulching time has arrived again, bark, stones, lawn clippings etc help to conserve moisture. Mulching round fruit trees will ensure a better fruit set. Did you know that molding up potatoes protects tubers from light?

The feature plant for November is the rhododendron, sometimes thought of as the “queen”

of the shrubs, and one can see why when we have those large bright and now scented flowers.

Rhododendrons lack a thick spreading root system—the entire root ball is made up of many fine roots just under the surface of the ground, so feeding can be a wee bit of a problem causing burning. One tablespoon of rhododendron fertiliser per plant each year is all that is needed.

You should do some mulching with a thin layer to conserve moisture as rhododendrons like a damp acid ground, and I don't mean wet, as wet can kill these beauties out so easily. They hate lime as well.

November sees the first flowering of our roses, and for some reason the first flowering is the best. No doubt this year we will see another new introduction just to tempt us all. There are very few gardens in New Zealand without a rose tucked away somewhere.

Do enjoy our spring with all its glory.

*Barry Highsted*

## Fire Brigade



### September 11 – October 11 call-outs

Sep 30: Small cooking fire near McKee domain. No action

Oct 1: Gorse fire Redwood Valley. Tanker only.

Oct 6: Van overturned SH 60 near Maisey Road. Police investigating

Oct 10: Permitted burn Aranui Road. No action  
51 calls year to date.

***Safety Tip – Check and clean both battery and mains alarms monthly***

# Hills Community Church

## We Walk Together for a Little While

I recently came across an article written by Catherine Cavanagh in a magazine called *Weavings* (Oct 3 2011). In it she reflects on her 22-year marriage to her husband, Brian:

*“Now, twenty-two years may seem like a long time, and it might be an eternity in a bad relationship, but a few decades are nothing, not nearly enough time together, in a good relationship, be it friendship or marriage.*

*We walk with each other for a short time only on this earth, and some day Brian and I will say good-bye. Sooner or later we all grieve or are grieved. But for that short walk we can support each other and love each other. We can embrace companionship and bear each other’s sorrows.*

*It’s easy to let conflict overwhelm us, easy to blame the people closest to us for our pain, easy to nurse the ways we are wronged. God knows I’ve done that often enough. But it might be easier still to forgive, let go, and fall into friendship and love, if only we would let ourselves.*

*Friendships are treasures that last beyond human breath, and outpace the beating of a human heart. May you embrace yours, and hold close the memory of those who are gone. Eternity and love belong to all of us.”*

Her words were especially poignant to me as this past year my stepson, Tim and my eldest brother, Paul both died unexpectedly and thousands of miles away. No time for good-byes or final “I love you’s”. There was, however, a keen awareness of how short the walk had been with each of them. And at this moment my sister-in-law, Kathy, also thousands of miles away is valiantly battling cancer—for the third time. No matter the outcome, it will have been a short walk with her as well.

In my ‘line of work’ I see first-hand how people cope (or don’t) as they make their journey through

life and beyond. Those who manage best have strong and loving support systems and faith. As Ms Cavanagh says, “Eternity and love belong to all of us.” Let’s not waste them.

“Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.” Jude 21

*Walking awhile, Marilyn Loken, Minister, Hills Community Church*

**Happening @ Hills**—We are a community-based, multi-denominational church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

**Sunday Worship:** Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children’s programme including crèche 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in-between. 1st Sunday of each month: one family-style service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

### **Weekly Calendar:**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12:15pm—NZ Prayer Book Communion service followed by intercessory prayer

Wednesdays: 10am-noon—Kidz n Koffee Open to parents-caregivers-pre-K kids—a great way to make new friends!

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided

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# Harakeke

The place 4 3 2 5 year olds  
EXPLORE, CREATE, ENJOY

**K**ia ora koutou. Some of you might have noticed that we missed updating you on happenings and interests in the last issue...our apologies, but Leah and Gundula took a trip on "Air Tamariki", Harakeke's very own airline, to Germany and Spain... a well deserved holiday.

The focus on world travel, different countries and their cultures started with the return and departure of a number of our children to several places around the world including Australia, the United States, Holland and the United Kingdom and lead us to the creation of

Flight Captain Harakeke and his/her co-pilot to take us to faraway places on board Air Tamariki.

The idea of a central character figure to be used at group times is a method to turn these into interesting and informative story times through dramatisation. The children share knowledge, link stories



from home and create theories about the world around them.

We are also very pleased to say that our preschool is now officially part of the nationwide Enviroschool network.

This means that we agreed to develop a long-term process of learning and action for sustainability. We will be accompanied on this journey by a facilitator funded by the Tasman District Council.

Looking after our environment is important, so is looking after our own bodies. Eating healthy and being physically active is an ongoing focus at Harakeke. In October we had the opportunity again to participate in a Gym Fun session at Saxton Field. It was all about manipulative lay, sending and receiving objects: tapping and striking, throwing, catching bouncing, rolling and spinning; an important part of children's development. Having the Sport Tasman activity trailer full of relating equipment available for another week was just perfect.

Ka kite for now, more next month

*Jodi, Leah, Michaela and Gundula, the Harakeke teaching team*

"Rugby is a good occasion for keeping thirty bullies far from the center of the city." - *Oscar Wilde*

"I think you enjoy the game more if you don't know the rules. Anyway, you're on the same wavelength as the referees."

- *Jonathan Davies, (1995)*

# Waterfront Park and Wharf Area Update

The Tasman District Council wishes to keep the Mapua community informed of what is happening in the Waterfront Park and Wharf area.

## Waterfront Park:

- Stages 1 and 2 of the waterfront park are now completed. These are available for the public to use.
- The design for stage 3 is ready but work will be delayed until work on the sewerage pump station has been completed.
- The work in stage 3 includes the street frontage to Aranui Road, the shelter structure (which will be adjacent to the existing water pump facility) along with the public toilet facilities.
- The park design will include the integration of the sewerage pump station access points.
- The current plan has this work scheduled for autumn 2012 (but will be dependent on the progress of the underground pump station and pipework installation).

## Aquarium site:

The council has agreed to accept the termination of the lease of the area occupied by the aquarium. We are working with Murray Goss and Mapua Holdings Ltd with regard to this.

## Pontoon:

The construction contract for the pontoon should be completed by the end of November. There is no timeline for installation as of yet.

## Roading:

Consultation regarding a roundabout at the intersection of Aranui Road and Iwa Street has taken place. No decision has been made whether the council proceeds with this.

For further queries please contact Selwyn Steedman on 03) 543-7213.



*Spring is here!*

# Noticeboard

**All Boat Owners:** Mapua Boat Club is looking at options to improve boat ramp facilities in Mapua and invites all boat owners, past and present with an interest in launching their boat at Mapua to participate in the process. To register your interest, please email the Club at: [mapuaboatclub@gmail.com](mailto:mapuaboatclub@gmail.com) with your contact details.

**Mapua & Districts Cycle & Walkways Group** will meet at the Mapua School Staffroom on Tuesday 8 November starting at 7.30 pm. Robin Simpson, Mapua-based Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, will give a presentation on "Contemporary Urban Cycling Culture; the Berlin Example in 2011" Info: James Macdonald 526 6192 or [C2Skye@gmail.com](mailto:C2Skye@gmail.com)

**Activekidz Summer Swim School:** Andy and Karen will commence lessons at Mapua Chalets 14 November. Check [www.mapuachalets.co.nz/swim](http://www.mapuachalets.co.nz/swim) for details or phone 03 540 3316

**Coastal Connections Social Group:** The next lunch-time gathering is at Jester House, Aporo Road, Tasman, 10 November 2011. Looking forward to seeing you all. Julie Haliday, 540 3533

**Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group:** New to the area – or been here a while – come and meet new people and make new friends. 10am, last Friday of every month, Jester House Café, Tasman. Info: Fiona, 526 6840, [fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz) or just turn up. Everyone is very welcome.

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**Coastal Garden Group** meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Barry Highsted 540 3139.

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

**Women's Recreation Group** - meets outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Leaves 9.15am for 1½ hour walk. Route varies. Join us whenever you can. Some members may cycle. Info Lynley 540 2292.

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

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

**Mapua Art Group:** Painting/Drawing Thursdays 9-12.30, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun, social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933

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**Friendship Club** meets third Thursdays 2pm, Supper room at the Hall. Indoor bowls followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$2 door charge and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers). We welcome new members. Val Roche 540-3685

**Toy Library:** extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Behind Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Anja, 544 8733, about membership or casual hire.

**RSA Meetings:** RSA room, Mapua Library, 2pm, second Mondays, refreshments served at the close.

**Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup:** 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents and caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for a delicious morning tea. Come and make some new friends. Info: Anja, 544 8733

**Fair Exchange:** We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at the Smokehouse to exchange homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or [DLBamfield@gmail.com](mailto:DLBamfield@gmail.com).

**Genealogy Computer Discussion Group:** This year our bimonthly meeting will be 1.30pm on Saturdays, on the following dates: 10 Dec. Info: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

**Probus Club** meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Anne Evans; 540 3070, Sec. Margaret Butchart 5402686

**Massage for Health** (Ruby Bay): 03 970 0960 (local call) or 02102 55 65 25, [amanda.stevens824@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.stevens824@gmail.com) NZQA Qualified

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