



## Streets for People

### The wheels are turning on Aranui Road walking and cycling improvements

Māpua is an ideal location to make the most of outdoor pursuits by foot or by pedal.

Last year, Waka Kotahi granted Tasman District Council \$840k of funding to improve walking and cycling along Aranui Road, as part of the 'Streets for People' programme.

In order to create a safe, sustainable road corridor, where attractive and inviting streets encourage an engaged vibrant community life, inclusive of everyone, we are keen to engage the community.

The objective is to install semi-permanent solutions that will lead to a permanent solution down the track. This gives us the opportunity to adapt and tweak the semi-permanent solution based on community feedback, before a permanent solution is adopted.

In November last year, Tasman District Council posted a request on the local Facebook page, inviting any interested members of the community to join a working group. The objective for the working group was to assist in producing an initial concept for Aranui Road upgrades, which would

then be circulated to the wider community for feedback. In parallel, Māpua school was also involved in some early feedback.

Recently, you may have seen some posters go up around the community, inviting people to undertake a survey. A copy of this can also be found below. The survey is to gain some baseline data for the project on how people feel about Aranui Road.

Following the project, a similar survey will be issued. This provides a 'before and after' view from the community, understanding the impacts of the project.

The 'Streets for People' process is somewhat new for local councils, so we appreciate your patience as we progress. We understand there will be challenges and constraints to work through, but our intention is for a great outcome.

We are arranging several opportunities for businesses and the wider community to engage, learn more about and refine the project throughout 2023 – all part of the road towards implementation. These will be publicised as they are confirmed.

In the meantime, should you wish to understand anything further or get involved, please do not hesitate to contact [streetsforpeople@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:streetsforpeople@tasman.govt.nz)

The poster features the title 'STREETS FOR PEOPLE' in large blue letters, with 'Māpua' in a blue script font below it. A list of five bullet points is on the left: 'Changes are coming to Aranui Road', 'Making it a safer active road', 'Enhancing Māpua Village', 'Encouraging a more liveable and vibrant community', and 'Visit [shape.tasman.govt.nz](http://shape.tasman.govt.nz) for more information'. A QR code is in the center, with the text 'LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK' and 'SCAN THE QR CODE, JOIN OUR SURVEY AND GET THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 PREZZY CARD' nearby. The bottom of the poster shows an illustration of a community scene with people walking, a child on a bicycle, a person on a bench, and a family at a table under a striped awning. Logos for Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Tasman District Council are at the bottom.

## Wildlife Corridors Project

Happy New Year to our bird and wildlife enthusiasts in the Māpua and Ruby Bay/Tasman areas.

As a coastal community, our valued wildlife shorebirds use the sea, sandy beach areas and the bush and scrub areas in our neighbourhoods.

You may be noticing plovers, kingfishers and white-faced herons that use our inland areas for feeding and nesting. Moving between the sea and inland for food and shelter requires 'safe' corridors for movement, especially when chicks are young as they are now.

One such wildlife corridor is Dominion Flats found at Māpua's entrance from Highway 6. This area has been impressively restored over the last decade by local people planting native vegetation and trapping exotic predators. While cars still roar across the lower section of this corridor, there is wildlife movement between the sea and the upland area during times of low traffic volume. I recently saw a weka trying to cross on New Year's Day.

To find out how this project came to life and continues to thrive, come to our next Wildlife Corridors Meeting on **Tuesday, February 28 at 9am** at Dominion Flats Reserve. Bring gloves, drinking water and sun protection as we will be invited to take part in maintaining this beautiful reserve while we learn from local heroes what we can do to support our coastal birdlife.

**Notes for people who want to bring dogs** along to the Wildlife Corridors meeting: it is a legal requirement for dog owners to carry a lead in public, even in an off-lead area. DOC recommends that dog owners should also be able to call their dog back straight away, not only to protect wildlife but also to keep their dog safe.

On the beach, walk with dogs on the wet sand to avoid disturbing shorebird nesting areas in sand dunes or around driftwood. Stay clear of groups of resting shorebirds to avoid stressing them.

For more information contact Lou Gallagher at Māpua Community Association | Facebook

## Tai Chi news

We are officially now affiliated to Tai Chi Internal Arts which means instructors and members have access to training when workshops are available.

We currently have five instructors teaching in the region and classes will begin in Feb/March in Motueka, Māpua, Richmond and Stoke.

Work is also being done on a website which will give information on class times and instructors.

Classes in Māpua will start for regular members on Wed 8th Feb at 11:30am—1pm and for new beginners on Thurs 9th Feb at 9:30am—11am. Both classes will be in the Māpua Hall.

Cost of classes \$5 per session or a concession option of \$50 for 12 sessions.

All classes include Tai Chi and Qigong practice.

Please contact Julie Booth for more information on 0276463066 or email grannyjulie11@gmail.com



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## Our latest news & adventures



### 150+ attend Summer Holiday Programmes

We are straight into 2023 with a full complement of summer holiday programmes underway for tamariki aged 7 through to 16. They have been camping out under flies, learning to cook over fires, building rafts at the beach, learning key adventure leadership skills, making new friends and creating unforgettable memories. We are super grateful to the funding support from **Lotteries, Sport Tasman, W.R. Kettle Trust and the Sarau Trust** that has helped to enable over 150 children to attend holiday programmes this summer! If you are keen to hear about upcoming holiday programmes we suggest you sign up to receive our newsletter via the homepage of our website: [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz).

### Ngā mihi nui to McKee Charitable Trust

We'd like to say a huge thank you to the support from the McKee Charitable Trust who have provided scholarships onto our Go Wild! summer holiday programmes. The week was full of fun challenges including stand-up paddleboarding in surf, a day walk into Flora Hut, exploring the wildlife of Brook Sanctuary and taking on the flying kiore and trapeze on site! It was a great experience for these tamariki to build their confidence and make new friends while venturing outdoors.

### NEW Environmental Sustainability Programme for Secondary Students

This new Level 3 NCEA Trades Programme starts in April - there is still time to enrol through your Trades Coordinator at school! The programme will help build students' understanding of NZ's biodiversity from both Western and te ao Māori perspectives on the environment. They will head into the field for environmental investigations, community projects and exploration to develop hands on practical skills for environmental management while exploring local wilderness locations and having the chance to connect with people working in the field. Find out more on our website or chat to your Dean or Trades Coordinator at school!

### Rongoa Garden Planting on site

Rosie put her green thumbs to use last year and started planting out the rongoa garden on site to provide another great learning space for participants attending our programmes. It's looking great! Thanks to funding from **WWF** we are able to enhance the environmental education opportunities on programmes with support to extend our nursery, provide activities and create a paid role to keep this mahi going.

### PLD for local schools

We are able to offer local schools training opportunities with Mike Elkington & Lara Hania, two of our lead kaiako in kaupapa Māori programme delivery. They will be delivering workshops on improving cultural competency within a classroom setting, and on how to enrich local curriculum. Book through your local Kahui Ako!

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Pākehā, The Team at Whenua Iti.



Having fun on the SUPs while on a Go Wild! Holiday Programme



Students will get hands-on experience supporting conservation efforts on the new Trades programme

*We'll see you out there!*

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# Proposed Māpua Super Liquor Off-Licence

## 151 Aranui Road Māpua

(between Māpua School and the scenic reserve Aranui Park)

### Objection Process

For the more than 80 Māpua and district residents who returned a form with a preliminary objection to the proposal for this new bottle store (and the over 40 who objected to another off-licence application from Liquorland, for a store on Aranui Rd in the shopping centre), and for those who did not get around to sending in an objection but wish they had, this is the process from here:

At a date early in 2023 you will be asked to write an actual submission explaining your objections to the proposal in more detail. These can be individual submissions or group or even legal ones. However, the more there are, the stronger the case will be, and individual testimonies can be just as powerful.

You must, however, have a 'greater interest' in the application than the public generally. This could be that you live nearby, or you are involved with the school, or you use the park. If the group considering these preliminary objections think you do not have 'a greater interest' you may not be asked to send a submission.

The submission needs to relate to the *particular application* you are opposing and to be *specific*, not an expression of your views on alcohol in general.

- Grounds to object include: whether the site of the proposed off-licence is appropriate or compatible with the current and future use of surrounding properties and environments; traffic considerations; what sort of problems could arise (the effect on the "amenity and good order" of the area e.g. vandalism, noise); any issues that existed in the past when there was a small bottle store attached to Māpua Tavern; current trends in youth crime that could play out here; what sort of community you want to see/ continue in Māpua.
- It will strengthen your case if you can link your objection to a specific section of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act (e.g., being close to a school).
- Evidence is important if you have any example photos of litter or damage after a drinking session on school grounds, the park, or the street.

- Although you may not want a bottle store there full stop, it is still a wise idea to suggest conditions to be placed on it should it be allowed. The conditions themselves could act as a deterrent e.g., opening hours that consider school start and finish times.

**In time there will be a hearing when all those who objected can read or talk to their submissions. This is the most important part of the proceedings. The more people who turn up to be heard or even to be present as supporters will be a major influence on the final decision.**

- The date for this will be advised well in advance (or so we are assured).
- The hearing could take place in the Māpua Hall.
- Super Liquor may have a lawyer present who may ask questions of individuals. There is no need to feel intimidated by this, just respond sincerely about what you know, and address your answer not to the lawyer but to the tribunal chairperson and committee hearing the case.

It is reported that Super Liquor is already advertising for expressions of staff interest and referring to this as a *fait accompli*.

It is not.

The community has its chance to have its views on this presented to the tribunal at a date to be decided. Please be alert to this and do all you can to be present and have your say.

Once a bottle store is established it is almost impossible to have it removed.

**When the closing date for submissions is known and when the date for the hearing to take place is known, there will be further information here on how to prepare and people who have concerns need to contact one another and encourage one another to attend and speak in person.**

There is a 2015 guide 'objecting to a licence to sell or supply alcohol' available from TDC Licensing Division (Tri -agency). [Search "Alcohol" on TDC website or try QR code—Ed.]

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# 'ABUNDANCE'

## A Grant Palliser exhibition

Quiet Dog Gallery, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, opening night.  
In February 2020 Grant Palliser and his partner Esmé relocated to Māpua. It wasn't long before New Zealand was in lockdown due to the Covid19 outbreak. This particularly unique time meant that Grant had ample opportunity to go exploring around his new home.

"While walking the foreshore early every morning with our dog, I was inspired by the ever-changing tides, skies, weather patterns and seasonal habits of the bird life of this new environment". Grant was without a studio for the first year so rather than painting and making sculpture his creativity was channelled along another path. "I began recording my thoughts in haiku, prose, and sketches. Once my new studio was completed, I revisited my notebooks, and these musings informed this exhibition".

The name of the exhibition is 'Abundance' which takes its cue from the Māori meaning of the word Māpua. The series of paintings are lively and dynamic. They capture the feelings of a place and a time.

The show is being hosted by the Quiet Dog Gallery at 33 Wakatu Lane in Nelson (next to the bus depot in Wakatu Car Park). The opening takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along. Grant will be joining us at this event.

Gill Starling, Quiet Dog Gallery



Wharf series (a detail)

## GRANT PALLISER 'ABUNDANCE'

Quiet Dog Gallery, Nelson

18 February - 17 March

opens on Friday 17 Feb

5.30pm - 7pm

all welcome



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Noticeboard items are a gold coin donation in the collection boxes. Club notices are free. Printed by the Tasman District Council.

## What's On at Ruby Bay Store



Thursday 16 February, 7.30 pm, \$25  
**COMEDIAN ALAN McELROY:** MisTaken Identity is the title of this excellent Irish storyteller's show. McElroy's CV: 'Comedian, corporate MC, Eejits Abroad podcaster, Bad Giga podcaster, regular guest on RNZ's The Panel, Crack Up Quiz supreme leader, Crack Up Comedy producer, actor, ArtyMcFartyFace artist, author of The Splendiferous Journey of Snot.'

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Fri 17 February, 7.30 pm

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Tuesday 14 February, 7.30 pm, \$25  
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# Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library

## Māpua Community Library

**W**ishing everyone a very happy New Year and let's hope that 2023 is a good year for everyone.

### Book sale

The library welcomed 2023 with a successful book sale which was held on the 3rd of January 2023. The day was overcast and there were lots of locals and visitors around the village.

Total sales for the day were \$780.00 with good ongoing sales of unsold books at the library throughout January. We will now send most of the unsold books to Founders Park for their huge book sale which is usually held around June. Meanwhile the library still has some good quality books for sale, they make excellent gift ideas.

### Census night

There is going to be a national census on Tuesday March 7th, 2023. This five-yearly official count of population and dwellings gives the most complete picture of life in our country. The 2023 Census will be the most inclusive census yet. People will have more choice about how they participate, either online or on paper. There will

be significantly more paper forms available than for the previous census and they will be making these forms available earlier. The library has put their hand up to be involved in helping people filling out forms etc. so do check out how we can help closer to the time.

### Xmas raffle

Big thanks to the community and all those people who purchased tickets in our raffle held outside the 4Square store early December. We raised a total of \$1,573.50 which is a great effort by the raffle team and volunteers. This money will go towards purchasing books for the library's collection.

### Current exhibition

Hurry on down and view Shona McLean's exhibition of wooden cut-out hangings and original paintings; they are delightful and whimsical. Exhibition finishes on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

The next exhibition is Maureen Ryan, and she will have her ceramics and paintings on exhibition.

# Māpua Kai Collective

## Summer update

In early December, our busy team of volunteers undertook a super-duper top to toe clean of the wonderful facility that is our Community Hall kitchen. This was our koha to the hall for the regular use we make of the kitchen. But as you know, it's on behalf of the whole community that we do the mahi!

In recognition of the value of the Māpua Kai Collective, our own Māpua Four Square has set up a special service for all our purchases, which is the offer of ingredients at cost plus GST. This is a generous gesture. Thank you so much Taylor! We like to buy local where possible. It's great to see the Four Square going from strength to strength with its spacious new layout.

The final cook-up for 2022 took place mid-December, filling our freezer with Mac Cheese, Pasta Bolognaise and Fruit Crumbles. Apologies from the team if we run out of food mid-January but we need a well-earned break with whanau. By February, when you will be reading this update, the team will get back to work. A huge acknowledgement of everyone in the kitchen team and all associated in any way with the work of the Collective.

In the last six months of 2022, the Collective has produced 753 main meals and 82 desserts at a cost of \$3266 for ingredients alone. Fruit crumbles are usually made when we receive a donation of fruit, so the per item cost for these is relatively low. In addition, there are packaging costs and our annual contribution to the hall for the use of the kitchen and freezer storage.

A financial review of the same period shows donations from our community of \$1095. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to the Collective during 2022. We are aware of your generous support, but often have no way of contacting you to pass on a personal

thank you. It's amazing how many families have been appreciative of a meal or two to help get them through Covid, or whatever situation puts a household under stress.

Remember you can pick up a meal for friends or family needing a little extra support, from the Māpua Fruit and Veg shop. We try to keep this handy freezer stocked. Thank you, Jared, for your ongoing support of the Collective and the Māpua community in this way.

A generic list of ingredients used in our recipes, is available at Jared's store. We apologise to anyone following specific dietary restrictions - the scale of this mahi doesn't allow for much fine tuning, although vegetarian recipes are part of our repertoire. Our aim is tasty and nutritious comfort food.

We greatly appreciate financial donations, however small, as this delays the need for us to put time into fundraising. Consider making a small monthly donation to our NBS bank account:

Māpua Kai Collective,  
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You can also follow us on Facebook.

If you don't use Facebook

and want to join a cooking session, please contact Julianne Brabant on 027 2489 777 or 03 5402 473.

Here's to a fabulous and healthy 2023! Bridget Castle, Rose Barnes, Judy v DY Richards, Karen Toll, Kaye Latham, and the rest of the Māpua Kai Collective team.



The clean-up team in a gleaming kitchen - missing from this shot is Christine Peacock, who took the shot, Donna Avery and Judy Richards. Thanks everyone for your work this day.



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# MDCA 14<sup>th</sup> November Public meeting



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## Guest Speakers:

### TDC – Tasman Environment Plan – by Barry Johnson and Mary Honey

Barry gave a power point presentation on the structure of the Tasman Environment Plan (TEP) starting with what the TEP is and where it fits in with the Resource Management Act and the new planning acts (Natural and Built Environment, Strategic Planning, and Climate Adaptation).

The TEP is in its second round of public engagement through 2022/23, with the final round in 2024.

### The three discussion points in this round are:

- Managing the Tasman Environment
- Towns and Villages
- From the Mountains to the Sea

The discussion document looks at how we live, work, travel, and spend time in the Tasman District.

For more information, TDC are holding a 'Mountain to the Sea' webinar on the 23rd of November at 7.30pm.

### Takaka Housing Collective – Phase I, II and III – by Simone Kiddner

The fundamental of the project is 'Building Community through Regenerative Development'. The project sits on 14.5 hectares of land 10mins walk to central Takaka and is located next door to the High School, Primary School, Kindergarten and Community Gardens.

The community values are Collaboration, Care, Self Responsibility, and Honouring Te Tiriti O Waitangi. The first neighbourhood is being built now and the co-designing for the second and third neighbourhoods is underway.

For further information and to express interest in this concept/project visit [www.takakacohousing.co.nz](http://www.takakacohousing.co.nz)

## TDC Councillor reports

### Cllr Mike Kininmonth

- 1) New stock control laws are coming in.
- 2) Waimea Dam – due to the dam not being completed there will be water restrictions again this summer. The Dam is now scheduled to be finished by Feb 2023 and then will be filled in stages over several months.
- 3) TDC are offering a \$25.00 discount on three cords of dry firewood from a preferred wood supplier. Check this out on the TDC website.
- 4) TDC councillor representation at MDCA public meetings will see Mike attend each month with Christeen and Dan attending only occasionally.

### Cllr Christeen Mackenzie

- 1) TDC have approved the internal structure moving forward for the new term. Full Council includes three

- committees; Operations (Christeen is the chair), Strategy/Policy; and Regulatory.
- 2) TDC approved Iwi to be appointed to each of the three committees in which they have the voting right of one. Iwi do not have voting rights around the Council table.
- 3) Richmond is hosting many South Island councils in the region for discussions.
- 4) Tasman District is leading in growth
- 5) TDC will be meeting to decide whether NCC and TDC will have a joint Transport Management Committee.

### Cllr Dan Shallcrass

Will be in and out of the MDCA meetings – Dan has a passion for the local youth in the area.

### Road & Pathways

#### Ruby Bay Bluff's road status

Now single lane, open with traffic lights.

#### Aranui Road cycleway

MDCA participated in the TDC-led "Streets for People Working Group" held Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Māpua. This first working group meeting was to provide the background of the Streets for People project, create group vision and generate ideas for the engagement plan aimed at improving cycling in Māpua.

The Working Group included representatives from TDC, Waka Kotahi (funding \$840k of the overall \$930k project budget), MDCA, MBA, NT2050, Nelson-Tasman Climate Forum, local cycling and horse groups, local residents and business owners. TDC has already engaged with the Māpua School and collected feedback on the proposed cycleway. A copy of the presentation will be uploaded to the MDCA website when available.

#### Dominion Flats

Photographic signs illustrating what the site looked like prior to planting commencing have been installed along the track.

#### Future Wildlife Corridors (FWC) in Māpua

A meeting held at Aranui Park explored the opportunities and limitations of extending the habitat from Aranui Park to nearby wetlands.

The drainage for stormwater and low-flow events across Māpua Drive and Aranui Road was looked at. Some commented there seems to be an excess of lawn in Aranui Park that could be re-forested for birdlife to thrive even more than they currently are. It was suggested the FWC group members research the clear intentions of the gifting of Aranui Park by the donors before future changes occur.

#### General Business:

##### Māpua Structure Plan

Community Survey completed with over 350 responses across a good range of ages. TDC are analysing results and will share with the community at upcoming engagement sessions.

Community engagement sessions delayed until Feb 2023 in response to feedback provided by MDCA that possible workshop attendees would benefit from more time to consider the technical information that is available.

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TDC will advertise the workshops closer to the time through our standard channels and we also have a list of almost 300 people who have registered to be kept updated via email who we will also contact.

TDC staff are coordinating the multiple projects it has planned in Māpua with the aim of making it easier for Iwi and the community to contribute in a constructive way on council projects in Māpua.

Accordingly, Dwayne Fletcher now has the role of coordinating the various community engagements associated with all the TDC-led Māpua area initiatives (Structure Plan, Catchment Management Plan, Tasman Environment Plan, Aranui Drive Cycleway etc.).

TDC's new MSP website is now up and running and the summary of the community survey and mapping is now on our website at Māpua Structure Plan | Shape Tasman

#### Māpua infrastructure

- Māpua has double the required **Drinking Water** capacity. Some further work needed includes upgrading pump systems and capacity under the channel needs to be increased in the long term (there are two pipes).
- Māpua has **Wastewater** mains capacity for all serviced residential/rural residential zoned land, with developers required to install collection networks and tie these into the mains as part of their Resource Consent and/or conditions for lifting Deferment. The upgraded Aranui Rd piping has excess capacity but is limited by pumps and to a lesser extent storage, meaning the overall network currently (with further work) has capacity for ~300 homes, and with a pump station upgrade ~700 homes. That is more capacity than is needed for the land currently zoned (or deferred) residential/rural residential. Further optimisation via pump upgrades, pump timings, and storage can service the expected 20–30-year demand. The channel crossing will eventually become a constraint but still has sufficient capacity via two pipes, as does the main through Rabbit Island
- Management of future **Storm Water** for Māpua is based on "*Hydraulic Neutrality*". This means developers are required to demonstrate how they will use storm drains/channels, detention ponds, wetlands etc. to mitigate storm water runoff from not just their development area, but also the greater upstream/downstream catchment impacts. TDC are yet to finalise the Catchment Management Plan (CMP) and the council has a role to play in providing common detention if it serves multiple landholders/developers.
- **Seaton Valley** Water/Wastewater mains infrastructure in-place for Lower Seaton Valley (including to service Senior Slopes area), but if Upper Seaton Valley Developments proceed, the Developer (or council) will be required to extend mains and install collection networks further up the valley. There is no additional work required to be undertaken by TDC prior to the developer applying for the Senior Slopes deferment to be lifted).

All the capacity requirements have been validated using models and both the data and models are on the public record. They are not on the TDC website but can be provided if requested. TDC expect ongoing maintenance of

the existing mains and replacement of aged sections with more modern piping etc to be required over the coming decades. As things stand **Māpua has the mains water/wastewater capacity to support the scale of residential housing growth anticipated for current residential/serviced rural residential areas, with stormwater mitigation a shared responsibility of developers and subject to TDC approval.**

TDC are happy to address these issues as part of the Māpua Structure Plan community engagement sessions and are happy to address the MDCA directly at a future public meeting if required.

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

Our next public meeting is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Note the change of day because both Chair and Vice Chair will be away on the usual meeting day of Monday.

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# Māpua Fire Brigade



### Dec 2022 to Jan 23 call outs

17 Dec 18:21 Medical on Awa Awa Rd, not needed.

18 Dec 11:59 Investigate smoke in area of Bronte Rd. Nothing found.

### Calls for 2022 = 78

1 Jan 01:02 Alarm activation Motueka RSA. Nothing found, defective unit.

4 Jan 01:06 Alarm activation Māpua school. Nothing found. Defective unit.

4 Jan 15:34 Smouldering rubbish fire on Māpua Dr. Brigade put out.

### Call outs for the year = 3

#### Safety Tip – Be safe

Clean and check your smoke alarms.

We would like to congratulate Eileen Thawley for being awarded a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for service to Fire and Emergency New Zealand at the Māpua Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Eileen has the role of operational support. She can do most tasks that a firefighter can do except Hazmat and Fire. Eileen has been involved for 29 years helping with photos, cleaning, treasurer, watches over the station when we get a call out and mother hen.

Congratulate Eileen, well deserved!

### Summary of calls last year in the Māpua call out area

<b>Structure</b> e.g., chimney fires	2
<b>Vegetation</b> e.g., a burnt area of land	2
<b>Other</b> e.g., bonfire, rubbish	12
<b>Medical</b> e.g., CPR	5
<b>Special service calls</b> e.g., power lines	2
<b>False alarms</b> e.g., defective alarms	12
<b>Assist public</b> e.g., child locked in car	6
<b>Vehicle accident</b> e.g., car in ditch	6

**Total calls in area** 47

**Calls to assist other brigades** 31

**Total calls for the year** 78

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# Ode to a spell checker

by Jerrold H Zar

*Eye halve a spelling check her,  
It came with my pea sea.  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss steaks aye kin knot sea.  
Eye ran this poem threw it,  
Your sure reel glad two no.  
Its vary polished in it's weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew.*

*A check her is a bless sing;  
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.  
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,  
And aides me when aye rime.  
Each frays come posed up on my screen,  
Eye trussed too bee a joule;  
The checker pours o'er every word  
To cheque sum spelling rule.*

*Bee fore wee rote with checkers  
Hour spelling was inn deck line,  
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,  
Wee are knot maid too wine.  
Butt now bee cause my spelling  
Is checked with such grate flare,  
There are know faults with in my cite,  
Of nun eye am a wear.*

*Now spelling does knot phase me,  
It does knot bring a tier;  
My pay purrs awl due glad den  
With wrapped words fare as hear.  
To rite with care is quite a feet  
Of witch won should be proud;  
And we mussed dew the best wee can  
Sew flaws are knot aloud.*

*That's why eye brake in two averse  
Cuz eye dew want too please.  
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye  
This soft wear four pea seas*



*Concrete rubble at the beach end.*



*Logs or bollards for vehicle control?*



*A bit of a ford to cross at the entrance on an unusual rainy day.*

# Grossi Point or Grotty Point—continued

In the December issue there was an item lamenting the state of Grossi Point, with broken concrete and rotting logs. Some like it, some don't, as shown by the following letter.

I have included some photos of the contentious items on the previous page. —Ed.

## Letter to the Editor

Hi

I was just re-reading the Coastal News Dec 22/Jan 23 issue, as I always keep a copy until the latest one is available.

Reading Grossi Point – or Grotty Point? by Fred Robertson, I wouldn't normally respond, but this article made me a little annoyed! This is just my opinion, but people are always trying to change things around here.

I think part of the reason why people like to come to Māpua is that it is a bit different and special.

I wouldn't really need to have my opinion published, but the writer said he would like to hear any response to his article.

I would like to say I just love Grossi Point the way it is, the way nature intended. As for replacing rotting trees with new bollards, new signage and iwi presenting a Po sculpture or two...

Grossi Point does not need any of those things. Leave it natural and beautiful the way it is. If you don't like it, and can't see the simplistic, uncluttered beauty, then don't go there! There are plenty of other places that have got sculptures, playgrounds, signage, bollards etc.

In my opinion Grossi Point does not need any of these to enhance its stunning natural beauty.

With thanks for all your good work.

Gaye Waide

## And from TDC:

### Regarding Grossi Point or Grotty Point

Your correspondent Fred Robertson commented on the neglected look of Grossi Point Reserve and sought clarification on what was going to be done to give it a facelift and when this would happen.

Grossi Point is a special place with a long history of occupation by early Māori and development as Māpua has grown to be one of Tasman's notable locations. There are, however, several legacy reminders including the broken concrete, mature trees and competing uses.

The Council, with the assistance of the Mapua Waterfront Area Masterplan Group, has started a process to improve this reserve. This includes working with the iwi and residents to understand more fully its values and sensitivities, ensuring the remedial work and future enhancement can be achieved without further damaging the area. This process takes time but will result in a better outcome.

Removing the broken concrete, while appearing simple and straight forward, needs to be done without further damaging or exposing any underlying archaeology or creating any new risks to the reserve itself.

The community's patience is sought and appreciated while we work through the process. Be assured the reserve will in time have a look and feel that recognises its special place in Mapua and the District.

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## Māpua Craft Group

We welcome 2023 with inspiring ideas from our members.

During November and December, we focussed on making cards for the Māpua Library to raise funds which enable the purchase of more books. The cards include birthday, get well, sympathy, Christmas, welcome baby, etc.

Our knitters made more colourful blankets and a new member has challenged herself to learn how to do crochet work.

There is no fee to join our group, just a \$3 koha to cover hire of the room where we meet. This is at Hills Community Church in the general meeting room.

Our forthcoming meetings are on 17 February, 10 and 24 March starting at 10am.

Of course, we enjoy morning tea and a chat too. We welcome new residents to our wonderful area and an opportunity to "meet the locals"!

You are most welcome to drop in at any of our informal meetings between 10am and mid-day.

**Contacts: Julie 027 741 8575, Barbara 03 5403901**

With best wishes for the new Year.

*Barbara Halse*

## Pastel Art Group

I hope the people in Māpua enjoyed the Art Exhibition at Māpua Hall presented by the Thursday Art Group whose members work in lots of different media.

The Pastel Art Group starts up again in the Bill Marris room on **Tuesday 7th Feb from 9:30 -12noon.**

New members welcome and we have pastels for beginners to practice.

*Julie Booth*

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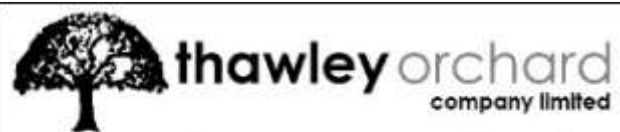
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# Book Reviews

If you are looking for a light, well written story set in New Zealand, I recommend that you choose one of best seller Danielle Hawkins' books.

Danielle is a vet, mother and farmer's wife who lives in Otorohanga with her husband and two children. She works as a part time vet as well as running a home and helping on the farm. She is also a keen gardener, enthusiastic cook, and avid reader. Her husband notes, "She loves to exaggerate when telling a story, so he consequently never believes a word she says!"

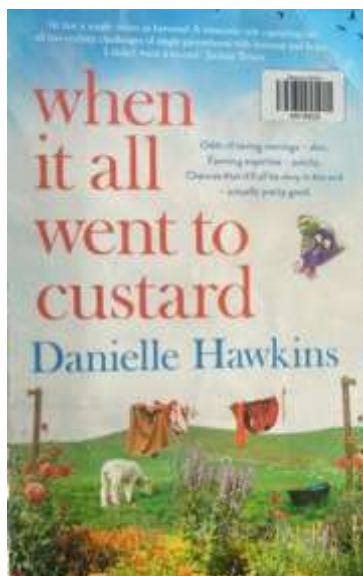
"**The Pretty Delicious Café**" is situated in the outskirts of a small seaside town where friends Lia and Anna work long hours to run the restored café. The dialogue is warm and witty while the characters are engaging and believable. The organising of Anna's wedding is running to plan when problems arise, and love tangles ensue. Lia struggles with the men in her life while her twin brother comes to her aid. I enjoyed the familiar small-town setting and could picture the scenes which Danielle conveys and captures without any apparent effort. The story is an amusing read and one reviewer noted, "You can smell the freshly baked bread as you read!"

Next by Danielle is "**When it all went to custard**". Jenny is the wife, mother, farmers wife and part time office worker who, like the author, takes life in her stride when shock news is passed on to her from a neighbour. Her husband has been caught in bed with the neighbour's wife.

When Dave moves out stoic Jenny considers whether she should take him back because of the children. Her parents are still on the farm and provide support and love while neighbours give various opinions. Despite the serious nature of the situation there is lots of humour and delightful passages relating to the countryside to enjoy.

The gutsy Jenny works through the problems that solo motherhood creates and one can but admire her attitude. The book has been described as a therapeutic read which doesn't shy from dealing with the unexpected sadness in people's lives. Jenny is a very real person who works through a raw deal and deserves some happiness.

The third of Danielle's books in our library is "**Chocolate Cake for Breakfast**"



and it too is a fun, refreshing, heart-warming, light-hearted story.

The narrator Helen is an unmarried vet working in a country veterinary practice. She meets with a well-known sporting person and falls for the handsome character but there is an "oops" in the story and the expected fairy tale ending comes to an abrupt stop.

Throughout the story the life of a rural vet is interspersed with her personal life and for those who know little about a vet's life I think you will be enlightened as I was. The author's experiences as a vet provide honest down to earth experiences of a female vet's life. Some of the clients mentioned were complete chauvinists. The ups and downs of the story had me glued to the pages until I reached the end.

Should you prefer a very sobering story based on a true story set in Russia during the second World War, I recommend Kate Quinn's latest book "**The Diamond Eye**" which I have just read. Readers who have any knowledge of snipers will identify with the ability of this woman Mila while others like me will be intrigued by the experiences of this war heroine. Her memoirs are used throughout the story by the author.

Mila is a very young mother and when her estranged husband tells their small son he will teach him how to use a gun when he is older Mila is angry and decides that she will learn to shoot so that she can tutor her son in the art.

A quiet reflective university graduate she is an unlikely pupil learning how to use a gun but to her surprise she has exceptional ability. When Hitler declares war on Russia, she is one of the first to enlist. She is an outstanding sniper and the story of her experiences, sometimes embellished by the author are gripping. Mila is torn from the war fields and sent to America to plead for aid from Roosevelt. She is befriended by Eleanor Roosevelt and fifteen years later they meet again in Russia. Mrs Roosevelt's memoirs are also included in the story. The New York Times said of this book "This timely and earthshattering tale of heroism will leave you breathless".

That is my reason for recommending my fourth book.

Joyce Bullock

# MĀPUA HALL NEWS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00 am <b>SUPERB DANCE</b> Move Good Now	9.00 am <b>PANZ</b> Pastel Artists of NZ	9.05 am <b>AEROBICS</b> with Lynda		9.05 am <b>STRENGTH / CARDIO</b> with Lynda
	9.00 am <b>SIOUX LINE DANCE</b>	9.15 am <b>SLOW YOGA</b> with Nikki	9.30am <b>MĀPUA ART GROUP</b>	9.15 am <b>YOGA</b> with Martin
	10.00 am <b>MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE</b> 2nd Tuesdays	10.05 am <b>PILATES</b> with Lynda	9.30am <b>TAI CHI</b> <b>INTERNAL ARTS</b>	10.05 am <b>PILATES</b> with Lynda
3.30 pm <b>BALLET 3-4yrs</b> Kerry Clarke Dance		11.30am <b>TAI CHI</b> <b>INTERNAL ARTS</b>		
4.00 pm <b>BALLET 5-7yrs</b> Kerry Clark Dance				2.00 pm <b>FRIENDSHIP GROUP</b> 3rd & last Fridays
5.30 pm <b>BROGA YOGA</b> with Nikki	6.00 pm <b>STRENGTH / CARDIO</b> with Lynda	4.00 pm <b>QUICK STEP to</b> <b>DANCE</b>	7.00 pm <b>MĀPUA COMMUNITY</b> <b>CHOIR</b>	
7.00 pm <b>MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY</b> Meeting 3rd Mondays	6.30 pm <b>YOGA</b> with Martin			
7.15 pm <b>MDCA PUBLIC MEET</b> 2nd Mondays				

## Hall Society Meeting

- **Monday 20th February**  
7pm in the Meeting room  
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- Regular activities info
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- Financial support for your Hall.

## Hall Society News February 2023

Most of our regular classes are back up and running in February; Superb Dance, Kerry Clark Dance, Broga & Slow Yoga with Nikki, Sioux Line Dance, PANZ, Yoga with Martin, Aerobics & Pilates with Lynda, Māpua Art Group, Friendship Club and new classes with Tai Chi Internal Arts.

All class details can be found on our website with instructor contact details, get in touch if you are interested in doing a trial session or joining any of the groups:

[www.MapuaHall.org](http://www.MapuaHall.org)

For latest Hall schedule and class times check the Live calendar on the website, for event updates and news follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



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# Māpua Health Centre News

We now have a newly re-furbished Treatment Room which is a great improvement on the original one, which has seen a lot of use over the last 30 years. The picture (right) is of Don and Valerie Andrews cutting the ribbon to officially open it, along with our lead nurse, Kathryn Parr.



We are delighted that Dr Coco Bardsley, who has been a registrar at the practice for the last six months, has joined our medical team on a permanent basis. She has received very positive feedback from both patients and staff, and we look forward to her ongoing expertise and caring nature.

Also, a reminder that evening clinics with Dr Andre Bonny are now on Wednesdays from 6-8.30pm.

Not only is it Aotearoa Bike Challenge month but it is also Heart Health Awareness month. The very latest research reconfirms that ultra-processed, or "junk", foods lead to bad health outcomes. In a longitudinal analysis of more than 22,000 men and women from southern Italy, a diet high in sugar was associated with a 58% increased risk for cardiovascular mortality (*Am J Clin Nutr.* Dec. 2020).

On the other side of the diet spectrum, a Pesco-Mediterranean diet consisting of plants, legumes, nuts, whole grains, extra-virgin olive oil, moderate amounts of dairy products, and fish and/or seafood, together with intermittent fasting (also called time-restricted eating), can reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease (*J Am Coll Cardiol.* Sept. 2020).

Physical activity also reduces cardiovascular risk. A study from Oxford, UK, of close to 500,000 people without CVD at baseline found that total physical activity related to work, recreation, or utilitarian needs, such as walking to do errands, was associated with a lower short-term risk of developing CVD.

For instance, with one extra hour of brisk walking per day people had a 5% to 12% lower risk of developing different types of CVD during the 7.5-year follow-up (*JAMA Cardiol* 2017). Even previously sedentary adults can restore the heart's elasticity and forestall the development of heart failure with a programme of gradually increasing aerobic exercise that went up to 5-6 hours/week of moderate exertion by six months (*Circulation.* January 8, 2018).

### Some of the events for the month:

- 1-28 National Heart Health Month  
[www.heartfoundation.org.nz/](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/)
- 1-28 Aotearoa Bike Challenge month [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)
- 2 World Wetlands Day [www.wetlandtrust.org.nz](http://www.wetlandtrust.org.nz)
- 4 World Cancer Day [www.worldcancerday.org](http://www.worldcancerday.org)
- 6 Waitangi Day anniversary
- 10 International Day of Women and Girls in Science  
[www.un.org](http://www.un.org)
- 20 World Day of Social justice  
[www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday](http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday)
- 24-25 Big Heart Appeal [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz)



**3rd February  
Barzuka Balkan Band**

**4th February  
Spinoza and Powd'PowPow**

**10th February  
Paul Madsen's  
Beatles and Elvis Tribute**

**11th February  
Optimus Gryme D+B Day**

**17th February  
Booze and Craic: Irish  
and Scottish Comedy Night**

**23rd February  
Jan Preston  
Boogie Woogie Piano**

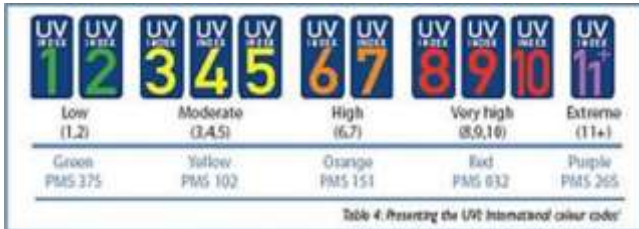
**3rd March  
The Rubber Biscuit Band**

**10th and 11th March  
Blues Brothers Band**

# KIWISKIN news - from the Māpua Skin Clinic

Happy New Year everyone. The weather's been incredible; a good time to get out the sun gauge and measure what's going on. Some people are noticing sunburn, even when they are using sunscreen. Remember that nowadays the recommendation is to reapply sunscreen two-hourly. It's good to go for a broad-spectrum high SPF sunscreen.

## The UV Index



The UV index helps us to know when it is safe to be outdoors. In simple terms, the higher the index, the more caution is required.

It also helps to warn overseas visitors to be careful. The UV index in NZ has a 'wow factor' for radiation adventure tourism; we have "the world's meanest Grade VI sunshine rapids".

As an approximate guide, a UV Index of 1, 2 corresponds to a burn time of about 12 minutes; a UV Index of 6 corresponds to a burn time of 24 minutes. In Nelson in January, for example, the UV index is 11 – as high as it gets!

## UV Index meaning

**0 to 2** You can safely enjoy being outside.

**3 to 7** Seek shade during midday hours. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat! Remember sunglasses.

**8+ (NZ)** Avoid being outside between 10am and 5pm. Make sure you seek shade.

## NZ beats Australia in UV competition

The UV is stronger in New Zealand, than in Australia, due to a thinner ozone layer, and less pollution. NZ has the highest UV index in the world, and that is why it has the world's highest melanoma and skin cancer rates.

## Keeping up with the times: changing our beliefs about the sun

A pool of sunshine can be a lovely thing to dip into, and the older generation remembers back when the summer goal was to bask in the sun and get a 'Coppertone Tan'.

Back in the old days suntans and cigarettes were 'glamorous'...and that was before we realised that they were both carcinogens and also aged skin prematurely.

Giving up midday sun is hard at first, but keep trying, after a while you stop missing it.

Nowadays it's always a good time for giving up the midday sun.

## SUN SMART dress code:

- Broad brimmed hat (protects face, ears and neck)
- Long sleeve shirts
- Rash shirt for swimming (protects upper body)
- Dark glasses (protects eyes from cataracts)
- Broad spectrum sunscreen
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours and after swimming
- Maximum UV block, e.g. Invisible zinc

## Before 10am and after 5pm: the safest time for being outdoors.

*Best wishes from The Kiwiskin Team*

References: NIWA (niwa.co.nz) and WHO (www.who.int)

- Spot Checks
- Mole Mapping
- Skin Cancer Surgery
- Treatment of other Skin Conditions



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# The Write Bias

## News from Māpua Bowling Club

**W**hat a difficult season it has been. As the newly refurbished green wasn't quite ready, our Opening Day was much delayed. Add to this all the rain, particularly leading up to Christmas, the Board felt that the green still wasn't up to the necessary standard to welcome outside bowlers to Māpua tournaments. Consequently, all the planned tournaments for the season were cancelled and with them, an income stream.

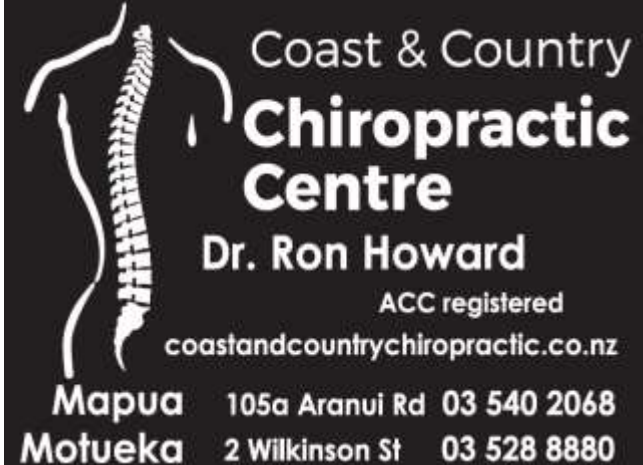
With the cost of renovating the green and some unexpected, serious expenses the Club was facing some difficult decisions. One of these costs was for the replacement of the sewage pump, which had sadly pumped its last! Thinking outside the box, the Board decided to turn to the members with the 'Sump Pump Appeal'. And our members came up trumps with some generous donations to help us through this financially tricky patch. It reflects the tremendous spirit within Māpua Bowling Club.

That same spirit is also reflected on the green, where club play continues throughout the week along with championship matches despite some bare patches and a few bumps here and there. The green is improving daily and will be in perfect shape for next season and a full programme of tournaments. Full credit must go to our greenkeepers, Ian Benbow and Murray Blanchet, who have worked tirelessly to achieve a green that will make us proud.

Some club championships have been completed and the rest are well underway. Several members have played away from home in Centre events and tournaments at our sister clubs. Group coaching sessions have been affected by rain, but four of the six planned sessions have happened and it's good to see members turning up and enjoying the opportunity.

For any information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, [sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls](http://sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls)

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**February 2023**

Greetings to you all. We hope your year has started well whether you have been working through the summer season in retail, the accommodation or hospitality sectors. We hope it has been a prosperous one for you to date. Or perhaps you were lucky enough to have some time out to recharge and have some fun in the sun.

It has been great to see holiday makers around our region enjoying what we get to all year round, how lucky we are to live in this part of New Zealand with so much on offer. There is something for everyone, hiking; water sports; cycling; galleries; retail therapy; markets; cafes; restaurants and bars; wineries; two national parks to explore; Golden Bay; Nelson Lakes and everywhere in between. Sometimes we do have to just stop, stay local, and remind ourselves what is right here in our backyard, paradise.

**MDBA Social Media/Website**

A reminder if you would like Kirsten to promote your business via social media and /or have your business on the MDBA website send an email with your details to mdba@mapua.co.nz. We are here to promote your business on these platforms, so remember to use us.

*Cheers from the MDBA.*

**NEW MDBA COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

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We are excited, a new year, a new committee. If you are in business, live and work locally, are passionate about your community and want to be a part of the local business association, become a committee member for the MDBA in 2023.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR GREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE...**

- ♦ Passionate about the local business community.
- ♦ Have fresh ideas on how to build on what there is.
- ♦ A willingness to commit to a monthly committee meeting and a project or two through the year. Approx 2-3 hours per month.
  - ♦ New ideas on networking and supporting our members.
  - ♦ Have business contacts to engage and grow the MDBA.

Email Kirsten - mdba@mapua.co.nz or phone 027 327 6010 to register your interest. First committee meeting for 2023 is on Tuesday 7 February, 6.30pm at Rimu Wine Bar Cellar Door.

*Need any current MDBA directories or maps? Jared from Mapua Fruit & Veg has kindly offered to have these available for collection from his great store. Jared is open seven days a week 8am till 6pm. Thank you Jared for doing this for us.*



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# Noticeboard

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

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

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

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

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

**Knit & Natter group** at Alberta's: 10am Tuesdays. contact: Debbi 027 327 4055

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

**Māpua Craft Group:** Meetings may change this year. Contact Julie Cox 0277418575 or Barbara Halse 5403901.

**Motueka Toastmasters:** Like to speak with more confidence? Friendly supportive environment. Meet 1st & 3rd Weds, 6.45-8.30pm, St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis hospital, 15 Courtney St, Motueka. Visitors welcome. Info Sierra 027 8444765 or Peter 027 7468311.

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

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

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

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

**Stamp Collectors** - anyone interested in forming a group or having their collections evaluated – contact Nick Ferrier 021 688243

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

**Indoor bowls** at Māpua Hall on 3rd & last Fridays. Bowls at 2pm followed by "bring a plate" afternoon tea. \$3. Māpua Friendship Club. Contact Val, 540-3685

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

**MDCA:** Māpua & Districts Community Association meets Feb-Dec, 2nd Mondays, 7pm Māpua Hall; [info@ourmapua.org](mailto: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](mailto:pippie.d@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 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](http://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz)

**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](mailto:secretary@nelsontroutfishingclub.com)

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

**Club Notices** are free. Others by gold coin donation to one of the distribution boxes.

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