



Māpua Waterfront Park – another viewpoint

The Māpua Pétanque Group has been the only regular fixtured sports group using the Māpua Waterfront Park twice weekly since 2015. The group has followed the proposals for the park over the years although it has never been consulted by the Māpua Boat Club about the proposed boat ramp or other changes to the park.

It was therefore interesting to read in your June issue the Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust (MBRCT) announcing they have submitted a resource consent application for a large concrete boat ramp, new community buildings for Tamaha Sea Scouts and other community groups, plus other new facilities.

It was always understood that The Māpua Waterfront Park (40% of the remediated land) was gifted to the Community/residents of Māpua by the NZ Government in recognition of the harm caused to Māpua by the former chemical works on that site.

From the site plan attached to the RMA application the development looks to be absorbing more than 50% of the available public space in the park. Are most residents OK with that?

It is unclear what legal interest the MBRCT has or is going to have in the Waterfront Park that will enable it to carry out the development outlined in their application and to thereafter operate and police the various facilities. Will the MBRCT be carrying out the work on its own account or as agent for the TDC as freehold owner of the site and on what basis?

The cost of completing the project is now said to be \$2.9 million, however large signs displayed around Māpua for about 12 months stated the cost to be \$1.9 million (signs now changed to \$2.95 million). At a meeting in the

Māpua Hall last year Trevor Marshall claimed the cost would be \$5.1 million. What will the actual cost be?

The site plans attached to the article and on the MBRCT website differ in a number of material ways from the site plan included in the RMA application. For example, the former shows a floating pontoon as part of the boat ramp whereas there is no such pontoon shown on the application site plan.

The OCEL (Offshore and Coastal Engineering Ltd) Consultants report on Tidal flows in the wharf vicinity, while making it clear the proposed Ramp can be used as an all tide launching ramp for “experienced boat operators” does not recommend the use of plastic pontoons because of the strong tidal flows across the ramp.

Wharf jumping is one of Māpua’s many attractions for both locals and visitors alike. The MBRCT say: “*we are passionate about giving the youth and community groups a focal point in this gem of our area,*” but a very probable outcome of building the Boat Ramp in this location will be the total banning of all wharf jumping due to hazards from the many motorboats in such close proximity.

Is that what our community groups, our youth and our visitors really want?

If any Māpua residents have concerns and want to respond, the RMA application is now on the TDC website and the link is:

<https://tdc-nz.sharefile.com/d-scf6291652b234c7d9be21cdd89e90b7f>



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Tamaha Sea Scouts fundraiser – 1843 Charles Heaphy Print

The Māpua Boat Club and The Māpua Maritime Museum are offering a rare opportunity to buy an exclusive print of early Tasman Bay. It is the first image ever published of the Tasman Bay coastline from Separation Point to D'Urville Island, painted by Charles Heaphy in 1843.

January 2024. The Jamboree is held once every four years so it is a once in a life time opportunity for most scouts to experience scouting on this epic level.

This Heaphy Print art work, pictured below has not been seen before (except in the Māpua Maritime Museum) and as this reproduction does not do it justice, please do



It came to light in during the course of developing the Maritime Museum. We discovered it in the Turnbull Library and found one half was missing and hidden from sight folded under the other half. We were as surprised as the Turnbull Library, who generously gave us permission to use this work of art as a fundraiser and we have decided that the proceeds will go towards helping the Tamaha Sea Scouts, who are currently working hard to raise funds to send their Scouts (11-14 year olds) to the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree held in Hamilton 30th December – 7th

visit Delicious Homewares on the Māpua Wharf to see the print for yourself - it is beautiful and would be a great asset and talking point for all. There are only a limited number of prints available and these are available to purchase for \$95.00. (We currently have 34/50).

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Streets for People

Māpua milestone marked

We've reached the exciting point where we're ready to hit the road with the initial pilot 'Streets for People' layout on Aranui Road.

The Streets for People programme is about flexibility and agility, although we are using concrete for some aspects of the work, nothing is set in stone. If there are features that don't appear to be working as well as we'd like them to, we can change them.

Students from Māpua School are on board too and are working on special Māpua themed artwork to enhance the project area.

We've spoken to numerous community groups including the local volunteer fire brigade who raised a few points about the layout as it was first proposed. So, modifications have been made to consider their needs when responding to emergencies.



There's been a lot of work done so far by a dedicated group of people from the Māpua community who have weighed up the pros and cons of a variety of design options for improving the safety of the street for walking and cycling.

Some of the themes that came through are that Aranui Road needs slower vehicle speeds, safe places to cross the road, and reduced congestion on the footpaths while keeping car parking for businesses. All this must fit funding constraints, engineering requirements and the geometry of the existing road corridor.

There are allowances in the project budget for making tweaks and building upon the initial pilot.

Once the layout has been down for a while, we'll look for more feedback with surveys and pop-up events where people can share their thoughts.



All going well, the new safer Aranui Road should be ready by Spring.

Keep up to date with the project by scanning the QR code or visiting our website shape.tasman.govt.nz/streets-people/mapuasfp



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MDCA June Public meeting

A summary of MDCA's 12th June Public meeting

Representation

Gordon Shaw – New Chair Māpua & Districts Business Association (MDBA) Gordon introduced himself, then summarized how MDBA is working to raise awareness of the association and its members. Membership area covers from Motueka, Moutere, Māpua through to Appleby Hills. Annual membership fee is \$150.

For further information please check out the MDBA website www.mapua.co.nz

Kim Drummond (GM TDC environment and regulatory) –Wastewater Overflows– Kim's core role is to oversee regulatory processes and he meets with councillors every six weeks when they bring concerns to the table and his team facilitates discussion on how these concerns can be managed. Alcohol Regulation and the Boat Ramp Consents are also areas that fall under Kim's umbrella.

John Ridd (GGM Strategy and Services) and Mike Schurer (Water and Wastes Infrastructure Mgr) were also in attendance to help answer questions. Kim noted that in an ideal world we wouldn't have any wastewater overflows, and that tolerance of contamination is not acceptable, and accordingly the planning team is looking to move to a zero overflows tolerance policy.

The Resource Management Act (RMA) is currently being reworked by Govt. and until the new Acts are in place the current regulations remain in force. These regulations include a clause that allows overflow events to occur, but any events must be investigated to discover why they occurred and how in the future they could be mitigated. Questions like 'was it a planned event?', 'was it foreseen?', 'was it the result of a disaster?' all need to be considered when reviewing discharge events.

TDC is a unitary body, meaning they are both the regulator and the controller. If something goes wrong, an explanation needs to be forthcoming so a treatment to resolve the issues can be put into forward planning. TDC is aware stormwater is infiltrating the wastewater system and this is a big issue, but the reality is that at the moment it is difficult to hold individual residents and/or businesses accountable.

Open forum

Luke Donaldson, Duncan Andrew, Shaun McFadden spoke representing the 'Māpua Pump Track'. Thanks to Luke and his company 'Donaldson Civil' the Māpua pump track has been tidied up. The plan is to asphalt the track in the future however funding needs to be sourced. All community donations are welcome. Please visit their website mapuapumptrack.com for further information.

TDC councillor report

Dan Shallcrass

The first meeting for the Māpua Masterplan has occurred. Information is required for the community regarding infrastructure, roads etc. Working group is made up of Iwi representation who have been slow to respond,



Ward Councillors and staff. Minutes from the steering committee meeting will be made available to the community via TDC's website and a copy forwarded to MDCA.

Mike Kininmonth

'Streets for People': Changes have been made and will be incorporated into a concept flyer that is due to be sent out to all residents. The speed limit will not be reduced to 30 kph through the main part of the village due to temporary speed limits not allowing emergency services to exceed the limit, whereas a permanent speed limit allows emergency services to travel up to 25 kph above the speed limit.

Christeen Mackenzie

The Waimea Community Dam is being filled in three stages to give the walls of the dam time to settle between each filling stage.

The Mayor is on leave for three weeks, with Stuart Bryant as Acting Mayor.

Deliberations have been made on the Annual Plan, with an 8.7% rate increase, with the decrease due to some forestry investment funds being redirected and the altering of the river works budget. Long Term Plan update and the Speed Managements plans are also in progress.

Reminder – Community Grant application scheme is now open and closes in July.

Enhanced public transport scheme kicks off in August – bus transport is from Motueka, through Māpua, Richmond to the hospital and airport.

TDC buildings have been assessed as having an earthquake risk – several solutions are being considered; however, decisions have not been made at this point, with a 10-year window for this upgrade to occur.

Dominion Flats

A small group of dedicated volunteers continue to turn up on Tuesday mornings. There are now resident Weka, so a request to dog walkers to please keep your dogs on a leash. Also, in November the project will reach its ten-year anniversary, an amazing milestone which will be celebrated on site – more information to come. The photo history boards are greatly appreciated by users of the area.

General business

Streets for People

Monthly update meeting – TDC/Consultants hosted Working Group/Residents and were joined by NZ Police representative. The team gave an overview of progress to date and collected feedback on potential locations for bike racks, planter boxes, kerbside seating and street art. The team are currently finalizing tenders for construction and expect costing/schedule update by end June.

Concerns were raised regarding the 'Streets for People' proposal, which included shifting the disabled carpark from in front of the Medical Centre to the other side of the road, as well as the plan for a shared pedestrians/cyclists pathway, with examples given of how this is unsafe for elderly residents with their dogs.

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The initial hope was that cyclists and pedestrians would be separated and have access to cycleways on both sides of the road – however, this is not possible due to road width and cost limitations. The final two-way shared pathways for both cyclists and pedestrians is wider than the current footpath, but is still considered by some residents/members as more dangerous than the status quo, based on both personal experience and NZTA statistics.

Cllr Christeen Mackenzie stated she would like to think that the statistics of what actually occurs once the trail is in place will be compared to the survey data. Cllr Mike requested those who have personally had or know of accidents that have occurred due to cyclists and pedestrians sharing a pathway to email him the details.

Bluff Hill

Layout changes have been made and the new solution appears to be working well with good visibility.

Aranui Road bus stops

Locations have been proposed opposite Māpua School Car Park and by Te Ora Health. Questions are asked as to why the bus is not going to the wharf to encourage out of towners to use it to get to the wharf facilities. The response was that first there needs to be a time period to assess user demand (six to twelve months), then route changes will be considered.

Some concerns were expressed regarding the impact of an “in-lane” bus stop opposite the Māpua Hall on emergency vehicles, especially if bus users are less able and take longer to get on and off the bus. Similarly, the proposed location of a bus stop in front of the Māpua Fruit and Vege shop was challenged, with members noting the need for the stops to be a good fit for all residents and businesses.

Super Liquor licensing application

The hearing will be held between 10am and 6pm (possibly 7pm) on the 18th – 21st July at the Māpua Hills Community Church on Aranui Rd.

These hearings are open to all the public.

Māpua Boat Club resource consent

The resource consent has been lodged with TDC. Please have a look at the resource consent online. Trustees are asking for the consent to be publicly notified. In the final design, the pontoon has been removed from the plans.

MDCA AGM

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

MDCA works closely with TDC to ensure our community functions in a way that suits the majority of our residents. To have a vote that counts, become a financial member of MDCA by simply paying \$10 per person per year into our NBS account 03 1354 0356471 using your name and phone number as references.

Next Public meeting to be held on Monday 10th July, 7 pm, at Māpua Hall



Te Mamaku Native Corridor

Volunteers are urgently needed for Te Mamaku Native Corridor project.

This project beside SH60 between Tasman and Māpua is well underway for the 2023 planting season, having successfully completed Block 0 last year with great tree growth.



We are now ready for our contractors to plant 11,000 trees into Blocks 1 and 2, thanks to these generous funders: Rātā Foundation, Restoring the Moutere, Pub Charity, Nelson Building Society NBS, NZMCA, Trees That Count, NZ Landcare Trust & OneTree, Network Tasman, Tasman District Council, Whenua Iti Outdoors and individual donors.

Also we are thrilled to announce in breaking news that our project has been selected as the chosen Nelson/Tasman project for the He Rā Rākau Tītapu - King Charles III Coronation Plantings, the New Zealand Government's official gift to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

"Over 100,000 trees will be planted around Aotearoa during 2023 and 2024 as part of this programme. A project has been selected for each region being delivered through a range of communities, iwi and hapū, farming and environmental organisations undertaking ecological restoration projects" says Emma Giesen from Trees that Count.

Our share of 7,000 trees from the He Rā Rākau Tītapu Fund will mean 1,200 trees will be planted in Block 5 this July and 5,800 trees in 2024 in Block 3.

"So come on Nelson/Tasman residents, join our volunteer team for July and August working bees to help us install over 12,000 plant guards and stakes", says Michael Markert, Project Co-ordinator. "It's easy work so simply email me at michamarkertnz@gmail.com with your details and we'll be in touch shortly with dates and times for July and August".

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Pastel Artists—PANZ

"My Time My Life" event organised by the council is taking place over May June and July to give hobbyists an opportunity to showcase their interests.

Glenys Forbes and Judy March had a Pastel Art stand in Victoria Community Hall and successfully recruited two new members. Other members will have stands on 18th June and 29th July at



different venues which gives PANZ an opportunity to showcase our work and hopefully recruit more members.

In the meantime, we are all working at our art and looking forward to the workshop in September run by Master Pastelist Nichola Reif. This workshop was quickly booked up, but Glenys has a waiting list if anyone would like to add their name.

All welcome to pop in to see us on Tuesday morning in the Bill Marris room.

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Māpua Kai Collective

Māpua Kai Collective celebrates!
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Soup is on the menu now that winter has arrived. It's a relatively cost-effective meal to prepare, and a welcome comfort food on cold evenings. Please save us your one litre lidded yoghurt containers as we reuse these to hold our soups – avoiding single use plastic packaging. Please contact one of the team to drop them off – Bridget Castle on 021 183 8790 or Rose Barnes on 021 111 1003.

Now is good timing for a special shout out! I'm writing this update during New Zealand's Volunteer Week. One million volunteers are linked to formal organisations, while it's estimated a further one million work informally. Māpua is fortunate to benefit from so many people prepared to put time into our community in various capacities. We celebrate you all!

But wait, there's more to celebrate this month!

The Collective has been granted \$1000 by the Māpua/Ruby Bay and District Trust in their April round of applications. The Motueka Community Store has granted us \$600, and the NBS has given us \$750 towards our packaging costs. We sincerely thank these organisations for their support.

With our freezers emptying out within a month, it is clear that our community makes steady use of this resource. The challenge is how we continue to cover our expenses, ideally with a funding stream we can rely on. A month's food bill varies between \$450 and \$600. We no longer have a substantial buffer in our bank account, which was the case in pre-Covid days.

As a committee, we continue to look ahead at ways to fund our next few months, and welcome suggestions from anyone in the community. On our funding calendar is Quiz Night at the Sprig and Fern in July. We will be selling raffles on the night.

Thank you to people in our community who quietly make donations, a total of \$1000 between November and May. Definitely worth celebrating!

Would you like to become a regular donor? For the cost of a weekly cup of coffee, you could fund a meal a week for someone: \$6 x 4 = \$24 per month.

If this is something you feel able to do, we invite you to set up a monthly deposit into our NBS account:

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If you want to lift your spirits from the mid-winter blues come along to a **Musical Evening** at the **Māpuā Hall** at 7pm on 27th July.

The Māpuā School children will join with the Māpuā Community Choir and the Motueka Brass Band to provide an evening of fun, performing well known songs that are easy listening. The Motueka Brass Band is well known for joining us at Christmas time with our Carols at the Wharf and we all know how well the school children perform.

The Māpuā Community Choir began just pre- Covid and are now keen to share some of the songs they are singing – who doesn't like a bit of ABBA.

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News from Māpua Bowling Club

Closing Day on Saturday 20th May saw an excellent turnout of members in support of the presentation of championship trophies. Although there was no outdoor bowling, it was a lovely opportunity for friends to gather together and share an afternoon tea.

One additional trophy was announced on the day, the Member of the Year Award, which was presented to Di Blanchet. As well as being the Club secretary for several years now, her commitment to the running of the Club is exemplary and she is a very worthy winner of this trophy.

Fundraising is an essential part of club life, to cover what seems to be never ending and escalating costs. A recent quiz at the Sprig & Fern raised just over \$700 and the delivery of around 2,000 copies of the Yellow Pages in Māpua and Upper Moutere will also help to boost the bank balance. Thanks to the generosity of Denzil and Kate Stephenson, sales of firewood will happen again this year, a very welcome fundraiser.



The first winter social took place on Friday 2nd June. Members enjoyed a light supper and played indoor, carpet bowls and pool. Card games, darts and table tennis are also available, and anyone interested in joining our club is very welcome to come along to the socials. They happen every first and third Friday of each month, starting at 5 p.m.

The Club AGM is scheduled for Saturday 17th June where the Board for 2023/2024 will be elected.

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

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Māpua Craft Group

At the "Senior Moments" meeting on 14th June, we were privileged to view the many large blankets made by Ella and members and friends. There were 26 blankets, and the combination of colours was a delight to see. (See photos).

These blankets will go to Ukraine from "Operation Coverup" and "Mission without Borders" in Europe.



Our meeting plans for this month may change so please check with Barbara or Val Hunter (5403139). Hopefully these will be the 7th and 21st of July.

We are collecting materials for Caroline Mason who (twice a year) is teaching ladies on the Vanuatu Islands to sew, so that they can clothe their families and set up businesses to cater for cruise line visitors.

Many of us have visited Vanuatu and can visualise the conditions after cyclones there. Caroline has organized "Kiwianis Threads Across the Pacific", a charitable organisation which provides aid where necessary.

We can forward any donations of materials or lace to Caroline, who aims to fill a shipping container by the end of August. She and seven others will be in Vanuatu in November to continue

their teaching.

Our project for our next few meetings will be making small drawstring bags (16 x 20 cm) to hold small items for the Vanuatu ladies.

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9.00 am SUPERB DANCE Move Good Now	9.00 am PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ	9.15 am AEROBICS with Lynda		9.15 am STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda
	9.00 am SIOUX LINE DANCE	9.15 am SLOW YOGA* with Nikki	9.30am MĀPUA ART GROUP	9.15 am YOGA with Martin
	10.00 am MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE 2nd Tuesdays	10.15 am PILATES with Lynda		10.15 am PILATES with Lynda
3.30 pm BALLET 3-4yrs* Kerry Clarke Dance		11.30am TAI CHI INTERNAL ARTS		
4.00 pm BALLET 5-7yrs* Kerry Clark Dance				2.00 pm FRIENDSHIP GROUP 3rd & last Fridays
5.30 pm BROGA YOGA* with Nikki	6.00 pm STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda	6.00 pm Māpuā Football Club	7.30 pm MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR	
7.00 pm MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY Meeting 3rd Mondays	6.00 pm YOGA with Martin			
7.15 pm MDCA PUBLIC MEET 2nd Mondays				

* School Holidays 1st-16th July, some sessions on break.

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Hall Society News July 2023

Congratulations to our **Māpuā Hall Society Committee** for 2023/24. We wish to Thank Maureen for her support on the Committee in 2022/23 and know we will still see you helping at our fundraising events. Also many Thanks to Barbara who has steered the ship for the past 12 months as Chair and provided much valued experience and knowledge to the running of our Hall. A warm Welcome to the new Executive Team: Christine, Hilary and Bill and the Committee: Margaret, Barbara, Kristin, Jan, Adrienne and Gail.

This month **Packhouse Cinema** presents a School Holiday Special, screening 'BIG' with Tom Hanks. We invite anyone to come along on Sunday evening or Monday morning with tickets at the door for \$12 adults and \$6 kids, bring your own chair or bean bag & snacks. Please ensure all children are supervised by an accompanying adult.

PechaKucha at Māpuā Hall online tickets go on sale from 15th July, ticket info will be on the notice boards at the Hall and on our Facebook Page and website.

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Literary Festival 14-17 September 2023

diary these dates now!

Time is speeding by, and tickets will go on sale in July. The festival is being held over the weekend of 15-17 September and it is a major event for the library, so we all need to help make it a successful and enjoyable weekend for our community.



We have Gerard Hindmarsh, Pic Picot, David Young, Robert Jenkins, Chris Stuart, Kim Swan, Suzanne Clark and Alesha Bilbrough-Collins attending and they will be in conversations with Greig Caigou, Dr Charlotte Sunde, Tim David, Liz Price, Esme Palliser, Elaine Fisher, Nicolla Galloway.

We also have a great line-up of poets for the Saturday evening – Jessica la Bas, Roger Lusby, Carol Don Ercolano, Emma Callaghan, Mark Raffills, Henry Ludbrook and Rose Michel von Dreger.

There will be 2 workshops for children, 7-9 years and 10-13 years run by Jane Smith of Chocolate Dog Studio. These workshops have limited numbers and will be very popular.

There will also be a free workshop about self-publishing run by David MacManu from The Copy Press.



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Simplicity

My husband admits he isn't much of a reader, but one of his heroes is the American theologian R.C. Sproul. We joke about what Sproul's initials might stand for—he even refers to himself as “R.C.”, so as far as I'm concerned, it could be Ronald Cornelius, or it could be a Johnny Cash situation (Cash was born with the name J.R. because his parents couldn't agree what to call him).

This month my husband ordered one of Sproul's books. He's more of a race car builder than a reader, so if he finishes the book, it will be about the fifth non-engineering book he has completed in his life.

The book is called *The Holiness of God*, and in its opening chapter Sproul describes in detail the moment that time itself began: with God saying in Genesis 1:3, “Let there be light.”

“The first sound uttered in the universe,” Sproul writes, “was the voice of God commanding, ‘Let there be!’ It is, actually, improper to say that this was the first sound ‘in’ the universe because until the sound was made there was no universe for it to be in. God shouted into a void. The command created its own molecules to carry the sound waves of God's voice farther and farther into space.

“The speed of this imperative exceeded even the speed of light. As soon as the words left the Creator's mouth, things began to happen. The force of divine energy splattered against the sky like a kaleidoscope of colour hurled from the palette of the most powerful artist.

“The act of creation was the first event in history. The Supreme Architect spoke, and the seas were shut behind doors, and the clouds were filled with dew. He spoke again, and the earth began to fill with orchards in full bloom.

“And God said, ‘That's good.’”

The Biblical account of creation might appear a far too simplistic explanation of the beginning of the universe. But one clever man once stated, “The simplest answer is often the most correct.”


Or, as my husband likes to say when creating components for his super saloon, “Simplicity is elegance; complexity is arrogance.”

Say what you will about that, but I'm kind of relieved to believe in something simple, in this increasingly complicated world.

Ruth Russ

[Ruth Russ is a member of Tasman Church. She has four growing boys, and with a house relocation underway and a bare patch of land to cultivate, she could certainly do with a miraculous orchard in full bloom.]

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**1st Sept:
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Restoring Higgs Reserve

The vision of the Higgs Reserve restoration project is two-fold: to help Nature Te Taiao to restore the 3 ha reserve towards its pre-human condition (as now possible); and to offer the opportunity for current and future generations to experience natural forest and wetland and a place of wonder within 2–3 km of Māpua.

Higgs Reserve at its core protects a precious 0.6 hectare remnant that has the character of the pre-human forest on the Moutere Gravels hillslope margins of Waimea Waimeha Inlet.

The reserve also features an intact vegetation sequence from freshwater to saline in reasonably good condition, that is extremely rare within the Moutere Ecological District. This is also habitat for banded rail.

However, much of the reserve is recovering from a long history of human impacts, aided by past restoration efforts including predator control (as outlined in last month's Coastal News).

Two mature kahikatea trees, two rimu, four black beech tawhairauriki and ten hard beech tawhairaunui, some spindly and damaged, emerge above the canopy and remind us of the forest that once was. Typical beech forest understorey species further attest to its original character (e.g. NZ blueberry tūrutu, crown fern tāniwhaniwha, broad-leaved mingimingi, silver fern ponga).

The project aims over three years for two inter-related ecosystem state changes:

- planting presently open plus weedy scrub habitats that will develop into tall, dense indigenous forest, into which species now occurring only in the intact forest can disperse.
- zero densities of ecosystem-altering weed species, with re-invasion only from externally sourced propagules that likely can be controlled long term without intensive management.

The project complements the Dominion Flat restoration project, on the other side of Māpua Drive, undertaken over the past decade by Helen and Neville Bibby and a host of other volunteers. The projects together will create a 9 ha habitat for native flora and fauna at the gateway to Māpua.

The project acknowledges mana whenua. It follows relevant provisions of the TDC Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan.

Over the past six months, we have focused on choking off the seed rain of our most problematic weeds (Robinia, barberry, blackberry, old man's beard, and gorse); 'first pass' weeding; transplanting or nurturing over 900 native tree and shrub seedlings into forest gaps; and planting over 200 native tree and shrub seedlings provided by Battle for the Banded Rail.

While our project entails physical labour, we get to delight in discoveries of plants and birdlife in the reserve, and 'releasing' many hundreds of previously planted seedlings that were being smothered by weeds and bracken.

We're seeing young kāhikatea, black beech and hard beech seedlings that probably have not been as abundant in decades. There are no adult tanekaha trees currently in the reserve, but two tiny seedlings appear to have arrived via bird-carried seed. We hope planting kōwhai will in time attract kererū back.

Over the next year we seek to replant remaining open terrestrial areas, undertake regular weeding 'passes' of the reserve, and hunt out those weeds still lurking in the shadows. The project would then shift towards increasingly low input maintenance.

Like biodiversity around the world, Higgs Reserve will experience the effects of climate change, including sea rise progressively inundating the coastal margin and increased risks from extreme temperatures and rainfall, drought, and fire. All of us can play a part in helping to turn this around, by practising and promoting climate restoration.

If you would like to know more or would like to contribute to the project, please contact Clare Kininmonth on 0221771186.

We invite all to explore the taonga that Higgs Reserve is. We thank Battle for the Banded Rail, TDC and all who are helping to restore Higgs Reserve.

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Ruby Coast Running Club

Brrr!! It's well and truly winter now! Well done to all of our keen regular Thursday evening runners for braving the cold and the dark. It can be tempting to hibernate during the colder months.

However, the camaraderie of the group does make it so much more appealing to venture out on a cold and dark Thursday evening. The curly fries and refreshments at the Sprig afterwards feel especially well earned too. Why don't you come and join us?

Events our runners have participated in this month include the Kaiteriteri Gold. This event had a different format (and organisers) this year. Instead of a half marathon run, it was a trail running event in the Kaiteriteri Mountain Bike Park. There were lots of hills and undulations and also wonderful views.

We had runners entered into both the 8 km and 16 km distances. Well done to everyone and in particular to Graeme who came first in his age group, and to Debbi and Rob who were both second in their respective age group categories.

We also had runners take part in the two person relays at the Monaco Mid-Winter Marathon event. The run started at the Honest Lawyer in Nelson. After a loop around the Monaco peninsula, leg one runners headed off along the pathway towards Richmond and onto the Great Taste Trail to the changeover point alongside the beach at Rabbit Island. The leg two runners then returned back the same way along the Great Taste Trail to the Honest Lawyer to complete the 42.2 km marathon distance.

It was a very scenic run, and we were treated to great running conditions weatherwise. We also had some good results. Our mixed team (Richard and Karen) were third mixed team, and Debbi and Faye were the fourth placed female team.

If you would like to join us, our regular Thursday 5 km runs meet each week in front of the playground by the Māpua Hall. We start at 5.15 pm for walkers and runners that need more than 30 mins to complete 5 km, and 5.30 pm for everyone else.

No need to register in advance – just come along a few minutes beforehand to sign in. Now it is dark, headtorches are a must. Warm and reflective clothing recommended.

You can also find us on Facebook: Ruby Coast Running Club. There is more information there about our longer weekend runs and any upcoming events.

K Welsford



RCRC Runners at the Kaiteriteri Gold:
Graeme, Faye, Debbi and Rob
(and Emma who took the photo).



Sarau Winter Sale

Come on out to Upper Moutere and join us for our annual Sarau Winter Sale weekend - we love to welcome you to this special valley.

Your chance to choose an exquisite new wardrobe, enough books to last you for a year and of course to join us for hot soup, or coffee and a scone. This year we also have a section with old books and china.

The weekend is entirely voluntarily run to raise funds for the Sarau Community Trust which for the last 15 years has supported the Moutere Hills Community Centre, and sport and youth activities throughout the Moutere region.

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- 10 May 18:41: Medical, unconscious/fainting, Higgs Rd. Gave person oxygen until ambulance arrived.
- 25 May 13:47: Logs on fire near Pinehill Reserve, fire put out.
- 27 May 16:00: Lift assist at James Cross Dr, waited for ambulance. Patient fell over entering house.
- 1 June 14:44: Car fire SH60 near Dominion Rd. A passer-by used portable fire extinguisher; brigade used hose reel to finish fire off.
- 4 June 15:19: House fire on Dovedale Rd, help Tapawera, Upper Moutere, Wakefield, Ngatimoti brigades. House badly damage by fire.
- 14 June 10:59: Manual call point activation (little red box where you break glass), no fire, accidently or malicious. Glass had been broken for a while and not replaced. Told to replace glass.
- 15 June 08:34: Fire on beach at Kina Peninsula, brigade put fire out. Camper seen leaving area.
- 16 June 09:52: Call to car crash in Motueka, not needed.
- 17 June 04:42: Cardiac arrest on Horton Road, assist with CPR.

Call-outs for the year = 39

Safety Tip – Be safe

- Do a night fire check. Stub out cigarettes, never smoke in bed. Check for anything that may pose a fire risk.
- Don't overload power points.
- For fire safety info go to - <https://fireandemergency.nz/>
- For fire permits go to - <http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

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

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Our latest news & adventures

Tree planting season is upon us!

Native trees that were propagated in 2022 here in the WIO Community Nursery are heading out to landowners within the Moutere Catchment for their restoration projects. Students on our programmes have been getting amongst it and helping with planting whilst out on programme with us. Ngā mihi to our funders and the Moutere Catchment Group for your support that has enabled us to extend our nursery increasing the number of native trees we can grow.

Disability & Inclusion Project

A partnership with Sport New Zealand and the Halberg Foundation has helped us to remove barriers for disabled tamariki and rangatahi to experience outdoor recreation at WIO. We still have a way to go to improve accessibility across all aspects of our organisation, but we definitely feel we're heading in the right direction! You can read more about the project here: <https://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/.../our-journey-in-creating.../>



Beach day was the highlight for our participants on our Disabilities & Inclusion camp. Hunters smile says it all!



Uniform Services - Fire Week

It was a fantastic start to the Uniform Services Trades Academy Programme - the "Fire Week" is always a highlight for the students. The week consisted of a visit to the Nelson Fire Station. Search and rescue scenarios and a visit to the Nelson Marlborough Helicopter base where students were given a demo of the winch. Special thanks to Nelson Marlborough - Fire and Emergency and Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter Trust for taking the time to share your knowledge and inspire the students.

Unbeaten for 10yrs!

Congratulations to Nathan Faāvae for his recent honour in receiving an order of merit. We are super proud to have been part of Nathan's journey in the outdoors - he was even a participant here in the early days and is now our Patron! Unbeaten for 10yrs at the top of world adventure racing and still finding time to give back to his community through the Pasifika Trust, he's truly an inspiration!



Uniform Services Student with Nelson Fire Fighter during her Uniform Services "Fire Week".

We'll see you out there!

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July 2023

It's been a busy period for the MDBA. We have had a great response to our recent networking for members and our Lunch and Learn events. We've made a number of enhancements to our website www.mapua.co.nz, you can now see all of our upcoming events and register and RSVP online. New members can easily sign up now too via the website.

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

**TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023 ANNUAL MDBA AGM
6pm to 8pm — TASMAN GOLF CLUB**

Join us for our annual 2023 AGM. This is the perfect time to meet fellow MDBA members and network. The evening will start with the Chairmans report, election of committee members then followed by our guest speaker Mark Thompson, CE of NELSON AIRPORT (also a local resident). Wrapping up the evening with networking. Drinks and nibbles available.

Upcoming Events

Wed 9 Aug, 12-1pm Mapua Community Hall
Seven Ways to Grow Your Business with Manoli Aerakis from Malloch McClean in conjunction with Business Assist.

Tue 19 Sep, 5.30-6.30pm Networking Event
Location to be confirmed.

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

Till next month, cheers from the MDBA.

Notice of meeting – Annual General Meeting

18 July 2023 – Tasman Golf Club, 6-8pm

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Agenda

Welcome and apologies

Minutes of previous meeting

Chair's report

Presentation of financial report

Update on new MDBA constitution at 2024 AGM

Election of committee

General Business

Notice issued by MDBA Chair, G Shaw.

2023 MDBA FREE MAP IS OUT NOW

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Noticeboard

Social Dance at Mapua Hall, 19 August 7.30 - 11pm. Live music, Raffles, \$8 plus plate for supper. All Welcome. Enquiries Lloyd: 03 5268754 or 0210334719

Motueka Lighthouse: last Thursdays, Motueka Community House, 7-9pm. \$3 Donation Appreciated. 27th July - Holistic Pulsing with Myffie. Contact Angie: angel3000.h@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

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.