



MDCA

A brief summary of MDCA's 9th May public meeting

To view the full minutes and documents for this meeting, and/or for more information on any of the topics discussed below, please visit ourmapua.org, and select the relevant drop-down menu topic.

Public Forum:

Ray Bolderson (a local resident) spoke regarding his prior concept to develop a floodplain and lake at 49 Stafford Drive and sought permission to display his board at the Developer meeting on 18th May. MDCA advised that this meeting was developer-led and for Ray to seek permission from the Hall, not the MDCA.

Ward Councillor updates:

- **Anne Turley** praised the work MDCA do and encouraged attendees who were not members to consider joining.
- **Community grants:** Funded from monies set aside from rates. Application criteria are broad including local services, festivals, arts, culture etc. Check out TDC website and search Community Funding.
- **Local Govt elections:** to be held 8th October. If you are interested in standing as a councillor/mayor go to TDC website for more information.
- **Cycle and walking strategy:** was deliberated on 9th May. Views were formed on the strategy and what may change. Many ideas came from the community and every submitter will be advised of the outcome.
- **Annual Plan:** submission response rate has been low.
- **Growth Plan Change (GPC):** After MDCA presentations to Councilors/TDC, the GPC for Māpua is now taking a different track and will involve more community consultation by both TDC and Developers.
- **Future Development Strategy (FDS):** The volume of FDS submissions is high and they are now under review.

Māpua Willing Wheels:

In light of funding challenges due to low patronage resulting from passenger concerns re Covid, the service is applying to TDC for a Covid-19 Grant with the hope the service can continue. Drivers are being recruited. Saturday bus usage has picked up with teenagers travelling to the Aquatic Centre in Richmond.

Māpua Community Hub:

The Hub wants to reassure residents the facilities at Māpua Hall and the new Community Hub will be complementary and will not be competing with each other.

AED:

MDCA fund the maintenance of these lifesaving units. Pads and batteries have recently needed to be replaced at the unit in Māpua Hall after being used to save an individual. If you would like to contribute to the maintenance of these units please contact MDCA by emailing info@ourmapua.org.

Māpua Liveability Working Group:

- **Growth Plan Change (GPC):** MDCA successfully lobbied TDC to have the GPC for Māpua paused to allow further community consultation.
- **Walking and Cycling strategy (W&C):** MDCA spoke to their submission strongly urging TDC to implement a master plan of indicative W&C pathways that have formal legal status and require developers to provide well connected future active transport networks.
- **Future Development strategy (FDS):** MDCA spoke to their submission on concerns that the growth predictions for Tasman as a whole, particularly Māpua, are flawed and lack credible supporting evidence. MDCA suggested that prior to any rezoning and/or residential growth occurring an *Updated Spatial Plan* (per the Urban Provisions Process) and additional community consultation be conducted. This would provide residents/stakeholders with a clear understanding of the scale, design and inter-relationships of the many proposed developments and associated infrastructure these developments will require. With this knowledge, residents could provide more-informed feedback on the best way forward to TDC decision-makers. MDCA stressed the scale of any Greenfields development (such as that being proposed at 49 Stafford Drive) include protection of our environment as a major and urgent consideration (including existing green spaces, reserves, wetlands, nature corridors) for current and future generations to continue to enjoy.
- **49 Stafford Drive:** MDCA became aware of this development proposal after the April meeting. MDCA received a generous donation to help publicly promote the Community Meeting held on 18th May. MDCA are grateful to the donor for assisting in this manner. Feedback from residents will shortly be available on

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MDCA's website: ourmapua.org. There was robust discussion regarding this proposed development.

Environmental:

Dominion Flats – Weeding is ongoing.

Higgs Reserve: Richard Hilton stated TDC have limited budget for planting and track development but there may be a possibility of the existing track coming out of Higgs Reserve at the north-east end to be extended to curl around along where the clay has been removed and lead back into the reserve between two of the ridges to the west.

Wildlife Corridors: Held its first meeting and submitted to the FDS. [See page 3.]

Community survey:

The community survey closed with 319 responses (15% response rate). A summary of the responses will be available on MDCA's website in due course.

Road and pathways:

Māpua Drive blind spots: TDC will investigate further trimming of the ornamental pear trees at the crossing near the corner of Seaton Valley as well as checking the Higgs Road roundabout for visibility.

Aranui Road South footpath: This relates to the west side of Aranui Road in front of the large wooden fence – Jamie McPherson (TDC) advised this works was positioned at number 68 out of 107 in the new footpath program. This could however be revisited depending on the outcome of the Walking & Cycling Strategy.

Māpua Drive road surface near Mamaku Drive: Concern was raised regarding the road surfacing being slippery due to flushing. TDC have been advised, the speed limit has been reduced to 50 kph in the meantime.

General Business:

Liquor License applications: TDC have received two separate liquor license applications for Māpua. The first opposite Māpua School from Nelson Holdings for a Super Liquor outlet, and the second at 65a Aranui Road (the empty section opposite Māpua Store) from Sue Shuttleworth of Liquorland. Both applications have now closed and awaiting hearings. MDCA as an organisation cannot object (only affected individuals can).

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.

Our next public meeting will be held on Monday 13th June commencing at 7.15pm via Zoom and/or in person at the Māpua Hall.



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The community of Māpua has a strong track record of restoring public wetlands. Both Aranui Park and Dominion Flats are now thriving with native species and biodiversity, thanks to the hard work of hundreds of community volunteers.

The Korepo wetland forest was a 320-hectare kahikatea/pukatea forest that grew on the peaty soils that overlay Moutere gravels to the North end of Māpua village. It was one of the largest lowland forests in Tasman Bay until it was cleared by early Pakeha settlers.

Public ownership and rewilding of the land at 49 Stafford Drive, the Senior Trust land, would provide a major ecological, cultural, and structural gain for our community.

Stafford Drive farm (the old flax mill) and the Seaton Valley Wildlife Corridor

In the three maps below from the Tasman District Council you can see that the land at 49 Stafford Drive is at sea level.

ti kōuka and other native species. It was a natural wildlife corridor for native and migratory birds, fish, invertebrates, and plants that thrived in the habitat between the sea and the mainland.

This land should not be re-zoned for housing and commercial enterprises. The lack of elevation here means that stormwater has no place to go no matter how sophisticated a new stormwater drain might be. Adding to that, significant silting of the Seaton Valley stream will result from the construction and earth-moving to put houses on the hills, and this will increase the inundation risk to properties both immediately adjacent to the development and through to the Waimea Estuary.

We know that sea level is rising (see the moderate increase of 0.5 meters in the third image below), and that displacement of stormwater would negatively affect the surrounding land and infrastructure. The Tasman District Council maps have sea-level rise scenarios for 0.5 metres, 1 metre and 1.5 metres, but scientific projections continue



Present day view of water channels in old flax swamp and stream leading to the saltwater estuary

Current high tide mark (solid dark blue) in spring and 1% annual exceedance probability for salt-water intrusion (hatched dark blue)

Salt-water intrusion under 0.5M sea-level rise, mean spring high tide mark (solid blue) and 1% annual exceedance probability (hatched blue)

The Seaton Valley stream is the main watercourse draining the hills behind Māpua and Ruby Bay. It crosses coastal flats beside Māpua village and flows into the Waimea Inlet. It has also been described as the main stormwater “artery” for the whole 450-hectare Seaton Valley Catchment. The 49-hectare floodplain is described as the “natural storage area” for stormwater in major flood events. Most of this flood plain is on the Senior Trust land.

The flood plain will progressively receive more seawater and surface water surge as sea levels rise and storm events increase in frequency, duration, and intensity. The natural sponge layers of wetland habitat complimenting the current sand and gravel soils will be a much better asset to our community than the current development proposition.

The left half of these maps show an historically brackish wetland that was a Kahikatea, Harakeke and Pukatea Forest less than 150 years ago, and has been drained for farming. Surface water events were absorbed by spongy layers of peat, bog, sand, gravel, and clay holding water-sucking plants such as harakeke, punga,

to escalate. Wildlife are already being squeezed by human development and the loss of coastal ecosystems. We can help them to manage and adapt by providing coastal ecosystems for retreat.

We also know that carbon storage is more important now than ever. Being part of the solution is important for future generations of humans and wildlife.

In 2022 we have a choice. The physics of water flow alone are enough to argue in favour of maintaining this low-lying area as a wetland, as demonstrated in the three maps above. By saving this and other valuable coastal wildlife corridors and restoring them with native plants that will suck up water and hold soil, we can provide storm and flood water protection for our community. This land will be a significant carbon sink that can continue to store carbon while supporting native biodiversity. Saving the “Jewel” of Māpua will in turn save us.

Lou Gallagher, Wildlife Corridors Subcommittee of the Māpua Districts Community Association and Māpua Wetland Restoration Group

The Write Bias

News from Māpuā Bowling Club

The bowling season closed with a bang! Not only was there a mini tournament on Saturday 30th April but there was also the presentation of the Club Championship awards, a lovely afternoon tea and a presentation about the forthcoming green renovation. No-one wants to stop bowling for the winter, but it was a most enjoyable last day for everyone and meeting during the closed season for Friday evening socials is something to look forward to.

Every year a club member is nominated to receive the Member's Trophy for their outstanding contribution during the season. This time around two people were chosen to receive this award, both very worthy winners for all that they have done to ensure the smooth running of the Club.

Congratulations to Murray Blanchet and Denzil Stevenson.

Thanks to the Sprig & Fern, the Club has two more quiz nights scheduled, the first on Wednesday 6th July and a second one during August.

The Club always needs funds but right now the people of Ukraine need help even more than we do. Some of the proceeds from the quiz nights will be given to a worthy cause in Ukraine and this will be followed up by a big fundraiser at the Club during August. If anyone is interested to know more about our plans for helping Ukraine please contact me, Sue, at s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

Māpuā Bowling Club will be 95 years old on July 27th. This birthday will be celebrated with a lunch for all members on Sunday 24th July in the Clubhouse. Who doesn't enjoy a party?!

For any information about bowling, coaching, indoor 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/māpuābowls

Sue England

Pastel Artists

On Tuesday mornings a group of us meet with our easels and pastels to create beautiful paintings. Pastels are sticks of dried paint which produce rich vibrant colour.

We want to recruit some more community friends to come and join us. If you like art and want to try your hand, then come along on:

Tuesday 28 June

We start at 9, finish at 12, but come when you can!

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April to May 2022 call outs:

17 April 18:15 tanker to bonfire in area of Sunrise Valley Rd. Permitted fire, turned back.

21 April 11:33 alarm activation Upper Moutere school. Turned back.

22 April 17:57 small unattended campfire near Baigent's reserve. Brigade put out.

6 May 18:31 permitted burn on Supplejack Rd. Turned back.

8 May 09:13 small campfire/ logs on fire near McKee Domain. Brigade put out.

9 May 07:29 Two-car crash on Māpua Drive. Assist at the scene.

Call outs for the year: 30

Safety Tip – Be safe:

Clean and check your chimney

Keep items a metre away from fireplace and heaters

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Ruby Coast Running Club

Another month has flown by, and winter is here (or will be when this issue is released) With it getting dark earlier and colder it is important to dress appropriately.

Warm layers are a great option allowing you to shed garments as you heat up and be able to put them on to keep you warm when you have finished. It is also important to be seen.

Reflective clothing or strips are great. Wearing a head torch is great for you to see what is coming but not always the best option for something or someone coming from behind to see you. As our runs are around and through the Village it is particularly helpful for cars coming out of driveways or when we cross streets that we are seen before they reach us. Please be responsible and be seen. We bring a couple of spare fluoro vests and head torches if you need to borrow them for the run.

RCRC is your little local running group. If you run or walk or pace in between you will fit right in. We have a 5k every Thursday night, rain or shine (or darkness) that starts at the Māpua Domain with early runners and walkers setting off at 5:15pm and all others at 5:30.

We post our Saturday runs on our Facebook page. Check us out!

But that's not all folks, we also go to other events often as a group. This past month saw a group of us head to Atawhai to run the Harris Hilltop Challenge. It was the first official event held at the Summer House and I do hope it becomes an annual event. The views were stunning and the venue spectacular.

We also had a couple members run the South Island Ultra with Graeme Lear taking first in his age group.

We are very grateful to Jared of Māpua Fruit and Veg, an illustrious member of the running group, for donating the monthly spot prize. The lucky recipient was Bob Lancaster.

So much fun to be had...come join us!



Us at the Harris Hilltop Challenge.

Book Review

'Remember - the Science of memory and the Art of forgetting' by Lisa Genova

In the fast pace of modern life, there often appears a heightened awareness of memory – or lack of it. Feeling silly in front of friends when discussing a recent movie watched and the actor's name has disappeared off the tip of your tongue.

Or embarrassed that the name of the person you have just been introduced to, has completely gone.

Do we have a problem? Are we developing dementia?

Lisa Genova is wonderfully reassuring. With a background as a Harvard trained Neuroscientist, 'Remember' is her first non-fiction book in which she explains the way in which our brains 'remember' and 'forget'. Each being an important aspect of its functioning.



There are many types of memories: some made to last a lifetime and others for mere seconds. The amount of attention we give to a moment will impact hugely on how much of that moment we will remember, e.g. being present to all the sensory and factual information available when you experienced your first kiss will ensure the memory of it stays a long time.

In contrast, not remembering where you put your car keys could reflect that you dropped them unconsciously whilst your mind was already thinking about what to cook for dinner.

As she says "forgetting is actually part of being human".

However, there is a clear distinction between normal forgetting (where you parked your car) and abnormal (that you even own a car) which could imply Alzheimer's or other dementias.

Genova's expertise as a neuroscientist and her wonderful abilities as a storyteller make this a fascinating and informative read for the lay person.

You may have heard of Lisa's name previously.

She is also a bestselling author of five novels. The most well-known is 'Still Alice' which went on to be adapted into an award-winning movie. This is the story of a University Professor who is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

Each of her five novels focus on a different neuro degenerative condition and explores its impact on her characters, their lives, their families, their work and potentially their deaths. She uses her special gifts of scientific understanding and

storytelling to bring to life the realities of living with these conditions with sensitivity, empathy, understanding and realism.

'Left Neglected' is about the life changing effects of a stroke on a young woman's life after causing severe damage to the left side of her body.

'Every Note Played' follows the demise of a brilliant concert pianist who loses the ability to control his fingers and hands due to a form of Muscular Dystrophy.

'Love Anthony' is about an 8-year-old boy who has Autism.

'Inside the O'Briens' is about a Boston Police Officer who learns he has the hereditary Huntington's Disease.

All the above books may be borrowed from the Māpua Library except for 'Love Anthony' and 'Inside the O'Briens'. These are both on the request list so hopefully will also be available for borrowing in the near future.

Rachel Boon, Māpua Library volunteer



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This sign, near the cycle and walking underpass at the junction of Seaton Valley/Chaytor and Stagecoach Roads points up to the location for the third gateway sculpture into the Ruby Coast area. The Trust is making good progress towards securing the remaining funds needed and is incredibly grateful to local community members and businesses who have recently supported the fund-raising efforts.

We are also grateful for the earlier support from the Rata Foundation and the Tasman District Council which enabled this project to get underway.

We hope to have the foundations down very soon and Brightwater Engineering Limited will begin construction as soon as we have secured the final amount needed.

**Currently we have less than \$5,000 to raise!
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WE CAN'T GO BACK . . . or . . . I just want to go Fishing!



I was out in the Bay fishing the other day. One of the allures of “going fishing” is that the focus changes from the everyday stuff of life, things to be done, and whatever is coming next, and for a time that all gets laid aside. And we all need that rest don’t we ... taking a break.

But recently I had been reminded about those early disciples of Jesus Christ who were fishermen too - who had been called forth by the Rabbi and asked to leave their fishing and to “come follow me.” Which they did.

And they were with Rabbi Jesus for three years. They were first-hand witnesses to actual miracles and were the first to sit under the teachings of one whose living message is still with us today.

They’d been a bit thrown by the death of Jesus though, but then came his resurrection from the dead after three days and Jesus appearing to each of them and as recorded in history, to over 500 people at one time!

He made some promises to them that things would be different going forward . . . just wait. And then he left.

What was life going to look like now? Things had all changed for them, and they didn’t know what to do next? **So, what did they do? Well . . . they went back fishing!** (That’s generally what us blokes do isn’t it . . . I dunno . . . lets go fishing!)

Apologies to fellow fishers out there, just poking some fun . . . at myself somewhat!

But there is an aspect of this in the present reality for many of us today, isn’t there? Life rhythms unravelled for a time and is different now, and our villages are undergoing ‘developments’, our previous lifestyles shunted in some ways. The world is teetering. And there is a sense that we’d like to be back doing what we always did, back to what we know it was like . . . before.

Perhaps those early fishermen felt the draw back to the previous normal also, muttering; “I just want to go back to what we had!” (Maybe even to go back fishing.)

But they knew there was no going back . . . what they had witnessed was beyond normal. Now there were ‘new normals’ to get used to and make the most of.

The Spirit of God wanted them to go forward . . . into an unknown; but with the sense that God had it covered and had a purpose for them in those times ahead.

#getusedtodifferent

He had turned these unsure, untrained fishermen into the chosen early warriors of the Good News of a new way. So, they left their nets, full of God’s Spirit, and went out from their hometowns as witnesses of Jesus and of who he had said He was. They spread that news to the local Jerusalem, to the nearby regions of Judea, and onwards to outer areas of Samaria, and then . . . well, to the very ends of the earth.

And that resurrection message has come all the way through time and space to us, here in New Zealand.

What on Earth, or in Heaven’s name, had so transformed those fishermen to become so emboldened, and empowered. Certainly, no made-up imaginations or lies from some ‘nutter’ could do such a thing! Far from it. **Jesus IS who He said He is.**

So . . . who do you say Jesus is!?

And as life changes around us today, will His messages of Grace and Hope be part of what gives your life real meaning too - with purpose and power. For whatever times are ahead.

Greig Caigou enjoys being Pastor at Tasman Church . . . and also enjoys a spot of fishing!

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We welcome a new trainee intern (final year medical student), Oliver, who will be with us from the end of May for 3 weeks. This is a great opportunity for students to get a small taste of general practice and learn more about community health services.

We now have a separate cabin in the back car park where patients with possible respiratory infections or Covid can be seen. It is important that this facility is used in order to protect other patients and staff inside the health centre from infectious illnesses. If you are unsure whether you could have an infective illness, please phone the receptionists prior to your appointment on 5402211.

This month, Men's Health Week aims to help men get right on top of their biggest and most important asset – their health.

Why have Men's Health Week? Men are on the back foot from the start. A boy born today will live nearly four years less than a girl born in the room next door. He will be over 20% more likely to die of a heart attack than the girl, and almost 30% more likely to get diabetes. Worse, he is three times more likely to die by suicide or in a motor car crash.

Eight Kiwi families every day lose a loved partner, father or tupuna to a PREVENTABLE illness, one they didn't need to die from. Almost one Kiwi man in four will die before they reach retirement age. We can do something to change these numbers by making small changes to things we eat, drink, and do.

Also, it's "Move Your Butt month" which is all about supporting awareness and helping to prevent bowel cancer. Your diet is one way to lessen the likelihood by enjoying a wide variety of nutritious foods:

Eat plenty of vegetables, legumes (dried beans, peas or lentils), fruits and cereals (breads, rice, pasta and noodles), preferably wholegrain.

- Include lean meat, fish, and poultry.
- Include milks, yoghurts, and cheeses. Reduced fat varieties should be chosen where possible.
- Drink plenty of water.

Take care to:

- Limit saturated fat and moderate total fat intake
- Limit your intake of red meat and processed meat
- Choose foods low in salt
- Limit your alcohol intake if you choose to drink
- Consume only moderate amounts of sugars and foods containing added sugars

And:

Quit Smoking.

There are a number of important national and global health promotion events for the month, including:

- 1-30 Move Your Butt Month
<https://bowelcancerz.org.nz/move-your-butt>
- 5 World Environment Day
<http://worldenvironmentday.global>
- 14 World Blood Donor Day www.nzblood.co.nz
- 15-21 Men's Health Week
<https://www.menshealthweek.co.nz>
- 15 Elder Abuse Awareness Day
www.ageconcern.org.nz
- 19-25 National Volunteer Week
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- 20 World Refugee Day
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- 24 Matariki
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Matariki celebration

The library will be closed on Friday 24th June.

Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

In Māori culture, Matariki is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and of the celebration of its first rising in late June or early July. This marked the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar.

Queen's Birthday weekend

The library will also be closed on Monday 6th June.

Exhibition now on at the library until 10th June, pop in and check it out.

Jenny Ferrier resides in Ruby Bay and her favourite medium is watercolour.

"Jenny finds her inspiration from the natural world – especially birds, the bush, sea and coastline. When out of her studio she is observing the outdoors – sketching, colour studies and photography. She sees art as a story, a time and place visited. Jenny's goal is to share her emotive reaction to a subject and inspire the viewer."

Library statistics

Early each month we check the Library statistics to compare the previous month's issues with other months.

In July 2021 we had the most issues compared to any month in the last 3 years, (over 2,000), and in April this year we had more than 1,600 books and magazines (1,626) taken out. This compares favourably with March (1,688), as Easter and Anzac Days were in April, and being public holidays, the library was not open.

The stats are divided into categories, so we can compare each category, e.g. we can see how many children's books are taken home each month, and how many non-fiction books were taken out. In April there were 84 magazines issued compared with 73 in March. We also have to take into account the stat. holidays in the month.

The children's non-fiction books had increased from 78 in March to 98 in April. Maybe this is because the school pupils were asked to research some things.

In general the library is being used more and more each month, and the library committee is happy with how things are going.

Annual General Meeting

We recently held our AGM which was a very pleasant gathering with several new faces attending.

Our committee comprises:

Chair Helen Jeffery
Vice Chair Tim David
Secretary Belinda Caulfield
Treasurer Susan Butler

And Irene David, Judi Salisbury, Judy Vaughan, Rachel Boon and Linda Palmer

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Our latest news & adventures



Wellbeing Resources & Activities Free on our website

We have recently published new resources that were developed for rangatahi, by rangatahi to support wellbeing through a connection with nature. The videos feature graduates of the Manaaki Tāpoi programme, who volunteered their time to collaborate and film the videos thanks to funding from **Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora**. We were so impressed with their confidence, support and aroha for this kaupapa. Our team provided expertise in nature connection, tikanga māori and psychology to help create videos that show how a connection to nature can help with your everyday hauora/wellbeing. To view all the videos and supporting activities head to www.whenuaiti.org.nz/wellbeing-activities/

Thanks to the UMO Fire Brigade for inspiring our students!

Our students are super lucky to learn from our volunteer fire fighting unit as part of their Uniformed Services Programme. The programme provides an opportunity to earn NCEA credits through practical experiences outside the classroom and build essential skills in demand by employers such as teamwork, leadership and confidence. The 'Fire Week' of the programme is always a highlight for our students. Thanks to the awesome volunteers for helping to inspire our students!

NCEA Secondary Programmes - mid-year enrolment is open

If taking learning outside the classroom appeals to you, then it might be time to look at our Trades Academy Programmes for mid-year - we are running Adventure Tourism Leadership (L2 & L3), Manaaki Tāpoi (L3), Uniformed Services (L2) and Civil Defence Emergency Management (L3) - all programmes are FREE to students enrolled at our local high schools and provide transferable skills for future study and the workplace. To find out more head to www.wio.org.nz or chat to your Trades Academy coordinator at school.

Upcoming Holiday Programmes

It's not too early to enrol in our holiday programmes! They always fill up fast. This July we are running **Go Wild** for 7-10yr olds - a week of mini-adventures that will take tamariki to outdoor spots for some winter wonder in nature. Our summer holiday programme dates are also up on our website. Book early via our website!

Get the latest news from us in your inbox

If you are keen to hear updates on holiday programmes, secondary programmes, primary programmes or Whenua Iti Trust news then sign up to one of our newsletters on the home page of our website.

Thanks to the Sarau Trust for their support

We are loving the new Kelvin-built shelter that was funded by the Sarau Trust. It's been perfect for outdoor hui, sorting gear in the rain & as an extra learning space. Ngā mihi maioha for your ongoing support of what we do.

The Team at Whenua Iti.



A still of Kovei, who helped create videos to support youth wellbeing through nature connection.



Students sea kayaking on an Adventure Tourism Leadership Programme in the Abel Tasman.

We'll see you out there!

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MĀPUA HALL NEWS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00 am SUPERB DANCE Move Good Now	9.00 am PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ	9.15 am AEROBICS with Lynda		9.00 am SUPERB DANCE Move Good Now
	9.00 am SIOUX LINE DANCE	9.15 am SLOW YOGA with Nikki	9.30am MĀPUA ART GROUP	9.15 am STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda
	10.00 am MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE 2nd Tuesdays	10.15 am PILATES with Lynda		9.30 am PILATES with Lynda
3.30 pm BALLET 3-4yrs Kerry Clarke Dance				10.30 am YOGA with Martin
4.00 pm BALLET 5-7yrs Kerry Clark Dance	5.30 pm YOGA with Martin	4.00 pm QUICK STEP TO DANCE		2.00 pm FRIENDSHIP GROUP 3rd & last Fridays
5.30 pm BROGA YOGA with Nikki	6.00 pm STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda		7.00 pm MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR	
7.00 pm MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY Meeting 3rd Mondays	7.00pm PILATES with Lynda		7.30 pm PILATES with Anne-Maree	
7.15 pm MDCA PUBLIC MEET 2nd Mondays	7.00 pm BEGINNERS YOGA with Martin			

Packhouse Cinema

- Sunday 19th June

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Māpua Hall Society 2022 AGM

Monday 20th June, 7pm
All Welcome

Membership

Register now for Māpua Hall Society Membership, benefits include:

- Hall Society E-Newsletter
- Regular activities info
- Event news
- Pre-sales for Māpua Hall Society events such as PechaKucha
- Vote on matters at the AGM

Hall Society News June

The community investment in AEDs has proven its worth following the use of the Hall AED for a successful resuscitation following a player collapsing on the tennis courts. Rapid use of an AED is central to resuscitation following a collapse and being familiar with using an AED is essential as proven with this event. So keep an eye on the Coastal News and MDCA Facebook page for the next training session on the use of an AED which we hope to have in the next month or so.

The events team are again looking to run the ever popular PechaKucha and Curry Night which has been postponed to 26th August 2022. Please get in touch if you wish be involved, either in the kitchen or as a valued Speaker.

Māpua Hall Society AGM will be held on 20th June 2022, there is currently a strong Committee who are keen to continue on into 2023 though there will be a few changes with room for some new faces to join the team.

If you have some fresh ideas or just want to support the crew, email
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www.MāpuaHall.org



Māpua Community Hub concept drawings

Report from Community consultation

Karl Vercoe (Architect) at Māpua Community Hall
Friday 13 May 2022 7-9pm

Welcome

Connie Sherlock (Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust Chairperson) welcomed attendees. Māpua Community Trustees and members of the Working Group introduced themselves and noted why they were involved in this project.

Connie summarised the development process of the project including the need for such a facility being noted in both the 2019 Māpua Districts Community Survey and the 2020 Survey of potential usage of a Hub by professional services, organizations, and individuals.

Presentation of Concept Drawings

Karl Vercoe (architect) introduced himself, noting that preparation of the concept plans (see attached images) was done pro bono by his firm. He commented:

- it is more sustainable to build around what can be retained of a current building
- the “old church looks closed”, needs more light and glazing with openings to outside space
- accessibility is fundamental to and essential for all areas enabling “level threshold transitions”
- seismic assessment is required for all building work and will result in retrofitting and strengthening
- stakeholders need to be engaged throughout the process so that “needs are translated into form”
- “We should take what we are doing in the old part and replicate it in the new sections” .

Feedback and input on draft concept plan from attendees

All those attending worked in three groups with a set of the concept drawings to provide feedback to the architect, other attendees and the Hub Trust/Working Group.

This feedback is summarized below. Anyone interested in accessing the full range of community input, making further suggestions/comments and/or becoming a member of the working group, please contact Community Hub working group Chairperson elena.meredith@xtra.co.nz

Actual building process:

- What could be included if the current building was demolished altogether?
- Valuable to hold onto an old building; anchors a community; ownership and pride
- Is the footprint big enough?

General design/usage:

- Wheelchair accessibility throughout; all doors
- Consider how to overcome noise
- Access people skills in the community



Outside area

- Provide outside wi-fi/charging facilities, lighting, and seating
- Farmers’ Market venue?
- Security lighting; solar lighting
- Murals on the outside; lead lighting
- Sail over the playground area



Entrance/Drop-in and workspace; co-ordinator:

- Co-ordinator/reception desk forefront; “Co-ordinator is the hub of the Hub”
- Separate Drop-in/multi-purpose space, workstations, and workspace with dividers

Consultation rooms:

- Privacy for clients accessing these; outside access; high/glazed-opaque windows
- “Consumer-centric” health/wellbeing focus
- Soundproof doors
- Local clinics for services not needed every day – e.g. ear-wax removal; Podiatrist; skin and allergy specialists etc.

Storage:

Lockable cupboards in each office and locked areas throughout.

Kitchen:

- Not a commercial kitchen
- Provide a dishwasher and mobile “café trolleys” for different spaces
- Provide a hatch between the kitchen and hall

Hall:

- Access to toilets from the hall
- Murals to link outside to inside
- School as potential user: Kip McGrath; professional development; disco
- Sliding doors to partition into two usable areas

Potential activities resources:

- Disco/sports in hall
- Training for interview readiness - cv prep; interview skills; clothes to borrow for a day; confidence boosters

Elena Meredith, Māpua Community Hub Working Group



the playhouse

It's On Like Donkey Kong

**Saturday 4th June
(Queens Birthday Weekend):
Jukejoint and
Steve Mitchell Blues Night**

**Saturday 11h June:
Jamie Bowen Stand Up Comedy**

**Sat 25th June:
Paul Madsen's
Queen and BeeGees Show**

July 9th: Hollie Smith

July 15th: NZ/DC Tribute band

July 16th: Grandiose Burlesque

July 29th: Jordan Luck Band

Aug 11th Fur Patrol

call 5402985 for bookings



Trapper Event

Tuesday 7th June 7pm - 9pm Māpua Hall

All welcome

Māpua Dawn Chorus will be holding a trapper event in the community hall on the 7th June.

We aim to get a rat trap in every 4th backyard in Māpua and surrounding areas, including Ruby Bay and the Māpua Hills. By trapping in our backyards, we can help create a safe habitat for birds to visit our gardens and nearby estuary.

This will be a drop in event, so come anytime between 7pm and 9pm.

- View types of traps.
- Learn where to put your traps for success, and type of bait to use.
- How to record your catches to the project data base on trap.nz.

We will have several knowledgeable people on hand to answer your questions. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat. Please encourage your friends and neighbours along too.



How you can remove rats: To be effective in managing rats on your property, you need to begin with prevention such as removing their food source and nesting grounds. Other things to consider include:

- Clean up inside your home; rats (and mice) like old newspapers or magazines, boxes, rags and junk in cupboards, spare rooms, and basements.
- Make sure the outside of your property is tidy; rats (and mice) like piles of bricks, timber, rubble, derelict cars or appliances, piles of garden rubbish and overgrown parts of the section.
- Don't forget to rodent-proof your compost bin too.
- Don't leave bird or pet food out overnight where rats can access it.
- Try to seal all entrances into buildings and keep areas around houses and buildings clear.
- Trim any trees that are up against your house; it's more likely to become infested when it is easily accessible to rats!

- Buy an animal welfare approved trap such as the Victor Professional Rat Trap or TRex Trap (inside a tunnel). A 24 Goodnature set resetting trap.
- Set up 2–3 traps per backyard and place inside rat tunnels to keep kids and pets safe. Place them on a flat surface near walls, compost or undercover. If you're not getting results, try a different spot. Try to check the traps daily until you're getting results and the catch rate goes down, then check every 2–3 weeks.
- Serve up some peanut butter or Nutella and refresh often.

Make sure you always wear gloves when handling your trap or catches. If you want to know if your control method for rats is working, make sure you monitor your results. If you're not catching anything, you may need to try something different (for example, moving your traps to a different location, trying a different bait such as chocolate, or double-checking that the trap is set correctly). Don't forget to tell your neighbours what you are doing in case they want to get involved too, because rats don't care about fence-line boundaries!

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Māpua Craft Group

Our June meetings will be on the 3rd and 17th of June, but please phone Barbara (5403901) to check that these will go ahead as Covid rules may alter our plans.

The photo shows the many blankets that Ella has produced. Knitting is one of our favourite activities along with card making and embroidery.

We meet from 10am until noon at the Hills Community church with only a \$3 donation to cover the room hire. We have plenty of craft materials and patterns to share. Do come and look; we ask for a koha for materials and the morning tea is free!

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Suburb Māpua

Is Māpua to be the new suburb of Nelson/Richmond?

Last week there was a meeting about the “Seaton Valley” development proposal (or fact?). Recently we were anxious about the draft “Future Development Strategy” (FDS) and the “Growth Plan Changes” in Māpua, which the Seaton Valley proposal is a part of. Maybe you have read my previous articles in the Coastal news (March 2022, July 2021), where I questioned the justification for sprawl in Māpua and the rest of the region.

It is great to hear that the views of the Nelson-Tasman2050 group (which I’m part of), expressed in their submission to the FDS and published in many newspaper articles, have had a lot of support. This group not only pointed out the problems with the draft FDS but has also been providing (proven) constructive suggestions on how the strategy can be improved. Please have a look at the NelsonTasman2050 Facebook page if you are interested (www.facebook.com/NelsonTasman2050).

So where does that leave us and where does that leave me? Just speaking from my heart:

Don’t we care about climate change?

Did you see the May 22 episode of Sunday on TV-One? Have a look! Again, more evidence that the effects of climate change are worsening and happening faster – frightening!

It is well documented that urban sprawl causes more greenhouse gases compared to urban intensification. Our future is no longer about how we would prefer to live, but rather about what is needed to save our planet and create a future for our children. In response, many groups in Aotearoa are pushing for more and faster change.

The developer proposing the Seaton Valley development answered that they would like to create more jobs in Māpua to address additional greenhouse gas emissions - as if that would make a dent. The developer also said they were aware of climate change, whatever that meant. Being aware but ignoring an issue is not responsible development.

The draft FDS proposed mainly urban sprawl to cater for future growth. Councils are currently debating whether they need to change to a more future-proof real strategy – fingers crossed!

Do we care about our future rates?

It is interesting that although many of us strongly resist rates increases, this type of ‘greenfield development’ (sprawl) contributes big time to our future rates. This has been researched to death and is only denied by those who benefit from sprawl (see the parallel?). Developers that want to be part of providing for sprawl are as responsible for hiking our future rates as the council is! Calculations show that the annual running cost of a suburban area (using sprawl to provide for growth) can be more than double that of a truly urbanised area (using intensification).

Is this the type of housing we need?

What about affordability?

At the community meeting the developer didn’t want to talk about affordability, just accessibility. I found that

very strange. It felt as if the development community has given up on providing affordable housing. We all know that large parts of the housing needs have not been addressed for many decades, leaving lower socio-economic groups, including a disproportionate percentage of Māori and Pasifika communities, with nowhere to go.

To simply continue as usual will not solve our biggest housing problem. Where is the social license for this type of initiative? We clearly cannot depend on the development industry and need to require councils to take responsibility for this.

How genuine is the developer?

When he states that they are here to work with the community, while in the same meeting they state that they will develop the ‘hillside’ regardless, because that is their legal right. So, do they really care about what we, the community, are looking for or is it just a case of mitigating future processing (legal) risks, because they can now state that they consulted?

What is democracy?

I feel that we are totally side-lined as a community. Although we are often asked for feedback, many decisions by the council are not in line with what many of us want. Who asked for Māpua to be a designated ‘growth-area’ by TDC?

Why does Māpua have to provide for a disproportionate part of future growth compared to other parts of the region?

Why is the council not prioritising suggestions to revitalise Māpua and to provide for more housing choices within existing residential areas and is, in fact, giving priority to sprawl through plan changes?

Do we need another commercial centre?

This idea was suggested by the developer at the community meeting (and before) and supported by some landowners. Providing for a commercial centre is something that the community has never been consulted on and the FDS does not plan for.

Before you know it, this will also become a fait-accompli! Surely revitalising the existing centre and making better use of the existing commercial areas would be so much better.

Why can’t we retain and enhance our village character?

Just saying that so many other people want to buy (big?) properties here doesn’t make sense, simply because that would result in losing our character. I have seen many successful planning strategies where the character of small outlying villages has been retained, while growth was directed to large urban areas that provide jobs and services and are well connected by public transport.

The developer clearly doesn’t care and is ‘opportunity’ driven and the council is complicit in this. Maybe this will change, following the community feedback regarding the FDS, but I’m not holding my breath.

Does Papatūānuku have a say?

Do we really want to destroy our land, or what is left, especially when we have clearly argued that we do not need more greenfield development? The developer

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already stated that they will blitz the hillside, simply because they (legally) can. Any restored wetland will have a better future when not compromised by changes in the hydrology and pollutants from urbanised areas.

In summary

If combating climate change is top priority, we don't need more urban sprawl! If it is about the growth prediction and existing capacity, we don't need more sprawl either!

The proposed development should NOT go ahead.

We should direct our energy to protecting and enhancing our village character and accommodate any growth in existing urban areas, including residential areas that have already been enabled, but have not yet been developed - providing also for the need for smaller housing options. I hope our elected representatives are paying attention. There will be Local Body Elections in October this year!

Jan Heijs, also on behalf of Nelson Tasman 2050

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"Speed" was a runaway success in 1994. It was a blockbuster in every sense of the word, and it is an excellent motion picture. The film deals with a Los Angeles Police Department SWAT officer (Keanu Reeves) who is playing a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with crazed ex-cop Dennis Hopper.

After Reeves stops Hopper from blowing up a high-rise building, the next target is a city bus. Hopper has rigged the bus to explode if the "speed" ever drops below 50 miles per hour.

Sandra Bullock, in her star-making role, plays the unlucky passenger who becomes the centre of attention when she is forced to be the driver after the original navigator is accidentally shot.

Dennis Hopper's character is somewhat complex, and his performance probably should have won him an Oscar nomination. A great film, well worth another viewing.

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June 2022

Well it's officially Winter...and this is always an appropriate time to reflect on the Summer that was, which for many businesses was a testing time indeed. From staff shortages, reduced visitors/patrons and the ongoing disruptions to all supply chains, we have been thinking of you all and know just how tough it is out there.

The economic indicators would suggest that some further trying times still lie ahead for business owners, further reinforcing the very tangible benefits of B2B networking and belonging to local business associations.

Business associations can provide many levels of support to both business and local communities, from networking events to sharing experiences with like minded business owners and managers. Don't be shy, come to our next MDBA function (which happens to be our annual AGM on Wednesday 22 June at Rimu Wine Bar) and see how you can benefit, and consider sharing your skills with others for everyone to benefit and grow.

*We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.
Richard Aitken, Chair MDBA*

MDBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE, 2022 | 7pm RIMU WINE BAR, MAPUA WHARF

It's that time of year again, we have locked in the date for our AGM.

We are excited to have Mayor Tim King as our guest speaker this year. RSVP is a must, email Kirsten on mdba@mapua.co.nz to register to secure your spot.

The AGM will follow promptly to update you all on the year that was in the Chair's report, finances and the current budget. We are looking to onboard a secretary and two new committee members. If you are keen to be a part of the MDBA committee please submit your interest to Kirsten prior to the AGM via mdba@mapua.co.nz or on the night.

RSVP by Monday 20 June, mdba@mapua.co.nz



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Pastel Artists Nelson: meet Tuesdays 9am-noon, Bill Marris room in the Hall. Visitors welcome.

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 or just turn up.

Knit & Natter group at Alberta's: 10am Tuesday's. 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 Tam: tortipon@gmail.com or 021 08738996.

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: Twilight Golf at Kina Cliffs Thursdays. Tee off 5 - 5.15pm, members (\$5) & non-members (\$10) all welcome. Optional BBQ to follow. Ph Lyndal 03 5266819, teeup@tasmanclub.com or just turn up.

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

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 2nd Sundays. All welcome. Enquiries: Linda 027 447 6435.

Māpua Friendship Club welcomes new members. We meet 3rd and last Fridays 2pm, Mapua Hall. Non-competitive indoor bowls, beginners welcome, 'bring a plate' afternoon tea. \$3 for the Hall. 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

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays 9.45am. New members welcome. Gaye 03 526 6827

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: Wednesdays 10-noon, Hills Community Church (during term time). All parents & carers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. \$2 don/family. Make new friends. Info: Verena 027 435 1932.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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