



Care Group Preparing 'Ambitious Plan'

The group leading the community engagement with the Dale Vercoe gift are preparing an ambitious plan to bring the vision to life. Last year, after Dale announced his intention to gift parts of his *Ridgeway* property to be the base for a community care health facility, a group was established by Dr Tim Phillips to explore this wonderful opportunity and to get some feedback from locals and professionals on the shape of any initiative. Late last year, following an initial public meeting, a community workshop developed the vision. It was attended by more than eighty people who put their hearts and minds to work to decide what was possible.

The 'Think Tank' group has been meeting to discuss the outcomes from this and the series of meeting as the project was being developed. This group includes professional, medical, community and development leaders from Mapua area who have now mapped out next steps to be taken.

The themes that came through from the workshop meeting were three-fold:

1. To accept Dale Vercoe's generous offer of the gift.
2. To have any developments on the site community governed and to form a Charitable Trust to that end.
3. To look at funding possibilities and realistic costs.

After investigations it had emerged that public funding from local health and community funders is a limited option. A care facility has a capital cost of several million dollars for even a small start-up unit and operational costs within present health care rules are high. A stand-alone facility is considered beyond the community's reach.

The 'Think Tank' group applied themselves to the challenge and a plan has emerged that is most exciting. What has been labelled a 'Robin Hood' model would see a high-end wellness centre owned by the Trust, that would also enable and fund community care facilities for a range of needs such as respite care, community care for recovery and disability as well as holistic health services unavailable in the hospital system. The emphasis would be on community-driven care and programmes involving locals, schools, recreational groups and individual volunteers.

The 'Think Tank' gave this plan the go ahead last month. One of the first steps is to establish a local Charitable Trust to take the reins. A Trust of about seven people will take over from the 'Think Tank' and move the project along. Experienced trustee types and nominations for this Trust are now asked to come forward to help form the Trust.

Many individuals, organisations and businesses have been supporting the initiative so far: of course Dale and his family, Drs Tim Phillips and Tim Ewer, Mapua Community Hall, Printhouse Nelson, Mapua Village Bakery, Think Tank members past and present, Simon England from England Law, and volunteers as well as an engaged and inspiring community have got us to this stage. Thank you all.

For more information see the 'Dale's Gift' Facebook page or contact 'Think Tank' chairperson Graeme Stradling ph 540-2050, or you can email the group dalesgift@outlook.com

Applications for Grants

Voluntary organisations are invited to apply to the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant. Applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Trust in May and should be in the hands of the secretary by 1 May.

An application form may be obtained from the secretary (John Sharman Ph 540-3642) or downloaded from <https://mapuacommunitytrust.wordpress.com>

Applications should be emailed as a single attachment to:

mapuarubybaycommunitytrust@gmail.com
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4.15pm	5.00pm	5.30pm	6.00pm

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Kaiteriteri Beach	Motueka iSITE	Mapua Wharf	Nelson iSITE
Depart	Depart	Depart	Arrive
1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm	2.45pm
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Police Report

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I have been doing some relieving fingerprinting work in Nelson a few days recently. Very annoying to see burglars climbing in windows left open with no security latches! A lot of these burglars are just opportunists and if you have your security sorted out then they will just keep walking. It is well worth while spending a few dollars on security latches to protect thousands of dollars worth of gear inside, don't you think?

Grant Heney, Motueka Crime Prevention Team. Ph 03 970-5271

Mapua Occurrences:

Jan 21: Male arrested for a domestic assault. Silver trailer stolen Coastal Highway

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SUNDAY 19 March: Commencing at midday **Captain Arthur Wakefield** and his entourage will arrive in full regalia assisted by Tamaha Sea Scouts. He will step ashore and raise Mapua's independence flag. Be early to see where he comes from and who is with him!

This will be followed by the inaugural **MAPUA WHARF BOAT RACES** (APPROX STARTING TIME 12.30 or a little after)

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**SOMETHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
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Boat race information: Due to the incoming tide, the start line will be a projection off the Northern end of Mapua wharf across the Channel. The finish line will be a projection off the southern end of Mapua wharf across the channel. Competitors must be in the box formed by the start and finish line at the start of the event. There may be a boundary mark on the Rabbit Island side of the box. Entrants will be rowing against a current of about 3 knots. The last entrant left in the box will be the winner.

Divisions will include, but not be limited to:

- 8 foot dinghies
- Kayaks
- Stand up Paddleboards
- Recreational skiffs and longboats (eg Whitehall types)
- Scout Cutters and other multi crewed rowboats
- Open Class

Divisions will start separately. The final event will be combined with all divisions starting together. Boats to launch at Grossi Point. They are neap tides with not much current but provision will be made to tow smaller craft down to the beach near the start. Entrants participate at their own risk. Lifejackets are to be worn by all crew. All craft shall have a fitted tow rope and should be equipped with buoyancy to ensure they float when swamped. This event is being held in a tidal channel with many obstacles, including moored boats. Rescue boats will be on hand. Further information contact John Leydon.

Waterfront Plan Open For Discussion

What do you want our Mapua Waterfront to look like? Have your say!

This was the issue focused on at the February meeting of the Mapua and Districts Community Association (MDCA). Diverse and varied suggestions were collected and collated from members; both those present and from Facebook postings on: the wharf and retail area; the park; the remediated land on Tahi Street; Grossi Point; the boat ramp; an aquarium memorial and other topics which members showed interest in such as parking.

The Tasman District Council-appointed consultant for the review, Catherine McFaul, introduced herself to the association and encouraged vigorous discussion from as many groups as possible while also emphasising that the review process would also include another round of consultation on the draft proposal of the master plan for the area.

Sharon Flood, TDC Strategic Policy Manager, also encouraged the community to engage, emphasising the importance of participation at all stages of the review. This is a perspective the association will also be pushing hard—a chance to shape “the jewel in the crown” of our area so that there is something for everyone included.

Another opportunity to comment on and query TDC plans will be available at the March meeting when the Mayor, councillors and TDC staff will be present and answer questions on the Annual Plan for the region.

We have been delighted to see that there is now an elegant and functioning ATM at the Mapua Community Hall and have congratulated both NBS for their willingness to supply and service this much-needed community facility and also the Hall Committee for agreeing to provide rental space for the ATM. A highly successful outcome all round!

Those who wish to contact or join the association can do so via info@ourmapua.org

Please take up these opportunities to engage with TDC on the development of our community by: participating in the TDC Mapua Waterfront Review consultation process through the groups you belong to as well as individually and also attending the 13 March MDCA meeting to comment on the Annual Plan. *(See more on the waterfront on page 9)*

The Port Mapua Maritime Museum would like to thank The Rata Foundation and The Tasman District Council for their grants, The McKee Trust, Sun Electrical and Don Yelverton for their donations, Eileen Thawley for her invaluable historical knowledge, Greg Olsen for period costumes, Annette Walker for her passion to make it happen and the many unsung volunteers and workers who have helped to make the upgrade happen to provide a facility for the whole community and visitors to enjoy.

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By the time you read this we will have had our annual "Top of the South" art exhibition at the Mapua Community Hall. We hope you had an opportunity to attend and enjoyed viewing the artwork created by our members. Even better, we hope you liked it so much you purchased a piece of art which you can enjoy for a lifetime!

We have now started back to  our regular Tuesday morning painting sessions. We come together from 9am to 12pm for some creative time. We have mini workshops, we work on our own paintings, we go outside for "plein air" painting, we socialise and most of all we enjoy each other's company for a few hours once a week. For those who are beginners or even those who are not, our members are more than willing to share their experience and knowledge of pastels.

In March of this year, the "Purely Pastel" National Art Awards and Convention will be held in Waikato. Our regional group will be represented at the art awards as we have members who have entered their paintings and were accepted to display and sell their artwork in this national exhibition.

We encourage anyone who is looking for a new hobby or just wants to get back to creating art and would like to give pastels a go to join us on Tuesday mornings at the Mapua Community Hall on Aranui Road, Mapua.

For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540-3388 or by email gmlforbes@ts.co.nz.

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TIP 1: Try to get out of the cities and explore the villages – in Switzerland you can base yourself in a chalet or cosy hotel in Grindelwald for a few days and go walking through the alpine meadows, pat the cows, taste the cheese at the farm gates and take endless photos of the north face of the Eiger.

TIP 2: Switzerland has an amazing network of cycleways. Did you know you can rent bikes at many of the train stations and cycle your way around the valleys? For example from Lucerne, you can boat and train to Engelberg, hire a bike and bike back (downhill) to Lucerne. Or bike around Lake Geneva, stopping at the Chillon castle and have lunch at a lakeside restaurant. The options are endless and the train stations have lots of packages, bike and hike maps and ideas. They all speak English and are super organised so you can be a bit adventurous in your choices!

TIP 3: If you're thinking of hiking in Italy in July and August, try and stay in the north, such as the Dolomite areas of Val Gardena or Castleruth. It's a

bit higher and cooler there. Try to stay away from the hot and crowded Cinque Terre, Amalfi Coast and Sicily in those months.

TIP 4: Rather than staying in touristy Florence or Pisa, base yourself inside the ancient walled city of Lucca. There are truffle restaurants, fabulous cooking classes and it's the birthplace of Puccini, so you can even go to a concert. The wineries are to die for and you're only 30 minutes by bus or train to Pisa, or an hour to Florence, if you want to brave the crowds. Make sure your hotel has air-conditioning in the hotter months though!

TIP 5: If you are passing through Bolzano in northern Italy or staying in the Dolomites, head to see Oetzi the Iceman at his very own museum. He's 5000 years old and was found on a mountain pass just on the Italian side of the border with Austria. It's fascinating and his frozen mummified body is there along with all his clothes, hunting weapons etc...you won't believe it... 5000-year-old tights!

TIP 6: Austria is known for dumplings, lederhosen and beer! But there is also fabulous hiking in the valleys, especially above Innsbruck in the Stubai valley, so it's a great stop if you're on your way from Italy to Germany and the Black Forest. Best of all it's cheap and very cheerful! Only 20km from Innsbruck and you can take a cable car to the top of a mountain, see stunning glaciers, go paragliding and stay in a hotel with a flower-filled balcony.

TIP 7: Greece, try to get off the main tourist islands to explore like a local and go walking. Visit Naxos or Paros for walks on ancient Byzantine paths, local tavernas and crystal-clear waters. They are still busy but getting off the beaten track gives a totally new perspective of these wonderful islands. Do a walking and food tour in Athens. It's a great introduction to real Greek food that the locals eat.

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The Ups and Downs of the Sea

Cycling around Mapua, Ruby Bay and Tasman, you get a feel for the ups and downs. After a while you recognise it's not the tailwind and fine training regime, but a gentle descent that's causing me to look and feel like Bradley Wiggins. And when going in the other direction, the miniscule ascent shatters the illusions so brutally.

These subtle changes in elevation are important as I have houses on the books that are close to the sea. Walk out of the house, down the garden and a beach awaits you. Indeed, many years ago I lived in one such house, falling asleep to the crashing waves and howling gale (it was outside Wellington).

There's a lot to be said for living by the sea: the serenity, the sunsets, the fresh air and the endless optimism of expecting a non-native plants to grow there (in Wellington, anyway). Twenty years ago no one talked about sea level rises, though. Sure we talked about storms, tides, sea walls and obstructive councils, but the idea that the sea might slowly rise up and swallow the lawn never came into the conversation.

Now the first question anyone asks about a seaside house is a polite version of "how long have I got?" If the house is a decent way back and elevated, well, maybe the grandchildren will get to know it before it feeds the fishes.

We are all conditioned to forecast rises in sea level. NASA tells me its 3.4mm a year since 1995. So over the course of a 30-year mortgage, that's 10cm or 4 inches. Over a century that's a whole foot.

My standard approach to the issue is to look at GoogleEarth to see if old images show a moving

coastline, and then go to the TDC website (Topofthesouthmaps) to check the contour levels to inject some facts into the discussion.

Scanning the contours to track elevations to a few centimetres, I begin to struggle with all this. If you go to Scotland, especially on the western side, you can see raised beaches some 8 or 10m above sea level. These are a relic of the last ice age. You'd think the melting ice would raise sea level and it probably did. The bigger driver is believed to be isostasy, where land is still bobbing up after having been pushed down by having all the ice on it. Wikipedia tells me that Scandinavia is rising by up to 10mm a year.

And then we have Kaikoura. The photos showed a harbour that rose by 0.5 metres, paua

basking in the sun 2m above the sea and lots of distressed crayfish wondering what the hell happened. So that's 2m in a few minutes.

And did you know that the sea isn't actually level? Ignoring the curvature of the Earth, the laws of gravity apply to seawater as to everything else. Where there is a big lump of something, say a continent, it has a gravitational pull on the water. This means the sea level in the middle of the Pacific is actually a few metres below sea level, if you see what I mean. So would a rise of 3.4mm affect all sea uniformly? Probably not, I reckon. And then there are the weather patterns which change all the time.

The fact is that everything is always changing and a change in one thing has a largely unpredictable knock-on effect on other things. It is spectacularly complicated and not understood. Sea levels go up and down and land goes up and down too. On the whole, it looks pretty clear to me New Zealand has been going up for a while, which is why it exists. So please take doom-laden threats of a submerged New Zealand with a pinch of salt. Sea salt, that is.

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Mapua Health Centre

We are 27 years old!!! And it's our birthday this month. That is the Mapua and Districts Health Centre came into being in the middle of March 1990 after an amazing effort by the local community in collaboration with the Nelson Area Health Board, who had just bought the site of the old post office. It has gone through various metamorphoses and changes over the intervening years, and this month we will have some extra offices and a staff room added to the back of the building. Many thanks to all the volunteer help that we have had over recent years and to the health committee who generously give their time and energy to looking after the building and equipment.

The committee that oversees the building is actively looking at how we can plan for the future and cope with the increasing population and changes in health provision (with some services likely to be devolved from the hospital to primary care). Ideally we would like to build a new purpose-designed centre that also incorporated other services such as physiotherapy, pharmacy, dentist and other health professionals. If you have any ideas for achieving this or wish to help the committee please contact the chairperson, Derek Craze (info@mapuahealth.com).

Dr Andre Bonny will be joining us over the next few months as a locum doctor to cover while some of our regular doctors are on leave. Andre has a special interest in sports medicine, nutrition, minor surgery and paediatrics. Andre has recently moved to Nelson from the West Coast with his wife and family. We hope you will join us in welcoming Andre to the practice.

Welcome to Chris King, our new 6th-year medical student. Chris will be with us for three weeks. We appreciate the community support for these students as it enables them to develop a greater understanding of primary health care. This would not be possible without your support.

This year's flu vaccines will, we hope, be available early this month and we will contact those who are on our computer recall system when the vaccines arrive. However, if you would like to receive a vaccination against the flu and have not had one previously please call our receptionists at the end of March to arrange an appointment.

We now have nurses trained to offer advice about advance care planning. This gives everyone a chance to say what's important to them. It helps people understand what the future might hold and to say what treatment they would and would not want. It also helps people, their families and their healthcare teams plan for future and end of life care. This makes it much easier for families and healthcare providers to know what the person would want - particularly if they can no longer speak for themselves. If this is something you are interested in exploring please contact the health centre to make an appointment with one of our nurses.

Some of the events for the month:

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| 1-31 | Melanoma Awareness month | www.melanoma.org.nz |
| 2 | World Book Day | www.worldbookday.com |
| 5 | National Children's Day | www.childrensday.org.nz |
| 8 | International Womens Day | internationalwomensday.com |
| 8 | Walk to Work Day | www.livingstreets.org.nz |
| 20 | World Oral Health Day | www.worldoralhealthday.com |
| 20-26 | Shave For A Cure Week | https://shaveforacure.co.nz/ |
| 21 | International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination | www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday |
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The front page of December's *Coastal News* missed the plot. So did the TDC survey about future

and BBQ, add them to our asset register and incorporate them into our servicing contracts.

The Tasman District Council has made a promise to support the project, providing technical assistance, guidance and resources when needed." TDC September 10, 2015. The Mapua District Business Association added their voice: "The MDBA supports the MDCA in its funding application to the Canterbury Community Trust (now RATA). The Waterfront Park is slowly being developed, however needs amenities such as tables, seating and barbeques to attract both the local community and visitors to utilise and enjoy this key regional asset." September 11, 2015.



use of Mapua waterfront park area. Neither even mentioned a longstanding, and outstanding, community waterfront park proposal that received key stakeholder endorsement, outside funding, and wide community support.

Almost two years ago, the Mapua Community Association and TDC jointly developed a proposal to upgrade the Waterfront Park with a people-friendly and healthy living focus. The vision was, and is, to have several children's play areas, a free barbecue, exercise stations, a petanque piste and picnic tables, BBQ, trees, easy access to green spaces for pedestrians-cyclists-those with disabilities. Check out the landscape concept plan below or download more details from strategiecon.com/mapua-waterfront/

Endorsement? This was a community initiative from the beginning, developed and supported by MDCA members and TDC. A grant was applied for, and \$10,000 received from Rata, with both the TDC and the Mapua District Business Association support. Indeed the TDC promised to implement it: "If the Association is successful with its funding, TDC has made a commitment to install the picnic tables

Wake up residents of Mapua! Recent press and biased survey questions have been spreading the word about the proposals of a well-organised special interest group of powerboat owners. They are lobbying hard to build a large capacity, public access boat ramp and SUV/trailer parking facility on the current Waterfront Park next to the wharf complex, right in the heart of Mapua. The choice before us: power boatie launch ramp and trailer park, or people-friendly green space and playground. Half a century ago, without looking to the future, a huge mistake was made turning this remarkable area into a chemical dump. Let's not make the same mistake again.

A new Facebook green/recreational/park advocacy page has been started <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mapuawaterfront/>. Have your say there, or on the MDCA facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MapuaCommunityAssociation/>

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Alien Attack in Seaton Valley

Three seasons back destructive aliens invaded this part of Tasman District. The district is now a permanent unwilling host to them; *tuberlchnus salignus*.

On the first day of January giant willow aphid [*tuberlchnus salignus*] were infesting the branches of our basket willow in Seaton Valley. Bees were feeding on the sap but will be supplanted by wasps as summer progresses and wasp numbers increase. Then the willows will be claimed by masses of hungry drunken wasps, and sooty mould will develop on the branches and on the ground below the trees.

Meanwhile the adult aphid begin birthing small versions of themselves and this proliferating family will punch holes in the plant stems from which the trees' life blood will flow. Nothing preys on this aphid so they will continue multiplying and bleeding their host for a further six months. The trees, weak from sap loss, will be vulnerable to disease, and micro-organisms enter through the perforated bark.

For the trees it is a disaster. Some of them will die. For tree lovers it's a horror story of blood-sucking aliens; War Of The Worlds but the walking machines are aphids and the people are willow trees.

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Lit Fest – 15-17 September

And some exciting news!

Save the dates – please note that this was rescheduled once the New Zealand election dates were set to avoid a clash. We are thrilled to advise that we have received a \$6000 grant from the Lotteries Commission which will pay for fixed set-up costs such as hall hire, writers' flights etc. Watch this space for more information and announcements as details are confirmed!

Daylight Saving

Daylight saving finishes on 2 April so the Wednesday afternoon closing time will revert to 4.30pm.

Website Project

We have found someone who has experience in this area and who is prepared to donate some time to oversee this project, so hopefully we will be underway again shortly. In the meantime, updates, notices and information is available on our Facebook page.

Displays

Anne Goldie's pin embroidery is beautifully displayed and well worth a visit. Later in March, the

Arty Cell Phones display featuring work by Mapua School children and in conjunction with the Nelson Arts Council will be set up on the big table at the Toru Street end of the library. You are welcome to come and view our displays and admire the wonderful talent in our community.

Visitors to Mapua

If you are visiting Mapua, you are welcome to become a temporary member of our library. We are a community library staffed and run by volunteers and it is free to join. We have free magazines to take away as well as current magazines to borrow, second-hand books to purchase and a great selection of up-to-date books to borrow. We look forward to welcoming you to our library.

Lynley Worsley

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Book Review

Walking with James Hogg – the Ettrick shepherd's journey's through Scotland, by Bruce Gilkison. Reviewed by Rachel Boon.

This book is not available at the Mapua Library at present but it is hoped it will be soon.

If like me, you had never heard of James Hogg before reading this book, you might feel you know quite a bit about his life, writings and irrepressible personality by the time you have finished.

If you had heard of him before – then I am sure you would enjoy the fleshed-out detail of his life along with the beautifully descriptive accounts of his beloved Scotland and its mountains and valleys.

Entwined with James Hogg's story is that of the author Bruce Gilkison [a resident of Mapua/Ruby Bay] and a great, great grandson of James Hogg. He followed his ancestor's footsteps in retracing some of his journeys through Scotland including the Hebridean islands in an attempt to better understand both James and the beauty of the landscapes he lived in. Along the way he uncovered some of the magic and mystery of early 19th century life in rural Scotland as well as learning about his colourful ancestor who made some disastrous farming and business decisions, but remained creatively prodigious and upbeat until his death at the age of 65 years.

Some of his writings were controversial at the time, but more than 150 years later *Confessions of a Justified Sinner* is considered by some to be one of the greatest novels ever written. There is even talk of a movie!

In current times, two-yearly conferences are held internationally for Hogg enthusiasts to gather and discuss his life and works. These are run by the James Hogg Society founded in 1981 who also host a James Hogg blog.

New Zealand's connection to James Hogg is through his daughter Harriet who emigrated here with her husband and nine children in 1879. They settled in Dunedin where author Bruce Gilkison's father and he were born and raised. Harriet's son Bob was Bruce's grandfather.

I found this book to be a very interesting read on several accounts:

1. An introduction to a writer [Hogg] previously unknown to me but of such calibre that he aspired to follow Robbie Burns in representing Scotland in literary endeavours.
2. Beautifully detailed descriptions of Scottish landscape and historic early 19th century life.
3. The personal discoveries for the author of his ancestry as well as identifying where his love of mountains, climbing and walking has come from along with the ability to tell a good story. Well done Bruce.

Mapua Bowling Club

The Write Bias

Summer weather has finally arrived and the bowlers are out in force on the green at the Mapua Bowling Club enjoying the warm afternoons. The club has a number of new members this year and it is great to see the rinks busy on roll-up days.

Hooray! Mapua has come 1st in Division 1 of the Nelson-wide President's Trophy competition! This is a fantastic result for our club, in fact, the best ever. A large team represented the club and all who played are to be commended. The next step in the competition is for Mapua to play in a finals play-off against the Division 2 winners. Results will be reported in the next issue of the *Coastal News*.

The Elston Blain drawn pairs club tournament proved to be as popular as ever. Twenty-eight members took part. Michael Busby and Joyce Colwell came top with the highest number of ends won and will have their names added to the beautiful Elston Blain trophy.

Also, a big thank-you goes to Lynda Mabin for her generous sponsorship of a club tournament that was held on 25 February. Local sponsors play a vital role at the club and Lynda has been a tournament sponsor for several years now.

Leisure Bowls (previously known as League Bowls) has started. Sessions are held every Monday at 6pm. They are open to new and existing bowlers



President Dave England (left) presents the Elston Blain Trophy to Michael Busby and Joyce Colwell

with both friendly and competitive play. It is a perfect activity for relaxing after work or for those bowlers who prefer bowling in the cool of the evening. There is no need to pre-book; just turn up on a Monday evening and give it a go. Flat-soled shoes are essential to protect the green, but there are plenty of sets of bowls to borrow at the club and the bar is always open. There is a weekly fee of \$5. Why not give it a try?

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call president Dave England 03 540-2934.

Barbara Brown

Mapua Easter Fair,

The Mapua Easter Fair is now in its 35th year. The fair raises funds for Mapua School and Mapua Play Centre to purchase resources, support trips and reduce student-teacher ratios. This year's fair is shaping up to be another great community event and will be held on Sunday 16 April, running from 9am to 3pm in the Mapua Domain.

We have strong bookings for stalls at the fair. It's not too late to register; forms can be downloaded on the stall-holder page of the www.mapuaeasterfair.co.nz website.

We are seeking donations for the Silent Auction. Such items may include a product or service from your own or a contacts business, accommodation for a week-end away, a piece of artwork or household item. If you can help please send an email to info@mapuaeasterfair.co.nz We require donations by 17 March.

We are also looking for donations for our White Elephant stall. The stall is looking for pre-loved toys, games, books and household items in good condition (for puzzles and games please ensure all pieces are counted and there are none missing). Your goods can be dropped in at Mapua School in the foyer.

In the next edition of the *Coastal News* we will provide information about new parking options, and the catalogue for the Silent Auction might be ready for a sneak peak!

Fare Exchange

Do join us at the Apple Shed on the Mapua wharf on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9am to share home-made and home-grown produce—maybe also have a coffee and chat.

In February we shared plants, seeds, zucchinis, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes, runner beans, limes, Kafir leaves and baking.

If you have produce to share, we look forward to meeting you, or just come along and have a look. There isn't a "buy-and-sell" system, purely a "swap for free" situation.

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Tom Hanks Excels as 'Sully'

If there is one thing you can count on Clint Eastwood doing well, it's directing an emotionally heartfelt story. *Sully* continues Eastwood's success by giving us probably the most human drama of 2016.

"The miracle on the Hudson" is the subject of this Eastwood drama, starring Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, and Laura Linney. There will be plenty of obstacles with any film based on a true story, but with a film based on an event that lasted a mere 208 seconds, it's extra difficult. But Eastwood manages to pull a great story out of these unbelievable events that comes in just under two hours. Of course, the flight itself isn't the only hurdle that Captain Sully went through, as he dealt with reporters, investigators, and the National Transportation Safety Board determined to diminish his heroic efforts.

Who could possibly be better to play Captain Sully than the great Tom Hanks. Having wonderfully played another "controversial" captain back in 2013 as Captain Phillips, there was no doubt he could pull off a somewhat similar role.

Boy, does Hanks deliver! He always effortlessly pulls out the big speeches and powerful dialogue well, but I often find his more subtle acting to be more impressive. It's the moments when Sully is reacting to the big moments with only his facial expressions and body languages that give me goosebumps. Not many actors are able to bring me to the verge of tears just by a facial expression, but Hanks is one of them.

Eastwood and his editors also deserve tons of credit for their work here. Much like Hanks' subtle acting, I love when Eastwood holds back the bombastic music and lets the audience choose how to feel by watching gorgeous cinematography and poignant act-



ing and directing. This may be Eastwood's best directorial work since *Million Dollar Baby*.

Overall, great performances, superb screenplay, neat editing and fabulous visual and audio effects make this film easily the best in 2016. Above all, this one has a heart!

Ready, Steady, Craft

It's been a while and I'm sure you have all missed us over the summer recess, just as we've missed our wonderful *Coastal News* letter but we're now back and raring to go.

For our end-of-year outing we couldn't resist the opportunity to have a mooch around Eyebright's Christmas store, followed by morning tea at the Grape Escape. Keeping ourselves in the festive spirit we followed that up the next Friday with our own little Christmas party which was huge fun and was made all the more special because of a visit from the wonderful ladies of Alzheimer's Society Nelson, which meant we could personally hand over our Santa sackload of twiddle muffs.

Craft Group's first meet of this year 2017 was last week and it was great to catch up, find out what we have all been up to over the summer break and pool our ideas for the coming year.

To kick off the year we're having a couple of weeks of freestyle card-making which makes good use of the odds and ends in our cupboard.



We may or may not have a bit of a dabble with the no-cook/no-bake confectionary recipes out there. Perhaps turn our hand to a bit of decoupage, make some more crazy patchwork or anything else that takes our fancy.

If you have a couple of hours to spare of a Friday morning and fancy a bit of a chat while trying your hand at whatever craft project is on the go, feel free to just drop on in. You'll find us in the Supper Room of the Hills Community Church. See you there.

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AED at Mahana School

Thanks to the generosity of Mahana residents we now have a community-funded AED (defibrillator) at Mahana School in School Road. It is in a prominent position on the exterior of the north-facing aspect of the main block and can be easily seen from the school driveway entrance. There is an AED sign just below the Mahana School signage at the school entrance to alert people one is available on site. It is also registered on the AED database which can be accessed via the internet at www.aedlocations.co.nz or via a free iPhone or Android app. This gives the locations of AEDs closest to where you may be if you need to access one.

The Mahana AED is in an external cabinet and can be accessed 24 hours a day. It has a small smash-box for access to the key which is then used to open the main cabinet to remove the defibrillator unit. The unit is in a carrybag which can be quickly grabbed and taken to the site of the emergency. The AED is very user-friendly and does not require prior expertise or knowledge to use it. Once opened it will guide you through the process, so just listen and follow the verbal instructions given.

Don't forget should you find someone unresponsive and not breathing your first response is to dial 111 for an ambulance and begin CPR straightaway. Then if you or a helper are able, accessing and using your nearest AED will greatly increase their chances of survival after a sudden cardiac event. A unit has also been installed down at the Mapua waterfront in a prominent place. This also has 24-hour accessibility.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the purchase of this unit and to give tribute to NMDHB Cardiology Department (especially Tammy Pegg), the Heart Foundation, St John Ambulance and Jennian Homes for promoting community awareness of the importance of having AEDs available for use in our communities. This will make a positive difference in our region and give us the peace of mind that we have the means to make a difference and help save lives in the future.

Lyn Moore, fund-raising co-ordinator, Mahana



Fire Brigade

Jan 17 to Feb 17 call-outs

Jan 18: Bamboo fire Cliff Road., Kina. Hot ashes from BBQ. Assist Motueka brigade. Short-crewed in appliance and unable to take tanker.

Jan 24: Permitted burn Brabant Drive. No action taken

Jan 27: Assist person who fell off a horse on Old Mill Walkway.

Feb 1: Smoke in area of Seaton Valley Road, permitted burn on Dawson Road. No action taken.

Feb 2: Assist occupant to gain entry. Police involved.

Feb 4: Tanker to Greenwood Park shop. Kitchen fire.

Feb 7: Car crash SH50 near Stringer Road. Feb 8: Smoke near Harley Road, advised permitted burn, no responses. Wrong area.

Feb 11: Tanker to rubbish fire Parker Street, Motueka

Feb 14: Lift assist for ambulance on Aranui Road

Feb 16: Tanker to shed fire on Dovedale Road, no responses. Wrong area.

Calls this year – 20

Safety Tip – All fires in this area need a permit from Rural Fire Network Ph. 544-2441. Some exceptions are small fires for cooking, BBQs, pizza ovens and braziers. No plastic etc to be burnt. See TDC web page on outdoor burning.

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Summer Tomatoes

By Sarah La Touche



What can I say? The promise of summer has been nothing short of tentative this year. We got off to a turbulent start but I planted my tomatoes at Labour Weekend all the same, as is the custom in this neck of the woods.

I'm a lover of heritage varieties so I went Black Krim, Coeur de Boeuf (a bit like a beefsteak), and Isle de Capri, an exquisite tear-shaped Italian tomato variety. These big fleshy pink beauties with streaks of vibrant green toward the stem are full of juice and flavour. They're the ones to use when making a succulent Salad Caprese.

The Isle de Capri tomatoes found their way here over a century ago, thanks to some Italian families from Stromboli who settled here in the early days, first trying their hand at farming the challenging terrain of d'Urville Island, but eventually they settled in Nelson. Thanks to these determined green-thumbed Italians, and a local Mapua resident who sells seedlings here in the spring, I have a thriving plant weighted down with fruit in my kitchen garden.

So my lovely tomato plants have lurched along faithfully in fits and starts, despite screaming winds, cold snaps, heavy rain and scorching sun, loyally rewarding me with a fabulous crop of fruit, albeit green.

At this point I would have expected, in a normal top of the south summer, that my green babies might be turning a demure blush pink or even an encouraging red by now but no, not this year. Everything seems to be two or three weeks behind the norm. I guess it's like that with growing things. Some years are diamonds, others cubic zircons.

Fortunately, our local country store has an apparently limitless supply of tomatoes of all shapes and sizes, which I am buying in the meantime. I've got my fingers crossed though that summer might finally arrive one day soon, rather than not at all, so I can enjoy a delicious Caprese salad made with my very own home-grown tomatoes, and the local Italian girls' fantastically creamy mozzarella. Hopefully, I won't have to turn my green tomatoes into chutney or jam.

Just in case I do have to though, this stunning recipe for green tomato jam is a favourite that I used to make every year in our French Bed and Breakfast. The guests were always intrigued, approaching the jam pot tentatively, when I told them what it was. But

after that first bite on their warm flaking croissant or sourdough baguette, there was no looking back.

As summer turned to autumn, the vines by the river, which produced kilo after kilo of sun-ripened fruit that we gorged on through summer, would continue to produce large quantities of tomatoes, but by then, the sun had lost its potency, and they wouldn't ripen.

So after the grape and olive harvests, whipping up a batch or two of green tomato jam with all those unripe tomatoes left before the first frost arrived, was always a restful task, especially after the frenzy of summer jam making when you just couldn't keep up with the vast volumes of summer produce.

It's quick, tasty and so easy to make, especially if you use brown sugar instead of white, and a bit of lemon juice. So even if my green girls don't turn a robust shade of red, I guess all is not lost after all.

Green Tomato Jam

Make approximately 10 - 12 medium-sized jars

3 kg green tomatoes, washed, trimmed and chopped into eighths

400 ml water

Juice of 3 lemons

2.5kg brown sugar

Place the fruit in a spacious jamming pan, along with the water. Cook the fruit at a simmer until soft and pulpy – usually 25 to 40 minutes.

When the fruit is cooked add the lemon juice and brown sugar and raise the heat, bringing the mixture to the boil as quickly as possible, stirring all the time.

Continue to boil rapidly at a rolling boil until the fruit reaches setting point. If you use a jam thermometer it's 104 degrees C.

If you do not have a jamming thermometer, dribble a bit of the mixture onto a chilled saucer, wait one minute, then run your finger through the mixture. If wrinkles form on the top of the mixture, go ahead and pot into warm, sterilized jars and seal. If not, keep going until you reach setting point. This can take anything between 10 to 25 minutes depending on your stove element.

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First Cull of Ruby Bay's Agapanthuses

About 8.30pm on the miserably wet night of Thursday 9 February 2017, an environmental vigilante working fearlessly and semi-darkness instigated the first Ruby Bay Agapanthus Cull.

With stealth and dedication, this brave and intrepid person stole along a dank and dripping Stafford Drive, passed each of the dreaded agapanthus beasts and giving no thought to personal safety or possible repercussions, beheaded every one. Even though only hours before these dastardly and dangerous creatures had been humming with bees, the indomitable conservationist and pillar of the local community slashed on from property to property.

The loathsome beasts and their metre-long and terrible blue appendages dropped to the footpath and there they lie still, rotting as they should. Shame on them for raising their colourful and frivolous yet fearsome and obnoxious heads over this otherwise flawless tarmac cycle way, or as it was once known, our footpath.



As a result of this heroic and selfless act, the fabulously Lycra-plumed and plastic-crested velocipeders of the region and parts further afield will be able to progress unimpeded and fearlessly along the path. The residents of this beleaguered section of the region cannot thank this anonymous environmental hero enough.

In the past when the dreaded agapanthus flopped their terrifying triffid-like shoots over the narrow way which barely defends their shamefully outmoded motor vehicles from the velocipedes as they zip past their driveways, the residents of this area would receive a letter from the dread and terrible evil force that shall not be named but is simply known as TDC, explaining that the agapanthus, although a lovely thing in itself (misguided and possibly demonically possessed as they may be to even consider such a thought) should possibly be tidied up in the next week or two or the Awful Lycra Monsters might rear their dreaded crested heads and find petals all over their plumage.

God forbid that it might have come to this. Thanks to the giant leap forward made by this undercover warrior, these ridiculous civil considerations have been leapfrogged and action has been taken into the hands of a single individual so brave and yet so shy of public adulation that they remained anonymous and under cover on a dark night. Now we can all sleep well knowing that each time these terrifying monstrosities impinge on the pathway, they will be slashed to the ground.

Will this agapanthus cull of 2017 become an annual event? Will the dreaded agapanthus beast move to a new grazing area? Perhaps next time this horrid vegetation offends, a wall could be built by the hero of 9 February to keep these monsters at bay and instead of a knock on the door or a polite note in the mail box suggesting the prudent use of secateurs, they could deposit an invoice.

Better still, why not get the owners of these properties to do the work? Why not build a wall and make Stafford Drive pay for it?

Eve Jackson, Ruby Bay

Playcentre

Our tamariki (and the adults!) are enjoying getting back into routines and catching up with familiar faces after the summer break. With many sunny mornings so far, the sensory garden is being re-discovered with lots of touching, smelling and climbing. This garden was planted late last year and thanks to the wet summer, it has grown substantially and is looking stunning. Special thanks to Kate Cobb and her family for their hard work over the holidays creating the rock pavers throughout the garden.

Many of us will be heading to 'The Big Play Out' on Saturday 18 March. This is a fantastic event put on by Playcentres throughout the Nelson region with support from Nelson City Council. Each playcentre co-ordinates a different activity ranging from painting, clay and gloop to adventure courses. If you have a young family or know someone who does – it's a fun and free day out and everyone is welcome. You can find it happening on the Tahunanui Sports Field (opposite the KFC by the coffee cart) from 11am to 2pm.

The Mapua Easter Fair is coming up on Sunday 16 April. This is a major event with all proceeds going to both the Playcentre and Mapua School. This year the Playcentre will be located in our actual premises so we're really excited at being able to share our outdoor play area with so many people. Please make sure you drop in for a visit and play.



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‘My experience of life with God is messy. It’s a mix of failure and success, courage and fear, faith and doubt. It’s – well, a beautiful mess.’ (Danielle Strickland)

I wonder how many of us would describe our lives as a ‘beautiful mess’. This is the title of a book by Danielle Strickland, a Salvation Army officer working in Los Angeles. For most, if not all of us, mess and chaos holds a certain amount of fear, maybe a great deal of fear. So we attempt to eliminate and avoid mess in favour of our own sense of order and control.

But, if we are honest, it is a cover up—life is messy. Perhaps it is in letting go of our own control, and even in the chaos that God works in us; weaving the seemingly loose or tangled threads into something beautiful, a work of art.

Danielle writes: ‘So here is the deal. Growth whether personal or within an organisational structure, can only happen as a result of embracing chaos.’

I wonder whether in chasing comfort and order we might be missing out on the fullness of life, of joy, of wonder and hope, the very things we truly need.

So as this year unfolds, would we dare to let go, live with the chaos and let God unfold the order and beauty of his dreams for us? And for this journey, may God bring us the courage to stop and listen to the still, small voice that whispers to our soul and draws us to the one who created us.

Blessings in Christ, Rev John Sherlock

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Boundaries – Not just for kids

How should we conduct ourselves? Who decides where the lines of acceptable behaviour are drawn? What is the best way of going about encouraging behavioural norms and, who regulates it all?

These and similar ethical questions are the stuff of life in neighbour-to-neighbour relations.

It seemed straightforward as a kid because somebody bigger than us made it very clear what was and was not acceptable. That is pretty natural and right. For most of us, loving and caring parents, who genuinely had our best interests in mind, took on that role. As soon as independence day arrived, (signs of which were pretty obvious from the beginning) we found ourselves in the ethical driving seat. The question then was, would we pass the test and be safe enough on the road for others and ourselves?

Certain boundaries were instilled from the beginning and, to a greater and lesser degree, we toed the boundary lines. The boundary lessons of childhood and school are not just for kids though. It could be argued there are greater needs for them as adolescents and adults because of the greater potential damage when they are breached or ignored entirely. Car incidents, human relationship abuse, international disputes and conflict have their roots in boundary abuse and poor neighbour-to-neighbour relations.

In the Bible, 'laws' were given to alleviate the inevitability of boundary breakdown. Amongst particular words for 'law' is 'Torah'. It offers the notions of instruction, direction and, 'pointing the finger'—in this case—as if to show the way. Laws in the Bible have a bad 'rap' most of the time. An example of a clear directive to ancient Israel was:

"Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lev 19:17-18)

In the light of recent proposals for so-called hatred-incitement legislation, such examples of 'pointing the way' have a voice. The intention of these essential boundary and relational laws is to appeal to a right 'heart' towards our neighbour. Is that even possible?

As is too well known, neither ancient Israel nor present-day 'enlightened' cultures fare too well under such scrutiny. Perhaps that is why another way might be of help? One that actually empowers ordinary folk to love and honour one's neighbour rightly and deliberately?

That is the subject for next month.

Richard Drury

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I thought I would read a poem by Shakespeare, but then I thought, why should I? He never reads anything of mine.

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The course this year will be more in the channels, and so more rounds of a shorter course will provide more close viewing for the supporters, and provide more opportunity for comfort stops than last season's marathon course. Entry is free.

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Under The Bonnet with Fred

A Step Back in Time



This story is not just about cars but travelling to a place where Murray and Mary say time stopped—Cuba.

Cuban cars tell a story. The 1930s American cars left over from the days when the Mafia ruled the hotels and bars with 1956 Ford Customlines are now used as taxis for the tourists. A sudden change in motoring occurred in the 60s when the Cuban missile crisis was on as the Russians brought their cars with them such as the Lada which most people know.

After the Russians left there were few new cars available which is why so many cars were modified to an “as-long-as-it-gets” standard, but having seen Murray and Mary’s photos this repairing of cars has given Cuba a quirky identity. Some of the cars have a blue sticker on the number plates to show they are government-owned. I think the Cuban government use the old cars as part of its tourist marketing.

Murray and Mary took a taxi tour of Havana in a 1956 Ford Customline with the driver having to swing the steering wheel a third each way to maintain a straight line. With so many pot holes in the road everywhere the excessive swing in the steering wheel was an advantage! The reason for the wonky steering was that the original front coil suspension had been removed and replaced with a single axle with leaf springs. The Customline was powered by a 2 litre Peugeot diesel engine. Petrol is so expensive the original V8 engine was uneconomic. Only after the former USA President Obama visited Cuba a few years ago have parts been allowed in to Cuba, but the cars are so old parts are hard to come by. Murray said most car owners will have a parts car.

As Murray is a Ford Model A owner he took interest in a yellow Ford Model A taxi but there was something wrong with it—the radiator was blocked off. Murray asked why it was blocked off and the driver took him to the back and there was a VW engine. The Model A body had been attached to a VW chassis and engine. The body was poorly painted as one tin of paint can cost a month’s wages. Speed was not an issue as a lot of the cars could not be driven up to the speed limit, but maybe that’s what is nice about Cuba. There is no WOF or state inspection of vehicles in Cuba so there lots of modified cars.

The photos tell a lot about Cuba. The yellow hand-painted Model A taxi with VW chassis and motor and owned by the government shows the country has an economic problem. In our modern world cars are discarded at 10 years old but the Cuban government wants to provide a service to tourists with what’s available, or is it clever marketing to make Cuba a destination?

The other photo shows a big 1954 Buick with the massive chrome grill that is a left-over from the American presence, a big Russian truck in the background, a modern bus, a 1952 Chev in the back, a modified and lowered convertible London taxi. Parked on the kerb was a Morris Minor and behind the truck was a modern rental car. This picture could have been taken in the 50s. One thing is for sure if you fix cars they can last a lot longer. Maybe in New Zealand our pride and the need for status stops us from fixing our cars.

A visit to the Russian war museum shows all the missiles still there but the warheads are gone. From the pictures it seems the Russians had full military equipment there with trucks, tanks and jet fighters also, abandoned by the Russians. Cuba is only 64km away from USA.

Murray and Mary said Cuba seems to be still Third World with shortages of everything. Because of a shortage of paint most houses are scruffy and unpainted; if you can afford to paint your house you were wealthy. People rush to buy whatever comes in on the latest shipping arrival to trade with amongst themselves.

Murray and Mary have experienced a step back in time riding in and seeing the cars in Cuba.

Fred Cassin



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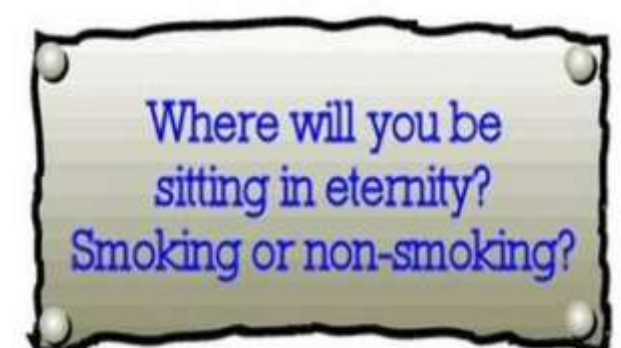
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We all buy vehicles for different reasons, yet common thoughts go through our minds: "Is this vehicle a good one?" "Has there been any serious physical damage that may have been covered up?" "Are the engine and gearbox ok?" "Has it been fixed up to flick off?" "Will it do what I want it to do?" "Can I trust the person selling it to me?"

These are all very good questions and when you hand over your hard earned money you want to be as sure as you possibly can before making a decision.

If after test driving a vehicle you like the feel of it and all or the majority of boxes on your wish list are ticked there are a few fact finding things you can do to help you with your decision:

- Have the vehicle inspected by a automotive technician you know you can trust to give you an honest inspection and appraisal of the vehicles interior, exterior, underbody, Warrant of Fitness worthiness, and engine service items (fluids, belts, hoses etc). A pre-purchase check need not be expensive and can uncover some very deceptive measures taken by a few sellers to cover up an existing problem which could result in expensive repairs.



- Purchase a Vehicle Inspection Report at www.motorweb.co.nz. This report will tell you if there is money owing on the vehicle; whether all NZTA fees are fully paid; if the vehicle has been stolen; whether it is a flood damaged import etc.
- Purchase a Red Book Vehicle Valuation Certificate at www.redbook.co.nz to receive an emailed information containing:
 1. a trade-in valuation you can expect from a car dealer.
 2. a private sale price if you choose to sell it yourself.

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MAPUA AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Mapua Auto Centre UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Damien and Jaclyn Ross are the proud new owners at **Mapua Auto Centre**. Damien the workshop manager and Jaclyn in the office. Together they have two young children (Addison 4 and Carter 2). Damien has automotive experience with many makes and models, including computer diagnostics and has been involved in the motor industry from a young age. Pete Dunn is a valued part of the team at **Mapua Auto Centre** with his wealth of knowledge and experience from around the world. The team at **Mapua Auto Centre** are committed to providing you with friendly, high quality service and workmanship, ensuring you and your passengers' safety. They are dedicated to keeping you fully informed with maintenance and repair issues, offering you the choice of optimum reliability and performance from your vehicle.



Mapua Auto Centre are conversant with the servicing and repair requirements of a wide variety of vehicle makes and models, both petrol and diesel.

Mapua Auto Centre's commitment to you is to:-

- * Be as observant as possible to enable prior warning of future maintenance needs.
- * Offer choices so as to obtain an outcome which satisfies individual situations.
- * Offer a wide range of services with minimal inconvenience.
- * Show respect by being friendly; honest and informative.
- * Undertake work in an efficient, conscientious, respectful, practical and economical manner.
- * Back up our workmanship.

Mapua Auto Centre values the trust being placed in them. At **Mapua Auto Centre**, both you and your vehicles are important.

Check out our website www.mapuaauto.co.nz for a comprehensive list of the services we provide. Email info@mapuaauto.co.nz or call us on 5402180.

www.rubycoastmouterehills.co.nz



International Women's Day - 8 March 2017

The MDBA will once again be celebrating IWD with a special dinner at Petite Fleur to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution women make to our local business community. This year's international theme is 'Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50:50 by 2030'.

Our local event will feature inspiring guest speakers and support to the Nelson Angel Women's Loan Fund Trust which assists women to establish businesses. This event is also for the men and is open to non MDBA members - however rsvp and prior payment is essential. If you would like more information email coordinator@rcmh.co.nz

My Personal Plumber Limited

My Personal Plumber Limited is owned and operated by myself, Alex Bint.

I grew up in the Tasman/Waimea region and have been in the industry since the early 1990's starting out as an apprentice drainlayer before becoming a certifying plumber/gas fitter in 2005.



When you make a call to **My Personal Plumber**, you're talking to the boss, the manager and the tradesman, which means decisions can be made on the spot and I will turn up to do the job.

I strive to provide professional, friendly and efficient services to home and business owners, landlords and enjoy the opportunity to work alongside them and alongside fellow tradesmen.

My services include:

Plumbing – maintenance, small renovations, small new builds, fire sprinklers, water filtration, water tanks, hot water cylinders and water pumps.

Gasfitting- domestic, new installation, cookers, water heating and heating.

Drainlaying – waste water system installation and servicing.

I welcome any calls to talk about your projects and ideas and to help find an easy path to achieving them.

Please call or email me on:

0275424329 or 0800444343

alex@mypersonalplumber.co.nz

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Community Mosaic Project: We are starting work on the fourth and final wall of the toilet block near the courts in Aranui Road. Please get in touch with Bridget Castle 540-2461, or bridgetpcastle@gmail.com, to hear about workshop sessions. No previous experience required. Tools and materials provided. Donations of broken china or tiles gratefully accepted!

Maths tuition for local primary and secondary school students. Reasonable fees. Email Dave at mathshelp99@gmail.com, ph. 03 540-2703, or text only 021 185 6524.

Tasman Golf Club welcome new golfers to Kina Cliffs for local golf experience at realistic cost, the best in Nelson. Coaching available. Come join us, we can help you learn the game! Info: Gary 540-3885.

Mapua Craft Group meet Fridays 10-noon, supper room, Hills Community Church. Simple craft work including: paper craft & card making, sewing, knitting, cooking, small upcycling projects. Occasional guest speakers, demos & outings. A social, some fun and a chat, some easy craft along the way. Koha for materials & room rent. Info: Julie Cox 540-3602, juliecox@xtra.co.nz & facebook.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.00pm, Tasman Bible Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Judith Garrett-Brown, Phone 03 528-5405

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

Daytime Book Group: Meets first Tuesdays 9.45am. New members welcome. Anne 540-3934

Fair Exchange: A small group meets at Appleshed restaurant 9am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays to exchange home grown and home made produce & goods. We welcome everyone! It's the sharing that counts. Info: Judith Holmes 021 072 8924 / 544-0890.

Ruby Coast Newcomers' Social Group: meet new people, make new friends. We have coffee at 10am last Fridays at Tasman Store & hold ad hoc day & evening social events. Info: Vivien/Richard 526-6707, vpeters@xtra.co.nz, or just turn up.

Moutere Hills Rose Society. A gardener with a special love of roses? We meet monthly - contact Margaret 03 528-8477 or Cynthia 03 528-8664.

Motueka SeniorNet. Technology for mature adults. Monthly members' meetings with guest speakers. Help sessions twice monthly. Courses & workshops change each term. Special-interest groups meet regularly. Demystify technology in a fun and friendly forum. Clubrooms 42 Pah St Motueka. More info: Seniornetmotueka.org.nz, Neighbourly or call Annie 540-3301.

Mapua Art Group meets Bill Marris Room Mapua Hall Thursday mornings, 9-noon. Like-minded artists get together to paint, draw, help each other in a social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$5 /session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs & easels provided. Cushla

Moorhead 03 528-6548.

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

Ruby Coast Run Club meets 9am Mondays at Mapua School parking lot. Info: Debbi 027 327 4055.

Java Hut Knit Group: 10am Tuesdays at Java Hut. Bring your knitting or crochet project. Info: Debbi 027 327 4055

Combined Club meets Mapua Hall, 1.30 pm, first Fridays. Guest speakers talk for about an hour, and club member will also give a short talk. Now in its 15th year, new members always welcome. Pres: Bill Hall, 540-2522, Sec: Rita Mitchell, 03 528-8097

Yuan Gong: New Year, new beginnings, improve your health and life by daily Yuan Gong practise. Info: Marianne 0220 828 559

Mapua Friendship Club meets twice a month, 3rd Thursdays & last Fridays at Mapua Hall for indoor bowls and bring-a-plate afternoon tea. New members enthusiastically welcomed, no prior bowling experience needed - non-competitive, lots of laughs. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. Contact: Val 540-3685.

Mapua Boat Club nights Thursdays 5.30-7.00 at the Club rooms, Mapua Wharf. Visitors and guests welcome. For more info: mapuabcsecretary@gmail.com

Mapua Social Cycling Group: "Wheels 2 Meals". Approx 30 km ride, coffee break halfway, no racing! Depart Mapua Wharf each fine Wednesday @ 9:30 am. Just turn up with your bike, HiVis top & coffee money, or email wheels2meals@gmail.com

Ruby Coast Walking Group meets 9.30am Wednesdays outside Tasman Store. We walk for about 1½ hours, then enjoy coffee & muffin back at the Store. Walk according to your ability and speed. All welcome. Just turn up. Fiona 526-6840, fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: Wednesdays 10-noon, Hills Community Church, Aranui Rd (during term time). All parents & caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. \$2 donation per family. Make some new friends. Info: Esther 540 -2177.

Spinners, Knitters, Weavers – Creative Fibre Group, Mapua Hall, 2nd Tuesdays 10am. All welcome.

Mapua Community Youth club. Year 9 -13 youth. 6.30-8.30 most Fridays at Mapua Hall. Contact: Andy Price 540 3316, Marv Edwards 027 312 6435. A community-based youth project for Mapua and district, funded and co-ordinated by Hills Community Church in partnership with the wider local community.

Technical problems solved! - Don't know how to use your electronic devices? Can't set up something new you've bought? Need computer tuition? Local help is at hand! Average job price just \$35. Web design and mobile app creation also available. Call Sam, 03 544-0737, sam@sambennett.co.nz.