



MDCA 15th February Public meeting

Situation still vacant MDCA Secretary. If you have secretarial skills or a desire to learn we have a vacancy for a Secretary of MDCA. Tasks include minutes taking, (two meetings per month); setting the agenda for these two meetings; correspondence, follow-up and recording of; Mailchimp member meeting notice, documentation filing and preparation; and Coastal News article. An honorarium of \$2200 is paid p/a over 11 months at \$200.00 p/m. Please email info@ourMāpua.org for more information.

Guest Speakers

TDC – Māpua Masterplan – by John Ridd and Dwayne Fletcher

TDC's John Ridd and Dwayne Fletcher addressed the newly developed Māpua Masterplan which will be looking at establishing an overarching and inclusive approach to future development within Māpua.

Dwayne started the presentation with an historical photograph of Māpua, a reminder that to make progress we must respect the past, i.e. access to the water. Pre and, post colonialism was very appropriate.

The timeline to have the Māpua Masterplan completed is the 3rd quarter of 2023. Dwayne explained the Masterplan will contain maps and aspirations with the hope that this plan will become the baseline guide for how future development occurs and may require policy and planning changes through TDC to achieve this. He noted that there is always a risk in this process that, a) deviations occur, b) community funding may not be available, and c) change of councillors that can impact support for future projects.

Ultimately the goals and visions within the Masterplan will need to be included within the LTP and taken into consideration during Plan Change and/or RMA decision-

making if the Masterplan is to have a real impact. The Coastal Hazard assessment for Māpua is also included within the Masterplan considerations. To view the presentation, go to:

<https://www.ourMāpua.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Māpua-Masterplan-proposal.pdf>

TDC – Streets for People / Aranui Drive cycleway

Vincent Revell from Frequency is the Project Manager consulting for TDC and made the presentation.

NZTA has made funding available to TDC for this project until June 2024 – hence this project, even though covered within the umbrella of the Māpua Masterplan, is working at speed ahead of the Masterplan development. The budget is planned to have a contingency, so funding is available to do tweaking after the new layout has been in operation. Wider community engagement will occur shortly within the next 1-2 months once the concept has been approved by TDC, with consultation via pop-up sites within the community and information available via scannable codes on posters, within Newline etc.

During the initial trial period (May – August 2023) physical changes will include installing a cycleway along the eastern (Church) side of Aranui Road from Māpua School to Hardy Kids pre-school (next to Java Hut), including barriers, road markings, and pedestrian crossings to provide safe crossing points.

To make space for the cycleway, some parking will need to be removed. Additionally, the “village centre” between Java Hut and Toru St/Higgs Rd will be marked by “entrance ways” at each end and become a “shared roadway”, where no cycleway will be provided and cyclists will be able to “claim the lane” with equal rights to motor vehicles (similar to Queen Street in Richmond), with a speed limit of 30km.

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No parking will be lost within this 'village centre' section other than to provide the required visibility adjacent to the new pedestrian crossing. Finally, the intention is to eventually continue the cycleway from Toru St/Higgs Rd down to the Tahi St Roundabout, and consideration is being given to extending the 30km/h speed limit to connecting roads also.

While this project will trial the initial concept, these changes will be semi-permanent with minor improvements possible, based on community feedback, to improve the cycleway's safety and functionality. A longer term and larger solution are outside the funding scope of the NZTA trial funding, and any future more permanent improvements/solutions will need to be funded by the ratepayer.

To view the presentation, go to:
<https://www.ourMāpua.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Māpua-Streets-for-People.pdf>

TDC Councillor Report:

ClIr Christine Mackenzie

- TDC are reviewing the Annual Plan over the next few months, including spend vs deliverables and inflation-related budget impacts, with a need to balance affordability of providing services/asset against what communities desire.
- 10 year plan is reviewed every three years. Ratepayers should submit now on projects they would like to see included, but should remember everything comes at a cost.
- TDC have been busy submitting to Central Govt regarding proposed changes to the RMA, Three (five) Waters, and the Local Govt. Review.
- TDC CEO Janine Dowding returning mid-March after being on secondment to the DIA for the past year, will be back at the helm in TDC.
- As part of Christine's role as chair of the Operations committee, she toured St Arnaud, Tapawera and other country communities with Downer looking at roading issues. There is a plan to do a similar drive around of Māpua and the Moutere around mid-March, so if there are any roading issues you have concerns with, please bring these to Christine's attention via email.

ClIr Mike Kinnimonth

Mike informed the audience how fortunate the community is to have high-profile and engaged TDC managers such as John and Dwayne take such a close interest in the development of Māpua and we (the Māpua community) have a great opportunity to help make the most of this attention.

ClIr Dan Shallcrass

Dan reiterated that John and Dwayne's support is super exciting for Māpua. Dan also stated that proponents for the Māpua pump track have received permission to upgrade the current pump track in Māpua Recreation Reserve.

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Also, Richard Hollier TDC Parks & Reserves manager will be retiring soon and Grant Reburn will be replacing him.

Dominion Flats

A group of willing workers have continued working most Tuesdays over December/January as the weeds keep on growing. The tracks also need to be kept clear. Thank you to the team for keeping the grass areas tidy around the entrance and sitting areas. A big thanks to those who help and if you'd like to join in contact Helen Bibby 027 4593989.

General Business

Wastewater / Sewerage discharges in Māpua inlet

Kim Drummond (TDC Group Manager Environmental Assurance) provided an email update on 25th Nov to his initial response dated 14th Nov that "council staff are currently investigating this matter, and MDCA received TDC's report on this matter on Friday 2nd December (see correspondence).

Māpua Boat Ramp update

The project is nearing a point whereby a Resource Consent is about to be lodged with TDC. Some of you will have been visited in your home by a representative from the Boat Ramp Trust, seeking your feedback and whether or not you support the project. Results of this process are being correlated and will be circulated once completed. The Trust thanks you all for your input.

If you want to find out more about the project, please visit the project website Māpuaboatramp.org or contact via email at Māpuaboatramp@gmail.com

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

Next Public meeting to be held on Monday 13th March, 7pm, at Māpua Hall.



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Welcoming new members to the WIO whānau

Our last staff hui was the perfect opportunity to take a staff photo for 2023. We are now a team of 49! Given that we started 2016 with 14 staff is a good indication of how Whenua Iti has grown over the last few years. We are incredibly grateful to the support we receive that enables us to reach more people in our community and have a positive impact on individuals, schools and their whānau!

Providing new pathways for Rangatahi

We're excited to have created new cultural apprenticeship roles within our team for graduates of the Manaaki Tāpoi programme. Thanks to initial funding from **RUIA** and the support of **Te Mahi Ako** we were able to create a number of cadetships that created a pathway beyond our programme offered at secondary level to continue the learning and development for rangatahi with WIO.

Come join us at Kaiteretera for some fun on wheels

We'll be at Kaiteretera MTB Park April 22nd - 23rd for the Big Bike Weekender as support riders on the day - a great fun event for the whole whānau to support the MTB park - see bikekaiteriteri.co.nz



Thanks to Moana for the use of their adapted paddleboard!

How can students with disabilities attend our programmes?

This is a question we have recently asked ourselves which has sparked a project with **SportNZ** and the Halberg Trust to help support inclusivity on our programmes. We are focused on ensuring our programmes reduce barriers to participation wherever possible. Thanks to the support of Mitch from the **Halberg Trust** and Jezza from **Making Trax** we ran the first overnight camp on site to test our facilities and equipment. It was amazing! The children, support people, instructors and observers all had a fantastic experience. We look forward to being able to further improve our site accessibility and available equipment to keep this mahi going.

Getting the bugs to do all the hard work

Thanks to the support of the **TDC Waste Minimisation Grant** we have purchased new bokashi bins. Prashanti Lovegrove from TDC visited us on site to teach us how to make the most of our bokashi system. By encouraging a natural fermentation process, the bokashi will enhance the good bacteria in our compost to benefit our plants on site. They will also be a great educational resource for use on our programmes. Thanks TDC!



The Team at Whenua Iti! (minus a few faces on the day...)

We'll see you out there!

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Two Boating Regattas coming up for Māpua



Sunday March 12th

Is the annual Loyal Grossi Point Yacht Club Sailing Regatta at Grossi Point.

Entry is free and is open to all small sailing craft. The fleet usually ranges from Optimist and P class up to Hobie 16 cats and occasionally the odd Trailer Yacht.

The aim is to provide one event a season to get all of the local yachts that sail on the Estuary in the one place at the one time. Common boats are the various Catamarans

that are kept on the Estuary, along with the Sunbursts, Phase Twos, and Lasers that make regular appearances. Plus, the larger monohulls, like the Welton Navigators, and the Tamaha Sea Scout Cutters.

The entries are divided into three classes, Cats, Monohulls, and Cruisers. Less experienced sailors can enter the cruising division, even if they own a faster boat.

This season the biggest tides are again mid-week, but while the Club considered having the event on a Thursday, it has been decided to sail at the weekend and modify the course to suit.

The aim is to run two quick races before the tide begins to ebb. Briefing is under the flag at Grossi Point at 12.30pm on March 12th, with the first start scheduled for 1pm. If conditions are suitable, the start time may be brought forward 15 minutes.

The course is centred on the Western side of Grossi Point, and great viewing is available. Bring your gear if you don't have a boat but would like to go for a sail.

All sailors must wear a solid foam Buoyancy Aid, and boats need to have a painter (towline) fitted.

Get down early if you want a hand to rig your boat.

Inquiries: ring John Leydon 5402543



Sunday April 2nd

Is the Annual Māpua Boat Club Regatta, at Port Māpua. This regatta is based at Māpua Wharf and caters for everything that floats that you are likely to have in your back yard. The day is especially chosen as it has the lowest high tide, and therefore the highest low tide of the season.

This means minimum tide rise, and maximum slack water time at the bottom of the tide.

The feature event is the Māpua Cup. A rowing race in Sea Scout Cutters between crews from the Māpua Boat Club, and the Tamaha Sea Scouts. Current holders are the Boat Club Women Crew.

Māpua Boat Club members with Power Boats provide the course laying and Patrol Boat duties.

The Seagull Outboard race is open to other makes 5HP and under. Bring your own boat!

The sailing race is open to yachts of all sizes, and there are races for Kayaks and Paddle boards. These two classes are divided into Recreation and Competitive.

At slack water, the Nelson Radio Model Club will race their International One Metre Class RC yachts. Then the second event for each class will be held, followed by the Māpua Cup.

The Briefing for all competitors will be at 12 Noon on the beach at the bottom of the old ramp.

First event will be the Seagull Race at 12.30 and the prizegiving is expected to be about 3.15pm.

Entry is \$2 per boat/kayak/paddleboard, and entries will be accepted on the wharf before the briefing.

Personal Buoyancy must be worn by all entrants, and a tow rope fitted if you should want your craft rescued.

Inquiries: John Leydon 5402543

Overwhelming support for Māpua boat ramp

A recent survey of homeowners in the Māpua area has revealed overwhelming support for the building of a Māpua boat ramp and community facility to house the Tamaha Sea Scouts that is planned to be built at Waterfront Park says Andrew Butler, trustee of the Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust and commodore of the Māpua Boat Club.

"Most homeowners will have had a visit during January or February from a person conducting a house survey asking whether or not they support the project which involves using some of the land on the west side of Tahī St for parking," Andrew says.

"This survey was conducted because the Trust wanted to make sure it had community support. Although the survey is not complete, the interim results could not have been better for us.

"At this stage, over 90 per cent of respondents have said they favoured the project. In fact, many people

thought it was a done deal already and were surprised it was still being debated. Others asked 'when will it happen?' And some were very appreciative there was a group such as the Trust ensuring that a new facility is being built."

Andrew says the engineers are just putting the finishing touches on the resource consent application which was due to be lodged at the end of February.

The Māpua Community Boat Ramp is a three-year project that will provide safe access to the sea for all members of the community to use. The estimated \$2.95 million project is being partially funded by the Tasman District Council, with remaining funds being raised from the community. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust website for more information: <https://Māpuaboatramp.org>



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As you can see from the attached photo, we have many books and patterns to share. Why not try something new - crochet, quilting, paper folding, knitting toys and of course card making? Our most treasured Christmas cards were those hand-made with love in unusual circumstances.

Do call in and meet us at Hills Community Church activities room on any of the Fridays from 10am till noon.

Meeting dates for 2023.

March: 3rd & 17th

August: 4th & 18th

April: 21st

September: 1st & 15th

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Computer upgrade and Library closure

On the weekend of March 4th/5th our new computers and hardware will be installed at the library so the library will be closed both these days.

Book Sale

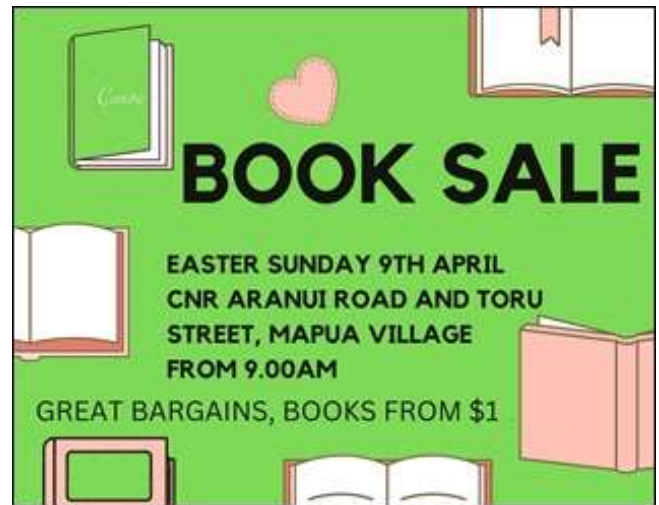
The next book sale will be held from 9am Sunday 9th April 2023. The team is always looking for donations of books, so if you could check out your bookshelves and drop off any unwanted books at the library, we would be most grateful.

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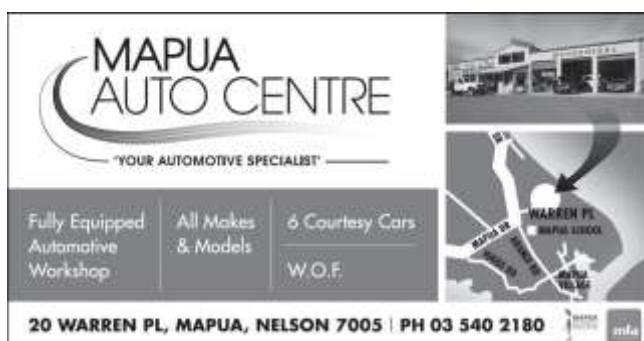
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This month featured a new route which involved a low-tide beach run. The feedback was that it was lots of fun, so it might just become one of our regular Thursday 5km courses.

A big thank you to Māpua Fruit and Vege for generously donating a gift voucher for our spot prize draw. Everyone who attended a Thursday 5km event went into the draw for the spot prize and Karen was the lucky winner for January.

Our members have also been getting out and about. On a very warm January Saturday afternoon a small group ran in the aptly named Wakefield Roaster - a 10km hilly course made tougher with the heat. Great effort guys!

Christine and Graeme travelled further afield to take part in the inaugural First Light Marathon in Gisborne. It was a scenic course making the most of the coastline and surrounding hills, but also a challenging one with beach and trail running and over 1000m elevation. An impressive achievement!

In February we also had a large contingent at another scenic running event – The Buller Gorge Marathon.

It was the 40th anniversary of this event (having been postponed from 2022 due to covid restrictions). We had a really successful weekend away with runners in both the full and half marathon events.

Everyone had a great run and lots of fun too. Well done everyone! Special congratulations to Graeme who came first in his age category for the marathon, and to Christine and Dawn who also received prizes for being placed in their age groups for the marathon and half marathon events respectively.

If you would like to join us, our regular Thursday 5km events are a great place to start. We start at 5.15pm for walkers and runners that need more than 30 mins, and 5.30pm for everyone else. We meet each week by the children's playground in front of the Hall. You might have seen our blue flag.

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9.00 am SUPERB DANCE Move Good Now	9.00 am PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ			
	9.00 am SIOUX LINE DANCE	9.15 am SLOW YOGA with Nikki	9.30am MĀPUA ART GROUP	9.15 am YOGA with Martin
	10.00 am MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE 2nd Tuesdays		9.30 am TAI CHI INTERNAL ARTS	
3.30 pm BALLET 3-4yrs Kerry Clarke Dance		11.30 am TAI CHI INTERNAL ARTS		
4.00 pm BALLET 5-7yrs Kerry Clark Dance	6.30 pm YOGA with Martin			2.00 pm FRIENDSHIP GROUP 3rd & last Fridays
5.30 pm BROGA YOGA with Nikki			7.30 pm MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR	
7.00 pm MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY Meeting 3rd Mondays				
7.15 pm MDCA PUBLIC MEET 2nd Mondays	7.00 pm BEGINNERS YOGA with Martin			

Hall Society Meeting

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Hall Society News March 2023

All class details can be found on our website with instructor contact details, get in touch if you are interested in doing a trial session or joining any of the groups. **Lynda's Aerobics & Pilates** will be on a break over March, classes resume on 4th April.

We look forward to the return of the **Māpuā Easter Fair** at Māpuā Hall and on the Domain on Sunday 9th April and the Easter Fair team are already working hard behind the scenes to make this mammoth event run smoothly for our village.

We are happy to report that we will keep **Packhouse Cinema** going, however it is changing hands and we are unsure just yet when they will commence, we will be sure to update you as soon as details have been finalised.

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Māpua Fire Brigade



Jan 23 to Feb 23 call outs

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

18 Jan 17:46 Car hit barrier on SH60 near Tasman View Rd, no injuries, police investigating.

22 Jan 21:47 Fire seen near Hoddy Rd. Found a fire pit on Te Mara Way, permit fire.

28 Jan 11:43 Smoke in area of Hoddy Rd, embers from an incinerator blown onto a pile of dry leaves.

With help of Appleby Fire Brigade, we put the fire out.

1 Feb 07:06 Fire in paddock off SH60 near Gardner Valley Rd, unattended, no permit, put fire out.

Talk with owner about permits and to contact Fire and Emergency when lighting a fire.

4 Feb 18:27 Smoke from car crash SH60 near Tasman View Rd, car on opposite side of road, smoke seen may have been steam or dust from air bags, left with police.

6 Feb 17:29 Smoke from pine trees at Kina, found a permit pruning fire, left with owner.

15 Feb 19:30 Glass house on fire off Brook View Hts. Found an unpermitted fire of pallets and some carpets.

With Motueka Fire put fire out and told owner he needs a permit and not to burn carpet.

Call outs for the year =10

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For fire permits go to - <http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

51st Jubilee.

On the weekend of the 3rd to 5th of March the Māpua Volunteer Fire Brigade is holding our 51st Jubilee.

The Brigade was formed on the 19th Feb 1972. With the help of the Progress League and members of the Māpua area and the Waimea County council, the 1943 Ford V8 fire engine was brought from Westport. Land was bought from the Baigent family and money raised to build the fire station.

Some of the first brigade members: Ted Perry, Frank Davidson Sr, Jim Radcliffe, Terry Sale, Andy Brown, John Gibson, John Hawthorne, Neil Henderson, Honk Perry, Frank Rodd, Davis Sparrow, Owen Houliston, J Ware and Murray Sutton.

We are going to have an Open Station between 11am and 2pm on the Sunday the 5th March.

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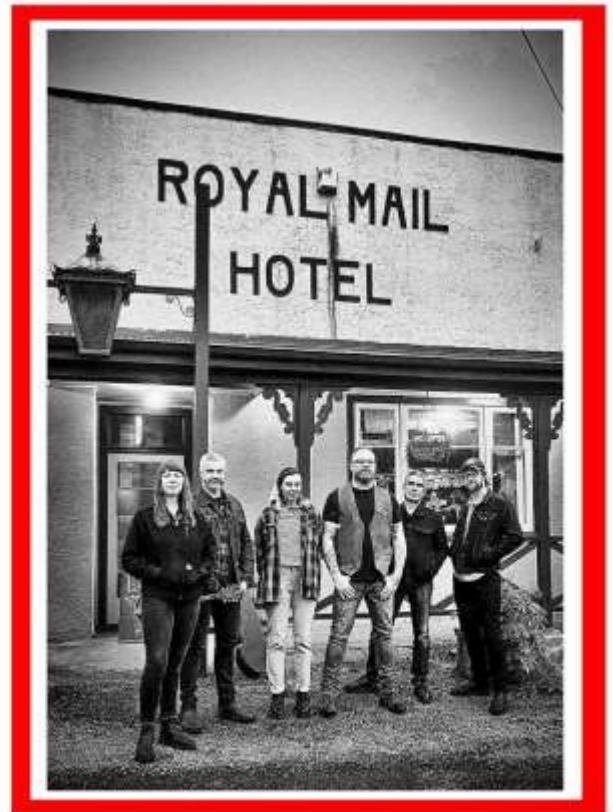
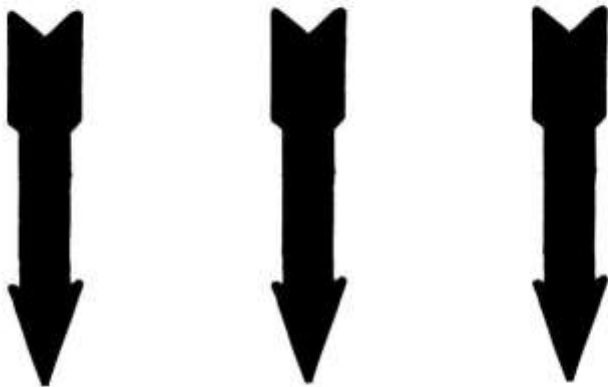
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News from Māpua Bowling Club

Despite many setbacks this season our club is still thriving. The green, troublesome before Christmas, is now nearly perfect and playing very well. And we are delighted to have welcomed several new members in recent weeks. We wish them all well and hope that they enjoy plenty of bowling and the camaraderie that is Māpua Bowling Club.

The winners of club championships are eligible to represent the Club in the area Champ of Champs. We have had teams in Senior and Veteran Pairs and Triples. No winners but some very competitive games. Sue England and Jean Daubney made it to semi-final stage of the Ladies' Senior and Veteran Pairs. Lee Burnett, Ian Benbow and Bob Foster also reached semi-final stage of the Men's Triples.

Rain caused a postponement of the Rose Bowl competition against Riwaka and also the members-only Elston Blain Trophy. It is hoped that these can be rescheduled in the last hectic weeks of the season.

The Māpua ladies are very much looking forward to Giggle Day at the end of March. It is a day of friendship for ladies from around the area and always a lot of fun. Dressing-up is a big feature of the day and this year the theme is 'song or movie titles'.

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

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We are 33 years old!! And it's our birthday this month. That is the Māpua 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, with the latest being the addition of admin rooms 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 contact the chairperson, Derek Craze (info@mapuahealth.com).

We are very fortunate to have Dr Coco Bardsley working with us on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. She is taking on new patients and we now have a full complement of medical staff which should allow us to see patients in a timely manner and avoid previous waiting times due to staff shortages.

The Treasury has informed us that "as the COVID-19 response starts to become part of standard public service delivery, future COVID-19 related costs will be managed within the standard Budget process". This means that it is likely that people will need to pay for Covid-19 related visits, except for Māori, Pasifika, those with a disability, over 65 or have a high-risk medical condition. Rapid antigen tests (RATs) and vaccinations would remain free. The details of this transition have yet to be released.

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 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 Māpua Health centre to make an appointment with one of our nurses.

Shave for a cure week is a fundraising initiative that hits close to home for many Kiwis – a chance to shave, spread the word, and stand in solidarity with leukaemia and blood cancer survivors. It's an inspiring way to help fund vital care and resources for the 2,500 people affected.

Some of the events for the month:

- 1-31 SunSmart in March <http://wellplace.nz>
- 1-31 Hearing Awareness Month www.deafness.org.au

- 1-31 Kidney Awareness Month www.kidney.health.nz
- 1-31 Brain Awareness Month <https://neurological.org.nz>
- 1 Neighbours Day Aotearoa <https://neighboursaotearoa.nz>
- 1 Zero Discrimination Day www.unaids.org/en/resources
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- 6 National Children's Day www.childrensday.org.nz
- 8 International Women's Day www.internationalwomensday.com
- 9 World Kidney Day <https://www.worldkidneyday.org>
- 11 Relay for Life Day - Te Ara Toiora <https://relayforlife.org.nz/>
- 16-20 Shave For A Cure Week <https://shaveforacure.co.nz>
- 17 World Sleep Day www.sleephealth.org.nz
- 20 World Oral Health Day www.worldoralhealthday.com
- 21 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday
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Or to give it its full name The Māpua Ruby Bay & Districts Community Trust. It is that time of year when we consider applications for grants.

Profits from the Coastal News are transferred to this Trust and added to a Capital Fund. Interest from this is available for grants and is administered by 9 Trustees. Twice a year, applications for grants are considered.


The Trust was set up in 2004/5 with full charitable status.

The criteria for receiving grants are that the applicants should be voluntary organisations themselves or that they benefit a particular section of the community. So for example, sports clubs or the Hall can buy equipment to improve their facilities; the school, youth clubs or say Whenua Iti can provide services to more students than it could otherwise. What we don't fund are costs that go towards wages.

Since its inception we have made grants for a total of more than \$40,000 and recipients include the Hall, Spring Fling, RSA Community Library, Tamaha Scouts and several sports clubs to name just a few.

We meet twice a year to consider grant applications which must be received by 1 April or 1 October. You can download an application form from:

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So exciting improvements for the community and club. Once completed all courts will be open to use by the community. There will be a booking system (already in place for the two current astroturf courts) so usage can be relied upon and managed.

Next project will be a small equipment shed to assist with the ever-increasing demands for teaching and skill improvement provided by our resident super coach, Vanessa Mairs. If you are at all interested in taking up tennis or wanting to improve your skill level please contact Vanessa through our club email mapuatennisclub@gmail.com.

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- a willingness to commit to a monthly meeting and a project or two through the year. Approx 2-3 hours per month;
- have new ideas on networking and supporting our members, and,
- have business contacts to engage and grow the MDBA—contact Kirsten today 027 327 6010. A Moutere and Tasman member would be just awesome :)

Welcome Aboard New Members

A warm welcome to John and Annalise Paynter from JP Build and Elaine Kwok from Upgrade Pilates.

MDBA Social Media/Website

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

COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the first meeting held in early February we are excited to introduce the new committee. We recognise the work and appreciate the previous committee members commitment. The new committee are looking forward to a productive year ahead with new ideas and being vocal in building on the solid base that the MDBA has built over the past years and supporting local businesses.

The new committee members for 2023 are:

Chair, Gordon Shaw—Sempere Avanti Consulting, Redwood Valley

Vice Chair, Danielle Martel—Keetrax, Mapua

Treasurer, Leah Keown—Beyond your Numbers, Richmond

Linda Kircher—Signs on Time, Mapua

Sarah Quickfall—Quickfall Real Estate, Mapua

Paul Kircher—Signs on Time, Mapua

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for our first networking event mid-March to meet the new team.

Our committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm at Keetrax office (located behind the Mapua Village Bakery).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

MDCA: Māpua & Districts Community Association meets Feb-Dec, 2nd Mondays, 7pm Māpua Hall; info@ourmapua.org

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

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

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

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

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

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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