

Tasman Environment Plan

Tasman District, we're looking forward to hearing from you.

Our next round of community engagement is about to begin as we prepare to draft Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai - Tasman Environment Plan (TEP).

Thanks to your sharing of views and experiences on the district's environmental and development issues and opportunities during our first round of engagement in 2020, we now have some draft options to consider around how we grow as a District while caring for our environment.

Staff and Councillors are keen to have conversations with you about some of Tasman's tricky issues and options for how we might address them through the TEP.

What we learn will make a difference in how the TEP is shaped.

Initial community engagement opportunities have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday 5 November – Wakefield School Gala, 3.00 pm – 6.30 pm
- Saturday 12 Nov – Tākaka Market, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Sunday 13 Nov – Motueka Market, 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
- Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 November – Nelson A&P Show, Richmond Showgrounds, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Webinars on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 Nov will also provide an overview and an opportunity to ask questions on areas you'd like to know more about.

Further events will be scheduled, and these will be posted on our project page: shape.tasman.govt.nz and publicised in upcoming Newslines, through local newspapers, and on our social media channels as they are confirmed.

As well as a full list of engagement and feedback opportunities, the Shape Tasman website also features more information on the TEP, including discussion documents on key aspects of the plan and feedback forms.

Tim O'Connell, TDC Communications Officer

Art Awards

The 2022 Tasman National Art Awards were a "wonderful success", from feedback we have had from 2,700 folk who attended this wonderful display of local and national artistic talent.

People mentioned over and over again the outstanding calibre of the exhibition and the works on display. This is truly becoming one of NZ's top Art Awards.

Art works came from all over NZ and the standard was extremely high with a great variety of styles, genres and media.

Of 150 artists and 327 artworks submitted for the awards, 3 selectors anonymously chose 121 art works from 91 artists. These pieces were on display for 2 weeks at Māpua Hall from 1 - 15 October.

Judging took place on 1st October by 3 independent judges. They were: Min Kim of Bryce Gallery, Christchurch; David James of Atelier Gallery, Nelson; and Glenys Della Bosca (replacing Charlotte Giblin from New Plymouth who was unable to judge at the last minute due to personal circumstances).

Opening night was well supported with over 130 guests. The event was opened by our Tasman Mayor, Tim King. Awards valued at over \$10,000 were distributed to the winning artists.

We thank our sponsors for their support... without you we wouldn't have awards!

All artworks were for sale and 29 purchasers collected their treasures at the end of the exhibition.

Mark it in your diaries that each year we aim to have these awards for 2 weeks over term 3 school holidays.

Go to our website www.tasmannationalartawards.nz to see the winners and to keep up to date on information about next years' event. Also, like our Facebook page: Tasman National Art Awards.

The committee are already looking forward to next years' event and aiming for it to be an even greater success!

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BIRP – Bullivant Island restoration project

I guess the first question for many is where is Bullivant Island? Easy answer – stand on Māpua Wharf look to the east across the channel and you will see Bullivant Island, a small island partly surrounded by Moturoa Island and from the Māpua side distinguished by a stand of old man pines running along its sandy ridge facing the channel.

For those of you who know Bullivant Island you'll know it's a great place to kayak to, spend a youth-full (or maybe not so youthful) overnight excursion on or have a relaxing and restful daytime explore.

Let me introduce the new kids on the block: the "BIRPers". Caring locals who reached out to the TDC Reserves and Facilities team some 12 months ago to see if we could work together to remove pest weeds that were starting to take over the Island and to plant native species that once thrived there.

Happily, the answer was yes and only 12 months on we have cut down the smaller wilding pines and wattle, stopped old man's beard, gorse, ivy, blackberry, etc, in its tracks. A planting plan has been instigated that has seen Totara, Kanuka, Manuka and Akeake planted – 400 in total to date.

This season the TDC Reserves and Facilities team has cut and/or poisoned the larger wilding pines and wattles.

Battle for the Banded Rail have supplied 4 traps for the Island which is helping to protect bird life from predator attack.

If you have the time, please take it to paddle/sail/swim over and have a look at what's happening in this very special part of Māpua – from the Māpua side you can't see the stands of Totara, Kanuka, Manuka and Akeake that are already naturally re-establishing, plus the great work put in by the BIRPers. And of course, if you land on Bullivant and see something you know is a weed, feel free to pull it out!

*Averill, John, Paul, Margaret, Mike, Tracey, Jo and Clare
The BIRPers*



The Tamaha Sea Scouts also got behind this great venture and helped on a planting day.



September 2021



September 2022

Tai Chi Internal Arts

will be holding another workshop in Mapua Hall.

Our instructor will be Banyin Lee who is a very experienced teacher and is travelling from Australia. He will be teaching Lok Hup Ba Fa which is a lovely Tai Chi set.

The dates for your dairy are **19th & 20th November.**

The workshop is suitable for beginners who have completed the Tai Chi set and those experienced.


Please bring your own lunch and a water bottle.

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Ross McLay and Teressa Hosie have been running C.A.P. Money budgeting courses for the last five years in the Māpua area. The courses help you learn to budget, spend and save so you reach your goals faster. When you use C.A.P. Money principles your money goes further. It's almost like getting a pay rise! Two or three 90-minute sessions are all it takes and the course is completely free.

Earlier this year Teressa trained as a Debt Coach with C.A.P., continuing the growth of this service in the Tasman region. Dave Harris started with C.A.P. in 2014 based in Richmond and in 2020 Stephanie Bryant, who is based in Tasman, joined.

In the nine years since Dave started, 34 families or individuals have cleared their debts through the free service offered by C.A.P.

How does Debt Help work? One of the team meets the clients at their homes for a first visit to explain the process and what information they need to gather to assist with preparing a budget.

A second visit ensures we have all the information we need and then at a third visit we present a budget that starts their journey out of debt. C.A.P. doesn't pay the debt off for them; it manages the repayment on their behalf. So, the clients don't have to deal with creditors, which is a relief for many. A key component of the budget is making savings for future expenses such as warrant of fitness, car registration, doctors, school fees and so on.

A client who had started with C.A.P. earlier this year needed two tyres for her car's W.O.F. and she was

able to pay for these out of her savings with C.A.P.

Previously she would have had to borrow to pay for a purchase like this. It is these new practices, which will see her well placed for the rest of her life. Surveys of past clients show that 93% of C.A.P. clients who become debt free continue to stay debt free.

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Old fashioned work at Māpua Estuary

Saturday 8th October was a day which had been planned for some time in Māpua.

The day dawned fine and calm and by 10:15am the high tide was starting to recede. By 12:15 pm, over 20 local boat club and Tamaha Sea Scout volunteers arrived with their spades and shovels, sunscreen and protective gum boots.

The aim of the day was to dig down to precisely locate a sewer pipe which had been laid approximately 20 years ago and although the Tasman district council had some "as built" plans, there was no guarantee they were accurate.

By about 4:00pm there were some shouts of excitement as the last person standing discovered the top of the 200mm high density polyethylene pipe down at 1200mm.

During those three hours, an iwi monitor from Motueka and several TDC staff had been watching from the side-lines.

Māpua has special significance for many people, particularly iwi as they had lived there on and off over the centuries.

The reason why it is necessary to find the pipe, is that the local community including the boat club are very determined to have a new boat ramp, as the last one which was built in 1989 is virtually useless now that commercial activity has taken over the area.

The plan is to build a new boat ramp on the southern edge of Waterfront Park and to also provide new facilities for the Tamaha Sea Scouts.

As part of this process, the Māpua Community Boat Ramp Trust has had several meetings over the last couple of months with Iwi, local business, council staff, councillors and the local community.

Council has set aside \$700,000 towards the project.

For more information please go to mapuaboatramp.org or mail mapuaboatramp@gmail.com

Trevor Marshall



Cory Rusbatch, from Tamaha Sea Scouts finds the pipe

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Pastel Arts

October has been busy on the art scene in Māpua. Two weeks of an art exhibition in the hall which unfortunately I missed as I was on holiday visiting family. I also missed a wonderful Pastel art workshop held for our PANZ members.

Julie Freeman and husband, both master pastelists, ran a 2-day workshop the theme being Fur and Feathers. A workshop enjoyed by all and a lot of learning too.

We are all now busy thinking about the PANZ Convention in March which next year is being held in Arrowtown. Our accommodation is booked, and planning is going on for the trip.

Christmas will soon be upon us when we take a break until February to all have a rest and work on our Xmas challenge that we usually set ourselves.

Do pop in and see us in the Bill Marris room on Tuesday mornings

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Māpua Craft Group

During October we enjoyed an excellent morning tea at the home of one of our members.

This month we have decided to donate gifts of Christmas cards to the Māpua Library.

Sales from these can be used to buy more books and equipment - every little helps.



From the photograph, you can see how placing a walking stick as shown, one can prevent people falling over it at meetings etc. This tip is from one of our ladies. Also, by placing a wide band of elastic over the head of a lounge chair, the walking stick could slot into it meaning no bending to pick it up. Please encourage friends to try this.

Our meetings for November will be the 4th and 18th. Please check with Barbara (5403901) in case any changes need to be made.

Barbara Halse, 5403901

Ruby Coast Running Club

Summer is well on its way and the number of walkers and runners on a Thursday evening is growing again.

The longer days and warmer evenings are definitely a bonus. It has been great to see the kids coming out and taking on the short course. We run a 5k course every Thursday evening and often go to other events together.

One such event was the Motueka Sprig & Fern 10k on 1st October and the Māpua Sprig & Fern 10k on the 15th. Karen entered the Abel Tasman Coastal Classic and came away with a trophy mug - Congratulations!

With the change in the weather there are a lot of events out there to take part in. The RCRC 5k is a great place to start your training! The 5ks are held all year round so come on down and say hello and give it a go!

Happy holidays to everyone!



the Motueka 10k crew

MDCA - 10 October 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 and 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@ourmapua.org for more information.

Situations vacant – MDCA Executive Committee members We welcome Henk Vermeer onto the Executive Committee and in doing so we will soon be farewelling Mike Kininmonth who has served several years on the Executive Committee. Mike is moving on to serve our community as a newly elected Waimea/Moutere Ward Councillor; congratulations Mike on your success.

Given this recent movement of one in one out still leaves one position available as an Executive member. Tasks include attending two meeting per month – Public meeting 2nd Monday of the month – in-person at Māpua Hall or via zoom; and an Executive meeting 4th Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at Māpua Hall. In addition to this you may be given a portfolio to manage. Please email info@ourmapua.org for more information.

Guest speakers

Māpua Boat Ramp Community Trust (MBRCT) supported by Tamaha Sea Scouts

As attendees arrived at the Hall everyone was greeted with a handshake by four uniformed members of the Kea and Cub troop.

Trevor Marshall (MBRCT trustee) spoke about the history of the boat ramp at Māpua Wharf and TDC's promise at the time of the impending business development at Māpua Wharf that this development would not impede residents' use of the boat ramp.

However, as time has passed and more spaces have been made available for business development, access to the boat ramp has become more restricted to the current two-hour window. This reduced access has a major impact not only on the local boating community, but it has also made it extremely difficult for Tamaha Sea Scouts to access their equipment storage facility at the wharf and has significantly reduced the space available to them where they can conduct their activities.

It has also inhibited the Sea Scout group to grow and restricts them from being able to meet local membership demand. Just recently 30 local children had dropped off the waiting list after several years due to them becoming older than what the troop is able to cope with. With improved facilities the Sea Scouting opportunity would have been available to these 30 unlucky children.

This proposal is seen as a very important facility to ensure continuity of a long-valued asset within the community that has spanned many generations, and to ensure the children of our community have the ability to learn the skills required to enjoy the sea in a safe manner.

This new facility will also ensure the Sea Scout troop can open spaces for more children to join as well as enabling the youth within our community to become involved locally.

This proposal offers a win-win opportunity for the community in that it will free Grossi Point to becoming more family friendly with the removal of powered boats. Grossi Point has the potential to become a spot where swimming and the use of non-powered craft (kayaks, paddle boards, dinghies etc) can be used without the interference of powered craft. The proposal also offers many non-monetary benefits as well.

The desire of MBRCT is for the first stage of this project, which includes the building of the ramp and the storage/meeting room facilities, to be completed by April 2024, December 2024 at the latest.

Tamaha Sea Scout Representative (Amanda) explained the functions of the Sea Scouts and the opportunities and activities the children are exposed to.

After a question-and-answer session the audience were asked to raise their hands if they were in support of the proposal – huge support was received amongst the audience.

To view the full power point presentation please visit www.ourmapua.org or the MBRCT website www.mapuaboatramp.org.

TDC Councillor report Christeen Mackenzie was the only current councillor present at the meeting and reported the following:

Holding Company for Nelson Airport and Port Nelson These two businesses are owned by Nelson City Council (NCC) and TDC with a 50% shareholding each. NCC has had a change of heart and has now agreed to a Holding Company to be set up enabling monies to be borrowed at a cheaper interest rate saving ratepayers dollars each year.

Tasman Environment Plan (TEP). This plan dictates what you can do on your land. TDC will be having an informal engagement with community to bring the community up to date with how things are progressing. Christeen assured us this engagement was a two-way conversation.

Better off Funding TDC has been allotted \$22million with \$5million being received in the next financial year. The details of this have been released to the media. Christeen reassured the audience that this money did not have any strings attached / commitments associated with TDC acceptance of the 3 Waters proposal.

New bus routes New and increased bus services between Motueka – Māpua – Richmond – NSN Airport – NSN Hospital – and NSN City will commence July next year.

Question: Christeen was asked when the MSP survey results will be made available to the community. Christeen will follow this up.

Māpua Community Hub

Vicki Stocker reported the fundraising plant stall was extremely successful and thanked everyone who donated plants and those who purchased plants.

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Māpua Liveability

- MDCA are keeping regular contact with TDC.
- TDC recognize with so much occurring in the Māpua area, there is a need to have a coordinated approach. Dwayne Fletcher (TDC Infrastructure Manager) will be providing a coordinated overview of all projects.
- Tentative dates have been set for the November Community Engagement Sessions to be held at the Māpua Bowling Club. Dates should be confirmed by mid-October.
- TDC have acknowledged the original February 2023 completion date for the MSP may not be achievable.
- TDC have been made aware of the importance for them to come back to the community to explain their rationale behind their decisions/choices prior to the MSP being finalized.
- Jim Vause stated the survey process of analysis is not clear from the MSP 2010 and is not easy to find within TDC system and stated there appears to be a disconnect between what the 2010 MSP promises and what has been reported. A motion was accepted to follow this up.
- A question was asked to what is required to lift the deferment on deferred zonings, and more broadly to what extent the current water/wastewater/storm water infrastructure can accommodate housing growth within the current residential/service rural residential areas.

Roads and Pathways

Slips Bluff Hill Ruby Bay Unfortunately, TDC are still waiting for the Geotech report. Even though they have been continually promised a receive date this keeps getting pushed back. TDC have a will to reopen the road and depending on the awaited report will determine whether this is feasible.

Jamie McPherson (TDC) stated that with big diggers and trucks, the Bluff slip could be cleared within 10 days of the work commencing. The fill removed could be relocated as one option into McKee Domain to build up the western side where it has been prone to flooding.

If opening the road becomes prohibitive, TDC will engage with the community regarding alternative options. There is more to this decision than the stability of the cliff, there is also a legal issue regarding the landowner's property at the top of the cliff that needs to be worked through.

Concern from a Pomona Road resident was aired regarding the damage that is occurring along Pomona Road due to the huge increase in traffic volumes. TDC are aware of this problem and are monitoring it.

Dominion Flats TDC have given enough funding to purchase additional plants to be planted at the Dawson Road end of the track. The Motueka Men's Shed is making a plaque that will illustrate the historical progress of the plantings. All helpers are welcome each Tuesday morning at Dominion Flats.

General Business

Three Waters The proposed scope at this stage has not changed even though TDC would prefer to be included within the South Island Entity rather than the Upper

South/Lower North Island Entity as it currently stands. Process of the Three Waters entity is well advanced with CEO/Staff transfers/Transition Unit already set up prior to legislation being passed.

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

Our next Public Meeting is on **Monday 14th November commencing at 7.15pm** either via Zoom or in person at Māpua Hall.





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Māpua Boat Club Photo Competition

A total of 73 photos were entered into the 2022 competition, these included 5 photos from 1 child entry and the remainder were adult entries. It was disappointing to only receive one entry for the children's section, but she certainly proved to be an up-and-coming talented photographer.

This year we opened the area to include Tasman Bay, and the subject matter had to feature nature, boats or people. There was a good diversity of photos, and we are so lucky to live in such a stunning area that photographs extremely well.

Special thanks must go to our sponsors. The competition is sponsored by the print shop CopyArt in Richmond, plus Delicious Homewares, The Smokehouse and the Rimu Bar, all located at Māpua Wharf.

Jane Smith from the Chocolate Dog Studio judged the event and mentioned that the photos were a very interesting mix of our beautiful area that we are all so lucky to live in.

Adults: Nature section was won by Martin Armstrong with his photo of a kingfisher. The judge said "Fascinating birds that are rarely seen close up. Excellent composition that must have taken considerable patience to shoot".



Runner-up was Angelika Gebhard with her photo of Spoonbills in the estuary – the judge's comment "Good action shot with split second timing, sharp detail and focus held – well done".

Adults: Boat section was won by Gillian and Allan Clinton with a photo of their yacht at Adele Island – the judge's comment "Beautiful light and good subject".

Runner-up was Tony Clark with his yacht photo. Judge's comment "Good composition, an atmospheric capture".

Adults: People section was won by Gillian and Allan Clinton. Judge's comment "Nice composition in a

challenging low light situation. A great capture of personalities".

Runner-up was Erin Roughton with her photo of Fifeshire Rock and kayakers. Judge's comment "Lovely light and good composition".

Children's section Because we only received one entry for the children's section, there was a Winner and a Runner-up prize.

Juliette Brett took out both these prizes with her photo of "Squawky – Land Ahoy" photo and her Riwaka Rope photo.




She also took out the **Overall Prize** with her entry featuring our local Māpua artist, Grant Palliser's "Seafarer's Memorial" sculpture down on the Nelson waterfront. The judge's notes say "Outstanding for subject, placement and a great moment captured. Well done!"

People's Choice vote went to John Ralfe with his photo of "Hamish", the original Kotuku (white heron) which frequented the Māpua area for many years.



Juliette Brett and Martin Armstrong receiving their prizes from Commodore Andrew Butler



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Spring Plant Sale

A great success! What a wonderful community vibe at September's Hub Fundraiser - the Spring plant sale!

Thank you so much to our fantastic community for turning out in droves to support the first of many Community Hub fundraisers.

Through the generosity of many we raised \$2,781.35!

A huge thanks goes to all those who donated plants and the many who spent time tending seedlings, potting up and especially to those hard workers who sorted and priced plants the day before and to the team on the day.

One happy gardener exclaimed "I'm so thrilled, I've wanted a stag's head fern for 20 years!" Congratulations to all the local winners of raffle prizes. We would like to make this an annual event so mark your diaries for 16th Sept 2023.

Happy gardening all!

PS: We wondered if Richard found places for all his naked ladies!




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SPRIG & FERN

Well, we all know the story of Grease, the movie, and we are going to show it as our last movie of '22 to acknowledge the beauty, the energy, and the enthusiasm of the young and as a tribute to Olivia Newton John.

We'd love you to come along and farewell Olivia; sing, and dance and laugh in her honour, she's been a treasure we've all grown to admire throughout her rocky life.

We'd also like to thank our sponsors The Sprig and Fern, and The Architecture Studio, who have supported the Packhouse Cinema since our beginnings— it's been a massive help, as have of course all you great movie fans who have weathered some "interesting" movies.

This time, just come and enjoy, wear your leathers if you like, or a blond wig, or have your comb poking out of your back pocket (if you're a guy!), skin-tight jeans, and bring your singing voice. Sit back and think how lucky we have all once been, so young and carefree, and mostly better looking than we are now!

With any luck there might be ice creams!



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Rohe Kōreporepo The Swamp - The Sacred Place

A film by Kathleen Gallagher -
Māpua Hall 21 November 2022 - 7.30 pm.

Repo (wetlands) are of huge environmental significance. They are hotbeds of biodiversity. The documentary *Rohe Kōreporepo* (2021) follows teams of kaitiaki (guardians) throughout Aotearoa New Zealand as they re-plant and re-flood dying wetlands and swamps.

Wetlands are like terrestrial sponges – when it rains, they soak up water. When it's dry, they slowly release moisture to nearby land and groundwater reservoirs. They also trap sediments running off the land, helping to keep our rivers and oceans clean. Wetlands provide the best natural defence against devastating floods and storm surges and above all they store carbon.

Despite occupying only between 5-8% of the earth's land surface, wetlands hold between 20-30% of the earth's estimated global soil carbon.

To Aotearoa's European settlers, wetlands were one of the country's most maligned geographical features. To create dry land for farming and settlements, wetlands were deprived of water – rivers were widened and diverted, willows were planted, and swamps were drained, until only ten percent of the country's wetlands remained.

In *Rohe Kōreporepo – The Swamp, the Sacred Place* we are introduced to the diversity of Aotearoa's wetlands. We meet tangata whenua, landowners, government agencies and an army of volunteers who are using mātauranga Māori and scientific knowledge to restore wetlands.

Kathleen Gallagher is a filmmaker and a writer. She has authored three collections of poetry, 17 full-length plays and eight feature films.

Her films *Earth Whisperers*, *Papatuanuku*, *Water Whisperers*, *Tangaroa* and *Seven Rivers Walking* have received top ratings in both Aotearoa New Zealand and International film Festivals.

Kathleen's highly acclaimed novel *Earthquakes and Butterflies* was published in 2015. Her most recent novel *Inangahua Gold* was shortlisted in the NZ Heritage Book Awards 2019.

The screening will be followed by short presentations from local Iwi and wetland experts, some of whom featured in the film.

Join us on Monday 21 November 7.30 pm at Māpua Hall for a screening of *Rohe Kōreporepo - The Swamp, The Sacred Place*.

Door sales only - \$10 ticket, students with ID free. Supper included.

This is a Local Matters event, organized by the Motueka Branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa NZ.

The Write Bias

News from Māpua Bowling Club

Saturday 1st October was a very successful Unofficial Opening Day as members returned to the Clubroom in force for conversation and a shared afternoon tea. Outdoor bowling was not possible but there was plenty of enthusiasm for the forthcoming season and planned events.

It is hoped that the green will be ready for the Official Opening Day on Saturday 29th October; it just depends on some days of continuous sunshine.

As we await the nod from our greenkeeper, members are practising at Motueka, thanks to the generous offer of assistance from a sister club. They have allowed us the full use of a green every Wednesday or the alternative of joining their roll-up sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Another offer came from Summerset to use their green on Mondays. We are very grateful to them both.

No available green hasn't stopped members from getting out and about to play in tournaments at other clubs. Well done to Ian, Sean and Arthur for winning the triples tournament at Wakefield. Five men and five ladies entered the two-day Centre Fives competition. Success was limited against some very serious competitors but Māpua was proud to fly the flag.

When the Club is up and running properly, we would be very happy to welcome new members or spend some time with anyone who would like to give lawn bowls a try. Plenty of equipment and help is readily available.

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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00 am SUPERB DANCE Move Good Now	9.00 am PANZ Pastel Artists of NZ	9.05 am AEROBICS with Lynda		9.05 am STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda
	9.00 am SIOUX LINE DANCE	9.15 am SLOW YOGA with Nikki	9.30 am MĀPUA ART GROUP	9.15 am YOGA with Martin
	10.00 am MĀPUA CREATIVE FIBRE 2nd Tuesdays	10.05 am PILATES with Lynda		10.05 am PILATES with Lynda
3.30 pm BALLET 3-4yrs Kerry Clarke Dance		1.00 pm SEVEN STARS TAI CHI		
4.00 pm BALLET 5-7yrs Kerry Clark Dance	5.30 pm YOGA with Martin			2.00 pm FRIENDSHIP GROUP 3rd & last Fridays
5.30 pm BROGA YOGA with Nikki	6.00 pm STRENGTH / CARDIO with Lynda	4.00 pm QUICK STEP to DANCE	7.00 pm MĀPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR	
7.00 pm MĀPUA HALL SOCIETY Meeting 3rd Mondays	7.00 pm PILATES with Lynda			
7.15 pm MDCA PUBLIC MEET 2nd Mondays	7.00 pm BEGINNERS YOGA with Martin			

Packhouse Cinema

Final screening 2022

- **Sunday 20th November**
Tickets \$12 at the door: BYO chair and snacks: Doors open at 6.15pm

Events

- **Monday 21st November**
Committee meeting
All welcome 🍷

Membership: 1st April - 31st March

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- Hall Society E-Newsletter
- Regular activities info
- Event news
- Pre-sales for Māpua Hall Society events such as PechaKucha



Hall Society News November

We were lucky to have the **Tasman National Art Awards** showing an outstanding collection of fine art in October. With huge numbers of visitors each day and nothing but great reviews I wish to thank the team from the Tasman National Art group who put on the event for their wonderful work. We look forward to discovering new art at the next show in Sept/Oct holidays in 2023.

The **final 'Packhouse Cinema'** screening of 2022 will be on 20th November showing "Grease" and to celebrate Olivia and all things musical we encourage singing, dancing and costumes! With thanks to 'Architecture Studio - Māpua' and 'Sprig & Fern Māpua' for their continued support of the movie nights.

We are seeking a social media savvy volunteer to join the Māpua Market team in helping us promote the super talented local stall holders at our Market which is held three times a year. Please email MapuaHallSociety@gmail.com if you think you can help out in any way.

For latest Hall schedule and class times check the Live calendar on the website.

www.MāpuaHall.org





Orphan Kids Charity (OKC)

Invites you to join us for a Sunset Cruise on the Māpua Ferry
 Enjoy a social time on the Māpua Estuary
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 Please include –ref: Name & code: Ferry22

This is a fundraising event with all profits going to the Trust for orphans' education. We are exceedingly grateful to so many who have made this event possible through their generous sponsorship, support and donations.

TM/OKC 2022

OKC – Orphan Kids Charity

A huge thank you to everyone who donated during our October 10 x 10 x 10 Appeal. We reached our target of \$1000 and more! This is enough money to assist a student through one year of study, and we are very grateful for your support.

Next up is our **Sunset Cruise departing from Māpua Wharf 6.45pm Friday 18 November**. OKC is hosting this event on the Māpua Ferry exploring our own very scenic Estuary. Drinks, canapes, and entry into the raffles are all included in your \$70 ticket price. There will also be a live auction of some fabulous packages you are going to want to bid for.

We can only have 40 guests on our cruise so be quick; book your ticket by emailing Janet: janettaylor@kinect.co.nz. Tickets are on sale now and in demand, so if you want to come along, don't delay, book your ticket with Janet now.

We've had some great support from sponsors for this event, and all profits will go towards our educational scholarship programme for students from the Orphanage we support in Lao Cai, North Vietnam.

If anyone would like to know more about our charity you can go to our blog:
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Daffodil Day

A big Thank You to the ladies of the Māpua Women's Rec Group, local businesses, Hardy Kids Early Learning Centre, and the public, for contributing to Daffodil Day 2022.

\$2,455.60 was the total raised from the Māpua region.

The Rec Group ladies picked and bundled the vast array of daffodils at the late Don Heslop's property in Motueka on the Thursday after a week of rain, with more rain threatening on the day.

On Friday the stall was held outside Tessa Mae's, selling daffodils, baking, produce and merchandise.

The generosity of the public was overwhelming considering the devastating events that had occurred in the Nelson region at that time.



Wildlife Corridors Meeting

Meet for discussion and observation of the habitats native birds live in:

10 am Saturday 12 November

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Our latest news & adventures

Kia ora koutou! We hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays and managed to head outdoors to take in the changing seasons.

School Holiday Fun

Our Go Wild Holiday Programme participants had an awesome week of adventuring and connecting with nature. Highlights included exploring the caves at Split Apple Rock, kayaking at Kaiteretera, and visiting The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary. Ngā mihi nui to **Rātā Foundation** and the **McKee Charitable Trust** for your support of this programme. On the West Coast, our Kawatiri Adventurers Programme tamariki spent the week paddle boarding on the Nile River, learning bush skills and caving as part of the Rising Rangatahi Initiative thanks to **Oranga Tamariki**. To secure a spot on our summer holiday programme spots we encourage you to enrol soon! Head to www.wio.org.nz

Summer Leadership Programme for 16-18yr olds with L3 credits

We have just added the Adventure Skills Development programme into our summer schedule! This awesome 9 day programme for 16-18yr olds will explore our local national parks while on expeditions that could include a mix of sea-kayaking, tramping, rock climbing or caving, with the potential to earn 15 L3 NCEA credits. For Duke of Edinburgh's Award students it can count towards your Gold Adventurous Journey too. Enrol now on this and other summer programmes via our website: www.wio.org.nz

Community Potting Up Day

Thank you to everyone who helped at the community nursery on site at Whenua Iti recently potting up seedlings that will contribute to the amazing work of the Moutere Catchment Group in restoring biodiversity to our waterways. We can see the plantings coming away in our area and think it is a fantastic project to be involved in. Special thanks to **Landcare Trust** for their support, and recent funding from **Weave** to keep this mahi going!

Interested in Environmental Education?

So are we! After the recent NZ Association of Environmental Education Connections Day at Whenua Iti, we have started a mailing list to keep everyone updated about news, events and resources through Whenua Iti and our partners. If you would like to be added please email bree@wio.org.nz.

The Manaaki Kai Project

A huge thank you to the **Hospitality Training Trust** who enabled the Manaaki Kai project to take place with our Manaaki Tāpoi students. Rangatahi worked with Renee Kahukura from **The Kai Table** to learn about manaakitanga (hospitality, generosity and care of others) and tikanga kai (the correct protocols around kai), culminating in the most delicious hakari (feast) for whānau and community supporters. The students got so much out of this learning!

The Team at Whenua Iti.



Kawatiri Adventurers enjoy the Nile River for a little stand up paddle boarding



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Spring Book Sale A very successful event was held mid-September and proved to be popular with book lovers. We were very happy to raise just over \$800. It was a lovely spring day and with people supporting the Maker's Market down at the hall, they moved on down towards the library where the team had done an awesome job of displaying the many books we had available.

This book sale would not be the success it was without the contribution of many donated books from the community. Special thanks to all those people who donated books to the library and thanks to everyone for their ongoing support.

Many thanks again to the Tasman District Council who granted the library funds of \$2,500 towards book buying in the 2022/23 year. Every month we add to our collection: fiction, non-fiction, children's fiction and non-fiction, children's graphic books and picture books. If you would like to see the library buy a certain book, pop into the library, and write your request into our "request book".

Story Time with Tim is on again. Do your children like exciting, interesting, and amazing stories being read to them? Then bring them along to listen and join in with Story Time with Tim on Thursdays 10.30-11.30am at the library. Suitable for babies to early school age. Children need a big person to come with them.

Exhibition The talented Nichole Russell says the inspiration for her paintings comes from what she sees and experiences around her. Nichole studied art in the USA and New Zealand and watercolours and oils are her favourite media. Now she works from her studio in Ruby Bay and teaches art in the Nelson/Tasman region.

Photos We are looking for photos of Mary Robb. Mary was one of the founders of the library and her granddaughter, Yvonne Coonrod has many happy memories of times spent with her in Māpua and would love to find any photos of that time. Give Helen a call on 0223990075 if you can help find any photos.

Library membership Recently someone mentioned that we do not take members from outside the area!

EVERYONE is welcome to join the Māpua Community Library as long as they can complete all requirements on our membership form. During the holiday season we take "temporary" memberships, though we do ask for a donation of \$2.

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Saturday 2pm-4.30pm
Sunday 2pm-4.30pm

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Letter to the Editor

It is lovely to see so many Māpua locals using our parks and reserves, but so disappointing to see what some users leave behind. This photo is after only two days as we



did a clean-up and took away at least the same amount of rubbish only two days ago. Not only was there rubbish left but

also a very nice mature shrub about 1.5 x 1.5 was totally destroyed.

If you have secondary school aged boys who enjoy meeting up with friends in the Domain would you encourage them to take their rubbish home or put it in the bin which is not too far away. This is an on-going problem, not just a one off, unfortunately.

It is good to see them enjoy each other's company, but they need to respect their surroundings so other people can enjoy the area too.

Sincerely, Helen Bibby

Māpua Health Centre news

We are very pleased that Irene Minchin is now part of our medical team, and she is providing a wide range of GP related services from Tuesday to Thursday each week.

Also, Megan Peters is our clinical pharmacist who is providing comprehensive review of medication consultations for 2 days each week, which can be very helpful for sorting out any concerns about the medicines that patients are taking.

Our patient portal, ManageMyHealth (MMH), has expanded its services for registered patients so that in addition to being able to view your results and clinical notes, send texts and request appointments, you can request prescriptions and pay for them at the same time. To get the free programme and logon details please check with the receptionists (03 540 2211).

With summer approaching, don't forget:

- Slip into the shade
- Slip on a shirt
- Slop on some sunscreen
- Slap on a hat and
- Wrap on some sunnies.

The SunSmart, www.sunsmart.org.nz has some valuable information and resources to help protect skin and eyes from UV radiation, as well as warning signs of skin cancer.

This month is Movember month. The state of men's health needs urgent attention. Men experience worse longer-term health than women and die on average six years earlier.

Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50. Three quarters of suicides are men. Poor mental health worldwide leads to half a million men taking their own life every year. That's one every minute.

The Movember Foundation is looking at ways that men think and act on their health, including

- Understanding how traditional notions of masculinity can impact on men's mental health
- The way health services are provided to men
- New tests and treatments required to be developed to slow or stop disease progression
- Transforming health systems to place a stronger focus on outcomes that matter to men

It is also World Diabetes Day this month. Unfortunately, diabetes has become an epidemic related to modern lifestyles and more than 257,000 New Zealanders now live with diabetes.

The chances of developing diabetes increase if you are overweight, not very active, and eat a lot of food high in sugar. In fact, sugar remains a major concern, and in a report entitled "Sugar Is the New Tobacco, so Let's Treat It That Way" an analysis of 175 countries revealed that for every additional 150 sugar calories available for consumption, there was an 11-fold increase in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the population (Medscape - Oct 31, 2016).

And to make things tricky for those trying to stop putting sugar in food and drinks, new research shows that aspartame and other non-nutritive sweeteners (such as sucralose and saccharin) are not metabolically inert and can alter the gut microbiome in a way that is detrimental to blood glucose levels (Medscape - Aug 19, 2022). However, stevia is a plant-based sweetener which appears not to affect blood sugar (Avicenna J Phytomed. 2020 Mar-Apr).

National and global health promotion events for the month include the following:

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| 1-30 | Movember (prostate prevention) | https://nz.movember.com |
| 12 | World Pneumonia Day | https://stopppneumonia.org |
| 13 | World Kindness Day | https://observances.global/ |
| 14 | World Diabetes Day | www.diabetes.org.nz |
| 16 | International Day for Tolerance | www.un.org/en/observance |
| 16 | World COPD Day | https://goldcopd.org/world-copd-day/ |
| 25 | White Ribbon Day (re violence against women) | https://whiteribbon.org.nz/ |

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Sept to Oct 2022 call outs

16 Sept 08:11 Chimney fire, smell of smoke in house. Check house over nothing found.
23 Sept 10:43 Tanker to house fire in Wakefield, turn back.
25 Sept 21:18 Assist Upper Moutere with non-permitted large bonfire near Stringer Rd.
28 Sept 17:18 Garage fire on Blackbird Valley Rd, turn back on arrival. Gas bottle flare-up.
5 Oct 11:53 Alarm activate Upper Moutere School, turn back, defective alarm.
5 Oct 18:26 Light/fan unit in bathroom fire on Stringer Rd. Owner extinguished with portable fire extinguisher.
9 Oct 21:24 Bucket on fire at The Smoke House, bucket had cooking oil and other material in it that self-ignited.
13 Oct 21:04 Called to fire near Toru St, was a light in neighbours' tree on Aranui Rd.
15 Oct 19:18 Beach fire at Kina, permitted bonfire/cooking fire. Left with users to put out.

Call outs for the year = 61

Safety Tip – Be safe.

We have been short crewed on a few calls out this month. If you work or/and live in Māpua and are interested in being a firefighter, come to see us at the Fire Station at 3 Iwa St, Thursday after 7pm.

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KIWISKIN news - from the Māpua Skin Clinic

Nifty treatments for warts

The bits of warts we can see are like hats made of dead skin and they are often very thick. The wart hides under the hat stack. A stack of layered skin like a stack of hats. Like cat in the hat hats.

To slay a wart, it is necessary to melt through all the hats so we can get to its 'inside bits'.

How to remove a wart's hat

Warts hats can often be removed by freezing it with liquid nitrogen.

Stubborn hats

The thing that makes warts more than a little bit annoying is that no-one knows when a wart will go. We do know for certain that eventually warts get sick of having their protective skin hats removed and that one day they will give up and disappear. The thing is, there are stubborn warts with cheeky attitudes and huge hat stacks of skin and these can take much longer to cure (sometimes a year or two) whereas little warts with tiny hats might only need one freeze. That's why it's good to get onto them before their heads get too big and their hats get too many.

Aspirin (salicylate) comes from willow trees and is excellent for helping to take the skin hats off warts

If a wart or verruca is stubborn, we can also use aspirin creams and solutions on it to help dissolve its hats quicker. The chemical in aspirin is called 'salicylate' ... so there you go simple old aspirin, curer of headaches and smasher of warts. Aspirin comes from willow trees, and that is why, by the way, if your goat has sore knees, you can cheer it up with a snack of willow leaves. ta dah!

If need be, your GP can ask the pharmacy to mix aspirin into creams to help things along. The pharmacy will also have wart paints with aspirin in them. The thing is, after a while, the treatment will make the skin tender and inflamed and that's the feeling of a wart's hat falling off. That's when it's good to give things a rest, and then start treating the 'next hat down' when the skin is feeling comfortable again.

Often a nurse or a doctor can help take the warts hats off with liquid nitrogen. Freezing is especially effective for little warts with small hats. The liquid nitrogen, which causes a brief sting, gives the warty skin frost bite; the frozen skin dies, makes a scab and then, when that comes off, there's less wart. On a great day, there's no wart left after one treatment!

Vigorous warts

Warts heal quickly and immediately start strengthening their hats. This means we have to persevere; because the hat stack can have many layers, especially on feet we may have to work our way down through the layers to get to the wart's 'brains'. That means we must keep removing the hat. If we stop when the wart hasn't fully cleared, then it will grow new hats and then we have to start treatment all over again.

Warts and verrucas don't like moisture ... make them soggy

Warts hate being wet. The best way to get the hat off a wart is to make it soggy. The thick, diseased, skin over the wart (its layer of hats) protects its squishy middle 'brain and root bits' and that's the bit we need to get to.

The skin of the warts hat is like a 'jiffy pot' (the papier mâché pots used for seedlings) and like jiffy pots, when they are soggy it begins to crumble. The wart's brain/roots bits don't like having its hat taken off at all, because it makes the wart vulnerable, and so warts often grow a stack of hats (thick layers of skin) to keep their insides safe.

That means to treat warts we must keep taking the hats off until we get to the 'brains'. When the hats are gone, warts get terrified and try to make new hats (grow new protective skin). If we persist, one day it gets the wart message and goes away completely. Where? We don't know. If anyone knows where warts go let us know. Maybe it's like elephants and whales ... maybe warts have a secret place where they go to die.

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

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How to make a verruca (wart on the sole of foot) soggy.

Cover the verruca with plastic electrical tape; this traps sweat, and the moisture makes the wart soggy. Then, when it's soggy enough, you can scrub off the soggy hat (dead skin) with a scrubbing brush, pumice, or sandpaper and then put the tape back. You might notice a hole developing; that's because the verruca is at the bottom of the thick layer of hats. The hole is actually a tunnel of missing hats through the thick layers of dead skin that protect our feet from gravel and prickles. The hole will gradually disappear quickly when treatment is finished.

Extra tips

1. Sometimes it can be hard to make tape stick on skin; clean the oils off the skin with alcohol, spray Opsite medical spray (some people tell me they use hair spray) on the skin and let it dry. This creates a thin layer of plastic for the tape to stick to and so it will stay on longer. It's a neat trick for sticking plaster too.
2. Be careful not to make a wart bleed by over scrubbing, the blood is infectious and can seed new warts.

Closing

So, there you go liquid nitrogen, plastic tape, pumice, and willow trees. With concerted effort, one day Māpua will be even more famous because of our 'excellent feet'. Go Māpua!

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- It is a time of unpredictable weather, when one minute we are being bathed in warm sunshine, showered with rain or reaching for an extra layer to fend off the cold.

Spring is also a time when some of us may start to think about that special piece of equipment to lessen the work load of maintaining a property.

The seasonal use of mowers, chainsaws, weedeaters, hedge trimmers, quad/ATV bikes and the like makes it very easy to forget that they need to be serviced and maintained regularly.

I am sure you will agree, there is nothing worse than planning a property maintenance day only to find that your lawnmower, weedeater, hedgetrimmer, yard vac, chainsaw etc will not start, or even worse, if it breaks down halfway through the job.

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Tasman Church

What do you think of this short quote I read recently?
 “You will live in awe of what you credit with the blessing in your life.
 You will worship whatever it is that you think has produced what you celebrate.”

Let’s call some of those good things we enjoy in our district as “blessings”. We celebrate many such blessings here, such as relative safety, a clean environment, rich social fabric, work and high levels of employment, material wealth, diverse community, a degree of free speech, and access to great spaces between the cities.

We all strive for safety, prosperity, comfort, long life - don’t we - but what do we attribute our “good fortune” to? Money and our ability to earn, for example, or our prowess in reading the market and investing in this district... or to some other thing we control?

If awe of God is not at the centre of your worldview, you may well look at nothing properly, including the good things we enjoy here!

If awe of God does not grip your heart, the anxieties of life will likely influence how you live; you will instead want to be in control of everything and everyone else in your life.

When the awe of God is not ruling in your heart you are more likely to fall under some sort of addiction to get the rest, peace, hope, economic security or ‘best life’ that you’re looking for.

I find it somewhat disturbing that in the midst of many assorted blessings, we have increasingly more folk who experience a sense of personal hopelessness in life. Why is this?

One of the truly sustaining truths of a personal relationship with the living God is that our blessings are not dependent on our own effort. A properly thankful heart is in awe of God.

This Christmas season and time of year is a gift to reflect upon a living God who chose to engage with humanity in our space, and to send a message of HOPE to those who have perhaps lost touch with the awesomeness of Almighty God. Jesus was called Emmanuel - God with us.

That should inspire in us a sense of awe... and it’s a wonderful and expansive advancement when instead of giving credit to places, and things, and our own self doing... that we start to give credit to God.

That Jesus is a historical figure is fact.

The only question to ask yourself therefore is, “Who do you say Jesus is?”



Got questions? Please reach out to Pastor Greig at Tasman Church, ring (027) 4347 567

Scenic drive or dead end- Ruby Bay awaits its fate

Twenty years ago, Kester Macfarlane and I returned to New Zealand for good. We'd found the best seaside spot in Australasia. Stafford Drive, Ruby Bay had everything: a big if rather odd house, water you could actually swim in and panoramic views. It also had three shops.

We sold our commercial-residential property in teeming Crown Street, Sydney and took on the racket of SH60. We knew the bypass was coming, weathered its effects and came to appreciate the ever-more-popular Ruby Coast Scenic Drive.

That was then. In August, days of torrential rain caused a massive slip blocking said drive. Stafford Drive is now effectively a dead end (or an idyllic cul-de-sac, depending on your viewpoint).

Kester thrived on new enterprises. Revival of the old and unlovely Ruby Bay Store was to be his ultimate venture. He wanted a community-oriented tearooms as in years long gone, with a boutique theatre, gallery and vintage treasures. 'We recognised the need for a flexible space for the community to share,' he wrote at the start.

With time and effort, much of it voluntary (especially by Chrissie Small) and of course money, the old store was reimagined. Local MP and Cabinet Minister Damien O'Connor officially opened it in July. Manatū Taonga (the Ministry of Culture and Heritage) made a grant to foster Kester's vision of an arts and community focus.

But to make Ruby Bay Store Theatre Gallery and Tearooms work for the community, it must work as a tourism business too. Kester's final and not quite complete project has become my concern, along with the future of the two high-quality shops on Stafford Drive. Without a through road and the people it brings, will one of those brown tourist signs change anything?

His is not the only business affected. What of the Tasman Store, the McKee Reserve? The Tasman District Council has big debt. Clearing the slip and fixing the road (properly this time) will cost and carries future risk from climate change. A decision is imminent.

Coastal residents have long understood the effects of rising sea levels. We've suffered through Tropical Cyclone Fehi and we've become a coastal hazard zone. The TDC's focus in deciding the road's fate should be on bringing communities together, not cutting them off from one another. We plead for a positive outcome. If it's decided the road can never be two lanes again, it should at least become one with traffic lights, as people have suggested.

Ruby Bay was bypassed once before, and we are bypassed now. Please take a stand: appeal to our mayor and councillors; sign and share Tony Robson-Burrell's *Reopen Ruby Bay Bluff Road (Stafford Drive)* petition at www.change.org.

I am writing this because my husband Kester died on October 11.

Carol Cromie

Ruby Bay Store WHAT'S ON

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NATHAN TORVIK & SIOBHAN SWEENEY

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CHARLOTTE YATES

This singer-songwriter sets famous words to music
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Book Reviews

There is something very satisfying in reading books set in familiar places and in familiar times. These three NZ contemporary fiction books take you to the suburbs of Wellington during a COVID 19 lockdown, the streets of Christchurch after the earthquakes, and the McKenzie Basin area in the grips of winter.

Eddy, Eddy by Kate de Goldi (2022)

This book was reviewed on Radio NZ recently. I had never heard such a compelling book review and one that turned out to be totally justified upon reading.

It is the coming-of-age story of Eddy who is 19 years old and struggling with a sense of identity, love, loss, and religion. It is two years since the earthquakes hit his hometown of Christchurch, since he was expelled from school, and since suffering an enormous loss in his life. With the earthquake recovery as the backdrop, we follow him in his own recovery after these traumatic events.

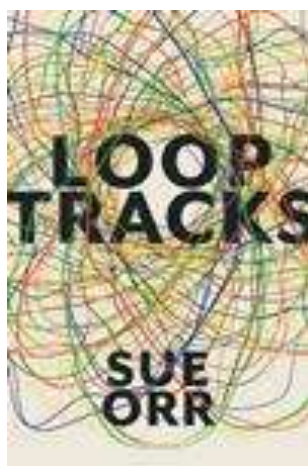
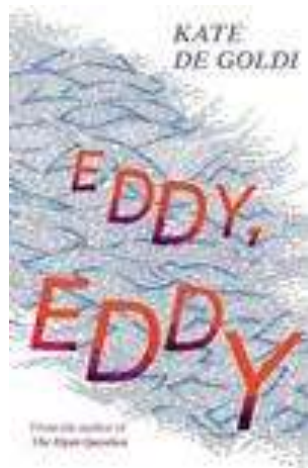
Eddy does not have an immediate family as he was orphaned at a young age but there is such a vibrant array of quirky, flawed, and endearing characters moving in and out of his life that he does come to know some sense of a loving and influential family. I did not want to say goodbye to any of these characters. And neither will I as the book definitely requires a second reading, to spend more time "wallowing" in the exquisite language of it.

Loop Tracks by Sue Orr (2021)

Charlie is the central character here and at 16 years old she makes a decision that will profoundly define her life. We move with her then to 2020 when she is 50 years old and living in Wellington with her teenage grandson. The Covid19 pandemic, lockdowns, the New Zealand General Election and the euthanasia referendum become central to the story along with the core theme of intergenerational trauma.

There are so many subjects explored in this book but never in a forceful way, just with insightful observations (through the various characters) of where we are at socially and politically in NZ. Abortion, addictions, euthanasia, adoption, sexual assault, conspiracy theories are all covered. But the love and complex relationship between the grandmother and her grandson does beautifully take centre stage.

Orr's writing is superb, and this book will stay with me for a long time.



Wintertime by Laurence Fearnley (2022)

Set around Lake Tekapo in the bitter cold of winter this atmospheric book wraps you in a sense of chill and isolation, not just in the setting but also in the story.

The main character (Roland) has returned from Australia to his family home to try and find out what happened to his younger brother who died mysteriously.

While seeking answers and returning to childhood haunts, he is confronted with a myriad of memories from his past – particularly of the anxiety, loneliness and grief he felt within his family, and growing up gay in small-town NZ.

He confronts these memories alone now with no remaining family, no close friends in the area and an unsupportive, strained relationship with his partner in Australia.

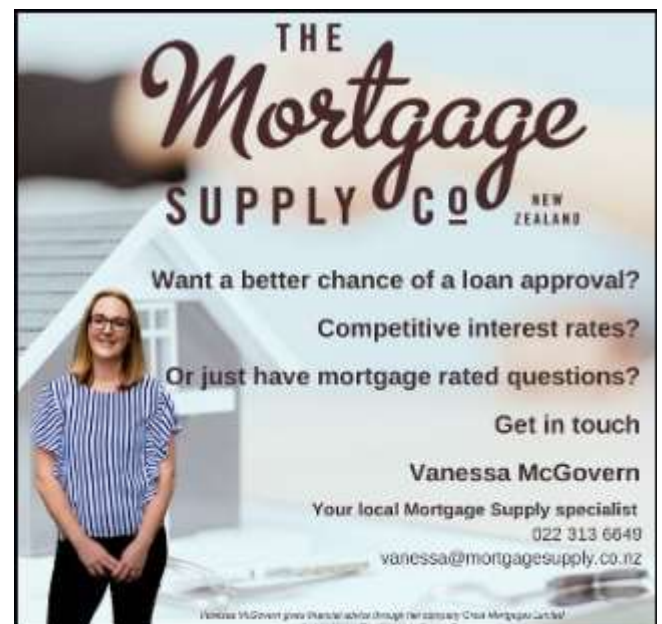
At the same time Roland discovers the simmering and growing controversy in the area between hunters, Himalayan thar cullers, conservationists, and developers.

Social media plays a challenging and dangerous role in this tension and soon becomes pivotal to the story.

As in all of Fearnley's books there is such vividness in the environments created. Her award-winning 2010 novel *The Hut Builder* had a wonderful alpine setting and that is where she returns. It is a beautiful read especially if you are familiar with the McKenzie Basin area.

All three books are available in Māpua Library.

Reviewed by Diane Sutherland





Playhouse events

Dec 16th

Fleetwood Mac and Elton John Tribute

Dec 25th

Massive Christmas Day Luncheon

Dec 28th

Pump up the Jams: 90s themed night

Dec 29th

Soul Train Disco Party

Dec 30th

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Dec 31st

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November 2022

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MDBA MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Another year is nearly at the end, it has been another roller coaster ride for a lot of businesses out there. So it's time to relax and catch up with everyone and have a yarn before the busy summer season descends upon us. We'd love to see you there.

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

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

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

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

Knit & Natter group at Alberta's: 10am 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.

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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

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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

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

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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.

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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

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