

# This is OUR HALL

drifted on to the hall committee three years ago l oblivious of the work entailed to keep our hall in great shape. It soon became apparent that a small group of very talented people were giving many hours of their time to ensure the high standards you see at the hall today are maintained.

Because of the group who spent long hours applying for grants, the ensuing funds have resulted in major improvements such as wall coverings to improve acoustics,

AV equipment, large carpet runners, an updating of the carpark, the replacement of decking areas, new shelving and new furniture. The list goes on.

The new AV system has been described as fabulous. The group that were given instruction as to its use on Monday were delighted with this \$32,000 installation.

A very different scenario existed in 2015 when Reinhard Gebhard joined the committee.

He recalls there was a debate as to whether they could afford new light bulbs!

After the extensive renovations of the hall, Tord Kjellstrom and his hard-working team had handed the hall to a new group. Many of the original team were exhausted after their mammoth effort and needless to say the bank account was depleted.

Reinhard, originally from Germany, only accepts the

best. His background of first working in a building firm and then becoming a business entrepreneur has proved to be invaluable over the past five years. Nothing escapes his eagle eye. He is a worker, a talented handy man and was a very able treasurer.

The following Sue year Lockhart joined the team and soon became the secretary. She too is a very able person who was head-hunted from her position at the Nelson hospital to become the Senior Payroll Manager for the three Auckland DHBs.

She retired four years ago, and our community has been very fortunate to gain her expertise both at the hall and at our local library.



Sue Lockhart and Reinhard Gebhard

President Ross Lovell

Sue is far more than just a keeper of minutes. She is an administrator, leads the team of Karen Wellsford and Anita Green in applying for grants, is actively involved with fundraising, record keeping and along with Reinhard and Ross was involved with marketing. She is often at the hall, working with Anita our very capable hall co-ordinator.

Ross Lovell also joined the committee in 2016 and he and Reinhard share the same values. We heard of Ross when we first arrived in the area 14 years ago. Many

> acknowledged that he was an outstanding builder. He started his career as a student of engineering but building beckoned. In conversation he noted the huge satisfaction he gained from his years leading a team to build architecturally designed homes.

> Our two perfectionists have quietly worked at repairing decks, building shelving, organising the carpark overseeing the AV system,

changing taps and lights, and doing general maintenance. Last year Ross took over the chairman's role and proved to be equally efficient here too.

There have been many of us on the committee over the past three years and all have contributed. It was exciting for me to exit and note the quality of the team. Ross at the helm along with Bill, Christine, Barbara, Karen and new members Nicque, Sue R

> and Adrienne along with Sue and Reinhard.

Funds. Gone are the times when it was a struggle to replace light bulbs thanks to the many folk over the years who have their time given and energy to support the hall.

I could fill up the Coastal News if I were to write a paragraph on the many important contributors over the years. People like Bill Marris followed by Jim Bryce, the unpaid caretakers for many years.

While the hall is on a much better

financial than it was it footing is important that everyone in our community takes ownership of this important community asset.

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#### This is our hall.

It does not belong to the local council. The council have made generous donations to the upgrade of our hall and major improvements such as the upgrading of our carpark,

but the hall belongs to each and every one of us.

There are many generous firms who contribute regularly. Among them are The Sprig and Fern, The Playhouse, Local architect Simone Wenk and the generous anonymous person who donates \$1000 a year. Sandra Bishop organises the 4Square noticeboard and donates the substantial profit to the hall each year.

At only \$15 a year, you too could become a hall supporter. If half of our local population joined as members it would greatly ease



the fund-raising workload that is currently the responsibility of a few. Anita at the office is happy to accept donations on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The final person I want to mention, quietly organises two events which result in approximately a yearly \$6,500 contribution to our hall.

We owe a huge thank you to Peter O'Halloran and his team who have set up and run the Pecha Kucha night. It has been a very popular successful yearly event which Peter has been organising for the past six years.

He is also the organiser of the popular monthly film evenings. To date he has shown 50 films.

To all who have contributed to our special hall our grateful thanks.

Joyce Bullock

## Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust

#### Formerly called the "Dale Vercoe Community Care Charitable Trust Board"

S pring heralds a new focus and a significant opportunity to move forward for the renamed Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust.

It is over three years since Dale Vercoe offered to donate a parcel of land near his house in Māpua Drive for a community respite centre.

A Trust Deed was established, Trustees appointed, and charitable status granted to the newly formed "Dale Vercoe Community Care Charitable Trust Board". This new legal entity and Trustee Board enabled a significant amount of work to be done to investigate how Dale's vision for a respite/care centre could be turned into a sustainably fundable centre that would meet the care and respite needs of the local community.

Unfortunately, the ability of the Trust to develop the land and provide water and sewage services proved to be unachievable in the short to medium term. This left the Trustees searching for alternative ways of achieving the Trust's objectives of:

1) providing health and respite care and other assistance to those in need within the Māpua area and elsewhere.

2) establishing and maintaining programmes, interventions and mitigation strategies aimed at addressing health and welfare needs or concerns particularly within the Māpua community.

In parallel with this work, the Trustees consulted with key community groups and individuals on how to ensure that the Trust Board was as representative as possible of the local community. The search began to find suitable additional trustees, either drawn from the relevant community groups in Māpua or who would help to balance the composition of the enlarged Trust Board.

This dual search by the Trustees coincided with publication of the results of the transport survey carried out jointly by the MDCA and Hills Community Church, and the establishment of the Māpua Community Hub project.

To find out if this project might provide the alternative way forward the Trustee Board was searching for, the Trustees joined the small group set up to take forward the Community Hub project.

Three months of work by this small group has identified some exciting opportunities for jointly meeting the aims of the Community Hub project and Trust.

Discussions are currently taking place over the use of the Trust as the formal legal vehicle for taking forward the Community Hub Project and the use of the old church land and building as a Community Hub centre.

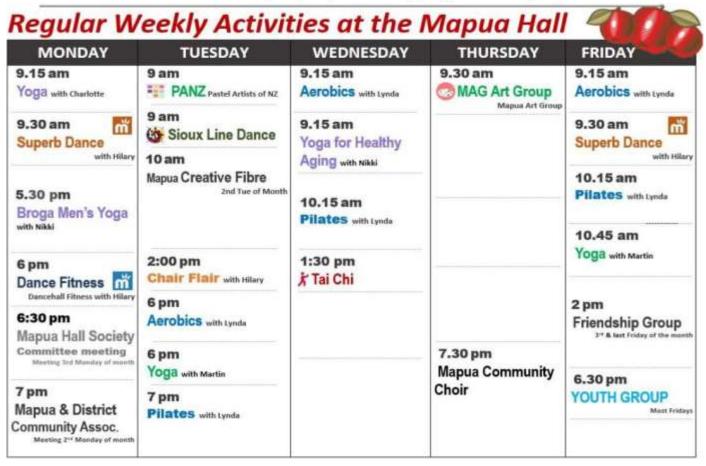
The Trust has been renamed the "Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust" to reflect its wider focus that would include providing the umbrella for the Community Hub project. The Trust retains its charitable status and has undertaken to use Dale Vercoe's name for any future initiative by the Trust that uses land donated by Dale Vercoe.

The Trust is in discussions to appoint three new Trustees to help broaden its community representation.

The AGM of the Trust will take place at 6pm on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Bowling Club, 84 Aranui Road. Formal notice will be published in due course.

# MAPUA HALL NEWS

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#### This month

For current timetable and updates please check the live calender on the Hall website.

- School Holidays
  26<sup>th</sup> September 11<sup>th</sup> October.
- General Election at the Hall 10th, 11th and 17th October.
- Mapua School Quiz Friday 16th October

#### Packhouse Cinema

Packhouse Cinema screening "KEEPING MUM" on Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm Tickets \$12 on the door. (Seating provided at Alert Level 2 only).

Coming Soon

FOMS Clothes Swap on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

# **Hall Society News**

The new Audio & Visual equipment is up and running in the main Hall ready for functions, conferences and live streaming events! Thanks to our generous sponsors at the Lottery Community Fund & Pub Charity and a big shout out to Tom at AV Architects for his expertise and installing the system customized to the specific needs of the Hall users.

We look forward to finally hosting this year's Mapua School Quiz, which is a fundraiser for the year 8's trip to Wellington as well as a fundraiser for the Hall, book at table through Pip Day at Mapua School.

For monthly updates from the Hall community sign up to our eNewsletter with information on what's happening at the Hall and all the latest members news. Just visit our website and click on 'Newsletter' on the home page to sign up.

Stay safe & be kind

# www.MapuaHall.org



# Māpua Kai Collective news

The Māpua Kai Collective model is sustainable through the generosity of our local community. In February, Jester House ran their "Sending Love Project" involving art by Māpua School children which was framed by Lance Trollé of the Art Box in Tasman. The art was sold by auction and raised \$275 for the Māpua Kai Collective.

A private dinner at Jester House, hosted by Neil and Sue Bruce-Miller raised \$323 in donations from their guests.

And out of the blue, a local resident gave us a \$100 supermarket voucher. Added to these windfalls, we acknowledge the continued support of locals who make regular monthly donations to our funds. Your community mindedness is appreciated. Thank you all.

Lockdown affected both our ability to do cook ups and the number of meals being collected or distributed. However, Rose Barnes and her team of kitchen fairies was back in the commercial kitchen of the Māpua Community Hall in mid-June, producing 75 two-person servings of pasta bolognaise. The team met again on Tuesday 8th September to cook up 31 vegetarian cottage pies, 24 meat cottage pies and 47 fruit crumbles.

If you are unaware of this local resource, please consider yourself welcome to make use of our free, wholesome meals should the need arise. We encourage residents of our community to collect meals on behalf of neighbours or friends who need that little extra support and TLC - perhaps due to a new baby in the family, family stress of some kind, or illness. While there may well be friends dropping off a casserole, having a home cooked frozen meal to fall back on can make all the difference to a day already stretched by circumstances.

Just to remind you where you will find our freezers: the Māpua Community Hall, open whenever regular activities occur, or during hall office hours; Delicious, on the corner of Aranui Road and Iwa Street, open daily from 9 to 5; while the freezer at the Māpua school is accessible during school hours. In addition, Hills Community Church stores some of our meals in their freezer, and the church team can help you with access.

If none of these options work for you, please text Bridget Castle on 021 183 8790, Rose Barnes on 021 111 1003, Karen Toll on 021 059 8649 or Kaye Latham on 021 133 7414, who can help you pick up a meal. You can find the Māpua Kai Collective on Facebook.

Should you wish to make a financial donation, our NBS account number is 03-1354-0464683-30.

"From our community for our community."

Thanks! Bridget Castle



# Māpua Playcentre

Welcome, Story Grans, to Māpua Playcentre! At Playcentre this term we are enjoying wonderful connections with our local community library. Rachel, the Māpua Community Library pre-school liaison, contacted us to find out how the library could help build a sense of community with our children and families and help our children develop a love of books and reading.



The suggestion of having a Story Gran visit from the library to build relationships and share stories with our tamariki was hugely popular with our parents. It has proven to be hugely popular with our children too. It is lovely to see our children gathered round with a friendly face from our community, building new relationships and learning that there are lovely stories to be found at our library.

We want to say a big thank you too to Māpua Community Library for putting us in touch with a volunteer to help us run our finances. This help is so welcome because Playcentre can be a busy place! Help with the work that goes on behind the scenes frees up parents to spend more time setting up cool play experiences for our children and learning more about child development and parenting skills.

If you would like to join us and listen to stories from a Story Gran, or just pop in for a play, don't hesitate to get in touch. You are also welcome to drop in any time.

Māpua Playcentre is open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9.30-12.00 for children aged 0-6. If you would like more information about Playcentre you can contact us on 027 306 8695 or mapua@Playcentre.org.nz





#### Tyres - How to read tread wear

The way your tyres wear is a good indication of whats happening in other parts of your vehicle. Abnormal wear patterns are often caused by the need for simple tyre maintenance or a wheel alignment. Learning to read the early warning signs can prevent wear that shortens the tyres' life or indicate the need to have other parts of the vehicle serviced.

Tyres should be inspected in three ways:

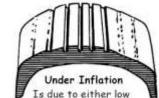
1. Visual examination of all four tyres.

Feeling the tread by hand to detect wear such as feathering.

Checking all four tyres with a tyre pressure guage.

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pressure or incorrect

wheel alignment which could

be due to bent or worn

steering components.

Usually occurs if the Air pressure is to high but can occurr if a tyre is too

wide for the rim.



Commonly indicating worn or bent suspension components that require replacement followed by a wheel alignment.



Vexcess suspension camber causing the wheel to lean inwards or outwards and requires a wheel alignment to correct. Commonly occurs by incorrect wheel alignment which may be the result of worn suspension bushes.

Feathering



out of balance. If left unattended the life of the tyres, bearings, shock absorbers and steering components will wear prematurely.

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There is no separate January issue.

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# MDCA -Significant trees and preparing for TRMP

**M** āpua & Districts Community Association's September meeting was held at the start of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and the mana of this taonga was acknowledged with a plea that the "week" be extended into months and years so that our tamariki experience a bi-lingual living and learning environment as "the norm".

The primary focus of the meeting was preparing members and the community to be fully informed for the coming consultation with TDC on the Tasman Resources Management Plan (TRMP) to be held in October. This would ensure that the focus of the consultation would be on "what the community wants".

Different speakers explored ways of ensuring that members and the wider community were "informed so we can influence (TDC) at a high level" with a particular focus on trees/green & recreational spaces as well as ways of moving around the district; roads, walkways and cycle trails.

Comments along this line included:

- "Is impossible really impossible or just a problem waiting to be solved?"
- "The time has come for us to have some influence here."
- "We need to understand the process so that we know if we can change the procedure in order for the community to be involved earlier and have input into such processes as non-notifiable consents."
- "We need to be starting the conversation before consultation with TDC."
- "Look at the process so we know what is going on."

We need a "planning for dummies" training session for TDC staff.

Cr David Ogilvie provided a broader framework to the korero considering:

The estimated population growth in the next 8-10 years is from 2,000-4,000 residents which will result in a likely increase in traffic from intersecting roads onto already very busy roads (Aranui & Higgs).

How close to the coast do we develop?

How much input did MDCA have on past developments in the area?

What a process of information gathering, and involvement could be.

Is the information useful? If yes, can it be made available?

How can we engage more effectively with TDC in terms of focus/"lines in the sand"?

How can we most effectively engage and become informed?

Three speakers addressed areas of concern and focus. A link to a video of their full presentations as well as their accompanying power-point slides is available on the Māpua Community Association Facebook Page.

This article will simply outline the main points raised by each.

#### Paul McIntosh: Planning Overview

Maps indicated planned areas of future development and indicative roads planned for the next 12-15 years.

Avoid narrow focus on the roads alone; look at exits, existing roads, and potential "choke points".

Binary nature of access to village; only two main roads with impact on safety, noise, accessibility.

Need to focus on what community wants.

# **Dave Briggs: Significance of Trees; "all trees matter".** see article page 8

**Bruce Gilkinson** (*speaking for David Mitchell*): Significant trees in relation to 160 Māpua Drive

Noted that there had been eight significant 100-yearold trees planted by a member of the Wells family who donated their land (Aranui Park) initially to Lands & Survey; passed onto TDC.

Contractor stopped cutting once these were evident (two destroyed).

No protocol/requirements for consent or for trees to remain once land zoned "residential".

**MDCA passed a motion** urging that Aranui Park and Dominion Flats be reclassified as scenic reserves to provide this protection.

Photos of damage by vandals driving through the park; suggestion that these be passed to police and that there be "a beef up of protection for Aranui Park to stop 'hoons' getting in in the first place".

Issue of use of uncleaned contaminated soil (with potential levels of lead and arsenic) to build up the bank.

Association agreed to send email to Dennis Bush-King asking, "what is the current set of rules relating to the usage and remediation of contaminated soils?" and asking to see data on the levels of toxicity in the soils being used.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

**Dominion Flats.** Noted that planting for the season has finished; includes clematis and mamakū.

2021 planting; grants applied for "trees to bring in the birds".

Back to weekly weeding: Tuesdays 9am with a "leisurely morning tea".

Concern was expressed about regulations relating to developers' rights and responsibilities in relation to

Native Bush Corridor on Mamakū Drive; TACA meeting focused on plan to plant natives roadside between Māpua and Tasman with turn-offs into a native bush corridor.

#### **ROADS & PATHWAYS**

Wayne noted that work on the Māpua Drive – Dominion Flats footpath was due to begin in September.

#### COMMUNITY WELLBEING

**Community volunteer drivers' service.** *Māpua Willing Wheels* has 12 willing volunteer drivers and is beginning to receive membership subs from prospective passengers. Leaflets have been distributed throughout the district and to all local businesses. Everyone was urged to inform

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#### MDCA continued

prospective passengers about the service and to ensure that it is well used; "use it or lose it".

**Community Hub.** Noted significant progress on establishing the foundation of a legal financial basis for the project in terms of a Trust (see separate article in this issue). Work is continuing on prioritizing building requirements and renovations to create a safe, warm fit-for-purpose facility.

#### Projects

Community Seating. A group of local men have offered to dig out the foundations while at-cost concreting has been arranged by Mike Kininmonth. MDCA will supply bolts and safety railing.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Noted high levels of engagement with postings on:

- Application for Liquor Licence corner of Aranui Road and Māpua Drive (345). Most comments from people noted that there was previously a pub in that location. One of the store owners objected to the graphic we posted so this was removed.
- Margaret Cotter TDC services award; 176 engagements as well as 107 comments and reactions; (all "thumbs up").
- Decided we could post the police reports as long as members agreed not to take the report and re-post it on Social media. If that happened, we would be prevented from putting further police reports on our web site.

#### COMMENTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Cr Christeen McKenzie:

Apologized that she had been unable to attend TDC Community Services Award Ceremony and congratulated Margaret Cotter on her receiving an award.

Noted that under the 3 Waters Reform, \$3.7 million was allocated for signing up and engaging; mostly to be spent on fresh drinking water.

#### FUTURE HOT TOPICS:

**October** Community consultation on TRMP. First chance for input: Open Afternoon at Bowling Club 4-7pm followed by presentation/discussion at MDCA meeting.

**November** Advanced Care Planning: what is it & why is it important?

**December** Celebrating the year  $\bigcirc$ 

Be sure to attend/join in our next monthly meeting: Monday, 12 October at 7 PM (content & format to be confirmed on MDCA Facebook & Mailchimp mailout).

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 a \$10 membership fee to our NBS account 03-1354-0356471-00 with your name and phone number as a reference.



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#### David Briggs – Professor Emeritus Environment & Health Science Imperial College London

Here in Māpua, it's impossible to avoid the sense that our trees are under attack. Almost every week, new stands of trees are felled, either for development or because they supposedly pose a risk or an inconvenience to road traffic.

Few of these trees are iconic, and not everyone mourns their loss. But all trees perform a range of vital services for us. They reduce runoff, protect the soil from erosion and help to minimise the risk of flooding.

They absorb air pollutants and are an extremely efficient barrier against noise. They provide habitats not only birds but also for insects, many of which are vital both for wildlife and in the pollination of agricultural crops.

They add to the visual quality of the landscape. Most important of all, they soak up carbon from the atmosphere, and thus help to delay the impacts of global warming. Indeed, so important are they in this respect, that the government has announced a policy to 'plant a billion trees' as a way of helping the country achieve a carbon-zero economy by 2050. Given this, we can argue that every tree matters.

To try and get a more objective insight into the issue, I've recently been doing some research to map tree loss across the Tasman District, and assess its implications for the climate. The analysis has been done using the national Land Cover Database (LCDB) – a remarkable project that employs satellite data to map the surface of New Zealand every few years in order to monitor changes in vegetation and land use.

So far there have been five surveys, in 1996, 2001, 2008, 2012 and 2018. I've focused on assessing changes in tree cover between 1996 and 2018. At this stage, the results are only preliminary; there's more research to be done, so the numbers may change. But even if they are only approximate, the results are remarkable.

The ballpark figures are these:

In the 22 years between 1996 and 2018, Tasman lost ca. 2000 hectares  $(20 \text{ km}^2)$  of tree cover.

More than two thirds of this loss has occurred in the last 10 years, so the rate of loss is rising.

Most of this loss is concentrated in the Māpua/ Moutere areas – where trees of any note are already scarce.

#### At the same time as the area of trees is declining, the average age (and thus the total biomass) of tree-covered land is falling, as old trees are felled, and new ones planted.

If we estimate the  $CO_2$  equivalent of these changes the result is a loss of about 6.6 million tonnes since 1996 (or over 300,000 tonnes per year, on average).

What do these figures mean?

To make full sense of them, we have to understand what happens when we remove trees. First of all, some part of the trees – perhaps 50% or so – typically gets burned or trashed and thus releases the carbon it contains back into the atmosphere, as carbon dioxide. That adds to our emissions.

But secondly, by removing the trees, we've reduced the amount of carbon that our overall stock of trees can absorb from the atmosphere – and this is not just a one-off event, but one that persists for years to come. This means that less of the  $CO_2$  emissions we produce gets safely locked up in our trees. Put the two together and tree removal in Tasman has the effect of adding something like an extra 165,000 tonnes of  $CO_2$  emissions each year.

That's a lot of  $CO_2$ . To put it into context, the entire car fleet in Tasman - some 40,000 cars – produces less  $CO^2$  per year (about 120,000 tonnes). Our trees are adding more than the same amount again. Far from reducing the effects of our emissions, therefore, they are doubling them.

So, what should be done? We all, obviously, have a role to play by not removing trees unnecessarily. But the Council could make the biggest difference – by establishing a strong climate change policy that both protects the trees we have and increases tree cover. And there are government funds to help.

But it also raises a more local question. As I've said, the Māpua/Moutere area has borne much of the brunt of this tree loss in the past. In the face of all the new developments that are planned (none of which includes any commitment to green space), we need to ask: what sort of environment do we want to live in? Do we want one that is just an urban expanse? Or do want more green space, and more trees to keep it pleasant and healthy?

Power-point slides relating to the presentation of this material to the MDCA September 2020 meeting are available through a link on the Māpua Community Association Facebook Page.



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# Pastel Artists of New Zealand

nteresting changes afoot for PANZ Nelson. It is fair to say that our members have been spoilt for some considerable time. Glenys has steered the ship for as long as we can remember and it has been all too easy to rely on her for, well, pretty much everything! The hall is always opened on Tuesday mornings; tea, coffee, milk, sugar, biscuits, all present and correct; information up to date and regularly provided; workshops planned and exhibitions organised; books, DVDs, advice, ideas, you name it, Glenys has sorted it.

And now she has stopped! Absolutely fair enough and on behalf of all our members, I would like to say a very big thank you to her for everything that she has done for us. Now it is her turn to do what the rest of us do every week, enjoy painting with a cup of coffee and some conversation about anything and everything, all with zero responsibility.

So, we are rudderless but not drowning. Our weekly meetings will continue, and visitors are always welcome. The duties will be shared, the coffee will get made and you never know, a new team leader may emerge. It will be good for the group to manage and the programme of events planned earlier in the year continues.

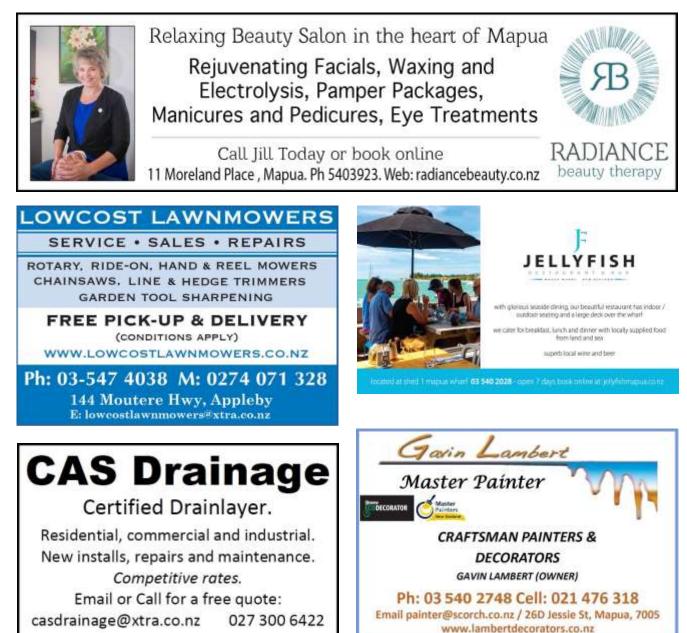
Critique sessions every first Tuesday of the month are valuable for the recipient and the giver of advice. It is a popular session. As is the third Tuesday of each month when we take up a challenge set by individual members. A demonstration by Judy gave us valuable insight into painting animal eyes and we discovered the difference between those of cats, dogs, and horses. Glen will lead an 'en plein air' session and in October, Sue and Marian will host the 'Big Picture'.

For now, Glenys is still the contact point for any information about the pastel group as Glenys Forbes on 03 540 3388 or by email <u>gmforbes@ts.co.nz</u>.

You can visit our Facebook page: PANZ Pastel Artists of New Zealand to see national and international pastel



Sue England



# Low carbon lifestyles

 $B_{\rm -}$  point a tour of climate-friendly properties and see ways to make positive contributions to climate action.

A tour of two local properties that have many low carbon features is happening on October 10, part of a series of three tours, two of which were in September.

A low carbon lifestyle is characterised by climatefriendly activities that reduce carbon emissions and/or capture carbon from the atmosphere and store it in nature's carbon sinks; the properties featured on these tours do just that.

Carbon reduction solutions seen will undoubtedly surprise many people, as most are simple and practical, that anyone can do. Many people will leave the tour full of ideas for what they could do to make a positive contribution to climate action.

The tour on Saturday October 10 is at Jester House and a property in Lower Moutere.

Jester House, probably best known for its cafe and innovative garden environment, is also a superb example of low carbon living. Features at Jester include earth buildings, solar power, solar hot water and heating, the Wiggly Wog's living roof and low-cost construction.

Gardens and fruit trees are extensive in a permaculture system and surplus produce is shared via a roadside stall. Use of various forms of waste - glass, composting toilets, food - are illustrated. Extensive tree planting and timber from trees planted on bare land 30 years ago will be seen, as well as a simple biochar kiln and description of biochar production.

The second property on this tour has a large organic garden and orchard that supports 11 people. Garden management applies regenerative agriculture principles. One of the hosts will talk about her

fermented foods and how she uses biochar, and another will showcase his low emissions stove, both a cooker and space heater, that burns waste and wet wood, and produces biochar.

Previous tours, the first on Saturday 26 September, was in and around Motueka and included four properties that illustrate a wide variety of climate change reversal solutions in both town and country environments.

At Atamai Community in the Motueka Valley visitors saw and heard about the climate benefits of passive solar houses, solar hot water and heating, solar electricity, organic gardens and terraced orchards, an underground food cellar, foods preserved by different methods, practical use of recycled materials, ways of reducing and using waste, and efficient water use. All part of minimal consumption lifestyles that support plant-rich eating, sharing surplus food, and a community ethos for shared transport. Returning to Motueka, the third property featured a productive permaculture garden full of vegetables, fruit trees and chooks. The host's description of transforming a previously conventional landscaped shrubs/lawn site to its current form was both warming and motivating. This garden is a superb example of the possibilities of using your land to produce food and what you can achieve if you change your mindset and give away your lawn mower.

The fourth visit was to a Motueka home that generates its own solar hot water and electricity, has goats that are managed with climate-friendly regenerative agriculture methods, a productive organic garden that illustrates efficient irrigation and water conservation, and extensive use of recycled materials throughout. A teenager in this household grows asparagus for sale on a road-side stall.

For both site hosts in Motueka, transport within the town is via bikes with trailers.

The second tour, Sunday 27 September, was of two properties in Ngatimoti, that again illustrate many examples of low carbon living and climate change reversal solutions.

Both have solar hot water and electricity generation, efficient water storage and distribution, composting toilets,



and underground cellars.

Plentiful organic gardens and orchards illustrate many regenerative agriculture techniques on a domestic garden scale, and cattle and sheep are similarly managed in paddocks and among the trees.

Forestry on these properties, significant carbon sinks, have both exotic and native plantings. Old man's beard clearing and regenerating native species are companion activities within the forestry blocks.

An exhibit of plant-based foods will be shown on the tour. The site host is happy to share their knowledge and answer questions.

Bookings are essential. Tickets are available from https://www.humanitix.com/nz and search on Walking the Talk - Motueka Garden Trails.

Tours are part of Motueka Greens Local Matters' 'Walking the Talk. Local Solutions for Carbon Reduction'.

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30 Aug 15:59 - Alarm at Mahana School, nothing found. 12 Sept - Bonfires, Kina Beach Rd. Unpermitted fires at night, Brigade put out.

Calls this year: 55

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# The Write Bias

#### News from Māpua Bowling Club

Saturday 12 September, a perfect day. The sun shone, the Green looked fantastic thanks to the ministrations of greenkeeper Glen Saunderson and the members turned out in force sporting brand new club shirts and bearing plates of deliciousness for afternoon tea. As Opening Days go, it was one of the best.

But before we opened, we had to close. Ridiculous as that sounds it is true. Closing Day back in April was cancelled because of covid-19 so proceedings on the  $12^{th}$  started with the presentation of championship trophies gained in the 2019/2020 season.

If it had been possible, there would also have been a presentation of Life Membership to Sylvia Peter. Unfortunately, Covid got in the way again keeping Sylvia in her retirement home. We look forward to honouring her later in the season when alert levels drop back to 1 or 0.

After all the highly polished cups had been awarded and photos taken it was out on to the green for some fun games of fours. Our two existing Life Members, Les McAlwee and Colin Pryke, put down the first jack and the first bowl and then we were away.



As always with a roll-up it was competitive in a friendly, bantering sort of way and a whole lot of fun. For me it also highlighted the need for some serious practice, especially as the lists were up in the Clubhouse for the new round of championships and I found myself signing up for everything!

Māpua members are looking forward to the new season ahead, hopeful that there won't be too many, if any, Covid interruptions and we will be very happy to welcome any new bowlers. Spare bowls and free coaching are both 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/mapuabowls

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# Book reviews - Māpua Library

We are so lucky to have Māpua Library with its thousands of excellent titles. Impossible to choose from a run of great reading, so a broad spectrum is offered. One of these hopefully will appeal to you.

Pat Russell Library Volunteer

#### All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (2014)

is charming; completely, irresistibly. Given the action mainly takes place 1934 to 1945 in Germany and France, charm is an odd descriptive but lyrical, wonderfully inventive, and charming it is. The author won the Pulitzer Prize for this book. I since borrowed two earlier works and wanted to finish neither. He improved.

Although the story takes place in desperate and destructive times, the author uses suggestion. We know the brutality is there but are not deterred from turning the next page.

The main characters are Werner, a German boy, and Marie-Laure, a blind French girl of a similar age. Both are very intelligent and inventive people, very young in 1934.

Doerr offers their very differing yet oddly overlapping lives with insight, swinging back and forth in chapters of as little as two pages.

No plot description is offered here; the detail and complexity wouldn't be honoured; your discovery would be ruined. I cannot recommend this book highly enough.

#### A Scandalous Man by Gavin Esler (2008).

Esler is a well-regarded journalist and co-presenter of UK Newsnight.

"The gunshot of August 1914 when Gavrilo Princip killed the Archduke Franz Ferdinand led to two World Wars and the Cold War. The mess did not end until 1989. It took three generations, and it ruined the lives of millions in the twentieth century. Our own mess started in 1979, and it could easily drag on for more than three generations, ruining the lives of millions more in the twenty-first. For my part, I have decided that I am going to expose everything that we have done, every dirty trick, every double deal, every shady agreement, in the hope that truth and light will be the best disinfectants against the virus that we have helped create and which may yet destroy us."

When it was returned the last reader read this paragraph aloud when I asked if she had enjoyed it. Enjoyed? No. Driven to read it? Yes. As was I. Distressed but better informed? Also, yes.

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein (2009) is a quick read, taking only a bit of an evening and a morning. A tear and a good blow and the day will feel better for it. If you love dogs, you'll love it. If you have an elderly dog, you'll likely fear but celebrate it. For those who love cars (a '58 XK150 in my case), who revel in the detail of tracks,



technique, drivers and racing it's a book to devour. Good, bad, ugly family dynamics; tick. There's something for everyone.

The Electric Hotel by Dominic Smith (2019). A good book for anyone with an interest in very early film. The story begins in 1895 Paris with Auguste and Louis Lumière.

Thomas Edison is a step behind but he's brutally patent-savvy regarding anything new,

electrical, mechanical, illuminating, projecting.

The story line is panoramic, taking us between Europe and USA with film first used as a propaganda tool by the Germans in WWI. What could easily have been either over-burdened with detail or cast thinly is neither. It is through the eyes and life of Claude, the Director, that we travel.

It's great for insight into special effect tricks of the newly emerging movie business, while being also a good story of death, love, success, tragedy, fickleness, the insanity of war and finally in the first and last pages it is a story of recognition and reality that celluloid merely mimics.

The Last Days of Dogtown by Anita Diamant (2005) was addictive, a joy to read. It brings wonderfully to life the fictional human vestiges of a real late 19<sup>th</sup> century shantytown in Massachusetts.

It's a beautiful village history through character study and stories of the inhabitants: kind, thoughtful, generous, isolationist, self-serving, greedy, treacherous and outright vile and cruel.

We find gems in the mud and intricacy where one would imagine none. The unofficial name is due to the feral dogs that live in the hills, the pack diminishing as does the village, and as a cruelty by other villages in referring to the 'doxy house' around which some of the action flows.



# Daffodil Day 2020

hank you once again, Māpua Community for your generous support for Daffodil Day 2020.

Our stalls outside Tessa Mae's, Jester House and at the wharf, plus the boxes at businesses around the village raised \$3099.10 for the Cancer Society. We sold out of the famous Don's Daffs, our cakes, and a new favourite this year - lemon curd. Nga mihi nui.

Māpua Women's Recreation Group

# Playhouse Theatre





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# Update from local charity OKC (Orphan Kids Charity)

This year has been like no other for everyone around the world and for us here at OKC and our sponsored students in Vietnam it is no exception. The students have had some disruption to their studies, but we are proud to say despite Covid-19 related difficulties we have two graduating students to celebrate this year and also a wedding!



Above photo: Sung Seo Do (far left) and Chau Seo Minh (2nd from right), who both studied Social work and graduated this year. OKC continues to support them as they seek employment in the coming year. We wish them every success and all the very best for the future.

In the 2nd photo is one of our students Tao, and (Din, a previously OKC sponsored student) on their wedding day. Some happy moments to enjoy in a difficult year.

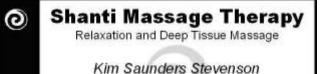
Four of the students we supported last year are continuing their studies with support from OKC, and we will be sponsoring two new students from the Orphanage in Lao Cai. Of course, any studies this coming year will depend on

the situation in Vietnam with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. So far, the country has coped as well as it could

#### Lynda's Exercise Classes in Māpua Hall

Regular fitness and Strength classes for all levels. Concession tickets available for 5, 10, 20 or 30 sessions. Casual (one-off) \$12.00, 2 sessions on the same day \$20.00. Classes on Tuesday evenings 6 pm & 7 pm, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.05 am & 10.05 am, and some Saturday mornings 9.05 am & 10.05 am.

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with the situation, and we hope that will continue over the months to come so our students are safe and have their best chance at success.

At a recent meeting of the OKC Trustees we came up with some exciting new ideas for fundraising over the coming months, plus a commitment to running our annual  $10 \times 10 \times 10$  project which this year will begin on 1 October and finish on 10 October.

The 10 x 10 x 10 project aims to raise funds by finding 10 people each day to donate \$10 and we do this for 10 days. This project suits those who want to help in a quick and easy way each year. It also suits those supporters who don't live close enough to participate in our local fundraising activities. The Trust would be grateful if you would consider rounding up nine friends or family members and taking out a whole day!

Another fundraiser that is going well for us is the Cinnamon goat's milk soap made for us by Purple Kiwi Natural Goat Milk Soap with cinnamon oil from Vietnam. It smells divine and is so soft on your skin. Three soaps for \$20 or 1 for \$7. Contact Janet at <u>janettaylor@kinect.co.nz</u> if you would like some.

For all our fundraising the OKC bank account is 06 0453 0210529 00. We are a registered charity based locally, working to support the children from an orphanage in Lao Cai, Vietnam.

All funds raised go directly to our students, most often in the form of an educational scholarship. We are grateful for all the ongoing support from our community that makes this possible.

Stay well and safe in these very challenging times. Kia kaha arohanui.

Sarah McLeod and Janet Taylor, Trustees OKC

## Letter to the Editor

#### **Roadworks updates**

In view of the seemingly never-ending road works in Māpua, perhaps it would be a good idea if Coastal News published some sort of monthly progress report.

Might this fall within the scope of the Māpua and Districts Community Association?

Kind regards, Barbara Halse



# Journeys of Discovery SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2020



#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ..... Macpac Fund Recipient & Award Finalist

We're very excited to be the recipients of the Macpac Fund for Good, which means we will be able to upgrade some of our specialist outdoors gear. An important part of what we do at WIO is removing barriers to accessing the outdoors. Providing good equipment and gear is a big part of that – so thanks Macpac! We are proud to have been named as a finalist in the Sustainable Business Awards, which is truly an acknowledgement of our partners, funders & the community who supports us. We love working together with the amazing schools and community groups in our region to have a positive impact in building a sustainable community & environment, so thank you!

#### WHAT'S COMING UP .... Can Your Business Support Local Youth?

We are currently developing opportunities to further promote work readiness in our youth and establish pathways into local employment. WIO will work with youth to develop their essential employability skills and connect them with local employers offering work placements and/or training. The Motueka Vocational Pathways Programme will be running in November and we are looking for businesses to be involved. If you are a local business or employer who would be interested in supporting such initiatives through work placements, training or future employment opportunities, please get in touch! We'd love to hear from you: info@wio.org.nz. There will be more information at the Pop Up Employment & Training Expo at Motueka Public Library on Thurs 15 October, 10am – 4pm - a chance to connect with Work Brokers, Training Providers & Employers. For event info call Janine, 03 543 7240.

#### FOCUS ON ..... Making a Difference

The Ignite Programme is a great example of how one person can look to make a difference in their community. This 3 year programme has been established in a local high school after it was noted by the sponsor that there weren't as many boys on stage receiving awards. How come? What could be done about it? From initial discussions, the Ignite youth development programme was created to provide a positive stimulus in the crucial mid-teen years, designed to encourage a step-up in skills, leadership and personal development. The lasting benefits for these tama will be felt in the school, whānau and community. You can see photos from their latest adventures on our Facebook Page: facebook.com/WhenualtiOutdoors/

#### **OUTDOOR WANDERINGS....** The Riuwaka Resurgence

Getting outside is such an integral part of our wellbeing, and with Mental Health Awareness Week having just been, this month is a reminder to head outside for a walk with your whanau or friends, fill your lungs with fresh air, take time to notice the spring changes around you and appreciate where we live! Our pick would be a picnic and stroll at the Riuwaka Resurgence, where the healing waters of Te Puna ö Riuwaka, a sacred place for local Māori, provides the perfect place for both spiritual and physical nourishment.



New gear is on it's way - thanks Macpacl



A great lunch spot for the Ignite Year 10 crew on their latest expedition in the Kahurangi

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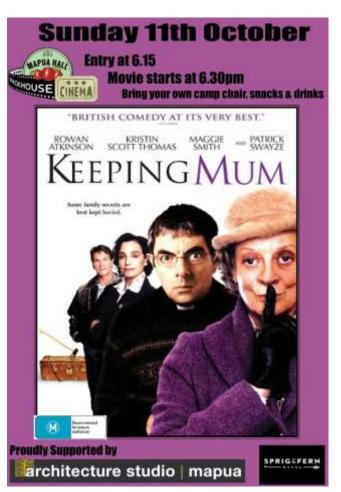
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# Packhouse Cinema



# **Keeping Mum**

Showing at Māpua's famous 'Packhouse Cinema" 6:30pm Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

"Keeping Mum" is an almost perfect "naughty" English comedy whose humour is too complicated to be described.

Rowan Atkinson, Maggie Smith, and the rest of the cast are perfect. This is the most understated I have ever seen Atkinson and marks an interesting evolution for him. Two young ladies in front of me were still giggling halfway through the closing credits, and the entire audience, judging from the laughter, had a great time.

Seriously though this is not a "sweetness-and-light" comedy; it has a dark side, which is evident from the beginning, but that aspect drives the humour, because it touches feelings in us which we must restrain, but in watching the film we are allowed to indulge them.

It also has a lot of very deep things to say about marriage and religion (Atkinson plays a shy, self-absorbed country vicar with a beautiful wife and daughter whom he neglects) without indulging in the usual superficial post-modern ironic attacks on either institution. In fact, it has some very intelligent things to say about both.

You really must see this movie - it is a gem and it's English!

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# Local Winery opens doors to local artists

Local artists from the top of the South Island now have a new space to show their work, thanks to a blossoming partnership with a community focused wine company.

Gravity Gallery, located at the Gravity Winery in Mahana, has been specially created for local artists, who work in rotation to occupy the space and exhibit their work. The Nelson region is rich in creative talent and the team at Gravity are intent on showcasing everything it has to offer.

In the future they hope to also host artisan markets, giving locals another opportunity to share their produce.

Gravity is part of Kiwi owned Booster Wine Group. Director, Allan Yeo, says a dedicated space for artists was just one way the company was able to get involved and support the local community.

"For us, it's not new to support local, it's always been about supporting local. Like many of New Zealand's special sites, Gravity could have been lost to foreign ownership. We've kept it in New Zealand hands, and we want this place to be a community asset and a focal point for both locals and visitors to the region. "It's a small start to something we hope can grow," said Yeo. "Our ethos is one of partnership. When we work together, we create opportunities for everyone to benefit."

Since its official opening just prior to the Covid-19 lockdown in March, the Gravity Cellar Door has once again become a must-see on the Nelson wine trail, garnering a reputation not only for the wide selection of wines on offer but also the platters which place local artisan food producers at the forefront.





# **Ruby Coast Running Club**

pring is here and it is getting warmer with longer days. Great time to get out and join us for a run.

This past month has seen us pretty busy with local runs. It is always fun to turn up and run when you are with your friends and that is what this club is all about. Like-minded people having a good time on our feet.

We attended the Richmond Sprig & Fern 10k. That was a hilly challenging run.

We had a team in the Motueka to Māpua Relay. Okay, so more hills.



At the Brightwater Sprig & Fern 10k

A number of us turned up for the Brightwater Sprig &

Fern 10k too. At least that was a flat course. But if racing isn't your passion we also organize longer runs or tramps. This month saw us in the Abel Tasman climbing up the Inland Route.

Some runners are happy just running or walking the 5k each Thursday night. And I think there are some who just come for the curly fries and drinks after the 5k.

Whatever it is that gets you going we hope to see you out there. Happy Spring!

# How well will you age?

eople are living longer. It is a fact. We are also aging more and seeing the effects of aging as a result.

Every year thousands of people in New Zealand alone are turning 65. Our lifespan continues to lengthen but this doesn't mean we are living healthier. We see many older patients in our clinics who are active and out enjoying life, where others their age are already in a rest home and dependant on others.

with all its uncertainty. It can also affect and cause more painful musculoskeletal conditions resulting with pain in the neck, spine, body, and lower back.

Often these factors can combine to create a more sedentary lifestyle, and this can lead to a higher risk of falls and all its complications. For some people, this year it has also meant a decrease in their activity levels prior to Covid. The physical aspect of a person and mental state go hand in hand. You cannot affect one without affecting the other. In either case the risk of complications increases severely with side effects drastically affecting quality and quantity

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Honesty, we see people in their 60s, 70s and 80s

later in life?

who could run circles around some of the 30- and 40-year olds that we treat. They are truly inspirational to listen to and to work with regarding their health. They have taken a different route in life and embraced a healthy lifestyle. More than ever it is important to take care of your health in all stages of life, but it is extremely important to support healthy aging.

People potentially face arthritis, diabetes, cardiac issues, mental health challenges, osteoporosis, and balance issues just to name a few as we age. This year alone with the effects of Covid we have seen a rise of anxiety and a lack of confidence in our clinics in people as they venture out and try to return to normal.

This can be with something as routine as driving a car or going out in public and signing in before entering a public premise. Mentally this can take its toll on people

# Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library

Winter book sale 17 October- coincides with election day - at the library. See you there.

**TDC grants from Rates** We have been granted \$1000 to support our book purchasing programme. Thanks to ratepayers and TDC for this ongoing support.

**Book purchases** On the subject of book purchasing, a reminder that a list of recent purchases is displayed on our website, Facebook page and on the pillar to the right of the Recent Returns display.

**Recommend a book** Recommendations for book purchases are welcome. There is a book to do this on the counter; and we will endeavour to contact you when it arrives so you can enjoy it first!

**Displays** Rob Herbert's paintings will be exhibited until 16 October when Tim David's photo prints will feature. Once again, we are proud to show off local talent.

**Te wiki o te reo Maori** A great theme for a foyer display! Thanks to Carol Greenall for her support with this display.

A reminder that the books in the display in the foyer are available for borrowing.

**Community liaison** The committee has been exploring ways to build this aspect of our service. We have recently made contact with the pre-schools and Māpua School and have designated coordinators on the committee. Recent

activity includes hosting three school classes and reading aloud weekly at Māpua Playcentre. We are thrilled to support local littlies' love of books and reading.

We have more activities planned in this area. Watch this space!

**Daylight Saving hours resume** Our daylight-saving hours (open 'til 6.30pm on Wednesdays) will resume from 30 September.

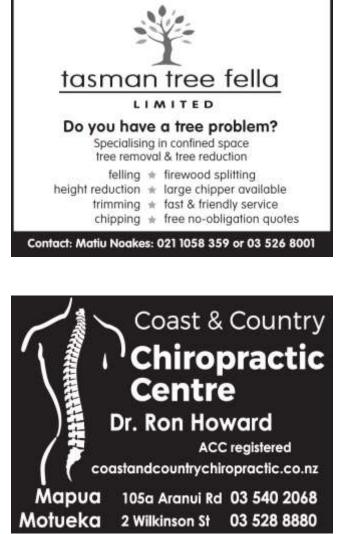
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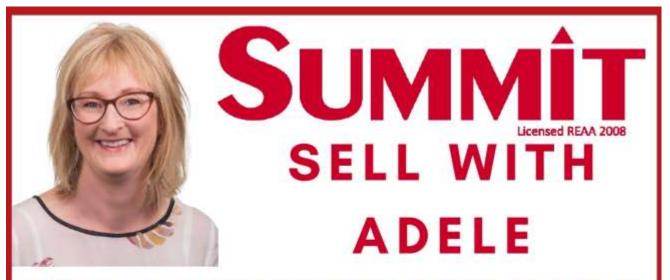
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# Hello animal lovers

was pleasantly surprised to see the other day, a happy owner and happy dog walking along together. The dog was on a lead, but it was loose, and the dog was walking happy and relaxed beside its owner. So, I thought I would write about how this can be achieved as a dog pulling or unwilling to follow its owner is stressful for both.

It all starts from when the dog is younger and involves a lot of time and patience. All dogs like to interact with their owners and quite naturally follow a leader; however, they are easily distracted; especially on walks and with other dogs and people around.

Start with encouraging the dog to come when called at home and being rewarded either with a treat or praise. Dogs are associative so if they get a reward for an action, they are likely to repeat it.

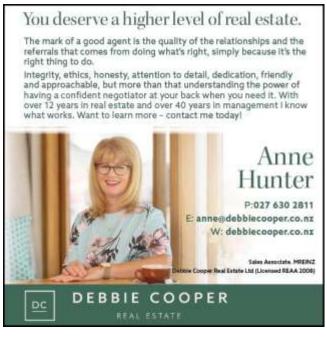
At the start a puppy should get used to a collar or harness, there are many different types on the market. Again, encourage the dog to come and be with the owner with a reward.

When the dog is comfortable with the collar then a lead can be attached but no pressure should be applied. Once more the dog should be encouraged to come but this time on the lead. At first a puppy will want to play or resist but with practice it will associate the lead with being with the owner.

When this has been established in the home or quiet place the owner can try walking with the dog on the lead. Short distances at first then building it up over time. Always the dog should be praised for being with their owner and walking at their speed. A dog should never have constant pressure on its neck as this can be very stressful and in some cases trigger aggression in the dog. If the dog wants to pull away a short amount of pressure on the lead is all that is needed and as soon as the dog responds the lead should be loose again.

All this training takes time but, in the end, it is very rewarding for both dog and owner.

I am always happy to help with animal behaviour issues. Sue Mott, Animal Behaviourist



# Māpua Craft Group

 $S {}^{\rm eptember \ has \ been \ a \ month \ of \ thinking \ of \ others;} {}^{\rm making \ face \ masks, \ cards, \ greeting \ tags, \ special \ soaps \ with \ felting \ and \ novel \ pin \ cushions.}$ 

We will be observing school holidays as usual, so we will meet again at the commencement of next term: Friday the 16th of October.

Do join us at Hills Community Church from 10 'til 12 on a Friday, to enjoy company and perhaps learn new skills!

Barbara Halse 5493901.

A sad postscript to our report: It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Vesper Harrison, a long-time member of our craft group. She will be remembered for her skill, smile, generosity and quick wit. We will all miss her.



# MĀPUA BOAT CLUB KIDS FISHING COMPETITION

Where - Māpua Wharf When - Sunday 1st Nov 2020 Time – Lines in 11am - out 12.15pm Registration from 10.30 am

# 3 Categories:

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- 6 9 years
- 10 12 years

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## Māpua Health Centre news

**S** adly, we farewell Dr Lisa Mcllwraith at the end of this month. She has, over the last three years, provided a wonderful and very caring service for her patients, and it has been a privilege to have her as part of our team. We will be sad to see her leave, however we wish her well for the future.

Some changes have been made to the immunisation schedule effective the 1st October 2020 which include:

• 12mth olds will now receive MMR (Measles/Mumps and Rubella) together with the final dose of pneumococcal.

15mth olds are now getting one less vaccine.

• 4year olds will only receive one vaccine of DTaP-IPV (Diptheria/Tetanus/Pertussis and Polio).

We appreciate this can be very confusing but if you have any concerns or want to discuss this with one of our nurses please do not hesitate to contact us on 03 5402211.

We are in the process of updating our website and we hope to have it completed by mid-October.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our patients who have attended their consults in the back carpark as part of the COVID-19 precautions. We appreciate this is not a normal process however this has enabled both patients and staff to stay safe.

Electronic/emailed prescriptions were rolled out during lock-down and due to initial software and other technical problems this has caused considerable problems for both patients and primary healthcare practices throughout New Zealand. To those patients who have had trouble picking up their prescription we apologize for the inconvenience. Please let us know if you are continuing to have any issues with prescriptions and we will endeavour to sort it out. Hopefully, the system will soon be fine-tuned and efficient for everyone concerned.

This is breast cancer awareness month. Breast cancer is New Zealand's third most common cancer and accounts for more than 600 deaths every year. The risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer increases with age.

Breast cancer isn't common in women under age 50.

While it is less common, young women can get breast cancer too. 6% of breast cancer in NZ occurs under the age of 30 years. Although it is uncommon, men also get breast cancer. About 25 men are diagnosed in NZ each year.

Some women are at greater risk of breast cancer because there is a history of close family members having the disease. However, most women who develop breast cancer have no relatives with the disease.

Recent findings suggest that, regardless of genetic risk, women may be able to reduce their risk of developing breast cancer by getting adequate levels of exercise; maintaining a healthy weight; and limiting or eliminating use of alcohol, and hormone replacement therapy (*JAMA*, July 2020).

Evidence suggests that following a Mediterranean diet in everyday life may significantly reduce the risk for types of breast cancer that are associated with poorer prognoses in postmenopausal women. (*Int J Cancer*. March 2017). This month also celebrates the International Day of Older Persons and recent research shows that higher amounts of omega-3 from seafood are associated with healthy aging in adults, defined as survival without chronic disease, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, lung disease, or severe chronic kidney disease (*BMJ.* October 17, 2018).

Also, older adults who keep to a Mediterranean diet are less likely to become frail, and those who have a high adherence to the diet have a 56% reduction in risk (*J Am. Geriatrics Soc.* January 11, 2018).

Exercise may reduce disability even in the frail elderly according to a study incorporating 150 minutes a week of walking and activities to improve strength, balance, and flexibility (Ann Intern Med 2018).

The patient portal service is working well, and we greatly encourage you to register for it so that you can enjoy the benefits. It allows you to have access to your own medical information via a secure web server and includes being able to review medical notes and test results, as well as request appointments, ask questions by a dedicated email option and get repeat prescriptions. If you would like to register for Manage My Health<sup>™</sup> please contact the receptionists 03 5402211.

#### This month's health and school events include:

Oct 1	International Day of Older Persons www.un.org
Oct 1-31	Health Literacy Month
	www.healthliteracymonth.org
Oct 1-31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
	www.nzbcf.org.nz/home
Oct 10	World Mental Health Day
	www.mentalhealth.org.nz
Oct 9-15	New Zealand Shake Out (Civil Defence)
	www.civildefence.govt.nz
Oct 11	International Day of the Girl Child
	www.un.org/en/events/girlchild
Oct 12	World Arthritis Day www.arthritis.org.nz
Oct13	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
	www.un.org/en/events
Oct 16	World Food Day www.fao.org/world-food-day
Oct 20	World Osteoporosis Day www.bones.org.nz
Oct 24	United Nations Day www.un.org

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# Sow with an open hand

When it comes to patching up a bare patch or putting down a new lawn there are some critical principles when it comes to sowing grass seeds.

One key observation I made the other day though, was that it's best to sow liberally if I expect to get any grass at all after the birds have picked off their share.

And the same liberality with seeding probably applies to getting that vege garden in at this time of year. (Except perhaps with sowing Beetroot, as most varieties come as a cluster of seeds grouped into one clump, so the liberality is kind of "built in" and always seems to germinate plenty of young plants.)

If I expect plentiful produce or a lush lawn, then I've got to sow plenty of seed in optimal conditions; which takes some planning and purposed intent. And I'd like to suggest that being generous at this stage of the planting season carries with it the genesis of another principle. That you reap what you sow.

Sow sparingly or begrudgingly and you most likely will get back not much more than a pitiful result, with not much to rejoice or celebrate over in the future. And we understand these principles don't we, when out in the vegetable garden or out on the lawns we love.

Yet sometimes people forget these same universal principles when called upon to have a "generous spirit" within our own human eco-systems.

And that's why I'd like to honour in this column those who have demonstrated a liberal generosity of heart, and

have gone about cheerfully sowing seeds of kindness in the expectation of an abundance for all, coming along after them.

Without making mention of specific folk, you may well know who I am talking about. You might well be one of them or wanting to become one of them!

They're the ones who give of their time, at their own cost. They're the ones who give extra energy for a person in need, giving a ride to the hospital perhaps. They're the ones who see a need and meet it. They're the ones gifting money or boosting their grocery list with some produce for a local "kai with love" service. They're the ones less concerned about "their rights" and more keenly sowing gratitude (along with a sense of fun for good measure too). They're the ones stopping to chat with children, at their level. They're the ones on committees, or the ones stacking chairs. They're the ones ....

Look out for them. You might notice them - but probably not - because they often go about quietly, privately ... and unsung. Its better to sow in that way.

The Bible has plenty to say about having a generous heart. For example, read the second letter the apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, Chapter 9, verses 6-15.

These and other timeless principle are all there – God's instructions for sowing liberally and being generous.

In all respects though, I think any generosity is better informed, and inspired, when we first come to appreciate how generous God has been toward us.

- Greig Caigou Greig enjoys being the Pastor at the Church in Tasman



# **Hills Community Church**

ave you ever wondered why geese fly in a Vee formation? It is fascinating to read what has been discovered about their flight pattern as well as their in-flight habits. Four come to mind.

1. Those in front rotate their leadership. When one lead goose gets tired, it changes places with one in the wing of the V-formation and another flies point.

2. By flying as they do, the members of the flock create an upward air current for one another. Each flap of the wings literally creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. One author states that by flying in a V-formation, the whole flock gets 71 percent greater flying range than if each goose flew on its own.

3. When one goose gets sick or wounded, two fall out of formation with it and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the struggler until it's able to fly again.

4. The geese in the rear of the formation are the ones who do the honking. I suppose it's their way of announcing that they're following and that all is well. For sure, the repeated honks encourage those in front to stay at it.

In all of this, one lesson stands out above all others: it is the natural instinct of geese to work together. Whether it's rotating, flapping, helping, or simply honking, the flock is in it together... which enables them to accomplish far more than anyone could imagine. A real blessing of being a pastor is being able to meet a wide variety of people from many different backgrounds. One question I am often asked is this "What kind of Church is HCC?" And the answer relates to the illustration of the geese flying together.

HCC is an independent community church, that some 25 years ago was born out of the joining together of three local churches: Anglican, New Life Pentecostal and Uniting. In this it seeks to honour and value the different denomination, backgrounds and traditions within the Christian faith. In this, HCC represents a commitment to walking the journey alongside one another, honouring and valuing each other, our unique contribution, and the gifts we bring. At heart HCC is about recognising that we can be and can accomplish far more by being together than by being apart.

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**Māpua Friendship Club:** 2nd & last Fridays, Māpua Hall, indoor bowls & bring-a-plate tea. New members welcomed. \$3 door fee, 20¢ raffle. 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. Cushla Moorhead 03 528 6548.

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Taoist Tai Chi** Beginning class Tuesdays 1.30 - 2.30pm. Continuing class Wednesdays 12.30 - 2.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries 545-8375

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

**Re-cycle Printer Cartridges** at the Library. Printer & Photocopying cartridges accepted. Reduce waste, raise funds for the Library. Two good reasons!

**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 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

**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

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

**Toastmasters**: Like to speak with more confidence? Motueka Toastmaster Club meets every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds, 6.45–8.30pm, 15 Courtney St, Motueka. Please come along to a meeting, no obligations. Info: Dave 027 538 0059.

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

**Community Youth club**. Year 9 -13 youth. 6.30-8.30 most Fridays at Māpua Hall. Contact: Mark Waweru 020 410 48 799. Funded & co-ordinated by HCC.

**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

**Tasman Golf Club** welcome new golfers to Kina Cliffs for local golf experience at realistic cost, the best in Nelson. Coaching available. Info: Jim 022 096 6067 & Lyndal 03 526 6819, teeup@tasmangolfclub.com

**Coastal Stringers** Ukulele group: beginners welcome. Fridays, 1.30~4pm Boat Club rooms on the wharf. Just turn up & join us for some fun! Info: Colleen 540-3010, Diane 540-2627.

**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 03 970 0565

**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

**Māpua Craft Group:** Fridays 10-noon, supper room, HCC. Simple craft work, occasional guest speakers, demos & outings. A social, a cuppa, some easy craft. \$2 + koha for materials. Julie Cox 0277418575, Barbara Halse 5403901

**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

**Friends & Neighbours:** Varied programs of interest, friendship & good morning tea. Third Fridays 10:30 - 12:30pm at Tasman Bible Church. Info: Jane 526-6709.

**Māpua Boat Club**: Social evenings Thursdays 5.30-7pm at club rooms, Māpua Wharf. No boat required. Monthly guest speakers, raffles, free snacks, open bar. Info: Clare 0227117786

**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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