



## Māpua men need a shed!

That was the outcome from a meeting on Saturday 21 March. About 30 men gathered at the Māpua hall and were addressed by David Packer who had come from Blenheim in his role of Regional Rep for the Menzshed organization.



David explained the origins of the shed movement in Australia where the initial focus had been on men's health. There are over 160 sheds in NZ and all the sheds have an annual Men's Health event.

All the sheds offer communal workshops which are a place for members to connect with other men on a regular basis and to work on personal and community projects. Some also open their doors to ladies, usually on a separate day. It is up to each shed to establish how it operates. Locally, there are sheds in Nelson, Richmond, Motueka and Golden Bay, with a further shed planned for Kaiteriteri.

The Menzshed national organization gives a lot of support to local sheds. They are also a registered charity. Check out [menzshed.org.nz](http://menzshed.org.nz)

Menzsheds do a lot of work in their local communities, such as building park benches, fitting wheelchair ramps and handrails for the elderly, and tidying up public areas. Menzsheds do not take work away from tradesmen, but often do small handyman type jobs a tradesman would not be interested in. The Māpua Hall has suggested they could benefit from such help.

The men at the meeting were asked to be on the lookout for a shed – nothing suitable is obvious in Māpua. Our local councillor, Mike Kininmonth said he is talking with council staff about the possibility of using a corner of the domain, between the Scout Den and the Bowling Club, to build a shed.

All the men at the meeting completed a questionnaire to determine popular interests – woodwork and electronics topped the list.

An email list has been established and anybody who wants to be updated should email their name and phone number to [themapuashed@gmail.com](mailto:themapuashed@gmail.com)

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## Community Grants

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Application forms can be downloaded from <https://mapuacommunitytrust.wordpress.com/> and should be completed and returned electronically to [mapuarubybaycommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:mapuarubybaycommunitytrust@gmail.com) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

These will be considered at our May meeting.

The Trust is funded by proceeds from the Coastal News. Profits are placed in term investments or other interest-bearing accounts and grants are made from the interest received. The Trust currently has more than \$200,000 invested.

One happy receiver of a grant:

## Tamaha Sea Scout Group

We would like to sincerely thank the Mapua/Ruby Bay Community Trust for the generous grant towards the purchase of a portable hot water system.

This funding has made a meaningful difference to our group. Having access to reliable hot water has significantly improved the experience of our youth members while on camps and activities. The system allows for proper dishwashing and cleaning, and importantly, provides hot showers to help our young people warm up after on-water activities, particularly in colder conditions.

The improved facilities have enhanced comfort, hygiene, and well-being for our members and volunteers, making our camps safer and more enjoyable for everyone involved. The support directly contributes to creating positive outdoor experiences and helping our youth gain confidence, resilience, and practical life skills through Sea Scouting.

We are extremely grateful for your commitment to supporting local community groups and young people. Thank you for helping us continue to provide high-quality experiences for our members.

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# The Men of Tasman War Memorial

## A personal pilgrimage.

In January 2020, my wife and I travelled to New Zealand, choosing the Kina Peninsula as our base while exploring the South Island, where my brother-in-law lives. Throughout our travels, I was struck by the frequency of war memorials—an echo of those found across Britain, yet unexpected in a country so geographically distant from the European battlefields of the First World War.

The Great War had a profound impact on New Zealand. More than 100,000 men and women served—almost ten per cent of the population at the time—and over 16,000 never returned. What many hoped would be the war to end all wars instead left grief in every community. Across the country, local memorials were erected to honour those who had fallen. For families unable to visit graves on the other side of the world, these memorials became places of remembrance, commemoration, and reflection.

After returning to Tasman, I discovered one final memorial, discreetly positioned behind bushes at the entrance to Tasman School. On closer inspection, I found it bore thirteen names. I wondered who these men were and where else they might be commemorated. Once home, I began researching their lives and service, committing myself to visiting their final resting places or memorials wherever possible. I did not realise then that this decision would take me across New Zealand, Gallipoli, Belgium, and France.

My wife and I returned to New Zealand in January 2025, giving me the opportunity to locate the grave of **Hugh Stafford**, an orchardist from Ruby Bay, Māpua. Hugh is the only one of the thirteen men buried on home soil, in Nelson (Wakapuaka) Cemetery. He died during training in Wellington from complications arising from measles and pneumonia.

His brothers, Archie and Berkley, also served. Archie was wounded twice at Gallipoli, and Berkley in Belgium. Both were medically discharged in late 1917, deemed unfit for further service. The family's contribution is still recognised locally through the naming of Stafford Drive in Ruby Bay.



In March, while based in Ypres for a private tour focused on a “shot at dawn” casualty, I made an early-morning visit to Hoge Crater Cemetery to pay my respects to **Darcy Henry Slater**, who was killed while moving stores to the front line. I find these moments of quiet reflection at dawn especially meaningful.



In early April 2025, I visited Gallipoli with historian friends, taking the opportunity to honour a great uncle who fell with the Royal Naval Division in May 1915. At the Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Memorial (*above*), I paid tribute to **Norman Sigglekow**, one of 848 New Zealanders whose graves are unknown.

At the Hill 60 (New Zealand) Memorial (*below*), among more than 180 names of the missing, I remembered **Robin Howell Deck**, who had been on the peninsula for just one week. Both sites remain synonymous with New Zealand sacrifice.



During the ANZAC Day period in 2025, I guided a group of Australians and New Zealanders across the battlefields of France and Belgium. No Kiwi tour of the Western Front is complete without visiting Caterpillar Valley Cemetery and the New Zealand Memorial (*below*).



Here lies **Donald Burley Nottage**, buried among 5,571 others who lost their lives during the Battle of the Somme.

The Memorial to the Missing lists 1,205 men with no known grave, including **Frederick George McKee**.



On ANZAC Day itself, our group attended the dawn service at Buttes New British Cemetery and the New Zealand Memorial to the Missing. This provided the opportunity to pay respects to **Robert James Stewart** and **Edward McConnon**, the latter having died on Christmas Day 1917. Both are commemorated on the memorial, which records the names of 378 New Zealanders with no known grave from the fighting in this sector.



In August, while travelling from Normandy to the Somme, I visited three further sites, retracing the steps of New Zealand forces during the final hundred days of the war. At Bagneux British Cemetery, I visited the grave of **Roland W. H. Goddard**, buried near where Casualty Clearing Stations operated in 1918.

At Grevillers British Cemetery and New Zealand Memorial, I paid my respects to **Eric Guy Stubbs**, who was killed while clearing a village east of the cemetery.



My final stop was Crossroads Cemetery, a consolidation site containing the graves of



some of the last New Zealanders to die in the war.

Among them is **Thomas Lucas Field**, aged forty-two—the oldest man commemorated on the Tasman Memorial—killed on 5 November 1918 while attacking a strong point. He had been in frontline service for just five days. Field Place in Richmond bears his name.



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## ANZAC Day services

**Saturday April 25th**

**Māpua Service:**

The parade will depart from the Māpua Tennis Courts at 10:30am. The service will commence at the Library at 10:45am, followed by morning tea at the Community Hall.

**Other local services include:**

Tasman RSA Memorial: Starting at 10:00am

Upper Moutere Service: At the Sports Centre starting at 10:00am

*Nicholas Poultney*

At the conclusion of this journey, a final night in Ypres allowed me to visit Messines and the Messines Ridge (New Zealand) Memorial.

This memorial commemorates 828 men with no known grave, including **George Pye Crombie** and **Sidney Reid Dodson** from Tasman.



Both survived the initial assault on Messines village on 7 June 1917; George was killed on 13 June, and Sidney the following day.

At each site, poppies were placed and a few words spoken—simple acts marking enduring respect for those who served and fell. As George Eliot wrote, *“Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them.”*

This coming ANZAC Day, I will be guiding a tour of Australian veterans and attending the dawn service at Villers-Bretonneux in France. My thoughts will be with the men of Tasman who gave their lives so far from home.

As inscribed on New Zealand memorials across the world:

**“FROM THE UTTERMOST ENDS OF THE EARTH.”**

*Paul Colbourne – Military Historian & Battlefield Guide  
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# Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust (MCWT)

## Youth Initiatives:

The Kid's Club Programme, begun in term 4 last year by Hills Community Church Minister Rev Emily Holmes and Governance member Robyn Weller, is proving very popular with students and parents as well as volunteers willing to share their skills.

Since the Thursday after-school programme restarted in February numbers have been capped at 25 and there is now a waiting list.

The Wellbeing Trust will continue to support this wonderful initiative as it gradually leads into connecting and supporting youth of all ages.

## Click and Connect (C&C):

Our technical support sessions at the Māpua Library continue to be popular. We have a number of volunteers helping with the various mobile phone or computer issues which come in.

New days and timings now apply:

**Thursdays 3 to 4pm and Saturdays 2 to 3pm.**

This service aims to help new and existing residents alike, helping you get the settings on your phone right, working through issues on your laptop etc.

We have developed a local services directory (listing all available clubs, services, etc) and this information will be available via the C&C sessions or the online Found Directory. A great resource for people new to the area or trying to find out if an existing group, club or sport exists locally.

We are also currently seeking additional volunteers to help with these services so please contact us if you can be available once or twice a month for either of the above slots. You don't need to be an IT guru, just reasonably tech savvy. Contact Sally on [mapuawellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:mapuawellbeing@gmail.com) or 027 898 6000.

## District Health Nurse:

Health Nurse clinics are continuing this year, with sessions twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment. Health NZ renewed this contract late last year which the Trust are very happy about, as the service continues to be well attended and it provides an essential need in our community.

## Talking Cafés:

The Wellbeing Trust is pursuing a new monthly Talking Café based around a discussion session with a focus topic. Topics will be advertised in advance, and we always welcome suggestions from the wider community.

The Talking Cafés will be targeting community members of all ages, with a focus on health and wellbeing topics. Please get in touch using our email: [mapuawellbeing@gmail.com](mailto:mapuawellbeing@gmail.com) if you have any suggestions.

**On Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10 -12noon,**

**Dr. Jim Vause will facilitate the first Talking Café.**

**Focus topic: "Dicky Ticker."**

You will be very welcome, so make your way to the Hills Community Church lounge.

*John Botting, Chair MCWT*

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# Paint Mexico

## Local artist Lisa Chandler leads first international art tour

I'd love to personally invite you to join me and Silvana Gottini from Southern Exposure Tours and World Travellers Motueka on a very special 18-day artistic and cultural journey through Mexico, where travel, creativity, and meaningful artistic exploration come together.

At the heart of this experience is the idea of capturing a true sense of place - going beyond simply painting what we see, and instead responding to atmosphere, colour, texture, culture, and our own personal experiences. Mexico is an extraordinary place for this kind of inspiration, and I can't wait to share it with you.

Alongside experienced tour guide Silvana, I'll be travelling with a small group of artists through vibrant cities, colourful markets, private art studios, and remarkable cultural landmarks, including the Frida Kahlo Museum and Diego Rivera's murals.

Everywhere we go we'll gather visual inspiration through photography and collected materials that later become the starting point for our studio work. Along the way we'll also share some unforgettable experiences, including a hands-on cooking class, tequila tasting in Tequila, and a hot-air balloon flight over the ancient Teotihuacan Valley.

We'll then settle into a beautiful coastal Casa for a four-day mixed media workshop. Surrounded by tropical gardens and fresh daily meals, we'll slow down, reflect on our journey, and translate your travel experiences into artwork that feels personal and meaningful. This workshop is designed for artists who already have some painting experience.

If this journey speaks to you, I would love for you to join us. Please contact Silvana for full details at [silvana@wtmot.co.nz](mailto:silvana@wtmot.co.nz)



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# Māpua Health Centre news

This winter we are able to use a simple nasal swab test that will determine whether patients presenting with an upper respiratory infection have Covid, Influenza A or B, or RSV. This will help us to manage unwell patients and organise the most appropriate treatment. The cost of this test is \$11 and is in addition to your consultation fee.

Flu vaccines will be available this month, and for those who meet the MOH criteria it may be fully funded. This includes:

- Patients 65yrs & over
- Pregnant women
- Patients with chronic conditions
- Young children with a history of severe respiratory illness

We are holding flu clinics at the Health Centre on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to call and book in to either of these clinics or simply turn up on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> where walk-ins will be welcomed. Please call our Reception team on 540-2211 for more details.

For younger patients and teenagers with psycho-social concerns or difficulties, there is a service available through the local primary health organisation called Skylight - <https://skylight.org.nz/>. This is a national not-for-profit trust that enables children, young people, their families/whānau, and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss, and grief by building resilience. Phone 0800 299 100 for more information.

One of this month's health events is about autism. Children and adults who have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) look the same as other people, and due to the invisible nature of their disability it can be much harder to create awareness and understanding.

Autism and Asperger syndrome still remain relatively unknown disabilities among the general population, yet it is estimated that they are about four times as common as

cerebral palsy and 17 times as common as Down's syndrome - touching the lives of over 40,000 people and their families throughout New Zealand.

ASD affects language, social skills and behaviour, and those affected are often unable to interpret the world and what is happening around them in the same way that others do. There are now many different ways of trying to potentially prevent and help improve this disorder. For more information see [www.autism.org.nz](http://www.autism.org.nz).

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

- 2 Term 1 ends
- 2 World Autism Day [www.autism.org.nz](http://www.autism.org.nz)
- 3 Easter Friday
- 7 World Health Day [www.who.int/en](http://www.who.int/en)
- 17 World Hemophilia Day [www.wfh.org/en/whd](http://www.wfh.org/en/whd)
- 20 Term 2 starts
- 21-27 World Immunisation Week <https://toiteora.govt.nz/>
- 22 World Earth Day (protect our species) [earthday.org](http://earthday.org)
- 25 World Malaria Day <https://endmalaria.org>
- 25 Anzac Day [www.rsa.org.nz](http://www.rsa.org.nz)
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# Book Review- An Ode to Andy Weir

*The Martian* by Andy Weir follows astronaut Mark Watney after he is abandoned on Mars when his mission is aborted and his crew leave him behind after a freak accident, mistakenly thinking him dead.

In light of Weir's latest sci-fi success, *Project Hail Mary*, hitting our screens as a movie adaptation just last month, it felt timely to revisit his breakout hit *The Martian* and reflect on how his work continues to entertain us, whether in written or cinematic format.

I picked this book up a few years ago after enjoying the movie adaptation that came out in 2015 and I was not disappointed. I enjoyed the book so much that I went on to read Weir's other sci-fi novels *Project Hail Mary* (discussed further on in this review) and *Artemis*, a fun heist-themed story about a thief living in a colony on the moon.

The story of *The Martian* follows Mark Watney, left for dead on Mars after a freak dust storm, through a series of mission log updates as he struggles to survive for four years on an uninhabitable planet using equipment designed to last only a month.

Reading the book again recently, I was quickly reminded of Weir's signature "cheesy" humour.

What I truly love about Weir's writing is the fast-paced action and his ability to make complex science feel fun. He has a knack for turning botany and physics (and rocket science) into high-stakes drama.

Whether Watney is "sciencing the shit" out of hydrazine and blowing up rocket fuel to make water or legally declaring himself a "space pirate" because he's operating a craft without permission, the story remains hilariously enjoyable. He makes ordinary scientific experiments feel like a Tom Cruise *Mission Impossible* stunt.

Admittedly, the humour can occasionally lean too heavily into the "dad joke" territory, and the characters can feel a bit two-dimensional and clichéd. Weir has previously been called out for a struggle to write distinct female characters (I'm looking at you, *Artemis*) and *The Martian* is no different. His female characters, while generally depicted as powerful, incredibly smart, badass leaders, can sometimes feel a bit voiceless or interchangeable.

However, what Weir lacks in character arcs, he makes up for in heart-pounding stakes. This is equally true for *Project Hail Mary*, which follows Ryland Grace, an astronaut who wakes up in deep space with no memory of his mission. While Grace's personality can feel like "Watney 2.0," the novel shines through a warm, touching relationship he forms with a fellow

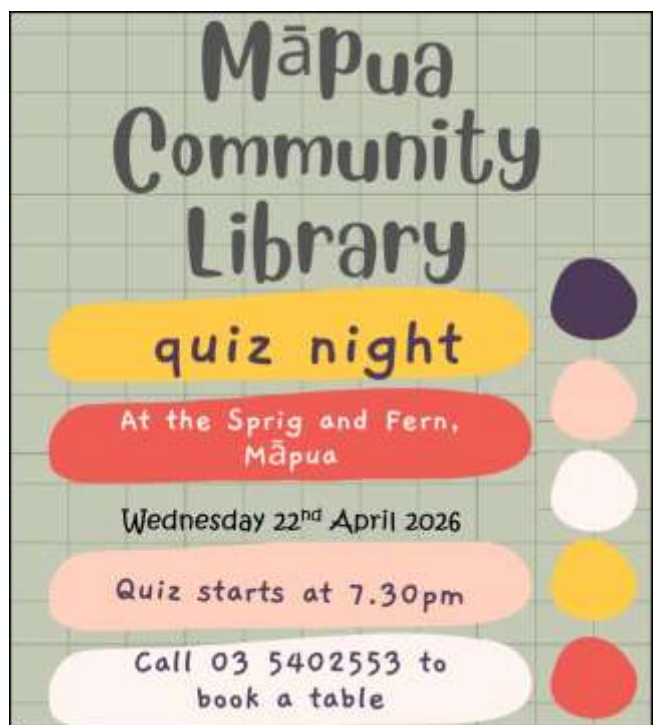
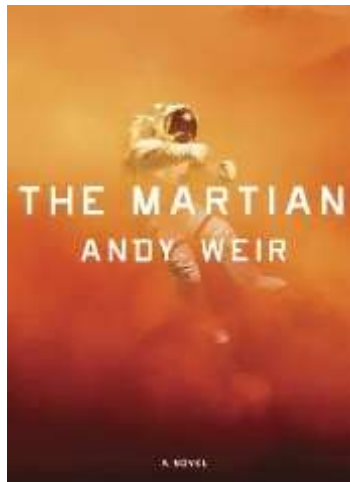
interstellar traveller.

Despite their vast technical and, let's say, *cultural* differences, they must work together to save the universe. It remains one of my all-time favourite novels, and seeing it adapted for the screen has been a joy.

If you are a fan of Orson Scott Card, Cixin Liu, or Douglas Adams, you will find much to love here. Even if sci-fi isn't your usual genre, Weir's blend of humour and "out-of-this-world" science makes for an unmissable read, and I highly recommend giving him a go.

Whether you choose the frigid deserts of Mars or the distant stars of the Tau Ceti system, his writing is very accessible and enjoyable.

*Reviewed by E Luck*



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# Motoring with Frederick

## South Tasman revisited

Last year I had a streak of lateral thinking about our South Island.

We seem to be struggling a bit in recent times with sinking our own Navy ships, Cook Strait ferries breaking down, factories and mills closing, creating a lot of lost jobs. But they still spend money on Auckland for whatever; for example, their fast rail won't do much for Tasman District.

Just yesterday McCains frozen foods announced it is to close in Hastings. My heart goes out to all the farmers & growers of the fresh food for us NZers.

So I put it out again for all South Islanders to think seriously about joining Australia and becoming another State of Australia. A State called **South Tasman**; its citizens will do better as Australians!

While in Australia I felt obliged to go to Canberra. Unfortunately, Prime Minister Albanese was busy with the Canadian Prime Minister so I never got to tell him what an asset the South Island could be for Australia.

Canberra is a beautifully ordered city, where everything was planned. They dammed a river to make a lake for water storage and have massive gardens all around the city. The parliament building was impressive.

A must do if you go to Canberra is the National Arboretum where the Aussie Government has planted 250 hectares with every species of Pine tree in the world as a seed bank. There is a spectacular information centre and a great restaurant which overlooks the forest and across the lake to the Australian Parliament. My thanks to my co-granddad David Lever who showed us around Parliament & Canberra.

All this is meant to "open discussion", because of our current oil crisis and NZ having to buy fuel via Australia, we as a nation need to wake up and think long term (no I'm not going to start another political party).

Oil makes life happen in our small island nation. Money for those imports we enjoy comes from currency

exchanged from our agricultural based economy which depends on oil-based fuels to make it all work.

(It's not an emergency but I do have my survival kit under the office desk with baked beans, probably out of date.) People are thinking about this sort of thing.

Comments that our military has to have closer ties to Aussie military by Judith Colins, who I don't always agree with, but I have to agree we cannot afford to buy the latest weaponry. We can't afford Cook Strait ferries.

Any of the Big Nations could sit at home and fire drones/missiles at us. (Don't worry they won't waste the cost of a drone on Māpua.) Our only defence would be to go bush and wage gorilla war like Vietnam.

If there was a threat to NZ, remember we are long way south – would any allies come to our aid? Our best friend is Australia, so I think we should become **South Tasman**, a State of Australia. Leave the North Island to their fast rail systems, "they can pay for it".

As for cars in and around Melbourne where I stay with

my daughter Rebecca, I noticed a lot of BYD all-electric utes, mostly parked outside offices. I don't think they will ever be really worked.

BYDs used as taxis. A lot of the new big hybrid KIA utes. A few Holdens still about, but they are becoming sought after as classics.

All vehicle brands had hybrids, even the luxury European cars. E-bike crazy has started in Melbourne as seen on some trails we walked, so maybe we won't

need oil one day, 'Mr Trump'.

I don't have a smart phone, and I discovered that Australia had moved on: ticketing, identification, entry tickets, all loaded to a cell phone. My wife Carolyn sorted it out for me. My only thought is if you lose your phone you are stuffed. I like paper for airline tickets.

Filling my car at Perry's garage, I commented at the till about the increasing cost of fuel. The reply was "ask Mr Trump".

I look forward to your comments.

*Frederick Cassin, Māpua, South Tasman, Australia*



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## PANZ—Pastel Artists

March has had its ups and downs with the Hall roof being painted and parking at a premium. Our members have had to park a long way from the Hall and cart their art gear, sometimes in two trips. One lady, having driven from Richmond, had to give up and go home again.

Those people who park at the Hall and take a bus to town, should think of others and park along the street so Hall users can utilise their own spaces. Our members struggle to carry gear a long way.

Margi Bramley gave us an interesting and informative report on her trip to Ranfurly to work with Master Pastellist, Julie Greig. Margi assured us that she had learned a lot and felt that applying for this scholarship was really worth the effort and encouraged others to try.

Travel to our annual "Purely Pastel" National Art Awards and Convention which this year is being held in Orewa (the first weekend of May) was a big topic of conversation, given petrol prices and flight cancellations. Several of our Nelson members plan to be travelling north for this so we are "watching this space" very carefully.



Nelson members attending the Nationals at Morrinsville  
Lyse, Jifang, Mary Jane, Julie, Glenys, Gilly, Miang, Colleen, Margi

Our pastel group meets every Tuesday morning (Feb-Nov) from 9am to noon at Māpua Hall and we welcome visitors and prospective pastel artists. We offer the use of pastels and paper for you to "try before you buy" in order for you to find out if you would enjoy using pastels as a painting medium. Teas, coffee and biscuits are provided.

For further information, please contact our Nelson Area Rep, **Margie Bramley** on 027-257-1857

Or if you cannot attend the Tuesday morning group and would like to try painting with pastel, we have a Saturday morning session at Greenmeadows (Stoke) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. For further information, contact **Lyse Beck** lyse@lysebeck.com

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### News From Māpua Bowling Club

Māpua was privileged to host the Junior Ladies Regional Development tournament on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Teams from Nelson, the West Coast, Buller, Canterbury and Marlborough took part, and some astounding bowls was played. In this context junior means bowlers with experience of eight years or less.

The Green, facility, and hosting were all very highly praised, putting little ole Māpua Bowling Club on the map!

It was a busy few days with a home tournament sponsored by Day's Funeral Services on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Although it was a cold and windy day, it was a full house and more excellent bowls to be seen. Teams from Motueka took first and third places, with Richmond sneaking in to take second.

Leisure bowls on Monday evening will continue until daylight saving ends, but League bowls on Thursday evenings has now concluded. Well done to the 'Rolling Thunder', from the Custom Space business, the winning League team at the end of the season. And thanks to the League sponsor, World Travellers, Motueka.

Children from Māpua School have been enjoying coaching sessions on Wednesday afternoons and it has been a pleasure to host four groups of twenty children over a six-week period.

Club championships are all but completed with plenty of our winners going forward to Champ of Champs.

And a shout out to club member Alfie Linn who was a great advocate for NZ table tennis at the recent ITTF World Futures Table Tennis event on the Gold Coast. He played some great matches. He didn't win medals, but he did win hearts. Well done, Alfie.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the Clubhouse and facilities please call Secretary Di Blanchet (021 0773 445), email [blanchet.tadmor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blanchet.tadmor@xtra.co.nz) or check out our website or Facebook page.

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# Māpua Community Regatta - a colourful spectacle

Māpua Community Regatta's strongly contested event of rowing and sand-gathering skills, saw the Tamaha Scouts win the Māpua Cup, beating the Māpua Boat Club Ladies' team across the finish line in front of an enthusiastic crowd, on Sunday March 15.

The annual regatta, organised by the Māpua Boat Club, drew a diverse field of competitors who provided a colourful spectacle in front of the wharf as they took part in paddleboard, kayaking, sailing, rowing, remote control yacht events and the finale, the race to win the Māpua Cup.



*The Tamaha Sea Scout's team won the Māpua Cup*

This year five cutters took part in that race, two from Tamaha Sea Scouts, one from the Māpua Boat Club Ladies teams and two from Port Nelson's Iron Duke Sea Scouts.



*Māpua Boat Club Ladies' team (left) compete in the cutter race against Tamaha Sea Scouts (centre) and Iron Duke Sea Scouts.*

The event required teams to race to Rabbit Island, fill a bucket with sand and return to finish in front of the wharf.

As the Māpua Cup is only contested between Tamaha Sea Scouts and Māpua Boat Club Ladies, the Iron Duke team which crossed the finish line first won the Māpua Scout Challenge Trophy.

The kayaker event's youngest competitor, five-year-old Enyo Patronilli in his tiny kayak won the hearts of the crowd and organisers for his endurance and determination to complete the full course in both kayak events.



*five-year-old Enyo Patronilli*

The Māpua Boat Club extends a big thank you to John Leydon for lots of behind the scenes organising, Jenny

Marchbanks for organising prizes, Katrina Ballantyne for making sure everything ran smoothly.



*Yachts round the first buoy in the sailing event*

Thanks to, to many more people including Paul Appleby, Graham Fisher and Ian Stonehouse for safety boat patrols; Tim Robinson for being the safety boat for the remote controlled yacht fleet; John Marchbanks and his BBQ team of Steve Rice, Ray Bolderson, David Chatwin and Grant Palliser; the registration team of Esme Palliser, Sue Hassall and Hilary Clifton; Mike Carr, megaphone wizard and Veronica Chatwin for all her help.

Thanks of course to our fabulous sponsors, Māpua 4 Square and Delicious Homewares.

The club was very pleased to have lots of competitors from the Tamaha Sea Scouts and the Iron Duke Sea Scouts.

## Results:

**Inaugural Open Rowing** – John Stephens

**Paddleboard** - Hamish Ballantyne

**Kayak** - first equal David Vanstone and Andrew Hunter

**Junior Kayak** - Asher Robinson

**Sailing** - Mike Shirer

**Junior Sailing** - first equal Iron Duke Sea Scouts Whitby and Iron Duke Sea Scouts Feva

**Remote-controlled Yacht** - Laurie Hope

**Māpua Cup** - Tamaha Sea Scouts - out of five cutters entered, two from Tamaha Sea Scouts, two from Iron Duke Sea Scouts and Māpua Boat Club ladies

**Māpua Scout Challenge** - Iron Duke Sea Scouts

**Special mention** - youngest competitor - kayaker Enyo Petronilli aged 5

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Local cat Lily visits often.

Those middle years are incredibly important. This is when we can reinforce healthy weight, keep an eye on dental health, check joints and mobility, and pick up on subtle, creeping changes before they turn into bigger issues.

Many conditions develop slowly and quietly. Dental disease, weight gain and early internal changes don't always show obvious signs at home. Pets are very good at carrying on as normal.

What we see on the outside is only part of the picture. Simple diagnostics, such as blood testing, give us a better understanding of what is happening internally. These checks, which we carry out at Vetlife Māpua, build an important baseline for your pet and inform us of early changes before they become more serious or harder to treat.

Yearly Wellness Visits are not about expecting something to be wrong. They are about prevention. They help create a clear picture of what is normal for your pet, so we can recognise when something begins to change.

They are also a chance for a good catch up, which we all enjoy! To say hello, ask questions, talk things through, and make small adjustments that support long term health.



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# Māpua Craft Group

Today, 20<sup>th</sup> March, we admired the latest blanket completed by Elizabeth (right).



Members had an interesting exchange of knitting patterns including an angel which can be made in any colour.

We shared experiences and topics which led to a most interesting morning whilst enjoying coffee, food and locally grown grapes from a member's garden.

We are donating more beautifully handmade cards to the Māpua library for sale to help their funds, including several for mums with new babies.

There will not be a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April as that day is Good Friday, the next being on 17<sup>th</sup> April, then on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

There is a poster on the display board at the Māpua Health Centre advising everyone of our meetings in the Māpua church meeting room, so do come along and join us for interesting conversations and trying your hand at making something new!

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# Māpua Emergency Preparedness Team

## MEPT committee holds `Meet and Greet` for Volunteers

The evening was very well attended, educational, and provided a good chance to get to know each other as we took part in a couple of fun games and shared ideas on how people can help their community in the event of a local emergency.

We also spoke of the importance of every household having a grab bag. Although households may have different needs to others, a suggested list is included below, and we encourage you to get yours together and encourage your friends and neighbours to do likewise.

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Remember: Don't include so many items that your bag becomes too heavy to carry!

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## What's on during the week at HCC?

**Sunday: Morning Service** - 9:30am

*Worship and fellowship followed by morning tea.*

**Wednesday: KidsnKoffee** – Community Playgroup  
10am to 12pm. *A great space for all the whanau*

**Thursday: Pray and Chat** – 10:00am.

*An opportunity for prayer, discussion & a chat over coffee.*

**Senior Moments** – 10:00am to 12:00pm – second and last Thursday of the month.

*A place to connect. Friendship, food, events and relevant information.*

**Kids Club** – Every Thursday after school until 5pm.

*A multigenerational fun afternoon of learning and sharing for primary school kids. Arts & crafts, drawing, painting, knitting, music, cooking & more.*

**Friday: Craft and Coffee** – first and third Friday each month 10am to 12pm. *If you love all things “crafty” come along & join the group.*

**Throughout the week:** Life Groups

*Drop in for coffee, chat or just a quiet space.*

## Easter at Hills Community Church

**Maundy Thursday – 6.00pm**

Join us for a shared meal, conversation and fellowship.

**Good Friday – 9.30am**

A time of reflection, song and prayer, followed by morning tea with Hot Cross Buns

**Easter Sunday Service – 9.30am**

A time of celebration followed by morning tea.



Come and join us on:

**Thursday 9th April**  
**10.00am to 12.00pm**

Guest speaker, Dr Jim Vause will be offering advice on health and wellbeing and there will be lots of opportunity for questions and discussion over a delicious morning tea.

*In conjunction with Māpua Community Wellbeing Trust*

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am to 12.00pm**

An opportunity to meet, chat, connect and share over another delicious morning tea.



## Kids Afterschool Club

We now have 25 awesome Tamariki joining us at Kids Club every Thursday during school term from 3-5pm. We have needed to cap this number until we can get some more grandparents volunteers.

We are taking a waiting list in the meantime.

This is such a special intergenerational space.

So, if you have a neighbour or friend who would like to join us on a roster and have fun and create with our local tamariki please contact: Emily Holmes – 027 868 852 [minister@hillscommunitychurch.org.nz](mailto:minister@hillscommunitychurch.org.nz)

Sunday Services through the month at Hills Community Church.	
	<b>Café Church</b> An opportunity to worship, learn, and chat in an informal setting – while enjoying croissants and fresh coffee. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b>
	<b>Holy Communion</b> A traditional Anglican Holy Communion service. Sharing bread and wine together as a church community. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b>
	<b>Family Praise and Worship</b> Come together to worship God through song, prayer, listening to and hearing the Word of God. <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b>
	<b>Holy Communion</b> Based on the Iona tradition. Sharing bread and wine together as a church community. <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month 9.30 am</b>
	Coming together as a church community to celebrate the different themes running throughout the year. Followed by a shared morning tea. <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the year 9.30 am</b>

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# Farewell to former Uniting Church, Māpua.

Nearly 40 people gathered on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March to farewell the former Uniting Church building on Aranui Road, Māpua. Hills Community Church hosted the afternoon, serving tea and inviting guests to share memories of the place and its people.

The Uniting Church (Presbyterian and Methodist) was deconsecrated when a new building opened across the street in 2009, and the property is now being sold. Before it begins its next chapter, the community came together for a fitting send-off.

Display boards told the story of how the church's Presbyterian roots were planted by pioneering orchardists.

Arnold Wells gifted the land on Aranui Road so a congregation — then holding Sunday services in the local school — could have a church of its own.

It was a special occasion to welcome John Wells, Arnold's great-grandson, who provided portraits of Arnold and his wife Lizzie. Seeing their faces helped people connect with the characters behind the history: a couple who not only planted some of Māpua's first apple trees but also gave generously of their time as lay preachers throughout the region.

Long-serving members of the congregation, some now in their 80s, reflected on the church's place in community life — its large Sunday School, and its role as a venue for functions and services of all kinds.

Ella Theobald recalled a Richmond doctor who used the church kitchen for a fortnightly clinic, alongside a monthly Plunket nurse visit, with church ladies providing morning tea for the mothers and babies waiting their turn. For some, that gathering was a lifeline.

Church stalwart Alastair Rose was among those who attended, and conversation turned to the seasonal workers' café he organised in Tasman — a welcome end-of-week refuge for the harvesting crews who came to the region each year.

With photos, anecdotes, and plenty of "do you remember when...", teacups were drained and cake was shared as the assembled crowd said their goodbyes to the four walls and the ground on which they stand.

The afternoon closed with gratitude for what has been, and with hope for what is still to come.

The proceeds from the sale will be used for ongoing church ministries serving the local community.



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## Ruby Coast Running Club

We are well into autumn, but we have still been experiencing some very warm conditions for our Thursday 5km events. This does not seem to have put off any of our keen walkers and runners as we continue to have high numbers turn up each week. It is great to see the group continue to grow.

We had a team, Ruby Coast Running Club Runs for Cancer, abbreviated to RCRCRC, entered into the Relay for Life. This was a fundraising event for the Nelson Tasman Cancer Society which involved a 16-hour overnight relay starting at 4pm on Saturday 14 May and finishing at 8am on Sunday. Team members took turns carrying the baton and walking or running laps at the Richmond Showgrounds.

RCRCRC were very successful all round. Everyone who took part really enjoyed the challenge of the event. There was a great atmosphere, with entertainment through the night and great team camaraderie. Challenges for the team included, unsurprisingly, some tired legs as well as a drop in temperature overnight. However, everyone kept smiling and cheered each other on.

The team raised approximately \$2,500 for the Cancer Society, with donations still coming in at the time of writing. This was well in excess of initial expectations. Very well done to those who fundraised and thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause.

The teams also ran and walked an impressive 782 laps which placed them 4<sup>th</sup> out of 72 teams. Well done to all involved.

We do not have any other formal running events to report on this month. However, our runners have been planning and training for some upcoming events including the Harris Hill Top Challenge and the Kaiteriteri Gold.

If you would like to join us, just come along. We always welcome new members.

Our regular Thursday 5km runs meet each week in front of the playground by the Mapua Hall. We start at 5:15pm for walkers and runners who need more than 30 mins to complete 5km, and 5:30pm for everyone else. There is no need to register in advance and no fees to pay.

Please just arrive a few minutes beforehand to sign in and to listen to the course briefing. Then join us afterwards for well-earned refreshments and socialising at the Mapua Sprig & Fern.

You can also find us on Facebook: Ruby Coast Running Club.


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## Our latest news & adventures



### Celebrating 25 years of service

Charlie Martin recently marked an extraordinary milestone: 25 years with Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO). Charlie has become a familiar and trusted presence for thousands of young people who have taken part in WIO's programmes.

Since joining WIO, Charlie has helped guide generations of rangatahi through experiences that build confidence, resilience and connection with the natural world. From early mornings in the mountains to long days on the coast or deep in the caves, he has played a vital role in creating safe and supportive environments where young people can challenge themselves and discover what they are capable of.

Reaching a 25 year anniversary is a rare achievement and a testament to Charlie's dedication to the young people and communities Whenua Iti serves.



Charlie Martin with Whenua Iti founder Hazel Nash

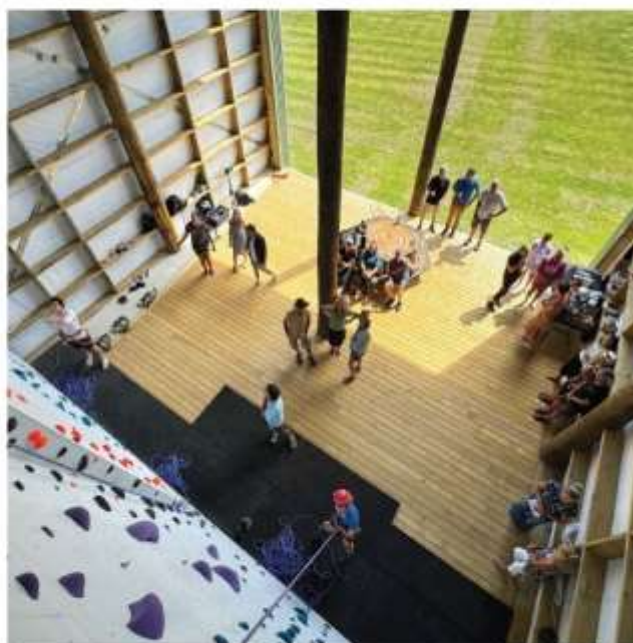
### April School Holiday Programmes

Parents, don't forget to book your kids on our ever popular holiday programmes. You can find more information on our website or email [info@wio.org.nz](mailto:info@wio.org.nz) to enquire.

**Key dates:** April 13-17 'Go Wild', 7-10 year olds

### Climbing Centre Opens

WIO opened a new purpose-built climbing centre recently which marks a major milestone in our 40th year of operation. Funding for stage one was generously provided by Tūpiki Trust, Tasman District Council, the Lotteries Commission through the Department of Internal Affairs, the Whenua Iti Outdoors Trust and private donors. The Climbing Centre has been developed to support growing demand for high quality outdoor climbing experiences across our programmes, while also laying the groundwork for greater community access in the future.



View from the top of the newly opened Climbing Centre

# Māpua Fire Brigade



## Feb to Mar 26 call outs

- 20 Feb 13:34 Alarm activation at Busy Bees, no sign of fire.
- 27 Feb 22:31 Alarm activation Mahana school, no sign of fire, turned back.
- 30 Mar 14:49 Fence on fire in Citrus Grove, four metres of fence burnt. Ashes put along fence.
- 15 Mar 12:43 Stump on fire at Kina Peninsula at edge of beach.
- 18 Mar 11:35 Alarm activation Tasman school, worker making dust, set off alarm. Advised they could cover the alarm while working
- 18 Mar 17:30 Alarm activation off Permin Rd. Cooking. Alarm monitoring company could not contact occupiers
- 21 Mar 00:35 Beach fire at end of Kina Beach Rd. about 25 metres. Put out with help from Motueka's tanker

## Call outs for the year = 24

For fire safety info go to - <https://fireandemergency.nz/>

For rural fires go to - <http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

We are in a prohibited fire season.

Check and clean chimneys.

## Reply from the Fire Brigade to letter last month regarding the shed under construction.

Dear Editor

The new shed is being built to house our vintage Ford V8 fire engine. It is being funded by current and past members of the brigade, with some help from FENZ.

We have tried for many years to move the station. FENZ has no money for that and not much suitable land, i.e. higher land, for example at the top of Māpua Drive.

Warren Place may not be suitable because of being lower, the risk of flooding and being near a school.

The new shed can be relocated if the fire station is moved someday.

*Mark Theobald*

## From the Editor's desk

Once again a little space to fill. I am missing Trees' skills as a formatter as she would adjust everything to fit nicely—mostly.

Some days I question the relevancy of a publication like this with all the social media feeds available. Personally I am not a fan of any of them—does WhatsApp count? So I may be more out of touch than I should be. I just sit here and wait for people to send me stuff which we put together in this newsletter.

I know there are Māpua facebook pages—my daughter finds her errant dog there sometimes, and maybe it is a source of useful news—I don't know. Nobody tells me.

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There is no separate January issue.

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## Apology

Our email [news@coastalnews.online](mailto:news@coastalnews.online) seems to have stopped sending and receiving towards the end of March which was a bit of an inconvenience. I hope it will come back into action soon. Meanwhile you can still use the old address of [coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz](mailto:coastalnews@mapua.gen.nz)

The Easter Fair will have happened by the time you read this. I know some curse it, but I welcome it. All those food stalls come to me!

*Signing off—Andrew Earlam*



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# Māpua Hall News

72 Aranui Road Māpua

Mapuabookings@gmail.com

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEIGHT/PILATES CLASS WITH LYNDA 08:30 - 9:45AM	SIoux LINE DANCING 9:00AM - 12:00	WEIGHT/AEROBICS/PILATES CLASSES WITH LYNDA 08:30 - 10:00AM	M.A.G MAPUA ART GROUP 09:30 - 12:30	CARDIO/WEIGHTS & PILATES WITH LYNDA 08:30 - 10:00
DELIAS DANCE DIVAS OPEN DANCE 10AM-11.15AM	PANZ - PASTEL ARTISTS OF NEW ZEALAND 9:00 - 12:00	YOGA FOR HEALTHY LIVING 09:15 - 10:45AM	PILATES/ YOGA WITH KRIS 10.00-11.00AM	YOGA WITH MARTIN 9.15 - 10.45AM
MINDFUL MOVEMENT WITH TILLY 11:30 - 12:30PM	DANCE WITH COURTNEY 15:45 - 16:45	MINDFUL MOVEMENT WITH TILLY 11:30 - 12:30PM		
		CHAIR YOGA WITH YVONNE 14:00 - 15:00PM		
BROGA MENS YOGA 5.30-6.45PM	STRENGTH/CARDIO WITH LYNDA 18:00 - 19:00PM		AFRICAN FUSION AND BELLY DANCE WITH INDY 18.30-19.30	
	YOGA WITH MARTIN 18:00 - 19:00PM	YOGA WITH RACHEL 18:30 - 19:45PM	MAPUA COMMUNITY CHOIR 19.30-21.00PM	
MAPUA & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY ASSC MONTHLY ON THE SECOND MONDAY 18:30 - 21:00	BOARDGAME NIGHT WITH RICHARD 19.00PM- 23:00PM		BOARDGAME NIGHT WITH CHARLIE 19.00PM- 23:00PM	

### Special Acknowledgments

The Mapua Hall Society would like to thank Roger Lusby for his wonderful story telling on his time in Antarctica. For everyone that came along and supported this fundraiser for our community hall-Thank you!



Pub Charity's recent grant has helped us paint the roof of the hall. This was badly needed and will now protect our roof for more years ahead.

Thanks to Chris Tolson for your fantastic work painting!

2026-2027 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

Thank you to everyone for your membership support. We have had some mighty unexpected expenses this year and your support helps greatly!

If you would like to donate or become a member of our community hall scan this code



# Noticeboard

**Book Appreciation Group [BAG]:** Māpua Library, first Wednesdays at 2:30pm. For anyone who enjoys books and talking about what they have read. Friendly and informal. Info: Rachel 027 358 6003 or just come.

**PowerTalk Tasman:** Develop speaking and communication skills in a friendly supportive environment. Club meets 6.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at St Johns rooms, Jack Inglis Hospital, Motueka. Supper provided. Info: Tristan 020 40994255 / Sue 021 533350

**Justice of the Peace:** Mary Garner, The Bluffs, 0210469626

**Yoga [hatha]:** Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm, Appleby School Hall; Fridays 7.45-8.45am, Richmond Town Hall. Contact Janey, 021 979 244

**Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes.** Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30-10.45am. Riverside community centre, Lower Moutere. \$15 drop-in. Contact Jo 0211709495

**Death Café** Open discussion about death and dying. 2nd Wednesdays 10-11am. Elevation Café, 218 High St, Motueka. Email nickydodwell@protonmail.com or margaret@margaretmccallum.com

**Tasman Area Social Walking Group:** welcomes all to our Wednesday 9.30am walks. 60-90 mins walk & then coffee. Walks vary & support local cafés. Info: Fiona 021 232 6089

**Nelson Branch RNZAF** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at Phils Restaurant, Club Waimea, Richmond. ex RAF, RNZAF or others with interest in aviation. Contact: John Bethwaite, 035476634 or Trevor Squires, 039706644. Meal \$25.

**Craft Group:** please check with Barbara that meetings are going ahead. 03 5403901

**Stamp & Coin collections** in Māpua/Ruby Bay & the Moutere evaluated & purchased. Nick Ferrier 021 688243

**Pastel Artists Nelson:** meet Tuesdays 9am-noon, Bill Marris room, Hall. Visitors welcome. Marg: 027 257 1857

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

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

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

**Re-cycle Printer Cartridges** at the library. Volunteers are happy to collect printer & photocopier cartridges and transport to recycling centre. Blue bin in our foyer.

**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 021 526 6707 / 021 526 6700

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

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

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

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

**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

**Quakers** meet at Family Service Centre, Motueka 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. All welcome. Enquiries: Linda 027 447 6435.

**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

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

**Toy Library:** extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Māpua Hall Monday afternoons 2.30-4pm. mapuatoylibrary@gmail.com

**Māpua Art Group** meets Bill Marris Room Māpua Hall Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30pm. Paint, draw, in a social environment. All levels, media. \$5 incl morning tea. Tables, chairs, easels provided. mapuaartgroup@gmail.com

**Māpua Community Choir:** 4 part harmony, no audition necessary, small koha, Māpua Hall 7.15pm Thursdays, contact: Rachel Boon, 027 358 6003, rboonnz0@gmail.com

**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

**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. Seniorsnetmotueka.org.nz

**Coastal Garden Group** meets 1.30pm first Thursdays, Tasman Bible Hall (opp. Jesters). All most welcome to share their love of gardening. Guest Speakers, Workshops, Garden Visits. Info: coastalgarden.group@gmail.com

**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

**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.

**Club Notices** are free. Others by gold coin donation to one of the distribution boxes. **Advertising costs**—see p18.

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