

Tasman Times

December 2012

Once again we have had a busy time in Tasman and Kina with plenty of issues to deal with.



Remember this is your newsletter, so let us know if you have anything important for the community.

David Short (E: iamdavidshort@gmail.com, T: 526 6877)

From The Chair

As 2012 draws to a close, it is heartening to see the community of Tasman continue to work together. At the heart of this, TACA continues to play an integral part, and as the chairman it is a privilege to be part of it. Thank you to all the members of TACA who continue to give their time and energy to help our community, and to those in the community who help us whenever they are able to.



During the last six months a number of projects have continued or been completed. The domain area continues its development, with new fruit trees planted, and growing well. The pump track was completed just before winter, and is now able to be used – and is in regular use.

The old sawmill site has continued to be improved with a lot of work being done to tend the plants, plant new ones and eradicate the weeds. The site is really starting to become an asset.

The safety signs along Kina Beach Road are installed, and the blind bend has been improved for those who walk or run.

The PD people continue to assist us, and have helped clean up a number of areas (opposite the packing shed, and Rush Lane) – their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and happy festive season, look forward to a great 2013, with many more community projects to be started, continued, and completed.

Cheers Tony Clark (new Chairperson)

Admin Stuff

The AGM was held on Wednesday 25th July in the Multi Purpose Hall at Tasman School. Twenty-three members attended along with our local Councillors and the new CEO of the TDC Lindsay McKenzie.



Prior to the commencement of the meeting Fiona Newey, the Executive Officer of the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust, gave a presentation about the progress of the Great Taste cycle trail with particular reference to the business and recreational opportunities this could offer to our area. Fiona showed us the proposed route on a large scale map and we discussed the opportunities for and actions needed to entice bikers off the main trail on to a Tasman/Kina side trip and so bring business to our locality. Advertisement slots are now available in both the tourist “map” and the Trail Passport that Fiona is now putting together. See <http://www.heartofbiking.org.nz/trails-and-rides/tasman-s-great-taste-trail/>

Having presented his report to the AGM on a very active year for the Association, Hamish Rush stood down from the Chair and Tony Clark was elected as the new Chairperson. After many years of knowledgeable and dedicated service Colin Rush resigned from the Board and Gillian Pollock and Anna Weeks were elected as new Board members. We are delighted to welcome both Gillian and Anna who will “even up” the gender balance on the Board and in Anna’s case continue the long standing tradition of having the Tasman Store “represented” on the Board. Colin was made an Honorary Life Member of the Association in recognition of the huge contribution to the community he has made over the years. The list of current Board members and their contact details are recorded elsewhere in this publication.

Our Treasurer Ewen Griffiths presented the audited Financial Report for the year. The Association is in a good financial position with a balance of just over \$9000 in the Bank at the year end of 30th June 2012. The majority of these funds are earmarked for projects in the Tasman Domain, to support the School Centenary celebrations next year and for other walkway and reserve works in our area. Subscriptions remain unchanged at \$2 per individual and \$5 per family (see the form on the last page of this Tasman Times to join).

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve (off Dicker Road)

Pump Track

We are now in peak season for Pump Track use and it's great to see it being used so much already. Steve and Hamish have been busy with the next stage of development which is well on the way to being completed; this will include a shade sail and a rustic log table and seats for the all the community to enjoy, which will be completed in the next two weeks.



We would like to thank all the local businesses and individuals who have contributed or donated time and equipment to make this project happen on budget and on time. These include Hockley Brothers Contracting, Think Water Ltd, Custom Canvas, Jester House Café, Aporo Fruit and the TDC for coming up with funds. Please get out and support these businesses, as they are supporting our community.

Kina Beach Reserve

Always a delightful spot to visit, the Reserve and beachfront are being maintained in good order with an eclectic mix of modern and traditional vans and trucks always in evidence.

Roger and Roseanne are now “gearing up” for the summer season. There have been a few changes to the parking/camping rules, so keep an eye out for the signage.

Other Local Works

The Baldwin Road flood relief work is underway and should be finished by Christmas.

The revised speed limits on Aporo Road have yet to be imposed.

We are in discussions with Council and the NZTA to get additional/modified signage in a couple of locations around the area to clear up apparent confusion on routes for motorists and bikers.



Old Mill Site- Kina Beach Road

The working bees over the past few months have focused on keeping on top of new Broom, Gorse and Pampas growth, whilst opening up the undergrowth in the north eastern “bush” which is now well established. The walking track around the site has been marked out and we have moved earlier plantings from the track as necessary. Whilst we are still some years away from “conversion” to an adopted TDC Reserve, a measure of our progress could be drawn from the recent grant from Council to enable us to acquire tables and benches for use within the site.



Working Bees have now finished for the summer months but will re-commence in April. If you can spare an hour or so on the first Saturday of each month from 10am, do come along and join us – we have an enjoyable morning – usually with tea, buns and a chat around 11am.

Kina Beach Road – Blind Bend

Blind Bend Walkway

The Walkway on the blind bend is in place to the full extent we wanted, thanks to a last minute top up of funds from TACA & TDC and a “mates rates” contract from Concrete and Metals. If you have youngsters using the road, PLEASE ensure they use the walkway – it is the SAFE side not the SUISIDE !!

Our SLOW DOWN signage is also in place and whilst we might have wished for bigger and more imposing signs it is to be hoped that they will at least cause some of the “boy racers” – who are not all boys or youngsters!! - to ease off on the gas pedal on Kina roads.



Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

We celebrated our first year of running the Store in September which was well supported with locals appreciating the birthday cake and coffee on offer. It's been a steep learning curve and we continue to try to offer customers what they need from their local store and value constructive feedback to ensure we can do this. Our aim is to be a wee hub and meeting place for the community and we hope we're on our way to achieving this.

In October Lance won a second silver award for his coffee in the 2012 NZ Coffee Awards, which we are immensely proud of. He was up against 65 roasters from around the country who submitted over 270 blends so he's done very well for a small time roaster from rural Tasman. Freshly roasted beans, plunger and espresso ground coffee are available in store or enjoy a truly local experience with an awesome coffee made by Lance and a muffin made daily in store from local Moutere raspberries and blackcurrants.



It's gearing up for a busy summer, the garden is looking great, so bring the kids for a real fruit ice cream and let them safely play in the garden while you relax and enjoy the best coffee in the district. As always petrol, newspapers, bread, milk and grocery items are available as well as pies, cakes and cold drinks for the all important lunch stop.

A recent addition is LPG gas bottles – so if you need gas for the BBQ call into the Store. Now that summer is nearly here, don't forget we also stock ice and bait.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie

thetasmanstore@xtra.co.nz

PS if you're in a rush in the morning, text your coffee order to Lance 021 514 190 and it will be ready and waiting for you.

Kina Beach Accretion Claim

As a result of further evidence and expert's opinion produced by TDC, the claim to the "accreted" beach has been suspended by LINZ until the applicant reaches an agreed position with the "objectors" – essentially TACA and TDC. We await their proposals!!



Welcome Packs

A further supply of Welcome Packs has been made available to the Schools and Store. Newcomers to our area are encouraged to get hold of a pack and catch up with what is going on in the village and surrounds and to join the Association.

Baigent Domain, Kina Peninsula



This topic once again is in limbo. However, we have had the Environment Court proceedings last month and we await the outcome. The decision is likely to go one of two ways, either for the subdivision or against. Both outcomes have their pros and cons. We can only hope for a quick but well-considered judgement before Christmas.

Tasman School Centennial

Date: 15-17 March 2013

To register or make inquiries, please contact

Margo Deaker at Tasman School on 03 526 6818 or go to office@tasman.school.nz

Jester House - Tasman's best café since 1991

The winter break seems an age away but it's only that spring has come and gone. The blossom is over, the fruit is set. The apples, pears and plums all look good, the birds will get the cherries, as usual!



The Jester House Kids Club continues to enchant and educate kids with a range of activities. Last month was Pirate day and a treasure hunt; October was fun with mud, making mud bricks. Kids Club is held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 2.30pm, so December 1st is making decorations and decorating the Christmas tree in the café. To join, come to the café and fill in a form or online at www.jesterhouse.co.nz/kidsclub.



The "Here comes Summer" charity event we held on the 22 November was a wonderful evening. There were displays and inspiration for picnicking, a cooking demonstration, and headlining the evening's entertainment was the fashion parade. Jo McFarlane of Jo McFarlane Design in Riwaka showed her summer collection of dresses and tops and Ann Marie Cleaver from Retrotonic (by the clock tower in Motueka) showed her bright and bouncy summer dress collection, 'made to fit the modern woman'. The evening raised \$1850 to go to the Motueka food bank to spread some kindness to others.

A big thank you to all those who gave help and sponsorship including, Kahurangi Wines for the blanc de blanc and Kina Beach Vineyard for the rosé, Resurgence for the coffee, Jo Mc Farlane Design, and Retronotonic.

Our Big Event in October was completely unplanned, when the lawn mower shed was

flattened by a gum tree that blew over on to it. Thankfully there were no cars in the carpark as it fell right across the entrance to the ford, so for a while there was no coming or going. It is interesting to see how flat a tree can make a lawnmower! The shed was the only original building left from when we arrived here 21 years ago, having originally been the cow-bail in the days before home delivery. It is in times of need that we find out what a great community Tasman is. Neighbours came to help immediately with chainsaws and tractor and within three hours we had access again, and the start of a large pile of firewood and some sawn timber to build the new shed with.

We have just got our first lot of chicks as the start of the flock of hens, we hope, will be able to supply the café with eggs. The field beyond the café, planted with wild flowers and a herbal ley is destined to become their free range, while the 'Palais de Poulet' is still under construction.

Over the Christmas period the Jester House Café will be open every day from 9.00 until 5.00 (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.) We often get very busy in January, so remember to give us a ring and book a table.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Steve and Judy Richards
320 Aporo Road, Tasman.
Tel: 526 6742
Email: lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz

Ruby Coast Walkways & Cycleways

We are delighted to advise that we have been working with Mike Tasman-Jones at TDC on the production of a new walkways and cycleways brochure for the Ruby Coast which complements their Richmond & Motueka series of "Get Moving" walking and cycling pathways brochures.

It is due out before Xmas and will be widely distributed throughout the Ruby Coast.

Coastal Initiative Group (CIG)

Gateway Sculpture Project

At last now that the engineering and quantity surveying is now complete, the committee has decided to embark on the project on a piece by piece basis and as such will commence fundraising for the Tasman sculpture in the first instance, after an anticipated meeting with the artists' group who came up with the initial concept.

Tasman Tidy-up

The Community Service team has been busy working in school areas until recently. They have now returned to Tasman to resume their tasks of trying to clear some Pampas grass heads and general trimming work. The TDC timeline of 19th Oct 2012 indicated the reduced frequency of grass cutting of verges etc. to quote:

....."Council has adjusted its roadside mowing regime, cutting less often and freeing up funds for other projects. From now on verges will be trimmed twice a year in October and February but may vary according to growing conditions. In the past, cutting was based on grass height and might be trimmed three or four times a year, says Transportation Maintenance Engineer Selwyn Steedman".....

We are lucky to have the C.S attend our area as they will be covering the shortfall and cut the verges near the Information sign and across the road. They will also be tending to the Tasman Domain.

Walking School Bus

More children seem to be walking to school now that summer is nearly here. Some of the younger children may still need supervision as Aporo Road can still be busy - if there are any parents interested in forming a walking school bus then please call into the Store to let me know or email Anna - thetasmanstore@extra.co.nz If we have enough interest then a parent would only have to commit to walk with the children one morning a week. It's great exercise for the children, makes them feel responsible and its a great way to cut down on vehicles going in and out of school.



NBS TASMAN GOLF CLUB (Inc)

128 Cliff Road

RD1 Upper Moutere, Nelson

Ph 03 526 6819

email: teeup@tasmangolfclub.co.nz

www.tasmangolfclub.co.nz

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If you are unsure about playing golf, come along on a Friday morning and enjoy a social round with a fun group of both beginners and experienced golfers. Tee off 9.30am.

Twilight golf is now in full swing every Thursday until March 2013, tee off 5 – 5.30pm, BBQ to follow (optional). Great weekly prizes. All welcome.

For more information contact Kathy.



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Tasman School Update

Summer is rolling on into the Christmas month and the end of term is nearly upon us, and we wonder can we fit everything in. At least the Athletics day is over, another hot and active day where all the students put their best feet forward running, jumping, and cheering on their schools. Great success for Tasman School again, winning the Peace Shield for the 4th year in a row. Our new yellow fluoro T-shirts standing out like sunlight flashing on the grass.

The 'Tasman Touring Troupe' (Room 3 students) are off again giving 8 concerts to the community, including pre-schools, rest homes, and hospitals. They are performing with ukulele, recorder and puppet shows written by the students.



Julia Olivia and Jessie showing off their puppets

We are finishing the term with the biggest roll we have had in several years, only to be farewelling ten year 8 students, who will leave a senior gap, but we have some newbie's to fill the gaps. We also have to farewell Margo Deaker, our beloved receptionist, who has become a school living treasure, having worked here for 22 years, but her grandchildren call.

Yes, 2013 is our Centenary....and as the kids say....'we will be one 100 years old'. We will be celebrating this event on March 15-17th. If you know someone who has been to our school please tell them all about it. People can register online.

'Muddy Buddies' will also be part of our Centenary weekend, where we are hoping for past pupils and teachers to join in the muddy fun race. We also are holding an ART AUCTION with a variety of adult and student work for sale. It has already attracted several well-known artists.

From Tasman School we wish you all a joyful summer-filled Christmas.

Fred Robertson. Teacher Tasman School.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Mapua branch will be closed from December 25th, reopening on Thursday January 3rd. All consultations, surgeries and emergencies will be handled by our Motueka clinic at 400D High Street, Motueka. Tel: 528 8459
www.tasmanbayvets.co.nz

Vet's Voice - Chocolate poisoning in dogs

Xmas is nearly upon us once again and with it comes the obligatory increase in chocolate consumption. While for us humans our main concern with eating chocolate is its effect on our waistlines, for our dogs eating too much chocolate can be life threatening.

Chocolate and cocoa powder contain the active ingredient theobromine which our canine companions cannot metabolise as easily as we can. Too much theobromine can lead to some serious consequences in dogs. Symptoms seen include restlessness, drooling, increased thirst, vomiting (sometimes with blood) and difficulty standing or walking. In severe cases this can progress to muscle tremors, convulsions and death.

So how much chocolate is too much? Unfortunately there is no simple answer, as it depends on the type of chocolate and the size of the dog. Milk chocolate is less toxic than dark chocolate and cocoa powder. We have a useful toxicity calculator which we use to determine the likelihood of poisoning but it is very dependent on knowing how much chocolate the dog has eaten. The answer to that is invariably "the whole box" or "a whole cake"!

As there is no antidote, treatment relies on making the dog vomit if we get to see it immediately (there's nothing quite like chocolatey vomit!). Once symptoms have developed then all we can do is treat these with intravenous fluids, anticonvulsants and antinausea drugs.

So the take home message is not to leave boxes of chocolate nicely wrapped under the Xmas tree. A hungry canine will think this is gift to him, but he will not be thanking you later!

Article kindly provided by Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets

Tasman Bus Shelter

The bus shelter planned for outside the Tasman Store has been designed. It has passed through council, and is approved. The next stage of the development is to prepare a safety plan, and obtain materials. The Nelson Guild of Woodworkers will be running the project, but have received an offer of assistance from the Motueka Men's Shed. It is hoped to get the bus shelter erected before next winter (May / June 2013)

TACA website developments

The TACA website is undergoing a refit. After some discussion it has been decided to update the website and add a news / blog to it. With the update it is hoped to have the website achieve the following:

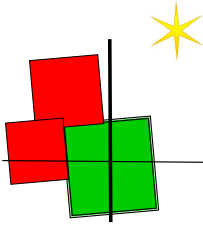
- Provide timely relevant information
- Enable the community to sign up to get an email when there is new information on the blog
- Provide a source of information about Tasman (businesses and activities)
- Allow the community to have the contact information of TACA (their representatives) easily found

As part of the update we would like to list Tasman businesses on the website. So if you are a Tasman business, then please email Tony Clark at tjclark@xtra.co.nz or David Short at iamdavidshort@gmail.com to get listed. Being listed is free, but you must belong to TACA (\$5.00 / year).

The new website will go live in early December as the Tasman Times is delivered.

Tasman Bay Christian School

We welcome all students back to school on
Thursday 7th February
New enrolments and enquiries:
Our office will be open
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th January
also Tuesday 5th February
Principal: Lyn Hough
email: office@tasbaychristian.school.nz
Williams Road, RD1 Upper Moutere
Phone: 526 6855 / Fax: 526 6895
Website: www.tasbaychristian.school.nz




COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WHEN: SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER
WHERE: TASMAN DOMAIN.
TIME: 5:30PM BYO DINNER, CAROLS TO FOLLOW.
TASMAN BIBLE CHURCH BAND PLAYING.


ALLY COOK WILL BE SINGING SOME KIWIANA CHRISTMAS SONGS.

KIDS BRING YOUR BIKES TO TRY OUT THE NEW PUMP TRACK.




Please come along to this Community get-together to share laughs, voices and good times.

Supported by Taca and Tasman Bible Church.




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Part of the Tasman Community for over 50 years.




Mainly Music is run every Wednesday 10am term time, aimed at pre-schoolers and their Whanau.

EVERY BOYS RALLY
Wednesday 6.45pm – 8.15pm during the school term. A bus service is provided for pick up and drop off's.
This is a boys club running from ages 8-13yrs.



J.A.M. stands for Jesus and Me. This is a programme run during our Sunday morning Church service aimed at teaching children from 0 - 13yrs about God and his amazing love for us.



4G Youth Group runs every Tuesday 6.45pm – 8.15pm. Aimed at secondary School aged Youth. Youth can catch a ride by contacting Danial 027 675 5889.

Church service runs every Sunday morning at 10am. All welcome. For more information contact the Church office on 526 6836. www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz

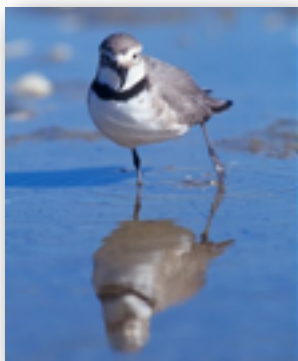
Rare Visitors to Kina

Twice a year the ornithological society does a census of coastal bird life. All estuaries, beaches and coastal paddocks etc throughout the country are surveyed and a tally done for each species. The Moutere Inlet, from the old mill site to Motueka wharf and including the embayments, islands and beaches, normally has from 15 to 18 species, including several migratory species, and totals to up to 800 birds.

During the summer 2012 census, 60 wrybill were seen on the outer beach towards the end of the Kina Peninsula. This was a first sighting for Kina and the birds remained there for several days, resting while on their annual migration from Northland wintering places to Canterbury braided river nesting sites.

These are unique birds, the only species in the world to have a beak curving to the right which aids in foraging amongst the shingle for food.

Banded dotterel and variable oystercatchers, both endemic, attempt to nest on this same beach. It would be good if this area could be protected from vehicles and other disturbance at least during the nesting months.



Wrybill

Tasman Area Community Association (TACA)

Support your Association to continue their work. TACA was set up in 1989 with the purpose of "Protecting and enhancing the well-being of the residents and the natural resources of this area".

These people have the best interests of the community at heart and meet on a regular basis to discuss local issues and arrange community events.

Everyone is welcome to attend any meeting.

The "Who's Who" in 2012/13 at TACA

Tony Clark	Chairperson	526 6171
Tony Pearson	Secretary	526 6076
Ewen Griffiths	Treasurer	526 6169
Hamish Rush		526 6125
Steve Richards		526 6742
David Short		526 6877
Tracey Evans		526 6802
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Tracey Evans		526 6802
Gillian Pollock		526 6009
Anna Weeks		526 6282

Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting:

**Tasman School Staffroom
Wednesday 30 January @ 7.30pm**

Membership 2012/13

The association is a voluntary group, which relies on annual membership subscriptions, sponsorship and grant applications to carry out the work they do.

Membership on a local level is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 an individual. If you would like to contribute to our work then please complete the section below and post it to Ewen Griffiths, 82 Brooks View Heights, RD1, Upper Moutere 7173 or drop it with your donation to the Tasman Store. Subs for 2012/13 are now due.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Amount enclosed \$.....

Receipt needed (circle) Yes No

For direct credit online, please pay to Tasman Area Community Assoc., Westpac, Motueka Branch Account No. **03 0693 0141622 00** and include your name and initials as per the sample bank statement box below.

Statement Details

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