

Tasman Times

December 2013

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

Wow – once again a huge few months by TACA and the community. As a small community we have again managed to achieve huge things.



The first, of course, is bringing Baigent Reserve back into public use and ownership. In partnership with TDC and the community, Baigent Reserve was purchased from Cart Holt Harvey for use as a public domain. Thank you to all those who contributed and to those who supported the process. A special thanks to Hamish Rush from TACA who spearheaded the campaign and put in many hours of work (along with Ron Oliver and David Easton).

The bus shelter outside the Tasman Store is under construction as this is being written. A decision was made to construct the shelter offsite, and then move it to outside the store once completed. This allowed many of the safety aspects to be addressed. Look out for it appearing beside the road shortly.

The Tasman Reserve continues to be enhanced, with the underpass now painted (and it looks great) and more trees added to the edible orchard. A new picnic table has been placed on site, beside the stream, as we are expecting more people to use the domain. This community asset is really coming together.

The Great Taste Trail is still coming through the village, at this stage it is intended to go straight along Aporo Road, subject to getting approval from TDC and the Cycle Trails Trust. Should the route change, then we will let the community know. As part of bringing the cycle trail along Aporo Road, we may need to look at the speed limits through the village.

The old sawmill site has really started to come together, with the many trees and shrubs starting to grow, making the area a picturesque spot. The group who meet and work regularly are really starting to win the battle against the gorse, pampas and convolvulus. Thank you to all who participate and help, particularly Tony Pearson who continues to drive this project forward (and provides coffee and muffins for the workers!).

TACA is working with Civil Defence to put in place a plan should Tasman have a natural disaster. Anna Weeks is coordinating this plan, so keep an eye out for more information regarding this.

TACA would like to take this opportunity to thank all the community for their continuing support of projects and wish you all a safe and happy festive season. I personally cannot wait to see what we achieve in 2014.

Cheers Tony Clark

Admin Stuff

The AGM was held at the end of July and if we discount the attendance of the Board of Trustees and local Councillors only 8 members of the community felt it worthwhile or necessary to attend. We trust this is a reflection of the



satisfaction you generally have with the actions and results achieved by the present Board? Certainly the events of the last few months have shown that the Community is aware – and does care - about what is going on in our area – long may it continue – even if AGM's fail to spark that enthusiasm.

Whatever the reason, those of you who did not attend, missed a somewhat startling presentation by Joe Kennedy from the Nelson/Tasman Civil Defence organisation which, whilst outlining the good preparations that the organisation has made to deal with community wide emergencies of all sorts, left no doubt in our minds that, initially at least, **we will be on our own locally** – a situation that has been tragically demonstrated by the latest disaster in the Philippines, where small communities have been cut off from National and International aid and have been forced to fend for themselves in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

Suffice it to say that there was enough concern among all those present to initiate a plan that will provide the basis of a local “first responder” organisation for Tasman – more on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Board was re-elected “en bloc” at the meeting and Board members retained their designated positions. We farewell Gillian Pollock who has moved out of the district and thank her for her well-considered input to the Board over the last few years – our loss is Mapua’s gain as she will remain active in their Community as well as her well beloved Forest and Bird commitment.

The meeting saw the first unveiling of the Gateways Maquette – the scale model of the project planned for the entrance to Tasman – again more on this later in the newsletter.

In spite of the very tight financial restrictions on Council this year TACA did well in its application for funding. We were granted our usual operating funds and additionally a \$10,000 allocation to upgrade the playground equipment at the Tasman Reserve. Subsequent meetings with TDC have all but guaranteed a really great new space for the children of the community to enjoy.



Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

It's now three years since the bypass opened and after all the upheaval and reconstruction the Tasman Reserve is looking in pretty good shape and being well used.

Open Orchard

Also now in it's third year is the open orchard and this year for the first time there will be produce available, starting with plums in the new year.

This winter a grant of \$500 from the Fonterra 'grassroots fund' allowed another substantial planting of nuts and citrus trees and then a gift of 12 heritage apples from the estate of Doug Simpson, well known Nelson apple breeder, further enhanced this planting. These apple trees are through the underpass on the western side.

Feel free to go down to the reserve with your basket when the fruit comes ripe and help yourselves; that is what it is there for.

Underpass Mural

Some interesting recent improvements have been completed including the mural on the underpass. This project was initiated and funded by the Tasman Area Community Association to add another level of interest to the reserve and as a way to deter the graffiti that was starting to appear in the underpass.



The project was designed and led by local graphic artist, Adi Tait, who then had help from community members with the actual painting. The result is an outstanding hidden gem, which gives real pleasure every time you go through the underpass.

The bird images Adi has used are a direct reference to the design of the Gateway Sculpture that is planned for the entrance to the village.

New playground equipment

The next project in the reserve is the playground which doesn't meet council safety regulations and funding is available for an upgrade. Any of you who have taken kids there recently will understand some of these issues .

The plan is to retain the rustic nature of the playground but to upgrade equipment and redesign it to have more connection with the reserve by removing the fence at the back, to include the trees in the play area.

Some new and some recycled equipment from other playgrounds will be used to make the most of the limited funding.

Kina Beach Reserve

With summer fast approaching Roger and Roseanne are bracing themselves for the usual busy season but the last month or so – whilst quiet during the week - has been busy at weekends. The Reserve is looking quite trim although would benefit from some expenditure on decent BBQ facilities – Roger is managing in the meantime with used oil drums. The beach is in good condition and

Roger says the snapper are about! With the Baigent Reserve now available again the Kina Reserve should be under reduced pressure from family picnickers at weekends and over the holidays – but it is still a hard venue to beat!

Old Mill Site- Kina Beach Road

We are shortly to stop work on the site for the summer months but there will be one last “bash” to halt the inevitable convolvulus growth – scheduled for the morning (0900hrs) of Saturday December 14th – if you have a burning desire to vent your pent up emotions on something – come and join us, ripping convolvulus off native growth!!

Tasman's Great Taste Cycle Trail

The next big change to come to Tasman is the imminent arrival of the Great Taste Trail. The trail building is quite visible now with the section from Marriages Road to Horton Road along Aporo Rd being built as the Tasman Times goes to print.

Tenders have been let for the next section on Aporo Rd from Horton Road to Kina Beach Road and hopefully this will be finished before Xmas.

There was a lot of concern from residents about the route through the village and disturbances to quiet village life and, following a public meeting, the agreed route is now using Aporo Road, between Baldwin and Dicker Roads.

The arrival of more bikes in our area means we will have to take extra care when driving, especially on those roads that are not part of the trail but where there will be more cycle traffic, particularly the Kina Beach roads.

TACA website developments

Since our last newsletter, we have made a number of enhancements to our website (see website address at the bottom of each page), which include a new Community Groups & Events page, a Local Business page, featuring as many businesses in the Tasman/Kina area as we could find.

If you have or know of a business which has been left out, please be sure to email David Short on iamdavidshort@gmail.com. We urge you to support local businesses in our area as often as you are able.



Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

Two years have passed since we reopened the Tasman Store and wow what a journey it's been! We believe (and hope!) we're well on our way to our goal of being the Store at the heart of the community. We have some fantastic loyal supportive customers and it's always lovely to see new faces. We're starting to see some more travellers around now which is great and a real boost to the area.

Lance has finally shown his alter ego – as a professional DJ in a former life, he showed his talents to all the children at Tasman School when he DJ'd their school disco and they had a fantastic evening of dancing. He then did it again for the parents when he DJ'd a 70s and 80s night – there were some awesome costumes and some definite grooving going on!



The garden is looking amazing with the addition of some new picnic tables and a lot of hard work from our great garden team. It's a great safe space for kids to play so drop in and take a look.

Recently we welcomed Liz to our team and between Vanessa, Heather and Liz they are always baking up a storm in the kitchen so there are always freshly baked cakes available and a range of homemade sandwiches.

We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday season. For those summer BBQ parties, don't forget we have ice, LPG gas bottles and wine and beer. For those keen on catching your own dinner we also stock bait. You'll find us open every day except Christmas Day with reduced hours on the statutory holidays.

Happy holidays!
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.

Summer News from Jester House - Tasman's best café since 1991

As usual, nothing sits still for long at the Jester House. I didn't become the Mayor, but thanks anyway to all of you who cast your votes in my direction.

What it does mean is that I can stay at the café and make sure we continue to be Tasman's best café. Not only Tasman's best but one of the best in the country, as we are national finalists in the "NZ Café of the Year" competition. By the time this is in your letterboxes we should know how we fared. Our signature dishes for the competition are a tagine of goat and tomato or a plump plum pie. These specials are running for the duration of the competition, so get in and try one; better still, try both.



Also just happened is our 22nd birthday, on the 20th November. We might be getting older but we still like to celebrate in style with champagne and birthday cake. I hope you made it in to share a piece.

In October we opened our private garden to the public as part of the Mapua Rec Group fundraising garden trail for the "Relay for Life." The additional drawcard of the opportunity to see inside the Boot saw more than 200 people come through. We also ran a special promotion of two nights for the price of one at the Boot. This is still available for stays before 20 December 2013.



We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Tasman's Great Taste Trail which is quickly approaching. Already you can see the trail as far as Horton Road. We have also offered an easement so the trail can

go through our little forest rather than on the roadside. We will all have to get used to watching for bikes.

As usual at this time of year we are busy getting ready for our summer 'harvest season'. Getting supplies, getting staff and getting fit and making sure everything is in its place.

We will be open as usual every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day, from 9am until 5pm.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the crew at Jester House.

Steve and Judy Richards
320 Aporo Road, Tasman.
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Web: www.jesterhouse.co.nz

Walking tracks & Paper Roads

The opening up the Dicker Ridge Track (a former Paper Road) has been a highlight of TACA's recent achievements – many thanks to David Short for project-leading this - BUT some members of our community (and perhaps further afield) decided it would make a good 4x4 track as well – after the damage to "pedestrian and horse only" gates were repaired from local funds and NZTA, the State Highway authority, has taken steps to ensure this unwelcome activity was terminated by the provision of locked gate and berms/culverts at strategic points.





Civil Defence Emergency Management in Tasman

Civil Defence Centres

During emergencies a Civil Defence Centre will open to support our community if we are affected by an emergency event. In our area this will be either at Tasman School or the Tasman Bible Church depending on the emergency, areas involved and accessibility.

We have a local Liaison Officer who in the event of an emergency is in contact with Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Group who oversee the situation. The Civil Defence Centre provides support to access financial, clothing, accommodation, insurance, food and other essential services. In the event, you will be advised where the Centre will be opened.

It is expected that individuals need to be able to provide for themselves and their household for up to three days or more. Radio stations Classic Hits 89.6 FM, More FM 92.8 or Fresh FM 104.8 will all broadcast local information in the event of an emergency. You can also call Tasman District Council 24 hour line who will inform you of your nearest Civil Defence Centre, information about the emergency event, or take your details if more information or support is required. Please also check the website www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz to receive up to date information.

Emergency Supplies

In most emergencies you should be able to stay in your own home. However you may be forced to evacuate, so it is important to be aware of hazards on the road, and have emergency items that can be readily accessed. For example:

- torch
- radio – or your cellphone may have a radio
- wind and waterproof clothing, strong outdoor shoes
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- sleeping bags
- pet supplies
- toilet paper
- face and dust mask
- Food and water for at least three days; non-perishable food, water – at least 3 litres per person per day, camp stove, can opener
- Cash – eftpos is unavailable in a power cut
- Photocopies of passports/driver's licence/birth certificates

To find our more information go to www.getthru.govt.nz



Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



Things are moving along nicely, having just returned from the first working bee at Baigent Reserve and what a difference a few hours can make with a group of like-minded people.

Thanks must go out to all those who turned up to help, also Beryl Wilkes from TDC, Brendon Horrell from PF Olsens who provided a couple of men to do chainsaw work and the guys from Nelmac with the mulcher. This is the start of a greater clean up and plan for the reserve which will be undertaken over the next five years or so.

Security and the ongoing management of the reserve will be handled by TDC with the help of TACA and the wider community; new signs have been erected, stating no overnight camping at the Reserve. The gate will remain unlocked at this point, but if it is seen to be necessary, the gate may be locked at night in the future to keep out the trouble makers.

Anyone who has not received a donation receipt, please contact the Treasurer. Further donations are still being accepted to our bank account (see last page for bank account & Treasurer details).



Before



After

Tasman School Update

In the fourth term, schools seem to have the foot on the accelerator all the time. Everything has to be completed, or fitted in before the end of the year. Reports, concerts, camps, projects, gardens, you name it.

Having said that, our senior students did go on camp in the third term, because it had been planned for two years. Every second year the camp is in Wellington, where the students have a cultural city experience of Te Papa, the Zoo, Weta Workshops, CapitalE, and Parliament. The fundraising for this started way back with 'Muffin Mondays', and 'Sushi Fridays', prepared by the students and parents. We always get a full report on their return, and the younger students anticipate their turn. But now...

Muddy Buddies - Congratulations!

To all the Room Four students – and their representatives: Jordan, Lillian, Tiare and Hannah who ably spoke to judges at the recent Cawthron Institute Science Fair.



Their entry – on the monitoring of the Moutere Inlet after Muddy Buddies – won the Nelson Tasman Environment Award and \$500. There were 151 entries – the vast majority from senior secondary students, so this was high praise!

Judges were very impressed with the commitment our students demonstrated to making a difference, over an 18-month period. Thanks to Megan Wilson, the region's "Experiencing Marine Resources" educator – who did a fantastic job supporting our students in their scientific enquiry.

Muddy Buddies has featured recently in media – not entirely accurately. I am yet to see any letters to the editor in support of our achievement or the event. We have worked over an 18-month period with people from EMR, DoC and Forest & Bird to minimise the impact this event has on the estuary with significant success.

Our students have regularly gone into the estuary – not only to monitor but also pick up rubbish, and

protect inanga spawning grounds. They had a significant part to play in setting the course to ensure delicate ground cover and possible nesting areas were avoided.

We are an “Enviro school” and take our role in building children’s awareness and sense of responsibility for our environment very seriously.

The consultant report to the TDC noted, “the impact of Muddy Buddies is considered relatively minor and reversible”. Copies are available if anyone who is interested in the full report. The significant issue for our estuary is sedimentation. The Tasman District Councillors were supportive of our event and have allowed us to work with TDC staff this year to continue to minimise and mitigate against the potential impact of this popular event. We know the enjoyment it creates – and the opportunity for highlighting the value of our environment at the same time.

It will be run on 9 March next year, so put it in your calendar. So ‘Muddy Buddies,’ slosh on!

The ‘Tasman Touring Troupe’ is on the road again! Each year Room 3 students, (year 4-5) take their concert of recorders, uke’s and puppets on the road to visit some playcentres, rest homes and hospitals, as part of a education unit on community. It takes a lot of preparation but the rewards are significant. The students become empowered, and the community enjoys a concert. Our Troupe is going as far as Salisbury Girls School this year.



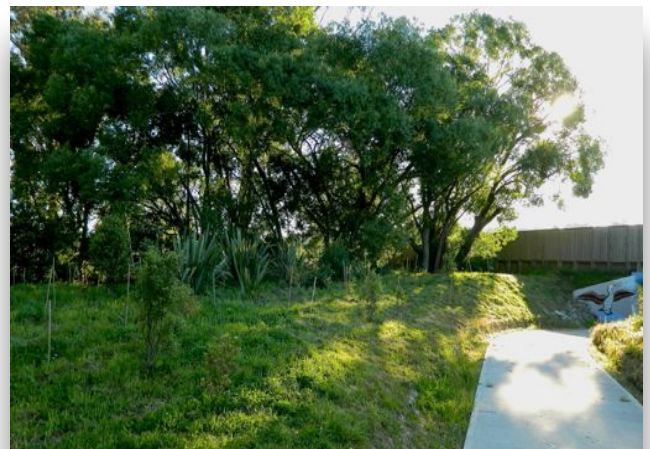
And next year? Tasman School has a groundswell of younger pupils attending, so a reshuffling is needed. The beauty of a small school is that teachers can have the students for more than one year, and so a real relationship can grow, and hence the students feel more secure.

Summer is coming! Enjoy it.

Fred Robertson. Teacher Tasman School.

Tasman Tidy-up

The Community Service Team continue to help keep the Tasman Reserve and surrounding areas tidy.



They did a great job painting the sealer/undercoat on the underpass ready for Adi Tait to paint the mural.

They have also cleared grass overgrowth from around the interpretative sign and picnic table. If anyone has any suggestions of tasks that need doing in and around Tasman, please inform a committee member.



Vet's Voice - Senior Health Screening

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE ITCHY

The warmer weather is well and truly here and for many of our pets this can bring on skin problems.

THE WHY'S

* **Parasites:** Parasites can lead to acute and at times severe skin reactions and self trauma. Fleas are the most common parasite and may potentially affect us too! Other unwanted guests such as sand-flies and mosquitos can also cause problems.

* **Pollen:** From spring through to autumn various trees, weeds and grasses are producing pollen. Just like us, these pollens can cause hay fever in animals (especially dogs). The basic allergic reaction can by itself be a problem or can be the initiating cause of secondary skin, ear and eye infections.

* **Heat:** Heat dehydrates the skin, and encourages sweat or wax (ears) formation, which can help form an ideal environment for secondary infections to establish.

These 3 factors certainly cause some animals to develop skin disease through summer when they are absolutely fine at other times of year. Most commonly this is seen as a contact allergy to the pollen or parasite. For those pets whose skin is an issue all year round, these three factors often make controlling skin disease additionally challenging during summer months.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

First of all, if you notice any of the below factors you should see your vet:

- If the skin, ears or eyes are inflamed (red/dark pink) and irritating your pet.
- If your pet is very itchy (i.e. he may stop eating or playing to scratch)
- In the event of self trauma (scratching, biting) where the skin is broken.
- You notice a strong smell from the skin or ears.
- There is a coloured discharge from the eyes or any ear discharge.
- Your own efforts are not working.

At Tasman Bay Vets we can help by advising and prescribing medications to help with severe inflammation and infection. We can also offer prescription shampoos, diets and supplements that can genuinely make a huge difference. Lastly, in some situations it is useful to know more about the type of skin disease that your pet is struggling with. There are several diagnostic tests that we can perform to get this extra information which not only may help your pet, but also may allow us to limit the use of medications that can have side effects over time.

AT HOME MEASURES

- **Parasite control:** These days fleas and other external parasites can be very effectively controlled. Our staff can advise you over the counter on the right product(s) for you, taking these nasties out of the equation.
- **Other over-the-counter-products:** We have a range of skin soothing shampoos and skin supplements that may be of benefit.
- **Wash downs:** Where pollen contact is an issue (often a rash underneath) then simply washing your pet with water after a period of contact to physically get pollen off the skin can help.
- **Bedding:** Bedding material itself can be an irritant. Wool and sheepskin based covers and feather/down filling can all be quite allergenic. Also, bedding in general can be a good source of dust mites which are often involved in allergic skin conditions. When washing bedding a hot wash and non-biological detergent should be used. There are also mite repellent covers that can be sourced too.



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a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

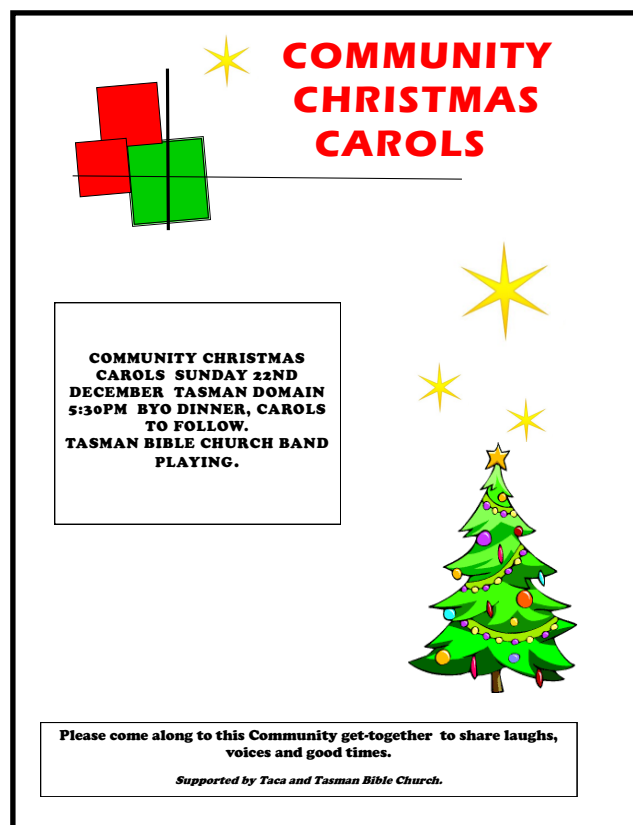
Our Mapua branch will be close
from December 25th
reopening on Monday January 6th.
All consultations, surgeries and emergencies
will be handled by our Motueka clinic.

**We will have a vet on call 24/7
over the holiday period.**

400D High Street, Motueka, ph 528 8459
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www.tasmanbayvets.co.nz

It's very easy to understand how being itchy can be such an issue for our pets. Just imagine being so irritated that you are driven to itch even when doing something you enjoy and often to the point of causing self trauma. There are a range of ways that you can help when it comes to allergic skin diseases – so don't delay asking our advice so you and your pet(s) can enjoy the warmer weather.

Article kindly provided by Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER TASMAN DOMAIN 5:30PM BYO DINNER, CAROLS TO FOLLOW. TASMAN BIBLE CHURCH BAND PLAYING.

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

Supported by Taca and Tasman Bible Church.

Ruby Coast Gateways Sculpture Project

While this project has taken some time in the planning, the recently formed Ruby Coast Initiative Trust was proud to announce the official launch of the Gateways Sculpture Project at Jester House at the end of October. This well attended event gave local artists, community and TDC councillors the opportunity to provide very positive feedback and discussion to assist the Trust going forward.

The Trust is happy to report that the preliminary stages of the resource consent process are proceeding very positively and are hopeful to have this finalised before Christmas.

The next stage is to finalise the engineering, now that the stainless steel has been guaranteed through the generosity of Nelson Pine Industries.

Of course this project cannot be completed without the benevolence of its community to make this ambitious project happen and so the Trust urges you to get behind it and make your own personal donation.....go to www.rcit.co.nz for lots more information.




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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 every week with the youth leaders. Contact the church for more details.

Church service runs every Sunday morning at 10am. All welcome. For more information contact the Church office on 5266836. www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz



We welcome all students back to school on

Tuesday 4th February


New enrolments and enquiries:

Our office will be open
Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January

Principal: Lyn Hough

email: office@tasbaychristian.school.nz
Phone: 5266855 / Fax: 5266895

Williams Road, RD1 Upper Moutere
Website: www.tasbaychristian.school.nz



Tasman Area Community Association

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 & arrange community events.

See below for information on how to join TACA or go to our website at the bottom of the page.

Everyone is welcome to attend any meeting.

The "Who's Who" in 2013 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
Anna Weeks		526 6282

**Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting:
Tasman School Multi-purpose Hall
Wednesday 29 January @ 7.30pm**

Membership 2013/14

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 2013/14 are now due.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

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

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