

Tasman Times

July 2014

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

Welcome to the Tasman Times Newsletter for July 2014. It is always a great moment when I look back on the achievements by TACA since the last newsletter. It is easy during the normal course of events to loose track of the fact TACA achieves a lot on behalf of the community. As we are your representatives, it is a good time to mention that if you would like to help, or change the direction we are taking, come along and become part of the committee or one of the working bees.



From my point of view, a major achievement has been the completion of the bus shelter outside the Tasman Store. The shelter looks great and has received many positive comments. The bus shelter was built in Tasman Fruit Packers packing shed, over a couple of months. The bus shelter would not have occurred without the support of ITM / Totally Timber / Freeman Roofing, and the core group of four individuals who spent a number of evenings building the shelter. Thanks to all who helped and supported the project.

Earlier this year a community survey was conducted by TACA and the Tasman Bible Church. The survey was conducted in order to understand the sort of recreational events and facilities the community felt were needed. The results showed that the type of facilities being created by TACA / TDC are on the right track. To all who took time to participate, thank you.

TDC are currently reviewing the speed limits again in the area, so TACA has once again submitted on behalf of the community. TACA has recommended the speed limit through the village be reduced to 50 km/hr, and the area extended to

Jester House. The main drivers for this request are the two schools in the area and new cycleway.

TACA this year has once again improved the facilities and environment around the Tasman area. These achievements cannot be made without the tireless support of the committee, who put in many hours on behalf of us all. Thanks also to the many community people who come out to help in the various community projects (Old Mill site, Baigent Reserve and the Tasman Reserve). It has been a pleasure to be your chairperson for the last year.

Cheers Tony Clark

Admin Stuff

There was nothing specific allocated to the Tasman Community area in the Draft Annual Plan but in truth most of our requests have been met over the past year or so. We did consider asking for a specific allocation of funds for the ongoing restoration of the Baigent Reserve but, on balance, thought this was being just too greedy, bearing in mind the funds already paid out by Council in the acquisition of the area. A combination of community effort and support from Council's general maintenance budgets should provide the necessary wherewithal to push this work forward.



The Anzac Day parade and follow up gathering in the School Hall were not as well attended as previous years probably due to residents attending the special parade that occurred at Mapua at about the same time, but nonetheless, a moving service and a chance to catch up with friends over a cuppa.

The somewhat tired and dilapidated furnishings of the School Hall have been upgraded, thanks to a financial commitment from the School Board of

Trustees. TACA have topped up the crockery with the addition of 50 stackable mugs.

If you have an interest in the estuaries and inlets of our area you might like to join the Friends of Motueka Estuaries, formed recently to act as a watchdog and advocate for our local shorelines. Contact Pauline Samways at psamways@clear.net.nz.

The mystery of the destruction of 50% of the new planting done by the School last year in the area of the Domain close to the Underpass has been solved – no, it wasn't the Community Service team – nor the regular Nelmac Domain maintenance crew but a bunch of overenthusiastic Highway maintenance guys who – being unaware of the work that had gone on in this area - decided it needed a good haircut! TDC have undertaken to replace and replant the area.

The AGM of the Association will be held in the **School Hall on Wednesday 30th July at 7.30pm - put in your calendar now.** To vote at the meeting you need to be financial. Nominations to join the Board are always welcome and these together with details of any motion to be raised at the meeting should be notified to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Representatives from the Great Taste Trail will be at the AGM to give us the latest updates and be part of a discussion about how we, as a community, can be more involved.

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

No new plantings are planned for this winter as we let the existing plants establish and let the community get used to the availability of free produce in the domain.

This autumn there was the first drop of feijoas after the first small crop of plums. So remember everyone, this is an open orchard where the produce is free to take so help yourselves whenever you see fruit that is ripe.

Playground upgrade

Plans are underway with TDC to upgrade the playground at the Tasman Reserve to make it more appealing and bring it up to current standards. The reserve is looking really great with the pump track and additional picnic tables so an upgraded playground will be a welcome addition to the area. Watch this space!

Kina Beach Reserve

Roger and Roseanne have moved on – to a permanent home in Dovedale and interviews recently have resulted in the appointment of an enthusiastic young couple, Bridget and Travis, who will have taken up residence on the site by the time this Tasman Times goes to press. The vacancy attracted a significant list of well qualified applicants and it was a difficult choice but our new caretakers have a lot of ideas to smarten up the Reserve and we look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in the coming months.

Old Mill Site- Kina Beach Road



Our working Bees have re-commenced and a couple of good sessions have pretty much dealt to the summer weed growth and cleaned up the established pathways through the growing bush areas. All the large stands of gorse, broom and pampas have now been eliminated. A month or so ago we had a major addition to the “amenities” at the site with the arrival of a splendid picnic table funded by TDC and manufactured by Tony Clark of Joint Works – a definite upgrade to the morning tea sessions compared to the previous “on the back of the Ute” venue. It is important however to remember that this area is still a closed site – you can only get to use the table if you join a working bee! And remember there are jobs for all ages – it's a sociable and satisfying couple of hours once a month; the team would love you to join them.



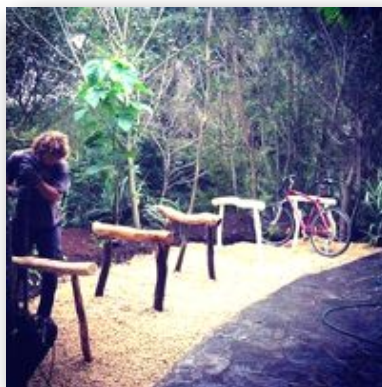
Jester House News

Time has flown by here at New Zealand's Best Café and it almost time for our winter break again but until the 21st July we are still OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.



Back in May we ran our popular 'Pink Ribbon Breakfast' weekend fundraiser for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. With plenty of pink themed menu dishes, pink champagne and some great raffles we managed to raise \$750.00 and have a fun time. A big thank you to everyone who came to support this event.

The Great Taste Trail is looking well established now with grass growing back to the edges and work continuing apace up Harley Road. Here at Jester House we have made a series of new bike leaners, some beside the trail and more in the bike park over the bridge. These are generally more welcome than the old school type of bike stand that have a tendency to buckle wheels, so get on your bike and get on down here and see how your bike likes them. It's also great to see how many walkers and runners are using the trail as a safe space to exercise.



The winter school holidays are almost upon us and we have a couple of events planned to fill some days with joy and laughter. In the first week we will have a safari hunt and in the second a fun obstacle course. The prize for completing either is marshmallows to toast on the open fire in the café. Please note parental supervision is required.

And so to our holiday, the café will be closed from 21st July until the 4th of September, reopening just in time for Father's Day on Sunday the 7th.

Please ring and make a booking on (03) 526 6742 or email lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz

Many thanks from Judy, Steve and all the team for your continuing support over the past year.

Stay dry, keep warm and have fun.

www.jesterhouse.co.nz

Tasman's Great Taste Cycle Trail

The Great Taste Trail is now completed through Tasman Village with the widening of the footpath and road markings past the school.

Hopefully the new road marking will not only delineate the cycleway but also make the entrance to Tasman School much more obvious and safer as traffic is now directed into the driveway. Remember to always watch for cycles and pedestrians when you are coming and going from the school.

It is great to see more kids on their bikes going to school too.

Work is continuing on the trail up Harley Road with retaining walls built and cuttings being filled but progress is very weather dependent.

There are also 6 contract areas being worked on along the Tasman View section of the Trail with all work expected to be completed by spring but, in the meantime, please be patient with the mud and disruptions.

Tasman Tidy-up

The Community Service Team who usually help to keep things looking good around Tasman, are at the moment mainly in other areas. However, they will be back in the winter. Then they will be having a clear-up around the informative sign opposite the apple pack house and clearing debris around the Reserve so that contractors have a free run at cutting the grass when necessary. They will also keep the verges clear of overgrowth whenever possible, time permitting.

If there are any areas that require attention, please let a Committee member know so that the request can be channeled to the Team Supervisor.

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Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

Winter is upon us and the area has quietened as people have gone in search of warmer climates. We're having a breather ourselves, so the Store will be closed from Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July, reopening on Saturday 12th at 8.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but we'll look forward to seeing everyone when we get back relaxed and refreshed! The Store is also undergoing a bit of a change over the next month or so with a wee makeover. Keep an eye on progress - the bicycle leaners are in place, which is a great start....

The wine tasting evenings we have had so far have been really popular and there are a couple more planned for the winter. Each time we showcase two local wineries so if you'd like to be kept informed as to when the next one will be, leave your email address at the Store or email thetasmanstore@xtra.co.nz. Don't forget there is always a stunning line up of local wines in store.

Have a great winter, make time to get out and use the cycle trail and, even if it is cold and gloomy outside, come in and see us for a chat.

Happy holidays!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie

P.S. 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.

Rural broadband coming to Tasman

Under the Government's Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI), Vodafone will build a new cell tower at Dicker Road in Tasman – one of five planned for the district.

The new tower will significantly improve Vodafone mobile coverage and make high-speed wireless broadband available to over 300 addresses in the Tasman area for the first time. To find out more, or see if you can get Rural Wireless Broadband, use Vodafone's address checker:

www.vodafone.co.nz/network/rural You can register your interest and Vodafone will contact you when the service is available.



Civil Defence Emergency Management in Tasman



Tasman now has two civil defence volunteers - Roger Percival and Geoff Paynter - who will be the local incident controllers in the event that they are required. Events are managed from a central control room in Richmond with the volunteers, the eyes and ears on the ground, relaying exactly what is happening in our area.

The recent power cuts we have had recently are a timely reminder to make sure you have the basic essentials to hand - torches/candles/matches/water/food so you can look after yourself when necessary. If you haven't already, it is a great idea to start putting together a survival kit and keep it handy.

Get to know your neighbours and neighbourhood so if needs be you can all support each other.

To find out more information, go to www.getthru.govt.nz



Tasman School Update

Another busy term for Tasman School, (when is it not busy!) with The Muddy Buddy event, and Taste Tasman coming pretty close on its heels. Thank goodness we have a supportive and active parent community, but all is good fun and good fundraising.

You can see the benefits of last year's Muddy Buddy with the new additions to the playground taking shape. The climbing wall, the swings, and the power grinder.

Other additions to our school are the 100 new chairs for the hall and the new fold up tables, which are on large casters, so are easy to move about.

This term Rooms 3 and 4 are completing a shared Science unit on Forces and Sound. The classes are mixed, and each group experiences one of the topics then they change around. This has been a good process as each group experiences two topics and the teacher deepens his knowledge of teaching the same topic.

Rooms 1 and 2 have also shared the topic of Healthy Eating, sharing resources, ideas, and planning, which makes for good economy.

At the moment the senior classes are practising for 'Rock Da House' which is a singing show in term three, involving many of the Motueka/Tasman/Mapua Schools. It's always a great show!

Fred Robertson. Teacher Tasman School.



Taste Tasman 2014



What more could we have asked for - a great turnout, fabulous weather & plenty on offer for the public.?

There were a great variety of stalls offering local crafts, food and beverages, fun for the kids and a great variety of local entertainment coming from the sound stage. The atmosphere was relaxed and fun – people were seen sashaying around the stalls to the music!



It had been four years since Tasman School and the Tasman Community had hosted Taste Tasman, so large numbers were not really expected, but we were pleasantly surprised at how well it was received.

It was a fabulous celebration of all we have to showcase in Tasman and special thanks to the fantastic support from TACA, Tasman School families and our wonderful community.

Vet's Voice - Changes in Mapua and Motueka

You will have noticed a few changes down at the Vet clinic in Mapua, and also in Motueka, if that is where you take your animal family.

On the 1st May, Paula sold her Tasmanbayvets business to us at The Vet Centre on Gladstone Road in Richmond. In many ways it is more of a merger of the businesses as Paula steps back to look after her new family, but it is great that she is able to continue to work for the new combined business for a day a week.

Both Mapua and Motueka have had a few small changes so that we may better be able to utilise our resources. Probably most notable is what many would call 'the face of Mapua Vet Clinic', Helen, only working there in the afternoons. Helen has a huge amount of experience and so we are using that knowledge by having her working at the Motueka Clinic in the mornings and all day Wednesday, but you can catch up with her in the afternoons from 3.30 pm.

On Wednesdays the clinic will be closed and we trust this will not inconvenience people greatly. But on the other 4 days of the week we will have consultation in the morning and in the late afternoon.

Matt has been the cornerstone vet for Paula for a number of years now and he shares his time with a new vet, Ingrid Coles, who also lives in Mapua. Many of you will have met Ingrid already. She is a very experienced and caring vet and you will love her. Meg, who used to work for Paula, came to work for The Vet Centre in February this year. Now you will see her again, as she too, will be helping out locally to Mapua.

And finally, as often happens with a business change, is a change in name. That will happen at Motueka in the next week and shortly after that in Mapua. It is only a name change. We are committed to providing a service to Mapua, supported by two very well equipped Best Practice Veterinary Clinics in Motueka and Richmond.

We look forward to meeting you and looking after your pets.

Andrew Conway
The Vet Centre,
Mapua, Richmond & Motueka



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Tasman Bible Church – July 2014



Questions, questions

One time I managed to become very unpopular with parents suggesting students should respond at home to every statement with the question, “Why?” Perhaps not the smartest assignment! However, questioning reaches the heart of a matter quickly.

Jesus often responded to a question with a question! To an enthusiastic enquirer of eternal life—one who called Jesus “good teacher”—Jesus asked, “Why do you call me good?” (Mark 10:17-18). He made people think more deeply and clearly rather than being awkward or evasive.

Questions seek satisfying explanations for particularly tough experiences. They lead to further enquiry, excite joy, relieve prolonged pain, or, disturb a preconception. They are an entry point to appreciate more fully what matters in life. To avoid certain questions may leave us crippled but offered judiciously, they allow scope for further thought and reflection. Ultimately, questions help us learn and grow.

At TBC we appreciate that life is full of questions—some of which do not have easy answers - and so, we continue what we began last Easter holiday, addressing three more *Tough Questions*. Wherever you place yourself on the spectrum of belief, we again, invite you to explore and consider these questions with us. Richard Drury

Dates: Friday 4th, 11th, and 18th July

Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm .Free fish-and-chip meal.

Venue: Tasman Bible Church

Topics: Jesus: What’s so special about Him?
Religions: Aren’t they all essentially the same?
The Bible: Just another religious book?

Check out www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz

Ruby Coast Gateways Sculpture Project



Positive progress has been made since our last newsletter. The Resource Consent for the Tasman sculpture has been granted by TDC with no adverse conditions to meet.

Engineering plans have been finalised which minimise the internal steel structure to support the “skin” and we are in the midst of getting numerous quotes for the construction of the foundation and the structure itself to allow us to apply for various grants over the coming months.

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.

Tasman Community Survey

Many of you will be aware of the recent survey carried out door to door by the Tasman Bible Church, carried out with our sanction, which gave your views amongst other things on:

- what kind of equipment you would like to see in the planned upgrade of the Tasman Reserve playground
- what sort of combined Community Events we would like to see organised



As you can imagine there was a vast array of responses and we are in the process of collating these responses, so we can consider the best outcomes for both subjects.

It turns out that many of the responses for the playground equipment were already on our “hit list” for the upgrade.

So watch this space in the future for further developments.

Part of the Tasman Community for over 50 years, our desire is to help young and old alike come to know the God of the Bible.

mainly music

4G youth

— Church Service on Sundays @ 10:00 —

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Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula

It has been great to have access through the summer to our little piece of coastal paradise. The work that was done before xmas by the volunteers was a great start to the clean-up of the Reserve; thanks must go to all those who helped and the TDC for putting on the heavy machinery to deal with all the waste. There is a plan to continue this with another working bee planned for late winter to early spring with dates yet to be set.

The existing toilet block will be given a make-over, and there has been an application for funds to install a new toilet as well; the funds are yet to be confirmed.

The group of contributors that have the opportunity to build boat sheds are working through the process with council at present. The other major issue facing the reserve is the overnight camping. New managers have been appointed at Kina Beach Reserve who may be involved in the management of Baigent Reserve to deal with this issue going forward. TACA will be working with TDC and the Reserve manager to find a solution that works for everyone.

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.

Everyone is welcome to attend any meeting.

Membership 2014/15

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 2014/15 are now due.

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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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For more information
contact Kathy at the Golf Club.

The "Who's Who" in 2014 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:

TACA AGM

Tasman School Multi-purpose Hall

Wednesday 30 July @ 7.30pm