

Tasman Times

July 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

It is with considerable pleasure that I can outline the work of TACA in the last few months. TACA has achieved a number of objectives. These



achievements would not be accomplished without the hard work of the committee, the support of residents who help when asked, and the continued support and involvement of the TDC – thank you all.

The Tasman Reserve has really started to come together. Just prior to Christmas we managed to get the shade cloth installed over the picnic table. This area next to the Pump Track was used over the holiday period, and many favourable comments have been received. Please note that over the wet winter months the Pump Track is closed to protect it from damage. There will be a sign installed in the near future to indicate whether it is open or closed. Recently more trees have been planted in the edible orchard.

Another significant change to our area is occurring between now and Christmas. The Great Taste Trail (a part of the national cycle trail network) has now been rerouted to come through Tasman village. This will bring a large number of cyclists through the area to share in our piece of paradise. This change to the cycle route occurred at the same time as the local speed limit review. TACA submitted on the community's behalf to make our area safer.

At the end of Aporo Road (opposite the Dicker road entry) there is an area known as the Nib. Over the last few months we have arranged to get this area tidied up, and a picnic table installed, courtesy of ITM. This has already attracted a lot of

use. The Gateway Sculpture project is currently seeking funding for a sculpture for this area. While we await the outcome of this funding drive, we are looking at putting in some plants on the Nib area



to make it more attractive.

At the end of April, we received a huge volume of rain. This was the first test of the new Baldwin road culvert, which on the whole worked very well. There was some damage to the Kina Beach Road bridge which is, as we speak, awaiting repair. We will work with TDC to understand the reasons for the bridge damage, and see if more improvements can be made.

We are still working towards a bus shelter outside the Tasman Store. This shelter has approval from the Council. TACA has decided to build the shelter ourselves, and we are currently organising ourselves to get this done.

I look forward to the next few months, working with TACA to improve and enhance our community.

Cheers, Tony Clark

Admin Stuff

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Multi Purpose Centre at Tasman School

at 1930 hours on Wednesday July 31st. The guest speaker will be Joe Kennedy from the Nelson - Tasman Emergency Management Organisation who will talk about the advantages of setting up a local emergency operations centre and resource data base for the Tasman /Kina area. TACA Board member, Anna Weeks, will update the meeting on the progress of our plans to establish this “first responders” facility. If you believe you could contribute skills/experience or practical resources (4WD/generator etc) in an emergency situation – or just want to understand where help will come from should an emergency hit our area – then come along, it could be an hour well invested.

The AGM, as well as the monthly Board meetings, is open to all members of the community but only



those members who are “financial” are entitled to vote at the AGM.

Nominations to join the Board are always welcome and these together with details of any motions to be raised at the meeting should be notified to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

As you will read elsewhere in this Newsletter it has been a busy, and largely positive, six months for TACA activities. Whilst the Baigent’s Reserve saga is still unresolved – from a community access standpoint- we have reached an acceptable resolution on an accretion claim affecting Kina Beach adjacent to the new Talley property which will ensure continued public access along the beach whilst meeting the landowner’s (modified) wishes for legal ownership of properly accreted land and privacy.

If we set aside our attempt to deliver clean reticulated drinking water to the village as “too difficult/too expensive” (at least for the next 10 years) the rest of our requests to TDC for works or funding have met with a high degree of acceptance. Some \$4000 was allocated from this year’s round of Community grants towards local projects that we have been able to complete already – or are underway. The Baldwin Road flood bypass behind the Fulmer’s property and the Store was finally completed – and recently tested by the weather! We have worked closely and convivially with Council staffers and Councillors to resolve or progress a number of issues impacting on our area. An application for funding to upgrade the rustic playground at the Tasman Reserve was included in our submission on the draft Annual Plan but reading recent press comment on the deliberation within Council on funding availability we believe we, like most other Community Associations and Boards, may well be disappointed in the next round.

Local Reserves

Tasman Domain (off Dicker Road)

Pump Track

The amenities at the Pump Track have been improved as promised with the provision of a large picnic table and benches crafted locally from locally donated wood and topped with a shade sail – all in keeping with the rustic nature we wish to preserve at the Domain. With the advent of the Great Taste Trail re-routed bike track now to come through the Domain past the Pump Track en route to the underpass and Harley Road we are giving further thought to the provision of more seating and “bike parking” facilities. The provision of BBQ



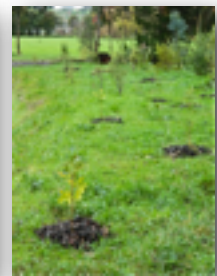
facilities is the subject of much debate within TACA with the pros and cons being actively aired. If you have some ideas for further improvements in the Domain please let any member of the TACA Board know, or better still, come along to one of the monthly meetings and expound your views.

Open Orchard

Arbor Day /World Environment Day was the incentive to get planting trees in the Tasman Domain on June 5th and with help from Tasman School pupils and plenty of locals more than 60



trees were planted. Tasman District Council provided a selection of natives to continue the planting around the access to the underpass. A selection of secondary forest species including Miro, Totara and Black and Silver Beech. Given a few years this should make a very nice little pocket of lowland forest.



We were lucky this year to secure a \$500 grant from the Fonterra 'Grass Roots' fund to buy the latest additions to the Open Orchard in the Tasman Memorial Domain and thanks are also due to the

generous supply of bark from Bark Processors. In keeping with previous plantings we chose trees that need little ongoing care and whose fruit can be eaten straight from the tree.

This year we added a collection of citrus, (lime, lemon, orange, mandarin and grapefruit) almond, macadamia, and more walnuts. Locally grown trees from River Terrace Nursery in Brightwater were chosen as they should be hardy and able to thrive in our conditions.

Now with the Great Taste Trail coming through our Domain, it will be great for cyclists to be able to stop and enjoy the fruits of Tasman.

By next season there should be a crop of plums around Christmas time, apples in March and feijoas in May. Make sure you keep visiting the Domain to check what fruit is ripe and help yourselves to what you can eat. Already there is talk of whether we need another table or more bike parking. We aim to make Tasman Domain and the Open Orchard one of the highlights of the cycle trail.

Kina Beach Reserve

With a busy summer season over, the Reserve is looking a little lonely now and the recent rains have left the ground somewhat soggy – so take care where you park – and have also scoured out the stream passing through the Reserve, leaving the beach littered with debris of tree roots and flax bushes. Roger is at the caretakers' residence nearly 24/7 – Roseanne now mainly at weekends. If you have any concerns about the use of the site or its condition, do speak directly to them – they are a most approachable couple and want to do the best they can for the Reserve and the local community.

Old Mill Site- Kina Beach Road

Work has re-commenced on the Old Mill site with an assault on the summer re-growth of gorse, broom and pampas – surprisingly vigorous growth in spite of the drought! – but also more constructively on the forming of a new pathway on the inlet side of the site to eventually meet the “inland side” track at the rustic picnic table which is being constructed locally, using funding granted by TDC.

There is a regular small band of volunteers but fresh faces (and willing hands) are always welcome – no special skills needed! We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 10am for a couple of hours with coffee and muffins at “half time” and future gatherings will have the added

incentive of Jester House coffee vouchers courtesy of Steve & Judy and the TACA Treasurer!



Anzac Day 2013

The Anzac Day service gathering continues to grow with some 200 locals (including 40 children) and four generations of the Sladen family present.



Photo, courtesy Alastair Paulin/Nelson Mail

At least half of that number stayed on after the service to partake of the post service refreshments provided by TACA and a chance to chin wag with old friends and neighbours. A truly grand turnout by our small community.



Photo, courtesy Alastair Paulin/Nelson Mail

Welcome Packs

Both village Schools and the Store have a stock of our Welcome Packs. If you are new to our area, ask for one – besides providing some useful information about the area and its facilities, they also contain “goodie” vouchers from the Store and Jester House.

Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

Welcome to winter!

First of all its fantastic news that the Great Taste Cycle Trail is coming through our village. It's a great chance to showcase the many hidden gems of our community and really put us on the map.

We're excited about the challenges it will bring us - as always our focus is to look after the locals and welcome the visitors.

To stave off those winter blues, pop in and try some of Heather's delicious homemade soup; it really is tasty (especially the pumpkin)! As always Vanessa and Heather have been baking up a storm producing really great carrot cake, bread and butter pudding, apple cake... Lance has also added baking fresh scones to his repertoire of tricks.



If you fancy a chat and a coffee, to kick start your morning, pop down to the Store where there are always a few regulars having a catch up. Don't forget clubs and groups are welcome to hold meetings @ the Long Table and we can cater if required.

In conjunction with NPD we are currently running a promotion whereby purchasing \$50 of fuel puts you in the fortnightly draw to win a polar fleece bush shirt, perfect for winter. The promotion runs until the end of July, so you have two more chances to win!

If there is anything you wish to see in Store or you have any suggestions, pop in and see Lance, Vanessa or Heather.

Coming soon....look out for our 'coffee and cake' night next month....

Stay warm and dry!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie
thetasmanstore@xtra.co.nz

Baigent Domain, Kina Peninsula

As most of you will be aware, the Environment Court roundly rejected Carter Holt Harvey's appeal against the decision by TDC to turn down their resource consent application to develop the "sea side" of Baigents Domain. The judgement went on to indicate that because of the visual and environmental importance of the whole inlet area, it was most unlikely that any development other than a single "modest" bach type of structure would meet RMA regulations.

So where to now for this "Orphan CHH Asset"? (the Court's terminology not ours). Without the resources of a deep pocket the community is not in a position to make CHH any form of constructive proposal. There are no funds at TDC for a purchase – even if Council were open to add to their Reserves portfolio – which apparently at this time they are not!

So little remains but to wait and see what may develop, either from a re-think by the Company or a new initiative from an external source. No one wants this unsatisfactory situation to drag on but



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For more information contact Kathy.

in the circumstances, there is no alternative.

Jester House - Tasman's best café since 1991

"Exciting news for Tasman !! " The Tasman Great Taste Cycle Trail is going to be routed down Aporo Road and through the Tasman Domain.



Following some serious local lobbying, that the trail had to go past Tasman's "great tastes" including Jester House Café and the Tasman Store, the Nelson Tasman Cycleways Trust has decided that Aporo Road is to be part of the Great Taste Trail. The Nelson to Kaiteriteri section is scheduled for completion by Christmas time this year and so we should start seeing an increase in cyclists very soon.

This is a big opportunity for Tasman as the trail becomes established and more cyclists want to base themselves on the Ruby Coast; eating, drinking and enjoying all the good things we have to offer.



For the second year we ran a Pink Ribbon Breakfast weekend in aid of the Breast Cancer Foundation and thanks to local donations to the raffle and all your support we raised over \$750 for this very topical cause. Watch this space next May for more Pink specials.

The winter season of movies and dinners at Jester House has again been a great success. If you missed out on hearing about them or coming then join our database by going to our website, www.jesterhouse.co.nz and join us. There will be another season of great events next winter.

Kids Club in June took Arbor Day as its theme and fifteen children came to plant a grove of Te Koura, cabbage trees by the new pond and to become tree guardians here at Jester House. In years to come they will be able to come back and look up into the tops and say, I planted that when I was young. Other events from the Kids Club calendar have included a big games day and a wonderfully wicked pirate day.

After a gloriously long and warm summer and a pleasant if sometimes intensely wet autumn, it's that time of year, when we get ready for our winter holiday and therefore the café will be closed from 22 July until 5th September. Thank you all for your support and custom over the last year and we look forward to treating you again next season.

Coming up when we reopen in September is the annual 'Whakanuia o te Tuna', the Festival of Eels on Saturday 14th September, when we welcome these magnificent megafauna back from their winter hibernation. A day of fun and celebration for all is planned.

Have a pleasant winter and enjoy being part of the great community that is Tasman, Tasman. So good, they named it twice!

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Tasman School Update

100 down, and 100 to go. How long is the life of a school? Now that we have celebrated our school centenary, we can look forward to the next 100 years, and I'm sure we will be around in another 100 years, because our school is a community school. A community that is supportive, caring and determined.



Already our major fundraising event, Muddy-Buddy's is behind us giving us plenty of extra money to play with and playing is the right word, as a good quantity of these funds will end up on the new additions to the adventure playground. The rest will go to the ever increasing IT pool of computers and devices.



We have passionate BOT members, keeping a tight rein on all aspects of governance, who are leaders in their own portfolios, and who also have at heart the social bonding of the school.

The principal is also a key figure in the long life of a school, and our principal, Pip Wells, has abundant positive energy bouncing off students and parents, who has a speech for every occasion, including this years ANZAC service, held every year at the cenotaph in the school grounds.

Then there are the teachers. We are lucky to have a teacher who is also a maths adviser, a very experienced junior class teacher, a mature year one teacher who has the courage to try new methods of teaching in self management and responsibility, and a teacher who works well in the arts of music and drama. Then there are the two teacher aids that bring extra bubbly energy to individual students. And what school could function without an efficient office manager, and a caretaker who pre-empts the school needs.

Of course the lifeblood of the school is our 80 amazing pupils, who ever amaze us with their talents and focus. This is a tribute to our parent body, who really are our community.

So how long is the life of a school? It is as long as the community cares, and with our community that could be a long time.

Fred Robertson. Teacher Tasman School.

Ruby Coast Walkways & Cycleways

Our big news that has been reported elsewhere in this newsletter is that TDC have decided to support the Great Taste Trail coming through Tasman. It will now come along Stafford Drive in Ruby Bay, up Pinehill Rd through the newly formed walkway/cycleway to Marriages Rd. From there it will connect up with Aporo Rd and continue down through Tasman Village to the Tasman Reserve, through the underpass under the Coastal Highway and connect up with Harley Rd back up to Tasman View Rd (formerly the Old Coach Rd) to the back of Riverside Community.

We are also working with Mike Tasman-Jones on an updated version of our Ruby Coast Walkways/ Cycleways map to show the route of the Great Taste Trail through our community. So look out for these revised maps to be distributed to key places throughout the Ruby Coast soon.

Tasman Tidy-up

The projects in the Tasman Tidy Up continue, with the help of the Community Service personnel. Areas of activity have been the interpretative sign and car park opposite Dicker Road, and the grassed area to the left of the underpass entrance, both are being planted with natives. There are plans to paint the walls of the underpass in the months ahead and continue to clear overhanging branches in the Domain, to ensure Contractors can mow easily. If anyone knows of a area around Tasman that is in need of attention please contact a Board member.

Vet's Voice - Senior Health Screening

As our pets age, their health care requirements change. Just like us, they are more likely to develop certain cancers, diabetes, kidney failure, thyroid problems and so on. As medical care has progressed, we humans have developed routine screening procedures, such as mammograms and prostate checks, that are recommended, as we reach certain age milestones.

That same thinking is now being applied to our pets. Remembering that one year of our life equates to roughly 7 years in your pet's life, you can see that a 7 year old pet is around age 49 in our years and a 10 year old pet is about 70. Unfortunately in pet care 50 is not considered the new 30 and so at age 7 (49) we consider a pet to be getting into their senior years! This particularly applies to large breed dogs, who generally do not live as long as smaller breed dogs. And at age 10 (70) we consider a pet to be geriatric.

So it is at about 7 years of age that we begin to keep a good eye out for those old age problems starting to occur. At this age it really is important to keep that appointment for your pet's annual health check, as the earlier we can pick up a disease, the better the treatment outcome. Often something which may seem a subtle thing to you, such as a small nodule under your dog's nipple or the occasional bout of constipation, could easily be the beginning of a mammary cancer or a prostate cancer. You will find we will grill you on any changes to your pet's eating, drinking, peeing and pooing habits and will carefully monitor your pet's weight for any changes that cannot be explained by diet alone.



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Article kindly provided by Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets

Civil Defence plan for Tasman


TACA is currently looking at options to instigate a Civil Defence




plan for Tasman, based on the current Mapua plan. The occurrence of flooding, slips and the like seem to be on the increase and we as a community need to be prepared to be able to help ourselves, if an event occurs.

We have many resources within our community and people with the skills that we would need to get through as a community. If anyone is interested in being part of this initiative please come to the TACA AGM and express your interest.


Our guest speaker at the AGM will be Joe Kennedy, who is the Civil Defence representative in Nelson. He will be speaking in general terms about the need for a plan and what is required to activate such a plan.






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.



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.



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.

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

Banded rails in the Moutere Inlet

Did you know that the only pair of Banded Rail in the Moutere Inlet are right in our area, living in the estuary tussock grasses opposite the village?



They are vulnerable to the risk of stoats and rats and need to be protected from these predators.



This would involve weekly trappings and monitoring. If anyone has the available time and interest to take this on, you would be a local hero! Please contact Adi on 526 6153.

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 & arrange community events.

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:

Annual General Meeting
Tasman School Multi-purpose Centre
Wednesday 31 July @ 7.30pm

Membership 2013

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.

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