

# Coastal Tasman - experience our unique location

# Tasman Times

## December 2016

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

Thanks to TDC for their help yet again with the production of our community newsletters.

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

## From The Chair

Welcome to our Christmas edition of the Tasman Times. You could be forgiven for thinking we have been shaken but we are definitely not



stirred. It may be helpful to be reminded again what to do in case of an earthquake.



Here too is a link to the official guide to help you with checklists to get ready for an earthquake if you are not prepared:

## http://www.getthru.govt.nz/how-to-get-ready

The Harakeke subdivision proposal is still being considered by the Commissioners with a decision for or against to be granted before or after the Christmas break. It has been a lengthy process which has challenged a number of aspects of the Rural 3 prescription. Many of us have submitted to the application both for and against and it has made us all realise that it is essential that we continue to make our views known on issues that affect us all in the Tasman/KIna area.

You will read later in the newsletter about the ongoing progress that we are making in taking care of Baigents Reserve. However it has been

proposed that we form a dedicated group who would take a more educated approach to weed control with the help of local people expert in that area.

So to that end we would like to ask our community to consider joining a "Baigents Control Taskforce" of 10 to 12 people who might be prepared to give up a Saturday or Sunday morning to this task, say 2 or 3 times a year. If interested please email me at <a href="mailto:iamdavidshort@gmail.com">iamdavidshort@gmail.com</a> so that we can arrange a meeting soon.

David Short Chairperson

# **Admin Stuff from the Secretary**

Former Tasman District Council councillors Brian Ensor and Trevor Norriss were farewelled recently at a function held at Jester House. Brian and Trevor in their capacity as councillors attended committee meetings regularly and liaised with the TDC on our behalf for a good number of years until their retirement from local body politics this year.



# **Annual General Meeting**

The 2016 AGM was held on 27 July at the Community Hall at Tasman School and was attended by 9 committee members, 2 Tasman District Council councillors, plus 10 financial members.

The election of officers resulted in David Short becoming Chairman, Brian Hanlon, Secretary and Greg Dryden Treasurer. Committee members elected are: Steve Richards, Hamish Rush, Tracey Evans, Roger Percival, Tony Clark and Paula Short. Pippa Tristram was nominated as a committee member at a later date.

## Speed Limits Bylaw 2016

The Speed Limits Bylaw 2016 was adopted by the Tasman District Council on 18 February 2016 and came into effect on 1 April 2016. This bylaw provides the Council with the ability to change speed limits and/or set new speed limits by Council resolution in the future. Such changes are likely to be to the maps and schedules that accompany the bylaw and will be an efficient and cost effective alternative to a full review. Roads in the Tasman area affected are: Cliff Road, Dee Road, Kina Beach Road, Kina Peninsular Road and Oceanview Lane. All these roads are now 60kmh, reduced from 70kmh.

## **Local Reserves**

## **Tasman Reserve**

Some good news on the playground! We have acquired both the permission and funding for a replacement fence.



Hopefully Nelmac will be erecting this before Christmas. The new seesaw and spinner bowl are on their way down from Auckland at the time of writing. The clatterbridge and the small fort have been made and are also on their way. We are currently awaiting some trimming of the trees around the playground before we can proceed with the installation of the new equipment.

Planning is underway for several working bees over the coming months. If you are interested in helping please email Paula at paulashort@xtra.co.nz or call 526 6789. We can't wait to get this finished – it is going to be fabulous both for Tasman's kids and visitors over summer.

#### Mill Point site

Like most gardeners the last few months have been a bit of a nightmare for us with lots of rain making it difficult to work on the site (at present at least one third would qualify for a "Wetlands" grant!!) – AND, of course all that sunshine to ensure that everything we don't want to grow – does so really fast. But undeterred our loyal band has continued to cut out the brambles, pull up the re-growing Pampas and Broom – pretty much got the Gorse eradicated on the site now (one success at least!).

On the positive side the Totaras we planted last year have roared away and are doing just fine – TDC found us another 100 or so natives of root trainer size – including coastal Ribbonwood - which have gone in and one of our group donated

several Rata seedlings which also have made themselves very much at home.

An interesting "wet weather" occupation on the site has been the collection of "debris" – the legacy of the use of the area as the local Tasman dump. Although each year we clear away all the surface detritus within a 12 month period, another batch has surfaced. This year's haul included bits of a road cone, metal and plastic piping, a very nice "cog" from some machine or other and, of course, lots of "million year half life" plastics. Our last meeting for the summer (yes, it's meant to be coming!) will be on December 4th when we shall make our annual attack on the ever persistent Convolvulus which is just beginning to show its head.

If all this sounds like hard work to you then you are wrong – we have great fun, enjoy our morning tea break and come away with the satisfaction that we are doing our bit to help restore our local area for future generations. If you would like to join us, we meet every first Saturday of the month (except Jan and Feb) at 9.30am– just for a couple of hours – contact tonypearson@xtra.co.nz or 03 540 3217.



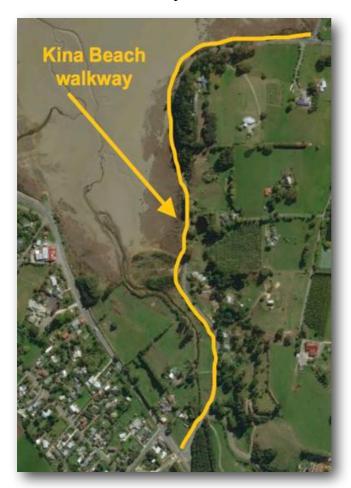
#### Kina Beach Reserve

Frequent heavy periods of rain occurring during the spring months have left the reserve in a soggy state. However, in the camping ground, minor ground works have been undertaken to mitigate the effect of water pooling near camp sites. Jenny, one of the caretakers, indicates that the summer season is shaping up to be as busy as last summer.

#### **Welcome Packs**

Welcome packs containing vouchers, telephone books and local information are now being made available to newcomers to the Tasman area by the rural postal delivery agent. If you are new to the area and haven't received a pack, speak to the rural post driver or call the secretary on 021 265 3153.

# Kina Beach Walkway



TACA proposes to build a walkway from the bridge over the Tasman Stream on Kina Beach Road to the junction with Kina Peninsula Road.

The main purpose of the walkway is to provide a safe passage for our children in the area, to and from school, and has major benefits for us locally with the walk to the beach an attractive option once there is a safer route.

TDC have given the 'green light' on the project and are happy to offer guidance and support and have already walked the proposed path with TACA, as previously reported in the Tasman Times.

We are starting to gather up-to-date cost estimates for an application for grant funding to finance the project. Initial estimates were \$30,000 which, will also help determine whether we tackle this project in sections so that the Kina Beach Walkway is completed safely and entirely.

Once we have finance, TACA would like to kick start the project by getting the beginning of the walkway from the bridge to the Mill Point Site started. This will require lots of community and local business co-operation and effort to clear the vegetation between the road and adjacent property owners' fence lines, before we bring in contractors to create the path.

# Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman



It's quite interesting what happens when you own a rural store. In early Spring we acquired an orphan lamb who our girls named Daffodil - she is ready to go back to her owner now but she seems to like it with us and hasn't quite left yet.

Then we acquired a rabbit who became known as Patch who had a bit of a history and was surplus to requirements. It's all part of the service and we do enjoy the funny



things that happen in and around the Store:)

We do also very much appreciate our community - we had a wee mishap one night and arrived at work to find the store a little sodden. Thanks to some amazing local people who helped with the clean up (without even being asked), we were back up and running within a few hours - we couldn't have done it without them and we truly appreciate what they did for us.

Recent events throughout the country show the power of community cannot be underestimated and we are very lucky to live where we do.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer months.

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie

## **Jester House News**

2016 is drawing to a close and it has been another exciting year at the Jester House.

By the time this edition is published we will have just







It certainly doesn't seem like 25 years since we bought the old roadman's cottage on the Main Road from the Hewlitt family and embarked on the journey of creating our dream to offer a special hospitality spot where you know you are somewhere different. There's been all sorts of trials and triumphs along the way including rebuilding the café in 2006, the Ruby Bay bypass opening in 2010, and winning NZ Café of the Year in 2013. We feel now that the café is all grown up and a part not just of the Tasman community but part of the fabric of what makes Nelson special.

We have once again entered the café of the year competition and are waiting to have judges come and evaluate us, so everyone is on their (normal) best behaviour. When voting closed at the beginning of November we were number one for peoples choice in the South Island region. Results will be announced in the beginning of December and you'll all hear the shouting if we win.

The House of Cards, a 52 day evolving art exhibit, finished on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, coinciding with the Ruby Coast Open Studio weekend. The project involved drawing a card each day from the giant pack and building progressively bigger and more elaborate card houses. Each day someone came to help and to decide on the rule for the day. The rationale behind the exhibit was to draw attention to the plight of the homeless and housing affordability.



The café will be open as usual from 9am until 5pm throughout the holiday period, just closing on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderfully happy festive season.

All the best, Judy, Steve and team.

Tel: 03 526 6742

Email: <u>lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz</u>
Web: www.jesterhouse.co.nz

# Summer staff wanted at Jester House

Do you want to be part of the dynamic team at Jester House?

We are currently looking for a dishwasher, kitchen hand and barista/front of house help.

If you are interested, email your c.v to <a href="mailto:lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz">lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz</a> or call in to the café.

# A Leap Forward in Electrical Capability!



Our first solar project was completed at Lwanza Hospital on Lake Mwero. We installed 12 x 200W 24V panels in two arrays, each with their own MPPT controllers. Each array has 2 controllers in an effort to build in redundancy (and hence security of supply). Costing around US\$10,000, the installed 2.4kW (3.6kW Peak) system provides 230V AC to 2 Surgery units and a maternity unit. The complete system can also be switched to a generator source in the event of system failure or if a short-term boost in power is needed to drive a heavy current device.

With this one installation, thousands of people will be able to receive hospital care over the coming years that would otherwise simply not be possible. Reliable electricity in a hospital allows for the installation of: ultrasound equipment, general anaesthetics equipment, surgical suction equipment, cauterising scalpels, diagnostics laboratory equipment, computer technology, reliable communications, and refrigeration. For a full report and our plans for 2017, head to: <a href="http://www.kiwisinthecongo.org.nz">http://www.kiwisinthecongo.org.nz</a>

Geoff and Carol-Anne Paynter

#### Free Willow firewood available



Felled and cut willow, free to take away. Only a few pieces left to clear that part of Tasman Reserve. Please help yourselves then we can tidy up that part of the Reserve and the contractor can cut the grass.



As the year draws to a close, Tasman School can reflect on another great year, with much to celebrate along the way.

At the beginning of July, on a lovely clear and cool Friday evening, the school held its annual Matariki celebration. This year our Deputy Principal / Senior room teacher, Tim Hikuroa, was responsible for organising a hangi, which was watched keenly by both students and parents. It was a great turn-out of pupils and their wider families, gathered for a communal dinner. Afterwards, the four classes each gave a Matariki-themed performance. This is sure to be a much-anticipated event on the school calendar.

Earlier this term, the whole school took part in the Nelson Arts Masked Parade – we enter this every second year. Many hours were spent making masks and costumes for the "Flights of Fancy" themed parade, and it was well worth the effort. As in 2014, Tasman School took out the School Award and the overall Supreme Winner – the Kim Merry Trophy. We looked great, dressed mostly in white and silver, and certainly stood out amongst other participants!



The school has also been busy with a host of other activities, amongst them – the annual trip to Rainbow Ski Field, the musical event "Rock da House", Room Three's annual travelling puppet show and Room Four's class camp to Lake Rotoiti. Next week the ten Year 8 students are off on a two day camp at Mistletoe Bay – with the keen bikers amongst them, biking part-way of the trip.

We are so fortunate for our children to have exposure to such a wide range of opportunities at Tasman School, helping to grow well-rounded people in our community.



# **Tasman School Community Pool**

The swimming pool project is underway with several successful fundraising events having taken place over the last few months. Nathan Fa'avae gave up his time to do a talk at Mapua Hall which was very well received and several of our parents helped at the Spring Challenge Adventure Race in Golden Bay for a contribution to the pool. Kina Cliffs Winery also donated money from a sales promotion - we are incredibly lucky that we have such supportive people in the community who share our vision and are making it happen.

We have to date raised around \$85,000 which is a fantastic start. We have also had generous locals offering significant help when the project is underway which will help reduce costs. Once we have raised more money we can apply for grants to help us push the project through faster. We have obtained quotes from several companies who are all keen to work with us to achieve our goals - we are hoping to finalise the final design and pool contractor early next year.

If you have any skills you think would help us, would like to help with fundraising ideas or would like to donate some money, pop into the Store and see Anna or drop into Tasman School and leave your details. It will be truly fantastic for our community to have a large modern pool for all to use especially in our long hot summers.

Have a great summer!



#### Vet's Voice

The Vet Centre and a number of other clinics held a Working Dog Survey last year. The survey was conducted across the Vet Company group of practices in the top of the South Island and yielded some interesting results. The information you have provided is helping us to design a working dog health and fitness programme that aims to improve the health and extend the working life of farm working dogs. This programme will be unveiled within the next few months.

Working conditions for farm dogs require physical fitness, endurance and good health. It is vitally important to keep these four legged employees in the best of health so they can lead a long and productive life, making the investment in their breeding, training and care well worthwhile. The loss of a dog through illness or injury can not only be inconvenient but costly. The benefits of minimising illness and injury as well as maximising the length of a dog's working career are obvious.

Some of the key points to come out of the survey include:

- Working dogs suffer numerous injuries and health problems
- Their average working life is 8 years
- The average dog is worth \$2,660 and a top dog \$4,700, with an average team of dogs worth \$30,500
- 87.5% of farmers surveyed were interested in enrolling 80% of their dogs in a health programme
- Key components of such a programme included a physical exam, nutrition advice, vaccination, worming, weight and condition scoring, a housing audit and advice.
- Dry food made up 58% of diets, home kill 27% and dog roll 15%
- Eukanuba was the most popular dry food fed by 31% of farmers surveyed, followed by Tux 26%, Mighty Mix 23%, Science Diet 8% and a sprinkling of other minor brands.

The awareness of working dogs and ensuring your athlete stays fit, healthy and at peak performance is something the Vet Centre is very passionate about increasing.

For more information call 03 544 5566 for our Richmond clinic or 03 528 8459 for our Motueka Clinic.

"Personal Care for All Animals"

#### Tasman Bible Church - Nov 2016

#### Relative experience - a guide?

My mate from the UK has just sent an email asking if we were alright after the recent earthquake and tsunami warnings. Twelve thousand miles seems a long way away, and yet, short enough in distance to feel concerned.

Thankfully, I was able to reassure him of things for me and also express a few concerns for others. There was no physical damage here in my little world but for many of you, or your relatives, there will be. There may be more than physical damage for those in Kaikoura and Cheviot, for the folk of Blenheim and Wellington. When a literal 'wake-upcall' of this nature comes suddenly and unexpectedly, then the things that matter the most to people, emerge with distinct distillation.

Our capacity to care or express concern, to act compassionately and practically, can be relative to the direct experience we have gone through – how close we were to succumbing to great or personal loss. Caring can also be cultivated whether or not one directly sympathises with others. Beyond our shared experience is a straight- forward disposition toward others – or not, as the case may be.

Moving towards Christmas heightens other 'events' markedly. Perhaps, because at the heart of a Christian understanding of Christmas, God Himself is not aloof to human affairs or estranged to a fallen world's plight. That little refugee family in Bethlehem years ago, separated from us by time and distance, experienced directly, in the birth of Jesus Christ, a God who is prepared to participate

Part of the Tasman Community for over 50 years

Christmas In The Domain

Sunday 18th December at 12.00pm

BBQ's onsite for BYO lunch
Live Christmas Music and Carol Singing
Good family fun, Bouncy Castles, Lolly Scrambles!
If wet, at Tasman Bible Church, 6 williams rd

within human affairs. More than just observe, Christmas depicts an ultimate rescue operation that would also involve suffering – for God Himself. The Immanuel title (God with us) in Jesus is a direct, felt, and active response to the human predicament.

My mate contacted me because he cared – God, in Christ, still does so for the same reason.

Check out <u>www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz</u> Richard Drury





# **Local gets Sir Peter Blake Trust Award**

Each year the Sir Peter Blake Trust asks New Zealand schools to nominate a suitable Year 5-8 student for



the "Young Leader Award". This year, Thomas Schwarzenbach (Year 8 student) was nominated by Tasman School, after consensus by the Principal and staff that he was a deserving candidate.

The qualities of the student nominated, must show some or all of the following:

- have their own leadership style it could be a quiet or a big, bold approach
- work well with their peers, not just alone
- communicate well, and can relate to both students and teachers
- are doing good things in their school, home, and community
- aren't afraid of a hard task, and get stuck in
- are thoughtful and considerate of others
- take on extra duties, and do them well
- do things with a great attitude
- know how to have fun

Thomas exhibits all of these qualities and is an exceptional example to others, in both our school and our community. We are all very proud of Thomas.

# Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula

It's been another productive year at Baigents Reserve. TACA has been working with local community individuals and TDC to continue the improvement of this great piece of coastline. Many thanks must go to all those who have helped through the year and at the annual working bee which was held in August. More undesirable trees were cut down and another 120 native trees planted. Thanks to all those who showed up and helped and a special thanks to David Easton for his donation of time and materials.

The five families involved in the boat shed project have continued work with council and as you can see building on the first boat shed has started.

Tony Pearson and his crew of willing weeders from the Old mill site are now looking to focus their attention on Baigents and will lead a group to continue and strengthen the great work already done. We will keep you posted once a clear plan has been established.

We have been successful in installing the new full access toilet and our shade sail project is now completed. We have a plan to get a large BBQ table to sit under it.



Thanks again. See you out there this summer.

# Original Tasman Store -Ready for another few years

Situated next to the Tasman School, in the old original Tasman store, built around 1913, is JointWorks Studio. Over the last few months it has been renovated. During the rebuild a lot of support was received from the community, helping with labour, support and history of the building. We really appreciate the support we received and thank you all. As part of the renovation there is now a sign on the front, detailing the history of the building. While there are a few more jobs to complete we are open again.







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Membership options range from just \$70. Children under 12 Free.

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.

For more information contact Claire at the Golf Club.

# **Tasman Tidy-up**

We would like to thank the Community Service Team for helping to keep our Reserve, the underpass area and the gardens around the Aporo Gateway Sculpture looking good. They have also done a lot of work at the 'Spinney', the area to the left of the approach to the underpass. Their work facilitated the planting of many shrubs by school children and the 'Love Your Water' programme on 26 August with the help and enthusiastic advice of TDC's Richard Hilton.



# It's all in our own backyard

Yes, I know you've heard this before, but I'm going to say it anyway. Do you really know we are living in a fantastic place? We seem to be too busy to get out and about to the remote places in our area. Well, I made the effort and the time was well spent enjoying the fresh air and great scenery of the Abel Tasman National Park. I took a trip with Abel Tasman Eco Tours, called Golden Future Boat Tour and it was an eye opener. In fact the by-line of the tour is 'Open Your Eyes'.

Stewart Robertson, the skipper, is a Marine Biologist and conservationist who points out birds, plants and sea life that I would otherwise miss. The boat is not large, so it is almost a one-on-one experience. A comfortable start at 8.30am from the Marahau jetty took us off to Fisherman and Adele Islands, stopping to see some amazing birds. Then into the clear water of Frenchman Bay to see thousands of cockles filter the water. Up and around to Sandfly Bay into Falls River where seawater and freshwater mix to see the swing bridge, part of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track.

Back out on the ocean, travelling north into the Tonga Island Marine Reserve, we slowed down to observe Tonga Arches. The sun was shining, but there were clouds over to the west; a tea and pee stop was needed. This brought us to Onetahuti Bay for morning tea, where Stewart got out the tea,



coffee and cake to share around. Then on for a walk to the Onetahuti Falls in a secluded spot in the bush, favoured by photographers and tv commercial makers.

Returning to the beach and another short walk to caves where we saw Weta, perched at eye level on the cave walls, amazing. Moving on to the opposite end of the bay, we were picked up by the boat just as it started raining ... pouring. However it did not dampen the spirits of the other members of the tour who were from Spain, as we moved close to seals on the rocks of Tonga Island.

The rain eased to drizzle as we turned into Anchorage Bay, stopping for lunch in the new DOC hut. Most of us were surprised to see that there were flushing toilets and a large clean modern hut, a welcome refuge from the elements at that time. After lunch the rain stopped and we were taken just round the headland to Te Pukatea Bay where we disembarked for a good walk. It took us along a track through kanuka forest, onwards and up a slight hill to the viewpoints looking across the beautiful bay and headland.

We turned for a casual walk to the boat for the journey back to Marahau jetty, which was smooth and pleasant as the sun was shining once more in our little bit of paradise.

Roger Percivall
TACA Committee member



# Ruby Coast Gateway Sculptures Project update

Firstly regarding the Aporo Sculpture, some of you may have noticed that the weeds have grown out of control through our new plantings around the sculpture. It is good to report that Nelmac staff have weed sprayed the whole area late last week with the advent of some fine weather. They will then do a second round of weed control in a few weeks.

After a lengthy process the Trust has finally been granted consent for the Mapua Sculpture last week. So the way is clear now to begin the fundraising drive. To that end the Trust has also been successful in receiving a grant from Pub Charity to cover the cost of the foundation.



Construction of the foundation will begin in early December and it is hoped to erect a similar sign as the Aporo Sculpture to show progress and location of the sculpture in Higgs Reserve.

Last Saturday Mahana Winery held its Xmas Gala Ball with an auction of high quality goods and services including the original mini Sculpture used to promote the project with proceeds going to the Mapua Sculpture. Over \$7000 was raised for the cause; a very pleasing result.

# **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.

# The "Who's Who" in 2016 at TACA

David Short	Chairperson	526 6877
Brian Hanlon	Secretary	03 970 0565
Greg Dryden	Treasurer	526 6151
Hamish Rush		526 6125
Steve Richards		526 6742
Tony Clark		526 6171
Tracey Evans		526 6802
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Paula Short		526 6789
Pippa Tristram		526 6109

Next Tasman Area Community
Association meeting:

Tasman School Staffroom Wednesday 25 January @ 7.30pm

# Membership 2016/17

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

Membership is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 an individual. To join please complete the section below and post it to Greg Dryden, 14c Kina Beach Rd, Tasman 7173 or

drop it with your donation to the Tasman Store or by internet banking. Subs for 2016/17 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** & include your name and initials as per the sample bank statement box below.

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