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Tasman Times

December 2019

Welcome to our summer newsletter, updating you on all of the local issues and happenings.

Thanks also to Tasman District Council for their help in the production of our community newsletter.

Editor (chair@tasmancommunity.org.nz, 021 222 5066)

From The Chair

It looks as though summer is finally here with nice warm temperatures for us all to enjoy for the rest of this week. Let's hope it continues like this.



It disappoints me to have to report that the anti-social behaviour reported about in our Baigent Reserve report has continued over the winter and now has occurred in Tasman Reserve.

However TACA is in the process of making plans to deal with these events to prevent them from happening in the future. All in all the steps we are taking are designed to enhance the usability of both reserves to make them more enjoyable for the public to use.

On the back page of this newsletter is a small article about a new walkway and our other well-used Dicker Ridge track walkway created as a TACA initiative a few years ago.

May I take this opportunity to thank the TACA committee who show up regularly to meetings to help work out solutions to issues affecting us all in Tasman/Kina and who seem to always turn up whenever there is a working bee or a community project to tackle.

Finally and most importantly TACA would like to wish you all a happy and safe festive season, as you get together with family and friends, whether at home or away and especially if you are driving on our busy roads during the holiday period..

David Short
Chairperson, TACA

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

With the recent local body elections resulting in Christeen Mackenzie being elected to the Waimea-Moutere Ward, we welcomed Christeen to TACA



at our committee meeting in October. At the same meeting, we farewelled and thanked David Ogilvie for his commitment. Representing the Motueka Ward, David has, over the years, taken a huge interest in our activities.



Anne Turley



Christeen Mackenzie



Dean McNamara

Here are your Moutere/Waimea ward councillors for the next three years.

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM held on 25 July Anna Gerraty from the Tasman District Council addressed residents prior to the business session with details of a proposed Reserves Review that is to be conducted in the Waimea-Moutere Ward. Anna gave a brief description of the nature of the review and then received and discussed comments from residents. As the review progresses, the community will be given an opportunity to make submissions.

The business session resulted in the following re-elected to the committee; David Short (Chairperson), Brian Hanlon (Secretary), Greg Dryden (Treasurer), Tony Clark, Steve Richards, Roger Percivall, Paula Short, Richard Clement, and Jon Taylor. John Tristram has resigned from the committee.

With the AGM out of the way and the annual reports completed and presented to the Charities Commission, it is smooth sailing for another six months.

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

An incident some months ago involving a motor vehicle entering the domain and ripping up an area of grass has resulted in TACA requesting that TDC install a bollard inside the Memorial Gates and chain the wire farm gate to restrict vehicle access and mitigate further damage. For groups wanting to access the domain with cars the key to the farm gate will be available on request. Nelmac has recently actioned the installation of a removable bollard in a position that will prevent vehicles from entering and allow both gates to open into the domain.



The road reserve which separates the northern boundary from Aporo Road is looking good 12 months after planting, with weeds sprayed recently, and more mulch spread by a group of willing workers.

Recently TDC supplied a number of low growing flaxes which we have planted along the Rush Lane berm and once established, will help to enhance the area.



Reserve Carpark

Further to our last newsletter where a new carpark was proposed in the reserve, due to the significant response, it has been deemed to be unnecessary to proceed.

Mill Point site Recovery Project Kina Beach Road

With our October working bee “washed out” we had a final push to get this year’s plantings done in early November. Many thanks to Penny and Murray for not only donating 20 very nice Totara saplings but also coming along to help plant them. If you are nurturing any native tree saplings and would like to donate them to this village asset, we shall be only too glad to



add them to our growing population of trees for the benefit of future generations.

Generally, the site is in pretty good order with most of the Gorse and Broom under control (although we still find the odd sneaky bit 3 metres high buried in the bush!). The path network is almost complete with the crushed mussel shell proving to be a good option. Sadly a number of our rat traps have been interfered with, rendering them ineffective but with some sterling work by Albi – our No2 Trapping apprentice – we have restored them – difficult to understand who does this sort of vandalism – if you see any suspicious activity on the site, do please let me know – it’s still a “closed engineering site” so anyone in there without TDC permission (i.e. part of the Working Bee team) is trespassing!

And talking of TDC we have been advised that the site can never be gazetted as a Public Reserve – it has no title – BUT we are hopeful that with TACA’s assistance, we can arrange for it to be managed by TDC in the future as a Local Purpose area which will give general access and ensure that it is properly maintained in the future. Thanks are also due to TACA for supporting an annual application for a small planting grant from TDC.

One final tidy up is planned for early December and then we shall stop over the summer months. Thanks to the team for your support this year – new members are always welcome. Have a good summer.

Tony Pearson (Working Bee Leader)
Email: tonypearson@xtra.co.nz

Kina Beach Reserve

Kina Beach campsite continued to attract a steady stream of both Kiwi and overseas travellers throughout the Winter and Spring. A local cat has taken on the task of keeping rats and other unwanted predators away, so its services have been appreciated!

Otherwise, things have generally been quiet and the area hasn’t suffered any further storm damage. The campground is well run by the resident caretaker, Jenny, and the reserve is being kept neat and tidy by TDC’s maintenance contractor.

Jester House News

Another year rolls around and Jester House is still Tasman's best café. After 28 years Judy and I are still at the helm and when the call comes for all hands on deck, we're at the windlass as well. There's been a few major changes in the staff recently, particularly in the kitchen. Our chef, Cat, is leaving for new adventures in Melbourne after 9 years with us and "Little Steve," after 7 years with us, has also relocated. We're all sad to see them go but also happy for them both to be following their dreams.



Of course with new people come new opportunities and we're really excited to welcome Sebastian to our team as the new Chef. Sebastian comes with lots of new ideas and flavour ways and has helped develop the new summer menu. We have added delightful salads and more vegetarian and vegan options. The Be Green Feast on beetroot and walnut bread looks set to be my new favourite. All the dishes not only taste amazing but also look incredible. Of course there are some favourites from the old menu which we just had to keep like the Twice Baked Cheese Soufflé and Chowder.



Christmas is just around the corner and if you haven't baked your Christmas cake, don't stress, we're here to help. It's not too late to order your cake from Jester House. We do a 1.5 kg family size for \$45 as well as cute Christmas Tree shaped cakes for \$13.50. Just call in to the café and we'll get it sorted.

The café is OPEN every day except the 25th and 26th December and the 1st of January. We look forward to seeing you soon. Remember, it gets

really busy through the holiday season, so don't forget to book if you want to make sure you get a table. You can go to our website www.jesterhouse.co.nz or phone us on 03 526 6742.

Best wishes for the Festive Season.
Arohanui, Judy, Steve and the team at Jester House.
Tel: 03 526 6742
Email: lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz
Web: www.jesterhouse.co.nz

Situations Vacant

Are you fit and able and looking for weekend and holiday work?

Jester House has a position for a dishwasher.

Contact steve@jesterhouse.co.nz with your C.V.



NBS TASMAN GOLF CLUB (Inc)

128 Cliff Road, Kina Beach

Ph 03 526 6819

Email: teeup@tasmangolfclub.com

www.tasmangolfclub.co.nz

Our Concession books are 10 rounds of unlimited daily holes for \$200.

Membership options range from just \$80.
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 Lyndal at the Golf Club.

The Tasman General Store News

As we head into our third summer here at the Store, I just would like to thank everyone in the community for the continued support and patronage of the Store. It's getting busier again and we have some additional staff on, learning the ropes at the moment which is exciting, so bring on the summer!! Just a reminder of our opening hours:



Weekday hours: 7:30am – 5:30pm

Weekend hours: 8am – 5:30pm

We are endeavouring to stock as many fresh berries as we can; it will have to be first in first served as we cannot hold berries for people, sorry. It gets too tricky with storage and chiller space over the summer, so do grab the berries when you see them on the table, we have delicious strawberries and also the karaka berries have just started to. We will be getting boysenberries closer to Christmas and the blackberries will be a wee bit after that.



Oaklands milk is delivered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, normally by mid morning. I do try to hold as much as possible to get through until the next delivery but sometimes we do sell out, so this is just a reminder of the days it is here.

Yes, the Store is for sale. It is listed with Alan Atkins from Ray White, with multiple options available. You can view the listing for the business only, with a lease set up for the premises at rwmotueka.co.nz/MOT22258 or for the whole as a going concern at rwmotueka.co.nz/MOT22268

We will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2nd of January.

Have a wonderful summer and hopefully a break to enjoy time with family and friends.

Becs and Sonny

www.facebook.com/tasmangeneralstore

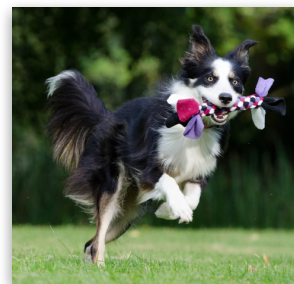
Vet's Voice

Exercising Your Dog!

We have a real love for exercising our dogs. Exercising different breeds of dogs, life stages, lifestyles, full health, injured or medically unsound; these are ALL things to take into account.

1) On lead walking - the best way to exercise any dog is to simply walk them; lead training can be a real patience game, so if walking is a chore try a harness.

2) Off lead walking is fantastic as long as you have a good control over your pooch. We are spoilt here in Nelson with our dog beaches and hills. If recall is an issue, consider signing up to one of the local obedience classes.



3) Mental exercises - puzzle games, puzzle balls, hiding small meal in areas around the home, these games all give your dog something to keep them moving.

4) Agility - this can be done as a game at home or join up to the [Nelson Dog Training Club](#). If you aren't sure if this is an appropriate sport for your dog then discuss with a vet first.

5) Swimming - all dogs benefit but especially older dogs needing to move their joints without putting too much weight on them and causing pain. If you aren't sure if your dog has the ability to swim well, then utilise a life jacket.



Things to AVOID when exercising your dog

1) Too much jumping - this can lead to damaged joints and ligaments. Limiting the height you throw the toys, distance and amount can really help ensure your dog minimises the risk of injury.

2) Running your dog beside cars - this is a dangerous way to exercise your dog; it is high risk and comes with a heart-breaking outcome. THIS ACTION WE DO NOT RECOMMEND.

3) One big walk a week - this creates a very reactive dog with too much energy increasing your risk of a dog fight, injury, over-arousal and disobedience.

4) Walking in the heat - early morning and late evening is best. Always carry water on you, even down at the beach.

For any advice give us a call! We love to help you get the best out of your dog!



Mapua Clinic 5402329
Motueka Clinic 5288459
Richmond Clinic 5445566

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Tasman Bible Church

Tasman Bible Church believe that the eternal God stepped into time and place and made Himself known in the person of Jesus Christ. He came with a message of good news for a humanity that had alienated themselves from a relationship with their maker. That message was not one of condemnation but a gracious gift for those who would faithfully accept it.

We encourage readers to investigate the extraordinary claims of Jesus . . . come ask us questions if that would help you as you perhaps take some time to reflect during this Christmas season.

We enjoy being a blessing to our local communities around Tasman and so again this year we are providing a Christmas event in the Tasman Domain. Everything is free. See the display ad opposite.

Pastor Greig

PRESENTED BY  Bible Church &  mainly music

Christmas

IN THE DOMAIN

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 4PM - 7PM
TASMAN MEMORIAL DOMAIN



A FREE FUN FAMILY EVENT!

SLEIGH RIDES FREE FOOD
LIVE MUSIC WATER SLIDE
GO-KARTS BOUNCY CASTLE

 @CHRISTMASINTHETASMANDOMAIN

Tasman Bay Christian School



Wishing our community all the joys that the celebration of Christ's birth brings.

www.tasbaychristian.school.nz
We welcome all students back to school on
Tuesday 4th February 2020
Office will be open 29th—31st January for new enrolments.

ph: 03 5266855 or email: office@tasbaychristian.school.nz




Part of the Tasman Community for over 50 years





3rd Friday monthly, 10:30am Wednesdays @ 10am

— Church Service on Sundays @ 10:00 —

Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



Unfortunately some anti-social things again need be highlighted. Graffiti was sprayed on the toilet block. Even more disappointingly and costly; soon after the shade sail over the picnic table was repaired, the other part of it was brought down. Each repair costs TACA about \$400 and committee members and others give up their time to remove and re-install the repaired piece. With damage occurring every 6 months, this is too big a drain on our Community funds, so no more repairs will be made. This is a shame because it's the action of a few mindless inconsiderate individuals that spoil things for users of the area. TACA will however look into other forms of shade that hopefully won't be a target for unsociable behaviour.

We also have to report disappointing behaviour with people allowing dogs to roam off the leash in areas clearly identified as nesting sites for the Banded Dotterel. We acknowledge most dog owners do respect the TDC signs. However there seem to be some 4WD owners deliberately



bush-bashing around fencing placed to help protect the birds and then driving on to the beach immediately behind the signs and fencing. (See photos above). There are a host of places where vehicles can easily access the shore and would not cause such damage, but some people deliberately ignore reasonable requests. Again, it's inconsiderate behaviour but this time towards nature.

Hooning on the grass has occasionally continued but at least the damage has not been as severe as during the previous winter. TACA (in conjunction with TDC) is now close to deciding on whether some

form of camera surveillance will be used in the area. Apart from cost there are other reasons why the committee is hesitant to use surveillance, but the pros and cons are duly being assessed. The idea of a "caretaker" traveller to be allowed to reside at the site to hopefully deter hooning etc has been vetoed by TDC.

However, on a positive note, some residents who have a close interest in the wellbeing of LEH Baigent Reserve have formed a group to develop and action a long-term enhancement plan for the area. The primary focus is to maintain the existing character and amenity while encouraging greater family usage.

Decisions made to date:-

1. Provide 3 or 4 more picnic tables to take advantage of views and shade;
2. Where feasible, plant trees that will eventually provide shade;
3. Remove the broken concrete "cricket pitch" and replace with plantings;
4. Populate the open area with a variety of suitable plantings while leaving enough space for games etc;
5. Design the planted areas to try to discourage hooning (fencing will obviously be needed for a few years); and
6. Install a few information boards similar to those around Tasman.

As reported in the June newsletter TDC is undertaking a detailed review of the classification of all land it manages. TACA has recently been notified that the process will begin in our ward this summer and there will be opportunities for both the Association and individuals to have a say in the future of all the reserves and public land, including Baigent. TACA will inform members about this process via its email database.

Richard Clement



Tasman School Community Pool

The pool is now ready for the school kids to start swimming now, which is fantastic. The school is looking for someone to volunteer some time over the summer to help with pool water monitoring - it has to be done 3 times a day so they're looking to spread this out over a few people. Otherwise it is too big a commitment for just one or two people.

They are also looking for a few more generous donors, as they'd like to install some shade sails and also look at heating the pool somehow.

Please contact the school for further info.

Moutere inlet restoration (MITER) update



Planning

We now have a plan outlining the aims and outcomes the group is seeking. Although many participants are understandably keen to get things done on the ground, having a suitable plan ensures we are all going in the same direction and means we will be taken seriously by external agencies, especially when it comes to seeking resources.

Our proposal to the DOC Community Fund earlier in the year focused on pest trapping on the Kina Peninsula, based on anecdotal evidence of significant numbers of predators (rats, stoats, possums), the ability to defend the region north of the neck. Unfortunately our proposal was not successful in a heavily contested fund. However, the application did force us to plan the exercise and that has now morphed into the “Kina Birdsong” project.

Kina Birdsong Project

This initiative has seen the deployment of 20 traps (DOC 200 traps in an enclosure to ensure only the desired predators – rats, stoats and weasels – can enter) along the northern section of the peninsula from the neck to Baigent reserve. The traps have been registered with PF2050 (<https://predatorfreenz.org/map/>) and kills will be recorded using the TrapNZ app and web site (<https://www.trap.nz/>).

Beyond Kina

At a public meeting, the majority of attendees were in favour of focusing our efforts on pest trapping. Before extending beyond Kina, we are seeking information on the trapping initiatives in the area, since we know of many individuals that are trapping on their properties. Can we record our efforts as a background to combining forces and to assist future applications for resources? Please fill in the survey distributed by TACA to help us establish what the total effort is across the region.

DOC has recently published an excellent trapping guide. It is available on-line (<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/threats-and-impacts/pf2050/pf2050-trapping-guide.pdf>) or from the local DOC office while supplies last.

Our next step is to create bite sized projects in the region that are linked. The plantings at Mill Point and

planned for Baigent Reserve will assist in creating habitat and we also have links to the Moutere stream initiative being set up by the Landcare Trust.

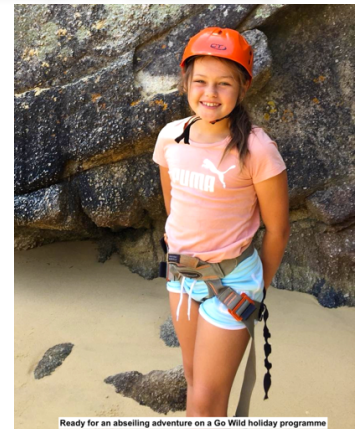
If you are keen to be included in our developments and haven't done so already, please send your email details to either:

Murray Poulter at mpoulterx@gmail.com or

Richard Clement at rscllement@xtra.co.nz.



We've had a busy and rewarding time here at Whenua Iti Outdoors. It's been great to see primary and secondary taura exploring our outdoor classroom and making the most of opportunities given to them. Our sincere thanks goes to all the teachers, support staff and whānau, as without their support, we couldn't achieve our mission of positive change in individuals & communities.



Past Student Success

We were delighted to hear from past students – Blythe (Uniformed Services graduate) who has just completed his firefighter training, and Shania (Adventure Tourism Leadership graduate), who won the 2019 NZOIA Tertiary Award for her potential and passion for outdoor instruction! Congratulations! We wonder what our 2019 graduates will get up to?

Recognition for Whenua Iti Outdoors

We are thrilled with receiving the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Mediaworks NZ Medium Business Award for 2019. It was great to see so many community-minded businesses being recognised on the night. Along with an excellent



Education Review Report from NZQA, stating that “Whenua Iti is conclusively meeting its purpose to provide experiential learning to influence positive changes in students”, we are feeling humbled, proud of our team and so very appreciative of the support we get from the community.

Summer Holiday Programmes

Our holiday programmes are now open for summer enrolments and cater for ages 7 – 18yr olds. The programmes are designed around adventures in the outdoors, great for growing confidence, learning new skills and making new friends! A recent UK study confirmed links between learning outside and the positive learning and behaviour outcomes that result - which of course we already know here at WIO! Best you head to our website and enrol soon to ensure you get a spot!

Noho ora mai rā,

Thanks to everyone for their continued support & we look forward to seeing you out there!

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RUBY COAST NEWCOMERS SOCIAL GROUP

WHAT IS IT? Easy way for Tasman and Mapua Newcomers to socialise, make friends and learn about the area from other “recent” residents.

WHERE? Tasman Store, occasionally elsewhere.

WHEN? The last Friday of each month from 10am until about 12. Also occasional ad hoc “bring-a-plate” social events. An email reminder is sent each month. No obligation to attend! Just come along as often as suits you.

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CONTACTS:

VIVIEN on 03 526 6707 / 027 526 6707
vpeters@xtra.co.nz

or

RICHARD on 027 526 6700
rscllement@xtra.co.nz

New walkway open for Tasman

Yet another walkway is now available which enables visitors and locals to walk down to the beach. As part of the Tasman Bay Estates consent the walkway starts at a small carpark at the end of Decks Road off Aporo Road and takes walkers on a magnificent stroll along the clifftop with views across Tasman Bay on a gravel pathway then down a grassy walkway through the gully to the beach. (See the map on page 1).

For new arrivals you can also enjoy the Dicker Ridge Track on a 7.5km circuit. Well signposted, the track starts near Tasman Reserve (where you can park your car or bike) and continues up Dicker Rd from the corner of Aporo Rd through farmland, then follows the bypass and returns back along Williams Rd to Aporo Rd by Jester House Café.

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 2019/20 at TACA

David Short	Chairperson	526 6877
Tony Clark	Acting Chair	526 6171
Brian Hanlon	Secretary	03 970 0565
Greg Dryden	Treasurer	526 6151
Steve Richards		526 6742
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Paula Short		526 6789
John Tristram		526 6109
Richard Clement		526 6707
Jon Taylor		027 246 5045

TACA meetings
Last Thursday of every month
(no December meeting)
Tasman Bible Church Hall

Next meeting:
Thursday 30th January, 7.30pm
Tasman Bible Church Hall