

Tasman Times

December 2024

From the Chair - Greig Caigou

As I reflect on the last few months, I am reminded of the absolutely marvellous dedication and passion shown by those involved in our community association, TACA. This service to the community is across such a wide range of activities, from liaising with users and contractors, taking care of local reserves and parks, building structures, organising beach cleanups, right through to managing large-scale planting projects such as the Te Mamaku Native Corridor (page 10). Our work also encompasses local Civil Defence preparedness on the one hand, to keeping abreast of environmental concerns that affect the ecology and precious environments in which we live, work and play, on the other.



I also want to highlight the speakers who have enriched our committee meetings with their expertise and enthusiasm. Their contributions have spurred really useful and meaningful discussions.

I have been so pleased to see residents working on personal projects in our area, who have engaged with TACA to get assistance on how best to proceed.

RUBY COAST NEWCOMERS SOCIAL GROUP

WHAT IS IT? An easy way for Tasman and Māpua newcomers to meet and socialise, make new friends and learn about the area from other 'recent' locals

WHERE? We usually meet at the Tasman Store and Café

WHEN? The last Friday of each month from 10am to around midday – an email reminder is sent each month



There is NO OBLIGATION to attend! Just come along when it suits you

We also host occasional ad hoc 'bring a plate' social get-togethers

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As before I also thank TDC Councillors who are 'right there' at meetings and who provide a region-wide perspective as we approach local interests.

Altogether, this collaborative ethos sets TACA apart and in my opinion makes our achievements all the more meaningful.

As with anything, there is always more to do and I encourage each and any of you to continue lending your skills and passions to what is a shared momentum in tending this 'patch' of our wide world.

They will have discovered a wealth of wisdom and support, along with extensive networks to tap into. This is a wonderful function of TACA . . . supporting grassroots community endeavours. Bring it on!

Here's to another year of meaningful progress and shared achievements. Thank you.

Greig

Secretary's stuff - David Short

TACA continues to thrive, bringing together residents in a shared effort to enhance our environment and community well-being.



TACA's AGM at the end of July was well-attended; a great success. Our keynote speech on 'Re-wilding Tasman' from Annette Litherland of NZ Landcare Trust inspired many of us in the room to start considering how we might work towards planting more native trees within our wider community.



Work is already starting on the challenging task of how we might solve our significant *E.coli* problem in Tasman Stream (also known as Āporo Stream). (See the articles on pages 7 and 8). This will require an all-community effort in conjunction with TDC to try to solve this problem and may take some time to resolve.

Piggy backing on this issue is a new project we are just undertaking, involving riparian planting on the banks of the Tasman Stream and all of its tributaries that follow Marriages Rd, Horton Rd and Williams Rd. It is our intention to work with willing residents whose properties adjoin this catchment.

The AGM elected new officers with Greig Caigou taking on the role of Chair, David Short as Secretary with Marijke Caigou as our new Treasurer. Thanks to Mary Lithgow last year for her professional care of our accounts and budget. All existing committee members were happy to continue their commitment to our community association.

However TACA could still do with a few more committee members, so if you are new to the area and would like to become involved in your community, come along to a committee meeting and take a look to see what we are about. You only need take on as much or as little as you want.

Volunteers are the life blood of our community. Without your help we would not be in a position to achieve what we do, in particular our Te Mamaku



Native corridor project with 20 or so regular volunteers who help with weeding and plant guard installation. Also important are our annual beach clean-ups. In October just under 20 locals stopped 170kg of rubbish from entering our waterways. Well done!!

A big shout-out too to our Ward Councillors, in particular Mike Kininmonth and Trindi Walker, for their unwavering support for the work we do.

Finally with 24 paid-up members of TACA, you too can become a member at just \$10 per individual per annum, allowing you to vote at our AGM and contribute to our good work; just go to <https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/taca>



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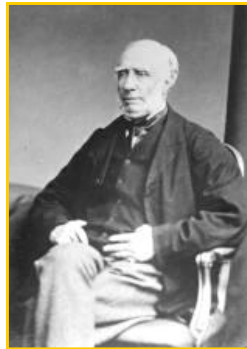
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Holton House and the origins of the Tasman apple industry

- A little local history from Michaela Markert and Adi Tait

In 1867 Edmund Buxton, a wealthy Nelson businessman, built Holton House as a holiday home in Ruby Bay at 199 Stafford Drive. The house was a smaller version of his Broadgreen residence in Stoke, and they both still stand today. The category 2 listed house is a Dutch-colonial style residence with interesting connections to the beginnings of the local fruit growing industry. His company E Buxton & Co Merchants was an importing and exporting business, selling everything from apple trees to firearms, women's hosiery to sausage skins.



Edmund Buxton



Holton House, back in the days

First though, an interesting tale is told of how the slate tiles for the roof arrived at the site. A Mr Eggers (who designed one of the first apple graders), carted the slate from Nelson by wagon. At nightfall he stopped and left the wagon at the Bronte Road corner for the night. The next day he continued on to Ruby Bay without any issues. However after the slate was unloaded and the wagon turned around in the paddock, all the wheels fell off. Evidently some larrikins had taken the pins out of the hubs the night before at Bronte Corner. The problem wasn't noticed at the time as the wheels had followed a deeply rutted road all the way to Ruby Bay and it was only when turning in Buxton's paddock that they fell off!

The property was later leased, then sold to William Howard Stafford, whose family had an important role in the beginnings of export fruit production in the area, as well as being credited with the naming of Ruby Bay. Observing Stafford's success with pip fruit growing, the apple growing potential of the district attracted many businessmen including the newspaper editor, printer and, at the time, small orchard owner, Arthur McKee.

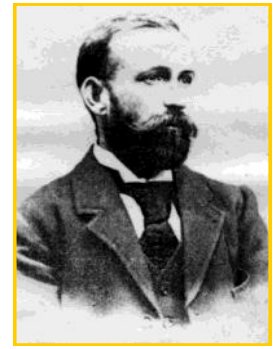
McKee bought 2600 acres of land between 1908 and 1910 which he subdivided and sold as orchard plots.

In 1907 the first trial shipment of several hundred cases

of apples had already been sent to the London market.

Extolling in his 1915 book 'A Place in the Sun and an Occupation Yielding Health, Wealth and Happiness: Apples for Export', McKee wrote,

'Why has Tasman so suddenly sprung into prominence?here may be found the combination of perfect soils and climatic conditions, and these so perfectly blended as to proclaim this district unsurpassable for apple growing not only in New Zealand, but in any part of the world.' Hear, hear!



Arthur McKee



Apple trees had been grown in the Lower Queen Street area of Richmond from 1845 and profitably shipped to the West Coast goldfields and across the Tasman Sea. However the region's apple industry only really took off in the 1920s by which point Nelson had become one of New Zealand's main pip fruit producers.



Apple picking [Nelson Provincial Museum, F N Jones Collection: 9949]

About 114,000 cases were shipped overseas from the Māpua Wharf via Wellington in the 1925 season - about one third of New

Zealand's export fruit. By 1965 all shipments were loaded directly on to overseas ships at Port Nelson, resulting in savings in freight costs as well as the fruit arriving at the overseas markets in better condition.

By the mid-twentieth century Holton House again became a retirement retreat and its owners, the Tyndale-Biscoes, made several new additions.



Part of McKee Orchard on the Bluffs - Āporo Rd and Marriages Road

The house still stands today as a reminder of the pioneers of a century ago.

Michaela and Adi



LEH Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula - David Easton

Summer is here and good times at Baigent Reserve are what summer is all about for so many locals. Whether walking the dog (on a lead), water sports or a quiet BBQ on the community facility, Baigent Reserve at Kina has so much to offer.

You may wish to take a seat with Selwyn Buckett, in memory of a Kina water skiing great!



Ground work

In early August a keen group of volunteers removed seedling wattle and planted some more Kānuka around the Reserve in strategic places, to grow into good shade trees.

More work by volunteers has been completed, clearing tracks through the scrub lands in the middle of the Reserve. In early autumn the blackberry and other weeds will be sprayed along the side of some new tracks to prepare for winter planting. There are Ngaios, Kānuka and Pōhutukawa ordered for planting in 2025. All these species have a proven track record of being successful on the sand. Take a walk to the front beach and rest under the mature Pōhutukawa.

The temporary fences have now been removed at the Reserve and the back area chain unlocked over summer to ensure there is plenty of space for trailer parking and picnicking out of the wind.

Please ensure no fires are lit as there is a complete fire ban on the peninsula.

A community thank you to all the volunteers who keep making Baigent Reserve such a great place. Keeping the rubbish out and the weeds under control is the work of the community. Special mention to Linda, Pete and Paul and who are regularly checking the predator traps on the Baigent Reserve.

The banded dotterel nesting on the front beach have appreciated the lack of vehicles driving over their nests. Unfortunately, not all vehicles have kept away from the nests. If you do drive on the beach anywhere on the peninsula, can you please keep below the high tide mark to avoid disturbing nesting birds. It's best to avoid driving on the beach at all, especially during high tides.

Thank you all.

David.



Kina Beach Reserve and Campsite - David Short



The campsite would not be quite the welcoming, caring place it is without the tireless energy that our caretaker, Jenny, puts into the operation. She reports that it has been a particularly quiet winter period.

Through Kina Bird Song (page 5), David Easton continues to supply traps and bait for the campsite with rats regularly being caught. Thanks to him also for supplying weed mats and plant guards for new trees planted in the Reserve during the winter.

Once again we would like to remind locals about the Kina Beach Reserve beside the campsite. There's plenty of room to park cars if you are wanting an easy place to walk your dog on the beach. It's a great place for a picnic too. If you have a motor home or want to go camping locally you might fancy a night or two at the campsite, right beside the beach for just \$14 per night!

David.

Kina Bird Song

- David Easton



Can you help?

Kina Bird song is looking for volunteers to check traps on a new line to be installed on the Dicker Ridge Track beside Te Mamaku Drive, the Coastal Highway. The plan is to place a line of traps alongside the new Te Mamaku Native Corridor plantings to ensure that a resident predator population doesn't establish. The birds will come along as the new native plants provide their food.



Checking traps is a good excuse for a walk and an opportunity to see our flora and fauna

No experience is necessary as full training will be given. If we can get 2 or 3 volunteers to share this duty, then it would take 2 to 3 hours every few weeks to check the traps. Once installed the traps would need to be checked and re-baited by one person every 14 to 21 days.



Can you see the trap here?

Together we have trapped 74 predators in the last month, 1,051 in the last year and 4,242 since we started. And that is what has been recorded on the TrapNZ website for Kina Bird Song and Jackett Island. We know that many of you are successful trappers and do not use TrapNZ. So, the real number of predator kills is much higher. Well done all!

If you wish to use the TrapNZ app for your phone to record all it is very easy. Please contact Tim or myself if you need help with installing or using the app.

Spring is here and there is lots of bird activity. So, let's help them successfully raise their young. There is a trap in the grass, bottom left photo. Can you see it? No—and nor can predators. This trap hasn't caught anything in 2 years. But the trap below is next to bushes and is visible. This trap catches predators regularly.



If you want traps on your property or need help, please make contact. We have wooden rat tunnels and traps available, Doc 200 traps in boxes and Trapinator possum traps. Just ask and we can supply. A donation to Kina Bird Song through the Tasman Environmental Trust is appreciated for the traps but not compulsory. TDC's Pest Management Plan is at this link:



If you want some lures or bait, text or ring David on 021314902. We have -

- Erayz rabbit Jerky, for mustelids and rats (keep it in the freezer)
- Aniseed flavoured lure for rats and possums
- Cinnamon flavoured lure for rats and possums
- Peanut butter for rats and possums donated by PICS.

Please contact Tim at info@kinabirdsong.nz or David at david@kinabirdsong.nz if you need any products or just want some help.

David

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Tasman Civil Defence

- Richard Clement

Two more people have undertaken training, but for a better gender balance we still need another couple of gents. Come on guys, don't be shy!



If you are interested in becoming a CD volunteer please contact Richard Clement on 027 526 6700 or via rclement49@icloud.com. The Foundation Course can be completed online in your own time.



Community Emergency Preparedness Plan

Many communities have experienced disasters and Tasman is not immune. NTEM (Nelson Tasman Emergency Management, commonly known as Civil Defence) wants each community to have an Emergency Preparedness Plan. The first two stages of developing our plan have been completed by trained volunteers. The final stage is the most important and needs the community at large to contribute information and commit to step up if we have to be self-reliant. The following is needed from the community -

- Local businesses – please indicate resources you could offer. These could range from small but vital items such as food, water and generators right up to 4WDs, earth-moving equipment and drones for surveying damage.
- Could individuals or businesses offer VHF or UHF radio, say in vehicles, that could provide communication if cell phone coverage is lost?
- Larger landowners – could you provide emergency fenced areas for displaced stock or other facilities that could help the community at large?
- Do you have specialised skills that could be useful when facing an emergency eg medical/nursing; construction or engineering; plumbing and electrical; fire-fighting; operating heavy machinery; flying drones? Such information will only be noted in the plan with your clear permission.

If you provide such information, all details will be kept in strictest confidence by the local Community Emergency Team and NTEM. Civil Defence appreciate your positive response.

Please contact Richard Clement, 027 526 6700 or rclement49@icloud.com to discuss ideas or offer expertise.

Reminder about AF8



A major Alpine Fault earthquake is overdue and there's an 82% chance it will be magnitude 8 or stronger. The South Island will be severely to catastrophically impacted. All households need to be aware and prepare as much as possible. For the science behind these predictions and about preparing, please refer to -

www.af8.org.nz or www.faultlines.nz

For further practical preparedness - www.civildefence.govt.nz/get-ready

Tsunami risk

All NZ coastlines are subject to possible tsunami. Tasman village, Kina and the Mariri shore are at greatest risk. Please refer to the following link for local risk areas and other info.

www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz/tsunami-evacuation-maps

Fire!

Potentially our greatest risk, certainly in terms of frequency, and summer of course increases our vulnerability. Fire can spread extremely rapidly. Complacency and lack of preparedness can quickly turn a minor situation into a catastrophe. So be aware, stick to the rules and avoid causing fire.



Severe Storms

Remember the Petra Way tornado? It caused property and road damage and felled a swathe of trees en route to Bronte - a close call for us all. Give yourself the best opportunity to cope if an emergency situation should arise. Become a trained CD volunteer and make sure you have an emergency kit containing sufficient water and food for several days, plus all means of surviving if your home becomes uninhabitable.

BE ALERT AND STAY SAFE!

Richard



Something in the water - The Tasman Stream *E. coli* issue

- Helen Forsey, TDC

We like to think of our streams as pristine and pure but, as we explain over the following pages, things are not all well in all our wells...

Unfortunately, Tasman Stream monitoring has identified high levels of the dangerous bacterium *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) for a number of years. *E. coli* levels are also high along the Moutere River. TDC is planning to do investigative monitoring within the Tasman Catchment to help identify hot spots and work with homeowners and landowners to mitigate any sources found. The sources could include on-site wastewater systems (septic tanks and the associated land application areas), waterfowl, and stock.

TDC encourages you to look within your own property and check out your septic tank to ensure it is working properly. If you think you may need guidance to help with land mitigation measures, let me know.

Septic Tanks 101

Many properties in the Tasman district are not connected to a council sewerage system and instead rely on their own septic tank. Septic tanks need regular maintenance to ensure they work properly and avoid issues like bad odours or pollution from contaminants such as *E. coli*.

The first step is to know where your septic tank and land application area are located on your property:

- **Septic Tanks:** These are typically located near the plumbing drainpipes leaving your house. They have access points for maintenance, often marked by pipes sticking up above the ground or manhole lids
- **Land Application Area:** These areas may show as patches of extra green grass, wet spots, or in some cases dead grass. The land application area may be relatively large and consist of shallow drip irrigation pipes, or have a relatively small footprint with soakage trenches

Signs Your Septic Tank May Be Failing:

- Foul odours around the septic tank or soakage field/land application area
- Water or sewage backing up into your home, or draining very slowly
- Gurgling sounds in the plumbing system
- Standing water or damp patches near the septic tank or soakage field
- Bright, lush grass over the septic tank or soakage field compared to surrounding areas
- Puddles forming over the septic tank or soakage field
- Filamentous green algae in the creek downstream of the discharge



Most *Pooling in a land application area* septic tanks need to be emptied and cleaned every 3 to 5 years, although some may require more frequent maintenance, depending on the system. If you're unsure when your septic tank was last serviced, it's probably due for a clean. Contact a registered drain layer or septic tank cleaner to arrange a service.

To view your stream's water quality data, visit the Lawa (Land, Air, Water Aotearoa) site. This information is updated yearly around June from Tasman District Council's water quality monitoring:



Further information on on-site wastewater systems/septic tanks can be found on the Tasman District Council Website, including a 'Good Practice Guide for Operating On-Site Wastewater Systems':



Water New Zealand also has useful information on caring for septic tank systems:



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Clean streams, thriving life—protect our waters!

E. coli - a local initiative

- Elliot Easton

As Helen Forsey explained on the previous page, a key indicator of swimmable water quality in New Zealand's lakes and rivers is the minimal presence of *E. coli* (*Escherichia coli*). This bacterium naturally occurs in the gastro-intestinal tract of animals and its presence in water generally indicates faecal contamination, which can make humans sick. To help identify *E. coli* sources, Tasman District Council is planning a series of sub-catchment water quality investigations within the Tasman Valley Stream catchment over a three-year period, beginning shortly.



Community meeting

A recent TACA meeting was well attended by interested and concerned locals to discuss this topic. There was a desire to speed up the investigation and any actions to mitigate potential sources. There was a strong sentiment that local landowners would not wish to be polluting their waterways, and should they know there was an issue coming from their property would wish to remediate the issue themselves.

Free testing

As a result, Tasman Bay Guardians is offering a free *E. coli* check for creeks, streams, ditches, and overland flow paths. The results of these tests will be sent directly to the landowner who requested the test, not to TDC, whose own testing will hope to pinpoint the exact source/species of contamination—whether it be human, livestock, or waterfowl.

The aim of the Tasman Bay Guardians initiative is to help landowners identify if their property is contributing to the high *E. coli* readings in Tasman Stream and take early remedial action before TDC's investigative monitoring reaches their sub-catchment.

If you live on Aporo Road or on any of the sub-catchments that feed into the Tasman Valley Stream (Marriages Rd Stream, Horton Rd Stream, Williams Rd Stream, Baldwin Rd Stream), then this may be of interest to you.

Testing will be undertaken in the new year after rain. If you would like free testing, please fill in the survey link here -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tasecoli>



Any questions please contact Elliot Easton elliott@mountainstosea.org.nz

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Stream Health Monitoring

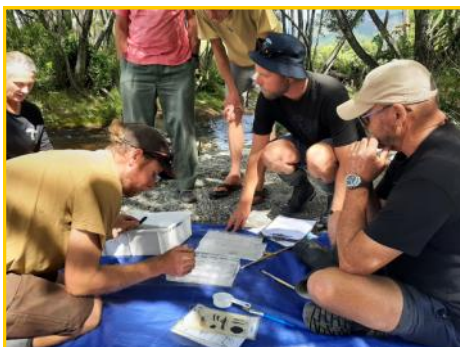
- you can volunteer

- Elliot Easton



Communities that understand the health and characteristics of their local tributaries are better prepared to care for them and protect their mana and mauri for future generations.

Currently, only two sites across the whole Moutere catchment are being regularly monitored by TDC. We would love to see an increase in community participation in monitoring local streams that haven't



been monitored before or need updated information.

Expanding freshwater monitoring efforts will help enhance community cohesiveness

and wellbeing and provide useful information for decision-making before facing regulatory requirements. It will give a more comprehensive understanding of freshwater health throughout the entire catchment.

To become a community freshwater monitoring volunteer, you will attend a one-day training session on how to use a SHMAK kit (Stream Health Monitoring Assessment Kit). You will then be supported to start up a community group to monitor your local stream or river. Guidance will be provided for your first few monitoring sessions by Tasman Bay Guardians staff.



If you don't have time for regular monitoring on your waterway but would still like to join a workshop, you are more than welcome. We love educating the community about the different factors required for a healthy stream ecosystem.

Register your interest here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHMAK>

Any questions please email me at elliott@mountainstosea.org.nz



Elliot



Tim de Vries

Thank you for the opportunity to share the latest updates from Tasman Bay Christian School with our fantastic Tasman community. Our school is a vibrant Year 1 to 8 school and we remain committed to providing an excellent education that integrates faith and learning. Our buses collect students from all over the region. Here's a look at what we've been up to recently.

Last term, our school production of 'Captain Black Custard' was a great success. Over two performances, students showcased their talents in acting and singing. The production was the result of months of dedication and effort from staff and students and we are grateful for the wider community's support in making it such a great achievement for all who participated.

Our Year 6-8 students also enjoyed a highly successful tramp through the Abel Tasman National Park. This



adventure not only provided an opportunity to explore one of New Zealand's stunning natural landscapes but also allowed students to develop resilience, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for God's creation.

This term, our theme is Pursuing Peace, with a special focus on Jesus as our Saviour. Students are expressing their learning through visual arts, using a variety of mediums to portray biblical narratives. We look forward to showcasing their work later this term.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the appointment of


Neetha Mudhan as our new Principal, beginning in Term 1, 2025. Neetha brings a large amount of experience and her leadership will guide our school into an exciting new chapter. Stay tuned for more details as we prepare to welcome her into our community, sometime early next year.

Thank you for your support.

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Te Mamaku Native Corridor Project

- David Short and Michael Markert

The 2024 winter planting has seen about 11,000 more trees going into the ground over 2.5 hectares. Since our humble beginning in 2022 we have now planted on Crown land along 1.3km of SH60-Te Mamaku Drive (formerly known as the Ruby Bay Bypass), a total of 25,000 trees, covering 6.5 hectares.

More progress

In October we cleared another two hectares of wilding wattles, pine trees, gorse, broom and blackberries, thanks to special grants from Pub Charity and Network Tasman. This has allowed another kilometre-long section along SH60 to be prepared for the upcoming winter planting seasons of 2025 and 2026.

The Te Mamaku Native Corridor Project has received wide recognition, now from 'Good Sorts' which was screened on TVNZ One News on November 10.

A big thank you to our volunteer army and this year's sponsors: Rātā Foundation, Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund, Nelson Building Society, Trees That Count, NZMCA's Greenfund, Pub Charity, Network Tasman, Tasman District Council, and individual donors.

Walk, bike or take your horse on the Dicker Ridge Track along Stagecoach Road through the middle of our young trees. Enjoy the views from our newly installed picnic table (just above the gravel pit). Its timber was milled for free by Totally Timber after Cyclone Fehi killed macrocarpa trees in Baigent Reserve.

Steve Richards from Jester House and David Short constructed it, ready to be launched with our volunteers when we welcomed the film crew from TVNZ.



Visit our website to

see our plan document, watch videos with drone footage and TVNZ One News 'Good Sorts', as well as photos of before, during and after the plantings.



One easily forgets how ugly and unsightly it looked just three years ago!

<https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/te-mamaku-drive-ruby-bay-bypass-corridor-planting-project>

Maintaining the progress

Funding is ongoing to cover the costs for maintaining what we have planted already including a very rigorous weed spray programme for the planting seasons 2025 and 2026. To help us in our financial reporting, the project now sits under the umbrella of Tasman Environmental Trust.



Please support the Te Mamaku Native Corridor Project with volunteering and/or with tax deductible donations.

Go to <https://www.tet.org.nz/get-involved/donate/> and click on Te Mamaku Native Corridor project, or scan this QR :



To receive regular updates and invitations to working bees, please submit your name and email address to michamarkertnz@gmail.com

Thank you!

David and Michael



Tasman School

- Rob Boomer, Principal



It is hard to believe the end of the school year is here already. We had a busy second half of the year with a range of experiences including -

- Winter Sports tournament in Term 3
- Whenua Iti Mini Adventurers and Mini Explorers programme in Term 3
- Students have received specialised dance tuition with a dance intensive week through Dance Curriculum, culminating in a school dance performance for the school community
- Pet Day and Spring Festival in Term 3
- The planned ski trip was cancelled due to snow conditions

Unfortunately the Moutere Hills Athletics Day was also cancelled on two occasions but a Tasman School event is now planned and traditional relay events and cup races between the Moutere Hills schools are now scheduled for early December.



Camp Wellington!

A major highlight for our Year 6, 7 and 8 students was our week long camp in Wellington. Students travelled by car to Picton and endured a rough crossing to Wellington.



Our accommodation was an updated YHA, operating as Haka House. The recent improvements to the facility were appreciated by all.



Students enjoyed visits to the Wellington Zoo, Carter Observatory, Parliament, Te Papa Museum and Capital E Studios. They also had the opportunity to ride the Wellington Cable Car and play some rounds of Laser Force. We were fortunate to enjoy a much smoother return sailing.

Our senior students have a summer sports tournament and Mana Whaitake day at Kaitereterere (Kaiteriteri) to look forward to before the end of the year.

If you are interested in visiting the school please make contact with the office to schedule an appointment.

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Tasman Store News

- Lance and the Store team

The spring vibes are strong at the Tasman Store. The chirping birds and flowers in the garden are soothing when enjoying your favourite coffee and snack.

Lance's DIY paint job looks superb (Mission Brown is the colour) and the new layout has good Feng Shui, just waiting on the pièce de résistance - a large mirror ball - and the look will be complete.

Strawberries are now coming in daily and milk deliveries are on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays.

Louie's pies are delicious, a fixture on the menu and they sell out quickly. This season, Summer Salad Bowls will be available for your nourishment as well as all the usual delights.

We will be closed for the stat's over Christmas and New Years but will be open for Sunday 29th December and the 5th January.

As always, we look forward to seeing you. Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Christmas.

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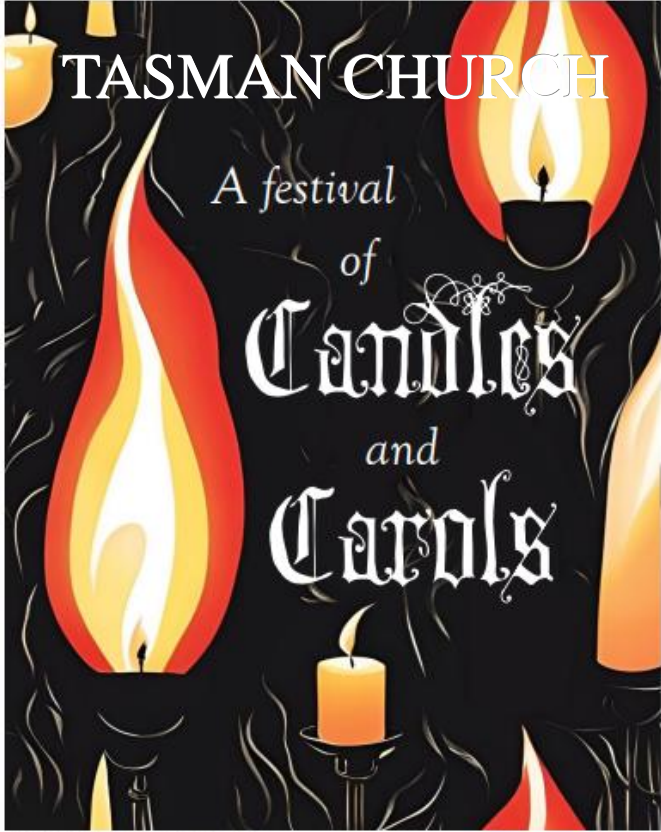
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- Steve Richards

"You can best serve civilization by being against what usually passes for it."

— Wendell Berry

There's a bus shelter on the corner of Āporo and Marriages Roads again.

Although it's smaller than the old shed, it does overcome all the problems it had. The old red and white shed which had stood right on the corner for nearly 100 years unfortunately had to be removed as it was largely rotten, a danger to cyclists on the Great Taste Trail and absurdly, wasn't at the bus stop, which was 20 metres down the road.

The local Tasman Area Community Association saw the opportunity to remember the history and still give people, waiting for the bus, some shelter and shade.

TACA Committee member Steve Richards led the design-and-build team who constructed the shelter in the Āporo Orchard packing shed. Steve says, 'The new shelter's design references the old shed with its steep pitched red roof and white corrugated iron walls. The only piece of the old shed we managed to reuse was the seat with initials carved in it. It is now the back rest of the new seat.'

We'd like to say thanks to Mitre 10 Motueka, and Freeman Roofing for generous discounts and to the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust and TDC for the opportunity and funding. Now we just have to get the bus to stop.....

Steve



Team Samoa (aka the heavy lifting team) with Construction Crew of Hamish Rush and Steve Richards. Graeme Ralston absent.



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Jester House Cafe

- Steve Richards

It's been four years now that Jester House has only been open on Fridays and that is proof to us that the 'Economy of Enough' is a valid concept.

It's easy to work more and strive for growth but it is important to remember that we are human beings, not human doings. Having time for family, an ever expanding garden and to just 'be' are more important to us than the constant search for business growth and all the corresponding stresses that come with that.

Work should be fun and especially in hospitality you have to be genuinely happy to see people - and we are. And we have a fabulous team of local staff who also enjoy their work and love our customers.

Make it your New Year's resolution to join the crowd that make Jester House a part of their Friday routine. You're always welcome to just pop in when we're open



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but if you want a table at a particular time or to have a Portuguese Tart saved for you, we recommend making a booking via email.

Over the Christmas period the café will be closed from 21st December, reopening on Friday 31st January.

So thanks for all your custom throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Christmas Cakes!

As usual Christmas cakes will be available to order this year; big 1.5 kg cakes are \$70 and decorated Christmas Tree cakes are \$21.50.



Wishing you all the best for the Christmas season and a very Happy New Year.

Judy, Steve, Rose, Swantje, Lou, Lynn and Nat.

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Greg Deaker

- by Simon Thomas

Local man Greg Deaker has recently branched out into a new career. I find out what, why, where and how.

If you'd asked a four-year old Greg Deaker what he wanted to be when he grew up, I strongly doubt he'd have included engineering and gin-making in his plans.

But that was the age at which Greg moved to Tasman with his family, from his childhood home in Te Anau.

Through Tasman Primary and Motueka High Schools, Greg is the first to admit that academics were not his strong point back in those early days as a young fellow. That definitely changed in years to come with extensive travel and life experiences and now he enjoys both working and socialising on the Williams Road family property where his parents also enjoy a great country life.

'We do a lot on the land together—and I go up every evening for a drink with my parents. It really works well, being together', says Greg, with a big smile.

An interest in all things metal led to the creation of Deaks Engineering and Mobile Welding Services, based at home, Greg being called out at all hours to fix tractors and sprayers, cars and, well anything metal. While we were chatting, Gary from down the road arrived with a metal stool in need of a new leg. "No problem Gary, I'll have that done today".



And Greg loves being involved with local projects, designing and making Lance's coffee roaster at the Store and helping with the installation of the community picnic table on the Dicker Ridge Track.

"I love Tasman, the fishing and boating, the cafés. It's a great place to live."

However a back injury a while ago gave Greg cause to reconsider all this heavy work. And as a lifelong interest in gin resurfaced, he wondered whether he might have a shot (as it were) at making some.



Not a run-of-the-mill gin but something super special, handcrafted, employing natural ingredients and with great care and attention to detail.

After all, Greg had both the time and the expertise to experiment with the process, trying a variety of recipes and techniques before committing to small-scale commercial production. Before long he fitted out a perfect little distillery and built his perfect little stainless steel still. Perfect!

Now producing around 50 litres a week, Greg showed me through his process, starting with a cane sugar ferment, moving through double-distillation and extended maceration (soaking) of the resulting very

pure alcohol with his main botanicals, juniper, orange peel and coriander.

I love to see the flexibility of the human spirit. Especially when such a perfect spirit is the result.

Nice one Greg—a true Tasman local!

Simon



Deaks Tasman Dry Gin is only available at Super Liquor stores in Motueka and Richmond and other selected outlets locally and in Christchurch.



Mill Point Site Recovery Project, Kina Beach Road

- **Tony Pearson** – Working Bee Leader

**“NATURAM FURCA EXPELLAS,
TAMEN USQUE RECURRET”**

said Horace the Roman a wee while ago. It means -

**“You can toss Nature out with a pitchfork, but
from all sides it will come running back”**

(Thank you Joe Bennet for the translation)

I think this is pretty much how the Mill Point Team are feeling at the moment. After a few months of very limited growth the place has just 'sprouted' and we are flat out just keeping the grass and weeds at bay, the pathways clear of overhang and the planting supported by ever longer support stakes but, as they say, better BUSY than BORED.

Those 'pretty' gorse and broom blighters have sprung up sneakily, previously camouflaged by the healthy bush, and a recent foray to the edges of the Tasman Stream that borders the site revealed a Pampas clump as big as a Mini – and I thought we had cleared the site last year! – it's demise is underway.

On the other hand, bird life is noticeably improving and whilst our traps have recorded a smattering of rats, mice and a weasel, it would seem our feathered friends are enjoying and surviving on the site. Alongside us on the stream edges there are regular visitors – Paradise ducks - last count 12 at one sitting, and that special inlet regular, the White Heron.



Disappointingly we have lost a bunch of juvenile Mānukas alongside the stream which we can only put down to tidal inundation over the winter months. 'Chainsaw' Mike and Janet were allocated the task of removing them ready for the chipper. I will take advice on what shrubs we might replace them with next Spring that can withstand that occasional inundation.

This coming winter our boundaries of care are scheduled to grow as we accept the responsibility for looking after an adjoining plot of unregistered land that Elliot Easton and his Tasman Environmental Trust crew planted up some 18 months ago.



There has been a good survival rate and they now just need a bit of TLC. The site is separated from our present plot by a fairly deep drainage culvert which in place is metres wide but it might be possible to install a bridge to enable an easy link between the two sites. This and the extension of the road boundary fencing will be the subject of discussion with TDC over the coming months and then if approved all we will need is funds for materials and willing hands!

So, we are coming up to our summer break with just one more meet in December. It's encouraging to see so many locals using the site for recreational exercise for themselves and their pets with MOST honouring the 'Clean Up' request. I shall keep my fingers crossed that freedom campers don't find us over the summer. They might wake up to a securely padlocked entrance gate! – Grumpy Old Man speaketh!

A BIG thank you to my regular team members – it's a pleasure to work with you and the morning tea and muffins just add to the enjoyment!

Tony tonypearson@xtra.co.nz



TACA's re-registration

- Richard Clement

This process has been managed by Richard Clement, assisted primarily by Greig Caigou, David Short and Marijke Caigou.



WHY RE-REGISTRATION?

- TACA is an Incorporated Society and Charity previously governed by the 1908 Incorporated Societies Act and conforming financially to the 2005 Charities Act
- The 1908 Act was replaced by a more comprehensive 2022 Act that became active in October 2023
- New rules in the 2022 Act reflect modern expectations and processes
- If not reregistered TACA would no longer exist from April 2026

RE-REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Primarily to update our constitution
- Committee procedures must meet new requirements
- Rules governing financial matters to conform
- Submit revised constitution for official scrutiny and approval
- Upon re-registration the society's processes must comply with the 2022 Act

MAIN CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Clearer definitions and procedures, including -

- Activating and ceasing membership
- Committee member requirements

Improved governance, including -

- Dispute resolution procedures
- Stricter member contact and data management

- Clearer and more stringent committee management procedures
- Other procedural and management tweaks

MAJOR STEPS TAKEN

- Family membership category ended
- Membership is one person/local business: one vote. Business must be active in TACA area
- Membership only active on receipt of annual fee
- Contact details to confirm residency must be provided
- Complex detailed revision of constitution undertaken by sub-committee
- Full Committee reviewed draft constitution in Aug/Sept 2024 and approved for submission after minor editing

FINAL STEPS

- Revised constitution submitted to NZ Companies Office
- Re-registration was approved 01 October 2024
- Required processes must now be used
- New constitution now active but will be formally adopted at August 2025 AGM
- Inform membership and community via these summary notes



KEY COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Revised constitution
- Financial reporting. No change as we already complied with the 2005 Charities Act
- Membership Register maintenance
- Signed committee member (officer) consent certificate
- Committee Members' Interests Register maintenance
- Adherence to constitution's rules and procedures

Richard

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- Bree Arnott

We recently celebrated the graduation of our 2024 Trades Academy students. Well done! Whether it be caving, kayaking, first-aiding, kaupapa-based or leading kaitiaki practices, the power of experiential education in our natural environment is inspiring.



Adventure Tourism Leadership student at Paines Ford

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The Tasman Area Community Association

TACA was established in 1989 with the purpose of 'Protecting and enhancing the well-being of the residents and the natural resources of the area'.

Members have the best interests of the community at heart and meet on a regular basis to discuss local issues and arrange community events.

The Tasman Times reflects those discussions and events, twice yearly.

Who is TACA?

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Richard Clement		027 526 6700
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TACA Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, except for December, in the Tasman Church at the bottom of Williams Road in Tasman.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 23rd January 2025
7.30 pm

at Tasman Church

Email database

If you would like to join our email database to learn about events and news that are relevant to Tasman/

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From the editor's desk

- Simon Thomas

Hello one and all. Well it's been a pleasure compiling this issue. I must thank our contributors for being prompt with their many, varied and interesting submissions.

This issue heralds the introduction of low-cost paid advertising. Although this has been necessary to fund printing costs, I hope it has resulted in a valuable community database of trusted local businesses. A big thank you to all who have contributed. Let me know if you'd also like to advertise here.



Wishing all our readers a joyous holiday season!

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