

Tasman Times

January 2015

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



May we take this opportunity to thank TDC for their help with the production of our community newsletters.

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

From The Chair

Welcome to 2015. As always TACA has had a great year with a number of projects completed and new ones begun. It is truly heartening to see the community work together to improve our own area and facilities. Whenever we have a working bee, they are well supported (such as Baigents Reserve, Big Beach Clean up and the Mill Point site to name but three). Thank you to the people who have helped with the various projects, those who donate goods and services, the Tasman District Council and of course the committee.



From our studio on Aporo Road, we have seen the cycle trail really being used in the last few months. Those cyclists we have spoken to are very happy with the trail and full of praise. It is a great asset to the area and certainly seeing a lot of cycle traffic. We are also working with the Cycle Trust to get some signage sorted out. The intention is at each end of the village there will be a sign to help show what Tasman has to offer. TACA has agreed to maintain the cycle track from Permin Road to the Tasman Domain, so we will be developing a plan to keep the weeds down, make sure the signage is in place and that it is a safe track to use. If you see anything that needs to be resolved, please let me or someone from TACA know and we will get it sorted out.

In the last three months of 2014, we began working with TDC to resolve the condition of Tasman View Road (from Harley Road to the Bypass). A number of homes are on this road now, and for those who have driven it, the condition of the road is not great. The road is not TDC maintained currently and we are working with TDC to see what needs to be done in order to get it

maintained. So hopefully in 2015 the road will have a better surface with less car swallowing potholes.

A number of the businesses in Tasman would like to see improved main road signage. Driven by Steve from Fullmer Gallery and Julie from Kina Cliffs Vineyard, they are working with the various authorities to get this done. The sign is to include the wineries, art galleries and Jester House Café. The first large sign proved to be simply too expensive for the local businesses to fund. The group is currently working on a smaller simpler sign, which is currently being quoted and designed.

For a small community, Tasman achieves a lot. And all those who help and participate can be proud of our efforts. Here's to a superb 2015.

Cheers Tony Clark

Admin Stuff

Well the AGM seems a long time ago but I remember it well – it coincided with our 44th Wedding Anniversary – so a celebratory meal had to be postponed for a few days! The Board was re-elected with Tony Clark continuing as Chairman and Ewen and I in our respective roles, although, with Ewen planning to move to Nelson, we will be in need of a new Treasurer in the not too distant future – any takers? There is still a vacant seat on the Board so if you feel you are able to make a contribution to the Community through TACA, do please contact Tony Clark or myself – it's not an onerous duty but rather one that brings great rewards of satisfaction and friendship.



The meeting acknowledged the huge contribution made by Hamish Rush, David Easton and Ron Oliver in leading the effort to return Baigent's Reserve to public ownership, an achievement our Community can be proud of. A healthy and sound Financial Report was approved by the meeting and we met Richard Hilton, recently appointed as the TDC Horticultural Officer to assist Beryl Wilkes. Richard is now our "go to" man for all matters affecting local Reserves, Campsites and Playgrounds and has become well involved in our working bees and "tidy up" activities. In addition to progressing our own projects we have been in contact with the Tasman Bible School and Church to work together on future possible events for the Community and to follow up on the information received from the Community Survey they organised under our auspices.

A new Community Group has been formed covering the Moure Hills area and we have assisted them in setting up their organisation, directing them to finance sources and exchanging ideas and input on such topics as the potential impact of the Waimea Community Dam on local water supply issues. We ended the year with the Treasurer confirming that TDC had not only continued to support us financially with another year's operating grant but had also provided \$1500 towards Shade Sails and picnic tables for Baigents Reserve – we appreciate their continued support in what are clearly tight financial circumstances all round for Council.

We were not able to persuade Council to further reduce the speed limit through the village although the 80kph limit will be extended from the Bluffs to just before Pine Hill Road – much to the relief of many of us who found slowing to 60kph at the bottom of the Bluffs a bit of a struggle!

The Big Beach Clean Up

Responding to DOC's request to clean up our local stretch of the inlet 35 volunteers got down and dirty for a couple of hours on Saturday 1st November. We split up into 5 teams and divided the inlet shore (both side of the highway!) up between us. We sent two very full trailer loads of rubbish to the compactor later that morning and then retired to the Tasman Store to enjoy a coffee courtesy of TACA. A great success with most participants



signing up for a repeat operation next year.

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

Additional Bike Leaners have been installed and a refurbishment of the Playground is underway (details below). We have named the area of the Reserve between the Bridge and the Underpass the “Underpass Spinney” and little by little we are getting the new planting established and the grass growth under control.

Tasman Domain Playground Upgrade



You may have noticed a few changes at the playground recently. The old fort has been strengthened and made safer with a wooden ladder and railings. A new slide is on its way (and may well have been installed by the time you read this) and a clatterbridge will eventually be built from the fort through the trees to the Domain.



The old swings have been removed and will be replaced by a new swing set plus an awesome 2m climbing frame. Over the next year or two we hope to receive additional funding to upgrade the rest of the playground but, thanks to the hard work of Tony Pearson, Bruce Sladen, Tony Clark and Roger Percival, the playground will soon be a fantastic space for children to play in.

Kina Beach Reserve

If you have visited over the holidays, you will have seen that this Reserve is still as popular as ever. We are in discussion with Council about drainage improvements for the winter and also an upgrade

to the BBQ facilities – times are tough when it comes to getting funds for these sort of projects but, as they say, it's the creaking door that gets oiled, so we will persist!

Mill Point site (formerly known as the Old Mill site)

As it was pointed out that the Mill was in fact on the other side of Kina Beach Road, it was felt appropriate to make a small name change



modification! Alongside the ongoing tasks of weed control (Gorse, Broom and Convolvulus) a couple of improvements are worth noting. Thanks to the generosity of the owners of Joint Works (Tony and Jane Clark) the entrances to the various walkways that are being developed through the area are now marked by splendid posts, although after



they had been installed some “bright spark” thought one of them might look better upside down. It's disappointing for the Team to see their hard work undone by thoughtless vandalism but I suppose every community has its share of idiots – they had just better not let me catch them at it!

Entry to the site (particularly tricky in the winter months) is now much improved thanks to the installation of a new culvert with materials paid jointly by TDC and TACA – a great effort. Working bees have now stopped until March.

Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

What a cracking summer we've had! The weather has been stunning, visitors are flocking to the area and the Store has been humming. One group of visitors described the Store as 'the best kept secret' and they became happy regulars whilst enjoying their stay in our amazing area. Fresh Mahana boysenberries and Moutere strawberries have been a huge hit whilst our infamous cheese scones have built up a dedicated following. Back in October Lance won another silver award for his coffee at the NZ Coffee Awards - again a huge achievement for a small time roaster against the bigger companies. This year Lance is going for gold! We are very proud to be able to supply coffee that is so fresh; you just can't beat a coffee made from beans that are at their best a couple of days after roasting. In November we said farewell to Vanessa who took a job closer to home but welcomed Kris, who used to own the Upper Moutere Store and Annie, a nursing student who unfortunately for us has to return to university at the end of the holidays. Autumn joined us recently and is a keen baker and coffee maker, so it is set to be a good year. Our wine tasting evenings will start up again in February so watch out for them. Thank you for your support this summer.

Happy holidays!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie



Rural broadband coming to Tasman

Vodafone is delighted to report significant progress on plans to construct a new cell tower at Dicker Road in Tasman.



The telecommunications company expects to have Council consent for the site by the end of January and will begin the build schedule following this. The new tower will provide high speed wireless broadband to over 300 addresses in the area, and much needed mobile coverage to locals and visitors to the area.

Jester House News

It's hard to believe it is a year since we won NZ Café of the Year. 2014 has disappeared in a cloud of satisfied customers. To you all we say, thank you very much for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2015. It also a good time to acknowledge our wonderful staff, without whom the café wouldn't be, so thanks to them too.



The cycleway continues to grow in popularity, with locals as well as visitors. It's great to see so many locals walking, riding and running along it. With visitors, the Mapua to Tasman/Kina and return ride seems very popular, to the point where we need to build more cycle parking. These road markings mark the trail past Jester House.



If you haven't already joined the Jester House Birthday Club, it is now even easier. The new Jester House website has an "Eat for Free" link for easy on-line enrolment, then you too can eat for free on your birthday (conditions apply). The website also has our menu, opening hours and accommodation details for the 'Boot' bed and breakfast.

The café will be open every day (except public holidays) right through until our winter break in July. We open at 9am for coffee and breakfasts then lunches. The café closes at 5pm. It does pay to book a table if you are coming for lunch, especially in the weekends.

The enchanted forest has gained several new additions recently. There are two new animals, a perhipposnake and a double tusked oaken mammoth, who together with the dog hoppers and crocodog are now surrounded by a stumpery. It's lots of fun to play in and on the animals.



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

www.jesterhouse.co.nz

Civil Defence Emergency Management in Tasman



We would like to remind people to be prepared, especially in light of the earthquakes at Arthurs Pass and have a emergency kit ready. Pets should also have arrangements made for them e.g. food, water and potentially a temporary home. It's probably also a timely reminder, as it is getting so dry, that people are careful when lighting permitted fires. Keeping grass short around the house will also help protect the building if a fire did spread..



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Tasman School Update end of year 2014

The last term of school was an eventful one, starting with the masked parade in the first week of term 4, where huge input from parents/students and staff saw the school taking out the Best School award plus the 'Supreme award' which was presented by Dame Suzie Moncrieff. It shows you what a dedicated school community can do! Please see the pics on the Tasman School Facebook page.

The other major event of the last term was that the school has gained the status of 'Silver' in the enviro schools program. This came about from mainly on-going enviro awareness from each class, and a meeting with the enviro officer for TDC, Adie Leng, who took Room 4 through a process of engaging with the activities they/we had accomplished over the years, and reflections on what this meant for them. It was a great process in which the students took on ownership of the school enviro projects.

Room 4 also contributed to this award by engaging in small group environmental topics as an inquiry lesson. Topics such as recycling, packaging, composting, global pollution were tackled alongside the pollution of our own local stream and estuary. The group that researched our own estuary consisting of Sebastian Van Veen, Thomas Schwarzenbach, and Theo Gabities, gave a 10 minute presentation of their research to the Tasman District Council. The feedback from this presentation was very positive. This group found out really interesting facts about the composition of the water (see also again the pictures on Facebook with the three boys at the Cawthron Institute testing the water) and who contributes to its pollution!



Lastly, we farewelled eight year 8 students from our school at the end of year concert. Eight students who will be missed, but eight students who we are proud to call graduates in their work and in their character.

Fred Robertson, Teacher, Tasman School



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Vet's Voice

Happy New Year! We at the Vet Centre hope you all had a lovely festive season and that you're enjoying the gorgeous weather we're having! We are proud to announce we have a new Portable DIGITAL x-ray system as well as a Class 4 K-Laser to offer the best service, diagnostic tools and treatments for your pets!

It's that wonderful time of year where we and our pets get more active; swimming, running, kayaking (don't forget your dog's life jacket too!) and walking. However this means our dogs tend to be out in the heat that bit more. Be aware of making sure you have plenty of water for both you and your dog so you avoid having an over-cooked, parched pooch! If you're going to take your dog with you in the car, make sure your destination is dog-friendly so you don't leave your dog in the oven, that is the car. If in doubt, leave your dog behind; better safe than sorry. We're so lucky in the Tasman District; there are so many dog friendly cafés, beaches and walks in Motueka and the surrounds. Instead of leaving your pooch in the car, just make plans that involve your dog; otherwise take them out later when it's cooler. The rivers in Nelson are beautiful, but be aware of the toxic algae that is in some of our rivers; Maitai, Wai-iti, Waimea seem to be the main culprits at this point, but always keep an eye on the TDC website and for any signage on the river banks. Keep your dog safe this summer and enjoy the good by simply going to the beach instead; Kina, Kumaras, Ruby Bay and Rough Island are all just so lovely and dog friendly!



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For the latest promotions and for more information on the services provided as well as our Laser, keep an eye on our Facebook pages for Motueka and Richmond as well as our newly launched website www.vetcentre.net.nz.

Andrew Conway, The Vet Centre,
Mapua, Richmond & Motueka

Tasman Bible Church – January 2015

A Hope-Filled New Year? Let's Hope so.

It's the thing that keeps you going, helps you to look forward with confidence, endure difficulties, and maintain a reason for living. It's the small, unassuming term – 'hope' – and we all need it – big time!

You may be aware of the national 'Hope-Project' initiative and the *Hope-for-all* booklet - a gift to each household in NZ? The project celebrates the bicentenary of the proclamation of the Christian faith to these shores at Oihi. The Ngāpuhi Chief Ruatara invited his good friend the Rev. Samuel Marsden to preach and his text was, 'Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy'. This was on Christmas day two hundred years ago.

That message cemented a great friendship and declared the basis of Christian hope for all who would listen. That hope was not a vague one.

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

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— Church Service on Sundays @ 10:00 —

Rather, it was based upon the person of Jesus Christ coming to earth for the express purpose of living, dying, and rising from the dead so that forgiveness could be won - again, for all who would listen and respond to such a Hope-Filled message. Hope, for some, is in short supply and this can be both painful and overwhelming. You might like to visit the hope project website www.hopeproject.co.nz and read there about some folk whose lives have been deeply affected by the Christian hope they have found through Jesus Christ. The accounts are inspiring.

As we enter into the New Year may we reflect again upon the basis of hope in our lives?

Richard Drury

Check out www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz

Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



It's been another productive year at Baigents Reserve we have been working with local community individuals and the 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 late November. Thanks to PF Olsen for providing three of their qualified men for the day earlier to chainsaw down the trees, to be mulched by the eager team of volunteers assisted by the Nelmac guys and their mulcher. Although it was wet that day it didn't dampen the enthusiasm



and it was a great result. We did not get the painting of the toilets done due to the rain but they have been given a clean up and will look great after the paint is on.



The five families involved in the boat shed project have worked with Council this year to complete an agreement that will allow them to apply for building consent and then ultimately build the sheds when they choose to.

The security of the reserve still remains a concern and there is an intention to lock the gate morning and night. However, how this will finally be organised and then paid for is still in the planning stage (see below). A solar powered light will be erected at the gate to stop anyone driving into it at night, and provide some security to the individual that will be responsible for locking the gate in the future.

TACA have received a grant of \$18,000 from the Canterbury Community Trust for the purchase of a fully wheelchair accessible toilet for the Reserve. TDC have undertaken to install and maintain the toilet. The location and timing of installation have yet to be determined – probably after the holiday period. This grant adds to the \$3000 received from Network Tasman towards Shade Sails and the \$1500 from Council for BBQ tables and towards Shade sails. Both facilities will be a welcome addition to the Reserve.

Baigent's Reserve Security Gate

The entrance gate to the Reserve will, like Rabbit Island, be closed during night time hours. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the plan to extend the duties of the Kina Camp Site managers, to include this task, cannot now happen and so TDC are looking at alternatives. If you (perhaps in conjunction with a couple of friends/neighbours to spread the load) live in the vicinity of the Reserve and would be willing to take on this (PAID) task, please contact Beryl Wiles, Reserves Manager, at TDC Richmond 03 543 8400.



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Ruby Coast Gateways Sculpture Project

At last we are within a matter of weeks of beginning construction of the Tasman Aporo Gateway Sculpture after two year's of effort.

However we still need a small amount of financial support from our local community. Please refer to the enclosed A4 flyer and consider giving a donation to your local gateway sculpture.

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 2015 at TACA

Tony Clark	Chairperson	526 6171
Tony Pearson	Secretary	526 6076
Ewen Griffiths	Treasurer	526 6169
Hamish Rush		526 6125
Steve Richards		526 6742
David Short		526 6877
Tracey Evans		526 6802
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Anna Weeks		526 6282

Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting

**Tasman School Staff Room
Wednesday 28 January @ 7.30pm**

Membership 2015

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

Membership on a local level is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 an individual. If you would like to contribute to our work, then please complete the section below and post it to Ewen Griffiths, 82 Brooks View Heights, RD1, Upper Moutere 7173 or drop it with your donation to the Tasman Store. Subs for 2015 are now due.

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