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Tasman Times

January 2018

We are such a busy community here in Tasman and Kina and as usual there is lots to keep you informed about.

We would love to have feedback from you in the community about our newsletter and would welcome any comments you might care to offer. Are we covering everything you feel is relevant?

Thanks to TDC for their help with their ongoing production of our community newsletter.

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

From The Chair

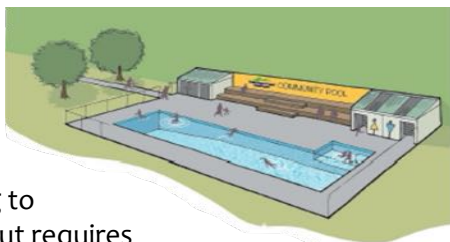
No doubt as climate change has very much become a significant part of our lives, conversations about the weather are never far from our minds.

Having just emerged from what is one of the wettest winters on record and then into near drought conditions, we seem to be back into a wet period with hope that we might be getting more “normal” conditions to the end of summer

Our new Kina Beach walkway is now completed to the Peninsula road and, despite the November storm which caused some damage, we are confident that repairs will be effected soon.

The Tasman Community Pool

committee is delighted it has raised enough funding to build the pool but requires your help to take it to the next stage of creating outbuildings. See that story on page 7 on how to donate if you would like to actively support this wonderful community asset.



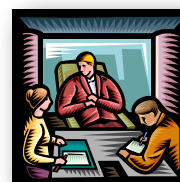
You will also read on the back page of the newsletter that we are trying to build up our TACA email database in order to keep our community informed about all the goings-on but can only do so if you send us an email to ask to be included.

Lastly but by no means least, a special thank you must go out to our tireless committee, without whom we would not be able to achieve the positive outcomes we manage within such a small but active community.

David Short
Chairperson

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

Having lived in Tasman since August 2015, it was by chance that I took the time to read an issue of the Tasman Times delivered during July 2016 and observed an advertisement for the position of secretary. It is now 18 months since I was elected secretary and, when given my brief by retiring Secretary, Tony Pearson, the one job which I had reservations about was the annual reporting to Charities Services. The wet months of last winter were an opportune time to complete this task, as documentation must be filed before the end of December. Charities Services were very helpful with web based seminars (webinars) and information available from their website. Reporting standards have recently changed with all charitable organisations being held accountable. Failure to present an annual performance report can eventually result in de-registration as a charity.



On learning the ropes, the job is less onerous and continues to provide fulfilment.

Secretary, Brian Hanlon.

Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017

At our AGM of July 2017, Adrian Humphries, Regulatory Services Manager, TDC, addressed local residents outlining the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw which formally came into effect on Monday 18 December. Designed to restrict freedom campers from certain areas the bylaw doesn't impose a total ban in the Tasman District.

The purpose of the bylaw is to:

- Ensure appropriate access to local areas is maintained and protected.
- Protect, promote and maintain public health and safety.
- To protect the areas where people may freedom camp.
- Provide transparency for those wishing to freedom camp in the district.
- Encourage a positive experience for campers and local residents.

Refer to the bylaw document on TDC's website to identify areas prohibited for all forms of camping, areas restricted to certain types of vehicles and areas permitted for all camping with some specific restrictions.

2018 to 2028 Long Term Plan

Public consultation with TDC, including a visit by Mayor, Richard Kempthorne, at Tasman School Hall, Wednesday 28 March, 7.30pm (see separate advertisement on the outside back page).

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

In our July edition of the Tasman Times, we reported an issue with the newly

installed seesaw. The TDC did agree to replace it and at this point of time the issue remains to be resolved. Hopefully we can look forward to some action in the New Year.



During the spring, the fruit trees were pruned and the grassed area surrounding them was given a tidy. Hamish Rush did a magnificent job with the production and installation of an informative montage of old photographs and historical information relating to the old ford behind the domain. This sign can be viewed at an area close to the footbridge.

Funding has been approved to provide for a picket fence on the edge of Aporo Rd and the Reserve, which Nelmac will help install. This will be an addition to the existing picket fence that encloses

the playground. Once constructed, this area between the Aporo Road road reserve and reserve boundary will be planted in natives.

Mill Point site Recovery Project- Kina Beach Road

The group was discussing the next steps for improving the site over our morning tea and muffins back in August 2017 – and in particular how we wanted to develop the network of paths we have formed through the site – I had in mind wooden edging and AP20 but the rest of the group thought this would not be in keeping with the rustic nature of the site – then Janet had a brilliant idea – “what about crushed mussel shells?” and so it was to be. Talleys kindly contributed a large 3 cu. m skip of the shell – with a warning that they are a bit “pongy” at first but that soon wears off!



Then with the help of a Tasman community working bee, we spread them as the spine of the path system in under an hour – thank you everyone; it was a great effort. Since then another skip load has arrived, so we shall be looking for volunteers in the Autumn. Sadly our last winter planting of some 40 Matai, Miro and Totara have suffered badly in the drought and about half have succumbed - but that is life and a replacement batch have been ordered for the Autumn. We plan to re-commence our working bees on Saturday April 7th and new members are always welcome. Further information from Tony Pearson 03 540 3217.

Kina Beach Reserve

The wet winter caused further periodic pooling at the campground and on the reserve. A spring storm surge also saw 2m of the beach lost, saltwater in the campground bore and the entire area suffered considerable flooding and dumping of shingle along the beach/reserve margin with TDC carrying out necessary remedial work. The campground manager, Jenny, reported that the area has been very popular with campers. Some progress was made by the Community Service team to install roped posts and lay pebbled areas and pathways to the beach. TACA helped to make the reserve more appealing from the road by weed-eating areas that could not be reached by mower.



Kina Beach Walkway

At the end of 2016, TACA proposed to build a walkway from the bridge over the Tasman Stream on Kina Road, to the junction with Kina Peninsula Road to improve the existing shoulder, so that a basic and safer pathway is created for the community to use instead of walking on the road.

One year on and the pathway has been completed for a few months and seems to be a success.

A big thank you to the Rata Foundation for funding half, and to Tasman District Council for providing the other half of the funding for the project. The project also wouldn't have been completed without support (financial and physical) from local businesses, especially Jaden and Mary from Egypt Ltd. I am biased, but I

would also like to thank my husband John from The Leaf Company Ltd for his time spraying the pathway, which will be an ongoing donation.

A storm at the beginning of November has caused some damage to the pathway and washed out some of the path near the blind bend. Tasman District Council have said they will repair the area where the storm surge took some of the rocks and gravel away, but are unable to confirm when they will get to do this.

There is an idea that will need support, for the pathway to extend past the intersection where it now finishes, all the way to Kina Beach, but we will wait and see how much demand there is for this, as there is reasonable visibility on that stretch of the road. Your feedback will be gratefully received.

It will greatly help our cause for continued support from TDC, if the community is seen to be using it a lot, so we look forward to seeing you out and about on it while you kick start your health through 2018!

Happy New Year
Pippa Tristram



Jester House News

Welcome to 2018. As usual Jester House has had a busy holiday season; the eels certainly got their appetites back after all the rain in January; the dry before Christmas had left the creek as not much more than a trickle and the eels were languishing.



In February we are promoting a Month of Love.

Remember the Joy of getting a postcard in the mailbox? Well, we want to bring that joy to more people and to spread love by sending postcards to your loved ones around the country and the world.



A number of local and international artists have provided paintings that we have had made into postcards for you to buy and post into the special 'Post Love' mailbox. The original paintings will also be exhibited and for sale during the month.

Come in any day during February and send a card to Mum, Grandad, Auntie or whoever are the loved ones in your life.

Also coming up in February is a joint promotion between Jester House and the Animal Farm in Mapua. Visit the Animal Farm from the middle of February and enter the draw to win a great prize package from Jester House and the Animal Farm. This is part of our Local Business supporting Local Business initiative.

There are some **new products** on the shelves and in the freezer here too.

If the kids love wearing **a tail** while they are visiting Jester House you can now buy one to take home.

A new notebook to start the year? These gorgeous red and gold Jester House journals are perfect for planning and recording your goals for 2018 or any other thing you wish to write down. The possibilities are endless.



A delicious new treat has arrived at Jester House - **Nice Blocks**.

All natural and organic, made in New Zealand and gluten and dairy free. Thanks Tommy and James for creating such a delicious summer treat. Available in 6 different flavours. My favourite is the Vanilla Bean but I have yet to try the Passionfruit and, from all reports, it is super tasty too. Come and try one yourself and let us know what you think.

Jester House is open 7 days a week from 9am until 5pm, except Nelson Anniversary day (29th January) and Waitangi Day (6th February).

We welcome bookings via our website www.jesterhouse.co.nz or phone us. If it's your birthday in February and you're a member of our Birthday Club, we look forward to giving you your FREE birthday lunch. If you're not a member, go to the website and click 'EAT for FREE', sign up and you too can enjoy a birthday treat on us.

Bon Appetit, Judy, Steve and team.
Tel: 03 526 6742
Email: lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz
Web: www.jesterhouse.co.nz

The Tasman General Store News

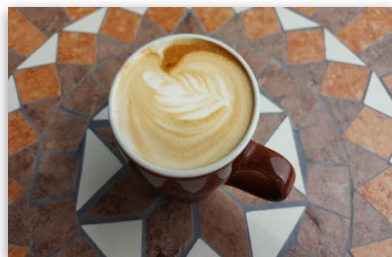
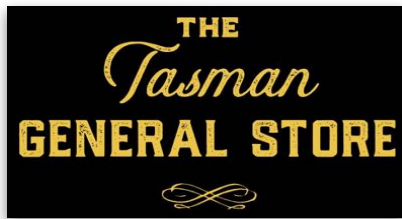
We've just been loving the summer days again and the rain was a bit of a welcome relief. And of course along with the sun came the summer berries. Yummo! The boysenberries and karaka berries (mix of boysenberry and blackberry) were some of the sweetest I have had since my childhood. We will still have good supplies of strawberries until April with luck and the blackberries will be in in the next couple of weeks...so keep an eye out for them.

Sadly we say goodbye to Autumn and Liz this month. It has been fantastic having both of them through the transition into my first business venture. The fabulous baking continues as Adele has joined the team since the last edition and makes some pretty exceptional goodies.

Well, with school not far off starting again, Sonny and I are trying to fit in a bit more swimming and biking before the holidays end. What a great place to be. And if you haven't tried a real fruit ice-cream with local blackcurrants then that is a must in the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,
Becs and Sonny

www.facebook.com/tasmangeneralstore



TACA Community projects

As part of our continuing care of the Tasman area, members of the committee held a working bee early one Saturday morning in November. The main focus was to get a concrete base poured in the bus shelter opposite Tasman Store to keep the weeds down and the puddles out, successfully achieved in true country style.

Also on the agenda for the day was weed-eating around the sculpture and pruning the apples & plums in the Tasman Domain open orchard. While working on this, we found the first Macadamia nut on one of the young trees which is a great sign for the future.

All the other trees have survived the dry of 2016 and are now flourishing after the rain of January. Remember to keep your eye on the fruit as it comes ripe; it's there for all to pick and enjoy.

Welcome Packs

Welcome packs containing vouchers, telephone books and local information are now being made available to newcomers to the Tasman area by the rural postal delivery agents for RD1 and RD2. If you are new to the area and haven't received a pack, speak to the rural post driver or call the Secretary, Brian Hanlon on 021 265 3153.



NBS TASMAN GOLF CLUB (Inc)
128 Cliff Road, Kina Beach
Ph 03 526 6819

Email: teeup@tasmangolfclub.co.nz
www.tasmangolfclub.co.nz

Our Concession books are 10 rounds of unlimited daily holes for \$150.

Membership options range from just \$85.
Children under 12 Free.

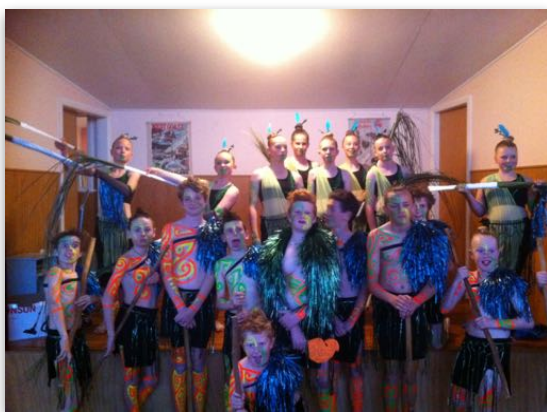
If you are unsure about playing golf, come along on a Friday morning and enjoy a social round with a fun group of both beginners and experienced golfers. Tee off 9.30am.

For more information
contact Claire at the Golf Club.

2017 was another very successful year for Tasman School. We have continued to see growth in our school and our roll peaked at 117 students at the end of the year. It is pleasing to see such great support for our community school.

Our major successes and special events in the second half of 2017 included:

- A very successful and well choreographed dance and drama piece for the biennial MASSIVE performing arts show involving Motueka Schools.



- Two ski trips and the largest team ever to be sent to the Nelson and Marlborough Primary Schools' Ski Championships at Rainbow Ski Area.
- Our Year 7/8 team being placed 1st in the Bluelight Police Challenge against other Nelson schools.
- In the regional Nelsomathix (mathematics problem solving competition) our Year 7 team was placed 11th out of 21 teams and our Year 8 team was placed 8th out of 26 teams. Not a bad effort given the size of our school.
- Two classes having the opportunity to explore marine science on the Steadfast sailing ship out in Tasman Bay.
- Outstanding performance in our National Standards results (Reading 96%, Writing 90% and Mathematics 96% of students 'At or Above National Standards').
- A senior camp for Year 6/7/8 students at Marahau and the Abel Tasman National Park and an overnight experience for our Year 4/5 students.



Looking towards the 2018 school year...

We will welcome Susan Shand back to the Tasman School teaching team. Susan has returned from a five year teaching stint in Kuala Lumpur with her husband Paul and their three children. We look forward to the contribution that Susan will add to our strong team of teachers.

'Muddy Buddy', our major fundraising event, will take place on **Sunday 25th March**. We thank the community in advance for the support that is provided for this event and apologise for any inconvenience caused by traffic detours on the day of the event.

It is anticipated that we will receive a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) during the first half of the year. We are excited about sharing our growth and successes since their last visit in 2014.

Besides the swimming pool project, our other major property project for the year is to complete a play-based learning environment adjacent to Room 1. The purpose of this is to enhance the learning experience for our new entrant students.

Our teachers will be busy over the next few weeks preparing for the year and organising our usual schedule of events, but also developing unique ideas that provide those special opportunities for the students of our school. Students will be welcomed back to school on **Wednesday 7th February at 8:55am**.

TACA is on facebook

After starting our facebook page late last year, TACA is slowly building its social media presence.

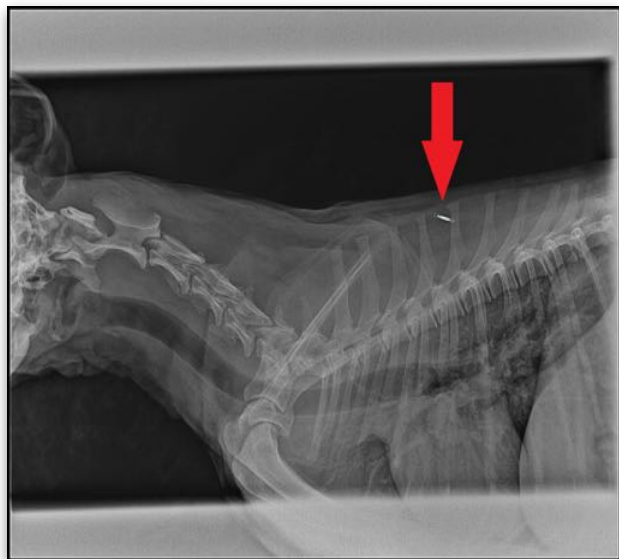
We've shared a few of the happenings around our area and currently have 46 followers. This year we'll endeavour to post a lot more information on the progress that TACA is making on local issues that affect you as well as local events and happenings in our community.

Help us spread the word by liking our facebook page and sharing our posts. You can find us at www.facebook.com/Tasmanareacommunityassociation.

Vet's Voice

To chip, or not to chip; is it even a question?

We all know that we have to microchip our dogs as per council requirements and law, but what about our cats? There has been some focus in the media lately regarding cats and their capacity to become pests when hunting, wandering or straying. Microchipping can help authorities differentiate between feral, stray and pet cats.



A microchip is a small implant approximately the size of a grain of rice. In cats, it is injected underneath the thick, loose skin between the shoulder blades. It contains a unique code, which like a barcode can be read when scanned with a microchip reader. This code, when registered to a database, can be used to trace the animal back to its owner.

The benefits to microchipping your cat are many. The fact that they can roam so widely is exactly why microchipping is ideal. Not only for lost and found cats, but also for identifying them if they are stolen or injured. New Zealand Companion Animal Registry (NZCAR) is the national, online database that microchipped animals including cats are registered on. This website enables a veterinary clinic or registered implanter to access your most recent contact information should your pet be found, as well as providing you and your cat a profile to help ensure your fur baby is returned to you safely.

The Vet Centre are currently offering free microchipping for cats during their annual health check and vaccination appointments, if booked in January or February. Contact our Richmond, Motueka or Mapua clinic to make an appointment for peace of mind, should your cat go adventuring.



Mapua Clinic 5402329
Motueka Clinic 5288459
Richmond Clinic 5445566

www.vetcentre.net.nz

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Tasman School Community Pool

The Tasman School Community Pool project is at a very exciting stage. Tenders were submitted in late October and from these a pool construction company was selected. Plans were submitted to TDC before Christmas with the expectation that we will be able to commence with the site excavation at the end of January/early February. The funds raised are enough to cover the construction of the 25x6m pool, pumps and filters, concrete surrounding and fencing.

Funds are now being raised in order for us to construct a changing room, pump shed and accessible toilet. The third stage will be to raise funds for heating the pool, a cover and some shade sails. We are incredibly lucky to have such generous people in our local community and school families which has enabled us to get this far with the project.

If you would like to donate you can do so here: <http://www.tasman.school.nz/WebSpace/116/> If you can volunteer any goods or services, we would love to hear from you too.

Thanks for all your support,
Anna, Hamish, Jodie & Nick

Better Living Everyone!

The first, of quite a few reactions, might be the sheer audacity of this claim. Is 'better' purely utilitarian and trivial here or, does it refer to any other aspect of 'living'? Might a well-chosen court case find the product wanting as not 'fit for purpose'? Is such a gargantuan statement concerning 'better' living just straight forward misleading? In what sense does my adding to filling the oceans with yet more ill-disposed plastic make for better living?

Another reaction might be the trivial nature of 'living'. Have we reduced 'living' to the material minutiae of convenience? It would upset tens of millions of people to think so –especially where survival is at the very least, the most common denominator for living.

At Tasman Bible Church, we have recently spent a little time considering part of the biblical book entitled *Proverbs*. The first section involves a long-rhetoric regarding the crucial nature of wisdom in order to live out a better life. Such a life involves gaining wisdom from and in relation to the Lord, who gives it. Certainly, it involves avoiding dangerous moral pitfalls but overall it is to enable a person to live a life *like* the Creator and in conformity with principles and boundaries set out by Him.

In various ways, *Proverbs* with simple scenarios and short, sharp, shock statements captures and catalogues how to live well. A right and reverend relation to God leads to better living with God, one's neighbour, self, and with all that has been created. It is a comprehensive book!

In the New Testament, Jesus is quoted as saying, 'I came that they might have life – and that in abundance'. It is a call to 'better living' and it is what Christians aspire to. He is the paradigm and source of 'better living'. He is described for Christians as one, '...who has become for us wisdom from God– that is, **our** righteousness, holiness and redemption.

His life was laid down and taken up again so that there might be something like 'better living' now and forever – again, that is quite a claim!

- Richard Drury

Check out www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz



Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



Happy New Year Tasman & Kina. Baigents Reserve continues its development into one of this district's key coastal access points, and while around there this summer water skiing, I have enjoyed seeing so many people using the reserve .

This year's working bee held on **Sunday 6th August** went well. We continued weeding out pest plants, planting and having a discussion about the future for the reserve. Possible ideas include forming a friends of Baigents action group; an email list is now formed and David Easton, david@eastonapples.co.nz or Hamish Rush, rushgill@xtra.co.nz can be contacted at any time to be part of the group.

Cheers Hamish

The Big Beach Clean-up 2018

Please note that the Department of Conservation has recently informed us that they will not be running the Big Beach Clean-up for 2018.

However they will be investigating the possibility of contracting the organisation and management of the event out for 2019 and beyond.

They will be in contact in the future if the event is run again.

Ruby Coast Gateway Sculptures Project update

As the plantings around our Aporo Sculpture continue to flourish, it is pleasing to see visitors enjoying it & learning about the bird life in the estuary.

With the total funds raised for the Mapua Sculpture and despite a delay over the Xmas /New Year with construction, the Trustees are looking forward to its installation in early February. This will lead to a landscaping project in conjunction with TDC around the site to allow visitors to easily stop and enjoy the sculpture.

The Trustees are also delighted that they are in early stages of working with NMIT Art & Engineering students on the 3rd gateway sculpture at the junction of Stagecoach Rd and the Coastal Highway.



We installed a 3.2kW 230v system in the surgical ward (with 8 heavy duty batteries for backup), a 1kW system in Maternity, and another in the paediatrics ward. The complete system can be switched to a generator source in the event of system failure or if a short-term boost in power is needed. All up the project cost US\$15,000—a lot of money in Congolese terms, but really not much to power such a hospital in Kiwi terms! With this one installation, thousands of people will receive improved hospital care that would otherwise not be possible. Thanks so much to those who donated to these solar projects—we could not do this without you. If you would like to find out more please head to www.kiwisinthecongo.org.nz, where you can also make donations via Give-A-Little.

Geoff and Carol-Anne Paynter

Congo Solar Round Two!

Our second solar project was completed at Mulongo Hospital in July 2017. This was a much larger install than last year, since Mulongo hospital sees over 50,000 patients a year. It's hard for us to comprehend how their doctors work without electricity, but it is normal for rural DR Congo. Prior to the install, doctors had been doing C-sections at night by cell-phone light!



Thanks Tasman District Council & its contractors

We would like to publicly thank the prompt action by Council & its contractors for repairing the damage caused by heavy rain and a storm surge in the Field Stream that flows beside Tasman Domain. This damage was to such an extent that an area of grass above the bank had become dangerous, as the bank was in imminent danger of slumping away.



Join TACA's email database

We would like you to join our email database to keep you informed of all of the events and information that is relevant to our Tasman/Kina community.

All you have to do is to send an email to the editor, iamdavidshort@gmail.com with your name.

Note that you can easily unsubscribe at any time by emailing the editor.

TDC Long Term Plan 2018-2028 meeting

The Long Term Plan must be reviewed and re-evaluated every three years and the community outcomes contained within the document reviewed and evaluated every six years.

We invite you to meet with Council representatives to have your say on this very important document.

**Tasman School Hall
Wednesday 28 March, 7.30pm**

Mark the date in your diary now

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 2018 at TACA

David Short	Chairperson	526 6877
Tony Clark	Acting Chair	526 6171
Brian Hanlon	Secretary	03 970 0565
Greg Dryden	Treasurer	526 6151
Hamish Rush		526 6125
Steve Richards		526 6742
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Paula Short		526 6789
Pippa Tristram		526 6109
Richard Clement		526 6707

Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting:

**Tasman School Staffroom
Wednesday 31 January @ 7.30pm**

Membership 2017/18

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

Membership is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 an individual. To join please complete the section below and post it to Greg Dryden, 14c Kina Beach Rd, Tasman 7173 or drop it with your donation to the Tasman Store or by internet banking. Subs for 2017/18 are now due.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Amount enclosed \$.....

Receipt needed (circle) Yes No

For direct credit online, please pay to Tasman Area Community Assoc., Westpac, Motueka Branch Account No. **03 0693 0141622 00** & include your name and initials as per the sample bank statement box below.

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