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Tasman Times

July 2020

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

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

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From The Chair

Wow!! What an eventful six months we have just come through. Who could have possibly imagined the massive changes to our lives that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought on? I'm sure that for most of us, this event has had a huge effect on our lives in so many ways and also caused us to reflect on all of the things that are important to us.

There were many positives for a lot of us. It caused us to become aware of how important community is in our lives and the need to support each other when necessary, especially the vulnerable amongst us. Our roads were virtually empty which made cycling and walking such a pleasure on our local byways. Many of us loved the enforced being at home and managed to get many of those long overdue projects completed. Naturally too there may be those who no longer have a job due to the economic fallout and it is important that we support those unfortunate people as best we can.

Now that we are in Level 1, may we urge you to get out and support those businesses especially in tourism that desperately need our help. My partner & I have just returned from a great week-long holiday, cycling parts of the stunning West Coast Wilderness Trail.

We are planning two Big Beach Clean-ups in July & August, now in its 4th year. So please put these dates in your diaries - Saturday 18 July for the Tasman Bay coastline from McKee Reserve to the end of Kina Peninsula and Saturday 15 August for the Coastal Highway from Tasman Village to Robinson Rd, Mariri.

Contact me if you are interested in being involved for a few hours on either or both of these Saturday mornings at chair@tasmancommunity.org.nz.



You will read later in the newsletter that we are embarking on an ambitious fundraising campaign to purchase two outdoor BBQs for Tasman and Baigent Reserve. If you would like to contribute, please see on page 7 the details of our **givealittle** page and how to make your donation.

David Short
Chairperson, TACA

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

At the beginning of the year we observed with trepidation as a novel contagion swept through 188 countries in the short period of 8 weeks.



Labelled corona virus it was seen to be capable of causing a sometimes deadly and debilitating disease which consequently has been given the name Covid-19. On reaching Aotearoa, the virus soon took hold and we began to change our daily routines to such an extent that the way we interacted with others changed considerably. By the end of March individuals and organisations like TACA had to adjust to the 'new normal' whereby we have conducted group gatherings by way of a virtual meeting. We have just resumed our first face to face meeting at the end of June and for the benefit of members we will offer a Zoom link for those who prefer to join our meetings from the comfort of their homes. Residents who normally receive minutes and reports will automatically be given login details.

The AGM this year is scheduled for Thursday 30 July, commencing at 7.30pm at the Tasman Bible Church on Williams Road. The reason for the change in venue is that after a very long association with the Tasman School the hall we occasionally used for general meetings is now required as a classroom.

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

Rain during autumn has enhanced the grassed area considerably and it has been reported that locals are making good use of the reserve. At the start of summer a working



party of committee members and one former member set about clearing long grass from the spinney prior to contractors being brought on-site to clear away a stand of gum seedlings that were starting to take over along the border of the stream.

During the wet winter months, vehicle access to the domain is restricted as the wire farm gate at the entrance is now locked to augment the bollard in mitigating vandalism to the turf by the action of hoons. At the end of September a decision will be made when the chain will be removed. However in the interim, if full access is required residents should apply to the TACA committee.

Kina Beach Reserve

Until Covid-19 impacted on travel, Kina Beach campsite was busy with the usual mix of Kiwi and overseas travellers. It was closed to new arrivals from the start of Level 4 lockdown, but some occupants elected to stay in self-isolation. They generously assisted Jenny with maintenance and some planned improvements. This was a positive outcome for when the campground was able to first open to reduced numbers and then normal occupancy as restrictions eased.

There appeared to be an increase in numbers visiting the reserve area once travel and social contact was allowed. It's good to see such places being used and TACA suggested in its Reserve Review submission that extra picnic tables would likely encourage more usage of all reserves.

Max the cat has continued to do his bit towards Predator Free NZ!

Mill Point site Recovery Project

Kina Beach Road

So once again the summer drought took its toll on our last year's spring plantings at the site and there have been a number of casualties in spite of attempts to keep watering them by hand. The newly planted Totaras are the biggest loss – not all are completely dead and we will give them time to hopefully regenerate over the winter. TDC have come to the rescue with some 60 new root trainer trees – Totara, Miro, Titoki and Matai - that we are underway planting as replacements. At least the holes are already dug!! The next few working bees will concentrate on tidying up the site – the grass and weeds don't seem to mind the drought and sure keep growing!

Over the summer we also lost one of the stalwarts of the group -John Speirs – who has relocated from his lovely Kina home to urban Stoke to be closer to family. John, your efforts and company over the years have been really appreciated – do pop in and say hello if you happen to be passing on a Working Bee Saturday. So our group now needs one or two more locals to come and help us continue our efforts to restore the site and leave a legacy for our grandchildren. If you can spare a couple of hours on the first Saturday morning of the month to assist, you will be very welcome – no special skills needed just an enjoyment of friendly company and muffins!

Next Major Project!!

TDC have indicated that they would be happy for us to develop this area alongside Kina Beach road as a parking place for about 5 cars. It



would need a piped culvert to carry the storm water then overlay it with AP40 or the like to provide a firm parking base. This would be the precursor to opening up the site for locals and the wider public to visit and enjoy this special little spot.

As always the issue is funding and I am hoping that through the good auspices of TACA, we may be able to make an application in the next Community funding round to address this exciting possibility. Picnic tables and Shade sails to follow!!

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

Jester House News

Yahoo. Now that we're in Level one, Jester House is OPEN again. After a quiet couple of months of lockdown and the chance to have some much needed rest and relaxation we have reopened. We're excited to announce how the new Jester House will be.



The café is now open on Fridays from 10am until 10pm. You're invited to come and enjoy any time of the day with us.

When we open at 10am, there will be hot muffins, delicious coffee and fresh sourdough bread. (remember how good it was in lockdown when you had time to make your own?)

We'll have a big pot of soup ready for lunch and in the afternoon it's time for tea and cake. You can come and catch up with mates for a drink and snack after work or for dinner in the evening.

Dinner is by booking only and is a delicious three course set menu so we've done the choosing for you. There will be a vegetarian option; just let us know when you make your reservation.

We are really looking forward to seeing you again soon and plan to surprise and delight you.

Kia ora, Steve and Judy and the Jester House Team.
Tel: 03 526 6742
Email: lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz
Web: www.jesterhouse.co.nz



The Tasman General Store News

Most of you in the local community will know that I am back running the Store and I just would like to thank you all for the continued support and patronage of the Store since getting to Level 1. Although we are in winter mode, we have still been very busy with ongoing support from lots of tradies during the week.



Just a reminder of our opening hours:

Weekday hours: 8am – 5pm

Weekend hours: 9am – 5pm

Firstly a warm welcome to Louis, formerly chef at Jester House Café, who has joined our staff weekdays and is creating some great new food options.

A great new addition to our winter offerings is hot soup and ciabatta bread. Of course we are still offering a great selection of tasty pies and home-made slices.



The award-winning Grind Coffee continues to be roasted on site, now in our purpose built roastery at the bottom of the garden, so if you come down for a coffee with friends, you can enjoy the smells of freshly roasted coffee from the roastery.



Oaklands milk is delivered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, normally by mid morning. We do try to hold as much as possible to get through until the next delivery but sometimes we do sell out.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and hopefully a break away somewhere.

Lance Draper
www.facebook.com/thetasmangeneralstore

Vet's Voice

Socialisation; why is it crucial for your puppy?



Puppies go through the same developmental stages as many pack animals, including humans, but are much quicker and far more brutal in their approach to play and learning. They depend on strong guidance and positive reinforcement to ensure the desired behaviour is exhibited and the less desirable is then curbed.

This is where it is incredibly important to socialise puppies in their socialisation period between 8-16 weeks. In this period their positive scenarios and experiences will shape the dog they will become. So in puppy classes your puppy learns how to play, bite at the right pressure on their playmate (called bite inhibition), tolerate those they may not enjoy playing with and adapt play to suit a variety of playmates.

Socialisation allows the experience of NEW things whether it is people, dogs, and puppies (puppies behave differently and are more unpredictable than adult dogs, therefore it's crucial to play with their own age), bikes, road cones, people in hats, etc. This constant socialising means that they are prepared for upcoming new and previous experiences because they are being exposed often. This enables them to become tolerant rather than overwhelmed. Two of the biggest and most common behaviours are anxiety and fear aggression which can be prevented by socialisation, training and positive reinforcement training.

To help you get started, our puppy classes in our Motueka and Richmond clinics socialises and trains in a busy environment to allow focus during distraction as well as giving you, the owner, lots of tools to aid in control of your dog whilst carrying out socialisation ongoing. Even if your pup is not fully vaccinated, enrol in puppy classes to get them out meeting pups as well as training in a nice safe environment, but mainly these classes give you advice and teach you how to train your puppy to be the dog you desire to give them the full life they deserve.



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Tee off is 9.30am, every Friday.

For more information
Contact Lyndal at Tasman Golf Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tasman Area Community Association

Thursday 30 July 7.30pm

Tasman Bible Church

Guest speaker: Murray Poulter

Our Changing Climate

Murray Poulter had a career in science, becoming NIWA Chief Scientist overseeing the atmospheric, natural hazards and climate research.

Nominations are now being received for the position of chair, secretary, treasurer and 7 committee members. If you are aware of someone wanting to stand, please forward the completed form to secretary@tasmancommunity.org.nz

Nomination for Officers and Committee

Position: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member (Delete those not applicable)

Nominee

Signature

Nominator

Signature

Seconder

Signature

Membership 2020/21

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 email these details to treasurer@tasmancommunity.org.nz

and pay by internet banking.

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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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FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Community BBQ

Late in 2019 TDC pledged to assist TACA in obtaining a quality gas BBQ for Baigent Reserve. However, budget cuts due to its Covid-19 response mean TDC is no longer able to give financial assistance

TACA has **\$3200** set
aside towards the
purchase & installation
but needs another
\$4500



Please go to our Givealittle page to pledge your support:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/community-bbq-baigent-reserve>

TACA aims to have the BBQ in place ready for summer.

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 our Communications Officer, comms@tasmancommunity.org.nz with your name.

Note that you can easily unsubscribe through our Mailchimp platform.

Tasman Bible Church

Helping Hands

I'm standing beside Gabriel (11yrs young) and his sister Eliza (8) as they tend to a BBQ and some food treats they're preparing for seven Samoan RSE workers.

These Resident Seasonal Employees have been stranded here by border closures during the pandemic. With local harvest contracts finished, no income and with little else to do, they've been provided opportunities for work and some other meaningful contributions into our Tasman community. And good on all those who have stepped in with offers of work projects – such as Gabriel and Eliza's parents.

The men also are using their evenings to prepare for a Community Concert, getting ready to share some Samoan culture in song and dance, along with other RSE workers. Another way they add so much value and diversity into our district.



Murray Bryant busy with the Samoan guys putting in a fence, while Grandson Gabriel cooks lunch

Right now though, the men are digging holes, with Dad and Grandad Murray working alongside the Samoans . . . chatting, pounding with the crow-bar, lifting posts, and all are breaking a sweat. Kind of neat. Meanwhile these children pitch in and their older brother Xavier (13yrs) works on another post hole with Misty – a Samoan spear-fisherman & vegetable grower. Off to the side little Judah (5yrs) does his utmost to mimic the men, digging at the ground with his small spade.

I chat with Gabriel beside the BBQ and ask what he has been leaning in his school time. He is schooled at home and his parents discuss current events in the world as part of their education . . . as well as providing other “hands-on” learning, such as being hospitable - as they were practising today.

“We’ve been talking about all the problems overseas with black people being treated so badly.”

I ask why such things are happening and I get a young person’s insight on the shame of it all. We talk of how people are different, yet all the same in other ways. “People are different and that's a good thing”, says Gabriel . . . adding a rather funny extra point.

“After all, we can’t all be the same. How would we tell who each other is . . . otherwise we’d need labels!”

By now Xavier is alongside the sizzling BBQ and conversation is getting closer to home. “Differences between people allow us to share what we are good at” he says. “We can learn the food they eat and what life is like for them - same for them - we might all learn something new.” “We can improve the way things are done too, in all sorts of different ways.” Mum, Lucy, sums things up as she brings yet more yummy food to the patio, ready for when all can sit together and yarn after the morning’s labour: “We’re all made in God’s image” she adds. “It’s wonderful . . . because God’s creation is so diverse and vast, and we can see this in all the differences he’s incorporated into human beings. We should respect that . . . and value that, and be thankful for that.”

There we all were - young and old, white Kiwi people and brown island people, all serving and blessing each other and enjoying life - altogether making the world a better place that day in our little space here in rural Tasman.

We can all work alongside each other. And that's the point, isn't it.

Greig Caigou
Pastor – Tasman Bible Church



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Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



Early in the year TACA offered a comprehensive submission towards the Review of the Reserves and other public areas in our locale. The main thrust of our submission regarding the LEH Baigent Reserve was TACA's request that the Review enshrines further protection of the area by changing its classification to "Scenic Reserve" or "Local Purpose Reserve". This would strengthen its legal status from the current rather vague "Fee Simple" to an area dedicated solely to environmentally based recreation.

We took the opportunity of the Review to also promote enhancement of TACA's partnership with TDC in making improvements to both the reserve's recreational usage and its environmental protection and enhancement. This includes making positive changes to improve responsible usage by the community while trying to discourage anti-social behaviour that unfortunately continues.

The possible usage of camera surveillance of the area has been debated at length by TACA and in consultation with TDC staff and Councillors. Much may depend on

whether hooning, bush bashing and other anti-social activities continue.

Disappointingly, forced vehicle access to the foreshore has increased in the past year and people have taken to lighting fires on the beach and leaving mounds of litter.

Some people also continue to allow dogs to roam off the leash in areas

clearly identified as bird nesting areas. Numerous large prohibition signs and surveillance are not desired, but strong protection from deliberate damage may be needed. Many people put money and effort into securing the reserve as a protected environment and community recreation area. We



don't want a few inconsiderate individuals to spoil it for the majority of responsible users.

As forecast in the previous newsletter a TACA-sponsored work programme, assisted by TDC and generous work undertaken by individuals, has now begun with the removal of the "cricket pitch" sealed ground. Planting with salt tolerant natives is underway this winter so that in time there will be extra shade and a mixture of vegetation and open ground. Additional picnic tables are also under construction. The installation of a shaded gas-fired BBQ is also planned. Grant applications for a portion of some costs have been made, including linkage with a big budget restoration project in the Moutere catchment.



TACA plan to lead community volunteer projects when appropriate during this period of environmental and recreational enhancement. These will mainly involve weed control and planting, but also predator trapping and potential education-driven projects.

Linked Reserves?

As part of the Reserves Review process TACA requested TDC to consider the feasibility of linking the Kina Peninsula Esplanade Reserve walkway with LEH Baigent Reserve. If this could be done, it would promote increased enjoyment of the Moutere Inlet by providing a natural circuit on the Kina Peninsula for walkers and cyclists. One option suggested whether the "Queen's Chain" could be used to construct an extension of the current path. If not, the installation of a boardwalk around bluffs and private land would achieve the desired outcome.

Recent Update

As this newsletter went to press, there was a further act of hooning at LEH Baigent Reserve resulting in considerable damage to the open grassed area. TACA have been in touch with TDC and its proposal to install bollards to deter hooning has been accepted. TDC have also proposed using large rocks to close off the 4WD access points described above. This too has been accepted as the best deterrent. TACA is also urgently considering other deterrent measures and the introduction of community events and signage to promote responsible usage.

Tasman School Community Pool

The most exciting development at Tasman School has been the first full summer with the Tasman School Community Pool being open. Keys were available to members of the community that have children at Tasman School, or live within the Tasman School zone. The pool was very well used and it was great to see so many people enjoying this wonderful asset. It is certainly a lot better than the old pool and enables good swimming lessons to be held for the pupils at the school. The pool was only able to operate successfully because of the hard-work of a willing group of volunteers. There are too many to name, but your help was very much appreciated by all the pool users. We will be asking for volunteers again for the next swimming season, so start thinking about if this is something you do to volunteer in the community (all training is provided).



Moutere inlet restoration (MITER) update



Coming out of lockdown things are starting to move again on two fronts.

Firstly the local trapping

From our local survey we have data that shows us where existing trapping is taking place – many people are actively trapping on their properties. Our next step is to compile this into a coherent but slightly random (in terms of placing) ‘network’. Then we will work to infill this to create a trapping network suitable for the whole area, with the aim of suitable trap density and complementing neighbouring initiatives. The Kina Bird Song traps, mainly along the Kina Peninsula and on Jackett Island, are once again being actively monitored and the results recorded on TrapNZ. The following figure shows the trap locations as recorded in TrapNZ. Now we want to fill in the gaps.



The Mapua Dawn Chorus trapping group have received expressions of interest from beyond the confines of Mapua village and are working with residents around Ruby Bay and the hills to enlarge their networks (see the TrapNZ map). We are working with Mapua Dawn Chorus to ensure we work effectively across our ‘boundary’, essentially the top of the McKee Bluffs through to Stagecoach

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Road. The pests don't recognise our boundaries and so we aim for a co-ordinated effort.

Secondly we have been working with the Moutere Catchment group.

The Moutere Catchment Group is a landowner-led catchment group with support from NZ Landcare Trust, Tasman Environmental Trust, Tasman District Council and Trees that Count. It is focused on the freshwater catchment and shares ambitions and goals with our Moutere Inlet and Tasman Environmental Restoration Group. Both groups are looking at options for getting funding to assist landowners in the planting of trees in the Moutere. We sent out a survey to the landowners in the relevant catchments and inlet of the Moutere. The objectives of the survey were to determine:

- How many landowners were interested in participating in the Moutere Catchment Group and/or their sub-catchment group
- If funding were available, how many trees would landowners want to plant, what support would they need to plant trees, and what type of contribution (e.g. labour) could they make in return.

164 landowners responded to the survey, 51 from the Tasman area, with all indicating a very strong preference (92%) to plant native plants.



Recently with TDC support we have jointly applied for funding from the Government's One Billion Trees fund. This was a rushed affair – we were given very short notice from MPI who oversee the Billion Trees project – but still managed to submit a professional looking bid. We are hopeful of securing funding, almost certainly not quite as much as requested, and then will have to apply a transparent process to ensure a fair distribution to areas with high restoration/habitat potential.

With the Moutere inlet serving as focus, collaborating across the Moutere, Tasman and Mapua areas makes sense.

To see the full application text and the results of the survey go to the Moutere Catchment Group webpage. <https://www.landcare.org.nz/regional-news-item/moutere-catchment-group>

If you want to share thoughts and comments, put them on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Moutere-Catchment-Group-114831493586529/>

Of course the aim is to combine these two approaches (trapping and planting/weeding) to provide additional habitat and to ensure it has low predator numbers to support increased native populations. To this end we are planning a public meeting in Tasman (probably early August). This meeting will have a practical as well as organisational focus, with our aim to bring in expertise in trapping and planting, and by then we aim to have set up the mechanisms to deal with donations and the necessary funding and organise ourselves in a manner that matches our aims and aspirations.

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

Murray Poulter at mpoulterx@gmail.com or

Richard Clement at rscllement@xtra.co.nz.

RUBY COAST NEWCOMERS SOCIAL GROUP

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

WHERE? Tasman Store, occasionally elsewhere.

WHEN? The last Friday of each month from 10am until about 12. An email reminder is sent each month. No obligation to attend! Just come along as often as suits you.

Also occasional ad hoc “bring-a-plate” social events.

CONTACTS:

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

or

RICHARD on 027 526 6700
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The site has been buzzing! We have students back on site and our tutor team are happy to be doing what they love. There is nothing quite like spending time outdoors to build the connections that ultimately help to foster positive change in our rangatahi (youth). We will continue to develop programmes in the coming months that will assist schools and whānau in building resilient, confident, capable and creative young people.

Tirohia kia marama, whawhangia kia rangona te hā
Observe to gain enlightenment, participate to feel the essence

New Programmes for Secondary Students

Secondary students can gain Level 2 & 3 credits towards NCEA on two new WIO Trades Academy programmes. Civil Defence Emergency Response (CDER) is for Y13 students interested in building up skills to deal with emergency situations – such great skills to have. The Predator Control and Conservation Programme is for Year 12-13 students. The course focuses on practical biodiversity management practices while participating in field-based community conservation projects. Both are offered in the second half of this year. Find out more at www.wio.org.nz



Mini Adventures for Primary School Students

We're thrilled to offer the MEA (Mini Environmental Adventures) & MOA (Mini Outdoor Adventures) day programmes and hope to see the Tasman Schools back again. These include fun outdoors-based learning activities for Year 1-4 children to get them active and connected with the world around them. It's a thrill to have tamariki come back for different programmes and be part of their learning as they grow – we will see some of you for

the Year 8 Leadership & Go Wild Holiday Programmes too!

Noho ora mai rā,
Thanks to everyone for their continued support & we look forward to seeing you out there!



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Civil Defence Volunteers needed for Tasman/Kina



The Tasman/Kina community has a small group of volunteers which help to provide our region with assistance during a civil defence event. This comes under the umbrella of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. We are currently looking to increase the number of volunteers able to help us out.

We are looking for people who:

- Have a skill that could be an asset in an emergency
- Want to make a real and positive difference to their community
- Are enthusiastic & committed, with a can-do attitude
- Have a desire to learn new skills and work with a great team
- Can smile when the going gets tough

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Native Corridor -Te Mamaku Drive

The TACA committee has been discussing for some time the possibility of removing weeds from and revegetating the areas of roadside on the section of the coastal highway known as Te Mamaku Drive between Mapua and Tasman (used to be known as the Ruby Bay Bypass). We are currently in the early stages of looking into the feasibility of this.



When the new highway was put through between Tasman and Mapua villages there was some native planting undertaken at either end of the new section of road and some land at Dominion Flats at the Mapua end was acquired for a community revegetation project, which has been very successful. The rest of the roadsides along Te Mamaku Drive are infested with broom, gorse, wattle and other weeds and this project would aim to extend the original native plantings along the length of the road to create a native corridor from estuary to estuary.

We envisage the benefits of such revegetation to be:

1. Providing a native corridor for wildlife between the two very ecologically significant estuaries, as well as the potential to link to nearby wetlands and plantings in adjacent subdivisions.
2. Reduction of flammable weed species along the highway and planting with more fire resistant natives.
3. Noise reduction for the houses in nearby subdivisions, especially as current pine forests are felled in the coming years and subdivisions expand.
4. Depending on the area available for revegetation, the possibility of providing some local jobs during the time of economic fallout from COVID 19.

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 2020 at TACA

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

TACA meetings

**Last Thursday of every month
(no December meeting)**

Tasman Bible Church Hall

**Next meeting:
Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 30th July, 7.30pm
Tasman Bible Church Hall**