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# Tasman Times

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

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

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## From The Chair



Often it takes a situation to realise the value of a person or institution. Recently we had such a situation that made me glad the Tasman Area Community Association exists. The Draft Future Development Strategy (FDS) was published by the TDC and NCC earlier in the year which contained a Secondary Proposal to build a 2000+ house township in the Tasman Valley. Thankfully TACA became aware of the proposal and did their best to mobilise people to submit to remove it from the draft. They also submitted as an Association and I had the privilege of talking to the submission at the hearing. Happily the outcome is that the proposal has been removed from the final Future Development Strategy. So thank you to you all who submitted and supported the Association in their submission.

We have also submitted on other Council drafts including the Walking and Cycling strategy where we asked for speed reduction through and around Tasman Village, which was unfortunately outside the scope of the strategy. We will have another chance to ask for a reduction later in the year when there is a review of speed limits throughout the district. This is some of the more behind the scenes stuff the committee does. It's satisfying to feel our voice is heard in Council decision-making.

We also get to do fun stuff like planning where to and then planting trees. Currently we are preparing to plant more of the stream edge in Tasman Reserve to continue the native plant corridor further inland. After this winter's planting the corridor will extend from the Estuary edge through the Rush Orchard and further up the Field Stream on the west side of State Highway 60. Thanks to the Trees that

Count programme and the Moutere Catchment Group for their help with providing trees. The BIG project that we are at the beginning of is creating a native corridor along 'Te Mamaku Drive' (the Ruby Bay Bypass). This is a long term project to provide a safe, biodiverse native corridor so birds can get easily from one Estuary to the other. It will also define the Ruby Coast area and be a natural edge to our predator free area which has been started by various other community groups like Kina Bird Song and Mapua Dawn Chorus.

All these projects help make Tasman the great place to live that it is, but they need ongoing participation from you, our community.

This will be my last report as Chair of the Association as I intend to step aside at the AGM to make room for new ideas and enthusiasm. I've enjoyed my time as Chair and I'm happy to stay on as part of the committee and devote some more time to the Tasman Reserve Enhancement Plan.

See you all at the AGM.

Ngā mihi,  
Steve Richards,  
Chair

## Admin Stuff from the Secretary

I have reported in the past regarding meetings for TACA and how we have been well supported by local volunteers and Councillors. This has continued over the last period and despite restrictions around meeting face-to-face due to the pandemic, we have managed well via Zoom. In fact, this kind of technology has allowed new flexibility in being able to maintain participation even though absent from Tasman (one member Zooming into our meetings while in the UK and another time from their camper somewhere in the deep South).



For a time our main focus at meetings has been around future development strategies and discussing the sorts of things that go into submissions for the future planning that affects our lifestyles. This includes walking and cycleways, the protection and development of local parks and reserves as well as a long-term initiative for the beautification of the highway corridor.

In these matters we also align well with similar efforts undertaken by the Mapua & Districts Community Association, especially considering the results of their survey investigating the lifestyle and development concerns affecting our wider area.

**TACA's AGM will be held at the Tasman Church on 28 July and the guest speaker will be Drew Bryant** who has worked these last five years on the recently approved walking and cycleway strategy for TDC. Drew will summarise the type of work he does, giving some insight into the sort of factors affecting the way forward for better infrastructure of this kind and also how this can inform opportunities for developing better and more extensive options right in our own Tasman village and local areas. There will be time to answer any questions those attending might have, especially concerning how we as a community might add value to the existing cycleways and trails at our back door.

Thanks go out to the Committee who represent a wide range of interests in our community and who serve residents well.

Greig Caigou  
Secretary, TACA

## Local Reserves Tasman Reserve

Near the reserve across the road at the Aporo Sculpture, we held two working bees in February & March to weed the garden and spread bark, thereby preparing the area for TDC contractors to permanently take over the maintenance of the area at the same time as Tasman Reserve.



## Kina Beach Reserve & Campsite

The lack of overseas visitors meant campground usage was again less than the pre-pandemic summer and spring norm, but partly compensated by more Kiwis touring the South Island. The Christmas and January school holiday period was of course a busy time and Easter saw full occupancy. At other times the campground was only about half full.

Anti-social incidents at the reserve appear to have reduced, so that is welcome news. There was one

incident of a fire being lit on the beach close to vegetation in the reserve, so the campground manager called the Fire Service and spoke to the group. The Fire Service had them extinguish the fire and educated the group about why certain areas are subject to fires only under permit. It was an excellent outcome with good response from the youngsters.

Restrictions on school activities saw a pleasing increase in usage of the reserve by families and groups of mothers with small children during the fine summer and autumn weather.

## Mill Point Site Recovery Project Kina Beach Road

### WE ARE OPEN FOR PLEASURE!!

Well, it's been a while coming – 17 years in fact!! but with the approval of TDC the gate is now open and local residents and the wider public in general are now welcome to come and explore the site.

During those years a dedicated group of locals including local school kids have planted thousands of natives turning a barren patch of 1 metre thick Moutere Clay masking the old Tasman tip site into a delightful bush covered area and whilst some of the trees have a few decades ahead of them to maturity, the essential groundwork has been done for our grandkids – and theirs - to enjoy. Gorse, broom and pampas has been pretty much eradicated but weed control is an ongoing task.



Our last session finished off surfacing the network of paths that meander around the site – thanks to some sterling barrow work by David Short - and whilst existing paths will need topping up in the months ahead the routes are pretty clear and safe and family friendly.



With funding from Community grants, facilitated by TACA, roadside fencing and access gates have been improved and an information sign produced.

A car park has been created and picnic tables installed, all from volunteer efforts and the generous support of local businesses.

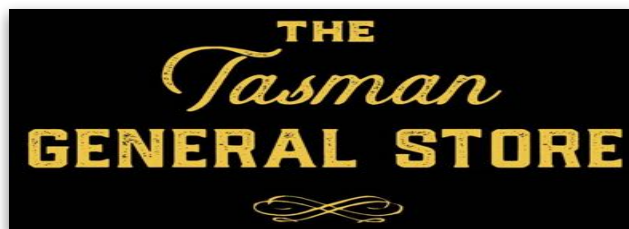




A further delivery of some 70 natives supplied by TDC has arrived in the last week, so if you have an hour or so on any first Saturday of the month - from 9.30am – to help the regular team get these new arrivals in the ground and tend those already establishing themselves you will be most welcome. A cuppa and muffins are on offer at 10.30am.

The site is now always open so why not come along at any time and explore this small but family friendly area; let the kids explore the walkways whilst you enjoy the lovely vistas of the tidal inlet to Motueka from the picnic tables.

Tony – Team Leader  
Email: [tonypearson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonypearson@xtra.co.nz)



Now two years into the Covid pandemic, we are well pleased with the patronage that continues to build with great support from locals, biking groups and tradies during the weekdays.

A reminder of our winter opening hours. Note particularly our reduced weekend hours:

<b>Weekday hours:</b>	<b>7.30am – 5pm</b>
<b>Saturday only:</b>	<b>9am – 2pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Public holidays</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**We will be closed for the first week of the School Holidays from 11 - 17 July.**

A popular item is still the gluten-free curried vege pizza as well as Louie's extra tasty vegan pie. Hot, tasty soups rotating from week to week are available with a takeaway option. Try the curried pumpkin, the broccoli-parmesan or the vege minestrone soup, all served with toasted ciabatta. Then there's always a great selection of yummy slices in the cabinet, as well as the great local pies and store-made sausage rolls.



Lance continues to roast his award-winning beans & ground coffee and still holds the same philosophy: make it right, make it fresh, make it well! Remember that both coffee beans and plunger coffee are available in 200gm, 500gm and 1 kg bags. They are also available at your local supermarket.

Oaklands milk is still delivered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, normally by mid morning.

Hope you are all keeping warm and dry over the winter. See you soon at the Store.

Lance Draper  
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## Jester House News

The Jester House "Only Open Friday" plan is a success! Two years ago we decided to change Jester House Café from 7 days a week to just being open Fridays. This was a momentous decision, as we really didn't know if one day a week would be enough to sustain us. It turns out that it is, and thanks to all your continued support we are still Tasman's best café. We're really enjoying filling the fridge and shelves on Thursday ready for lunch and dinner on Friday. It allows us to make the most of seasonal produce and really ensure that everything we serve is super fresh.



The highlight of the Autumn was hosting the Moutere Catchment Group celebrating the success of the Moutere Project throughout the catchment. To feel the collective power of people coming together with a common goal is empowering. Knowing that as I plant my 50 trees this winter, at least eighty other people will be planting as many trees, and in some cases, many more. Pull on your gumboots and get out planting trees, we literally can't have too many. More recently I've spent some time in the little forest by the cycleway collecting seedlings for transplanting. I've set them out in boxes under their parents to wean. The potting mix can then get a dose of the biome of the forest.



By the time you read this we will have had our first seasonally appropriate New Year, the celebration of Matariki. It's a chance for us to make new traditions, to get up before dawn to look to the East to see the stars of Matariki. This is the time of new year, to gather with friends, celebrate the year that has been and look forward to the year to come. It is the time to throw away ideas and things you don't want from the previous year and nurture those things you want to prosper.

From Matariki to France is a bit of a leap but July 14 is Bastille Day and to celebrate on Friday 15 we will be serving a very special french dinner. The menu has been designed and crafted by Dean who has spent many years cooking in France.

Bookings are essential so contact Judy on 03 526 6742 or email [lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz](mailto:lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz)

Jester House will be open for lunch and dinner Fridays right through to the end of the July school holidays.

We'll be taking our winter break the following two weeks on 29 July and 05 August, opening again on Friday 12 August.

Happy Matariki

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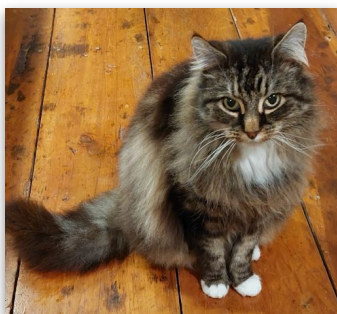
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For more information on how to help your pet through arthritic management give the team a call at The Vet Centre on 03 528 8459 (Motueka) or 03 544 5566 (Richmond).

## Vet's Voice

### Senior Pet Care

There is nothing quite like the love and loyalty of a senior pet and it is important we take extra care of them over the winter months. Arthritis (osteoarthritis) is a painful and debilitating condition affecting 1 in 5 dogs, over the age of one. Arthritis doesn't discriminate – it affects cats and dogs of all ages. If you notice any changes in your pet's mood and level of activity, it may be due to the pain of arthritis, one of the most common, chronic conditions which veterinarians treat.



There are many things that can cause arthritis in dogs and cats such as:

- Traumatic injuries that result in joint instability
- Obesity - being overweight increases the forces acting on the joint
- Genetically weakened or unstable joints e.g. hip dysplasia
- Failure of proper bone development in the young

While no cure exists for arthritis, there are pain management options available for your pet, which will greatly reduce the impact of the condition and increase their quality of life. This includes joint support diets such as Hills J/D or Royal Canin Mobility, which help to decrease inflammation in the joint space and encourage a more comfortable lifestyle for your pet. These diets have provided outstanding results in both dogs or cats. Using comfortable bedding will reduce pressure on sore joints, and putting a coat on your dog when they have to go outside can help limit painful joints. Using heating solutions also help, like the microwavable heat pad, SnuggleSafe, lasting 10 hours. There are a number of very good joint supplements, such as 4Cyte, that help reduce the effects of arthritis by providing support to the joint function itself.



## 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.**

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## Moutere catchment group update

### Restoring the Moutere - Ridgetops to the Sea

*'From the ridgetops to the sea, nurturing the mana and mauri of the*



*Moutere estuary, its connected waterways, its biodiversity, and its people is our collective responsibility'.*

The Moutere Catchment Group is currently working with around 140 landowners, many who dwell within the sub catchment areas in and around the Tasman community. We are committed to planting more than 271,000 trees to address pressing environmental concerns such as water quality, sedimentation and nutrient overloading which impacts the habitat for native fish and bird life in the Moutere Inlet, the Moutere River and its tributaries.

The Moutere Catchment Group is progressing extremely well towards our planting goals, to date having planted 158,000 plants in the first 2 years of the project, and several thousand in the ground so far this winter. Key to the success of many of the planting sites has been the construction of 51 kms of wetland and waterway fencing within the catchment over the last 18 months. 10 new positions in the fencing industry were created during the lifetime of the project, and 43 people received some form of employment during the project's life.

2022 planting sites have all been confirmed with a small list of others on a waiting list. It is planned to plant 100,000 plants from seven local nurseries this year. Most landowners are completing site preparation and planting themselves or employing local contractors directly which goes a long way to supporting the success of the project.

Landowners requested more than 192,000 plants for planting in 2022. nearly 100 % more than available to the project. The local community is keen to explore options that maximise the number of plants able to be planted with the available funding.

### Workshop and celebration day at Jester House

On a beautiful Saturday in May, around 100 people came together for the Moutere Catchment Group's planting workshop and shared lunch at Jester House. It was a celebration of all the hard work local landowners have been doing repairing and restoring native vegetation and biodiversity to the area. Several experts were engaged in conversations and presented on various native restoration techniques. There was also a display by Kina Bird Song of

predator traps.

The celebration was rounded-off with a walk-about quiz on plant identification, naming fish of the Moutere and naming predator traps and for which pest species each trap is used.



Contact Elliot Easton at [ellioteaston@tet.org.nz](mailto:ellioteaston@tet.org.nz)

## 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 in our area to help us out if the need arises. 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 and committed, with a can-do attitude
- Have a desire to learn new skills & work with a great team
- Can smile when the going gets tough

The Tasman Church has been recognised and passed, by the Nelson/Tasman Emergency Management Team in Richmond, as a Civil Defence Centre during an emergency event. We are very grateful to the Church Elders and Pastor Greig Caigou for all their help and cooperation for making this possible.

We have two qualified Emergency Management Volunteers, Roger Percivall (left), Richard Clement (right) and Pastor Greig Caigou (centre) who has a team of Tasman Church volunteers.

If you would like to help, even in a small way, then please contact the local Civil Defence Situation Officer: Roger Percivall, [tasmangreen14@gmail.com](mailto:tasmangreen14@gmail.com)







We are grateful to have resumed normal operations with all programmes in full swing. Youth on our programmes have been engaged and taking on various challenges with positive attitudes – great to see! This year we have secured funding to create further vocational pathways for the rangatahi (thank you RUIA!) and have extended our programmes within Secondary Schools to help re-engage youth impacted by the recent disruptions to schooling. There are a range of primary school programmes available thanks to new funding including the Rā Ora Programme which focuses on building wellbeing through a mix of fun adventurous, cultural & environmental activities.



### Community Planting Day

On Sunday 14 August we will be coordinating a community planting day at the Waimea Inlet, at Moturoa (Rabbit Island) - we'd love to see families coming along in the weekend to get involved. If you're coming from Māpua, why not bike there! Our team will be there to support you to take part. For details email [dana@wio.org.nz](mailto:dana@wio.org.nz)



### Upcoming Programmes

Summer Holiday Programmes: dates are now on our website and cater for ages 7-18yrs. We encourage you to book early! Thanks to the support from McKee Charitable Trust for funding scholarships for local tamariki to attend these programmes.

Secondary Programmes: We have a range of Trades Programmes in 2023 that take learning outside the classroom, provide NCEA credits and an opportunity for personal growth. Enrol through your Dean or Trades Coordinator at school. Free to attend!

### Free Resources Online

We have created activity & wellbeing resources which are free to access on our website for whānau and kaiako (teachers) with additional resources for teachers to support the delivery of nature connection activities in a classroom setting – take a peek! [www.whenuaiti.org.nz/activities-resources](http://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/activities-resources)

Noho ora mai rā,

Ngā mihi nui to everyone for your continued support & we look forward to seeing you out there!

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### ANZAC Day

Pastor Greig Caigou and TACA took on responsibility for organising of the ANZAC Day memorial service for the first time this year. Previously this was undertaken by Richard Easton these last 27 years and his father, a veteran, beforehand.



Thank you Richard for such longstanding and steadfast service to this community and this commemoration event.

There was a very good turnout on a good day weather-wise and we all enjoyed catching up with “locals” over morning tea at the school. Altogether this is what helps a sense of community in Tasman and so many people gave input for the event . . . which included local craftsman, bagpiper, school children, teachers and sound technician and farmer Peter Moore gave the short message to go along with the commemoration.



Thanks to all.



You will have noticed some changes to the building on the corner of Williams and Aporo Roads. The changing face of the



Tasman community has somewhat led to a changed face to that building! Newcomers to the Tasman area want to engage with local businesses and identities and want to quickly fit in with the style of life here. One aspect of community life involves the Tasman Church, which has a rich and longstanding history in the area, dating back to 1932. Newcomers are always welcome to come visit or join us on a Sunday morning or when we gather instead in a variety of homes on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Of course our activity not only encompasses the gatherings of the faith-based community, but other things such as the Activ8 Adventure Club on Friday afternoon for



Tamariki from the Activ8 adventure club get out kayaking in the local estuary. One goal is to demonstrate a wide range of outdoors activities that can be enjoyed within 5 minutes drive of Tasman . . . often within walking distance.

local tamariki as well as, for example, the Mainly Music programme on a Wednesday morning. This is where mums and caretakers of pre-schoolers get to enjoy some lively music, movement and play . . . as well as a full morning tea.

And a growing community has also seen the need for meeting spaces and facilities for things like school fundraisers, pop-up community consultations, craft groups and the likes. The Church is in effect the only community venue and so we have tried to make this more contemporary and the rooms upstairs of the Church building have also been kitted out with a seminar and boardroom . . . . continuing to breath new life into this old landmark.

We'd encourage your group or local club to come take a look at how the space might work for you.

This year the Tasman Bay Christian Trust took up the tender for all the local school bus routes, extending to the Mapua and Lower Moutere school runs as well. We already operated the transport for the Christian School and were able to upscale to incorporate the other Ministry of Education runs, as well as link in some assistance for high school students getting into Richmond.



A cook-out during an overnight camp at McKee Domain that also saw the children visiting the nearby glowworm highlights.

One other way we find ourselves called upon more and more of late is through providing assistance to those struggling to manage their finances. We are a CAP debt-centre – which is part of the 'Christians Against Poverty' network throughout Aotearoa NZ. Our debt coaches provide free assistance in releasing folk from debt or poverty and its causes, while advocating in a variety of spaces, assisting job clubs and with life skill training courses. One opportunity where local people can get involved with help in this space is through our Manaaki Fund which provides some emergency financial assistance to such families that might be struggling through a tight patch, while we work to connect them with experts in debt coaching or advocacy.

While all these activities cover a broad range of interests they simply mirror what so many other groups are doing - where smaller communities need everyone to 'pitch in'. You will see this level of engagement through the various reports in this Tasman Times and I would continue to encourage newcomers to see how they too can add their skills and giftings toward making Tasman an even better place to live.

Arohanui and God bless  
Pastor Greig



## L.E.H. Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



Continued camera surveillance followed by warnings and fines, coupled with temporary fencing, has seen a welcome reduction in hooning during the past six months. Surveillance also identified suspicious vehicle activity along the Kina Peninsula that was useful for authorities to follow up. The temporary fencing was again installed by residents who wish to stop the reserve being spoiled by a few selfish individuals. It's been a very successful deterrent but we are now into the seasons when wet ground, fewer visitors and extended darkness previously saw damage to unfenced grassed areas.



**We therefore still need residents to contact TACA asap if they are aware of hooning, littering, vandalism, freedom camping or bush-bashing etc. Please note time, rego (if possible) or at least vehicle type and colour. Photos are of course very useful but please don't confront anyone.** Call Richard Clement on 027 526 6700 with any details, or any committee member.

The number of beach fires has also reduced due to action taken against primary culprits. Several Tasman/Kina residents have quickly reported incidents and this has greatly helped the authorities to minimise risks and educate those who continue to break the law. **If you see a fire anywhere on public land on the Kina Peninsula, call 111.** No fires are allowed except by permit on private land.

Persistent bush bashing (not just by 4WD – see photo) on to the nesting area has again occurred, but action by a few residents has succeeded in identifying some culprits and appropriate action has been taken. There was however a recent incident of wanton vandalism when a bollard was chain-sawed (see photo) to enable vehicle access to the beach.



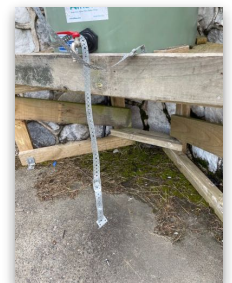
Placement of large rocks and other means to prevent vehicles from being driven across the nesting areas will continue as necessary. **All we ask of users is that they do as the vast majority and park alongside the road and walk along paths to gain access to the beach.**

On a more positive note the plantings done about 3 years ago across the main open area have continued to thrive and are greatly enhancing the wide open spaces. In time they will provide some much needed shade and wind protection. TACA have plans to install some more picnic tables when appropriate.

In mid-May David Easton again organised a working bee at the Reserve. A dozen people turned up and made a huge difference. The invasive Sydney Golden Wattle was targeted. The small ones were pulled out by hand and larger ones cut down and put through a chipper. The native plantings were left alone and can now flourish without the competition. Gorse and broom were removed, with the stumps painted to prevent re-growth.

It was agreed at the morning tea break that there is a need to do this regularly because the Wattle grows rapidly. A little work done often is easier than having to use chainsaws. So in late July or early August there will be another working bee at LEH Baigent Reserve. A Saturday morning 9am - 11.30am will again target weed species, tree guard removal and fertilising the new plantings etc. The Reserve is looking great thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers within our community. It is an asset that we can all enjoy.

The BBQ facility has seen increased usage but has also been subject to vandalism and theft. The strapping was first of all damaged in an apparent attempt to steal the water tank. Later on the tap disappeared. Both the strapping and tap have since been more strongly secured, again by local businesses. TACA sincerely thank them for donating time and equipment to provide a community benefit. As previously noted, TACA will host a family-oriented Picnic Day at the reserve to promote the area. This was delayed due to Covid-19 but is now scheduled for late Spring 2022.



Back to the bad stuff - the boatshed was damaged when broken into and items stolen, but camera surveillance enabled perpetrators to be identified. This serious matter was passed on to the Police and formed part of a much wider investigation into organised crime. On a lesser scale, but still requiring

action, thieves cut (see photo) and stole 2 lengths of rope that help to protect the plantings. It was premeditated theft using an appropriate tool. Subsequent non-payment of fines resulted in this also becoming a matter for Police.



**Once again, TACA alone cannot put a stop to wilful damage. We need the eyes and will of the community to take action when anti-social activity is noted. Please help us to preserve the LEH Baigent Reserve and other public areas for the benefit of all responsible users. Thank You!**



This school year started with the excitement of the opening of two new classrooms. These are a grand addition to our school and contribute the much needed space that we've required for quite some time. We have moved our junior classes into this space.



This year we have welcomed Ben Mister to our team in a teacher aide role. He joins us with experience at Brooklyn School.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our Muddy Buddy fundraising event due to COVID restrictions and related concerns. We hope to see this event return in 2023.

Events in Term 1 were limited to COVID restrictions, but we have seen a number of events return to the calendar in Term 2.

- Our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Rā Ora programme at Whenua- Iti.
- At the end of Term 1 all of our students were part of a 'Top Team' event held on the school grounds.
- In Week 5 of Term 2 our Year 8 students travelled to Hanmer Springs and Christchurch for their leadership expedition, which included a session at the Young Leader's



Day. This has been part of the William Pike Challenge.

- Students have recently been involved in school, local and regional cross country events. Congratulations to the Year 4 - 8 students who participated at the Motueka Schools' District Cross Country.
- By the time this is published we will have held our evening community Matariki celebration and gallery walk.

We look forward to the remaining opportunities of the 2022 school year which include:

- Winter Sports tournament in Term 3.
- Whenua Iti Mini Adventurers and Mini Explorers programme in Term 3.
- Our Year 6 - 8 camp at Lake Rotoiti in Term 4.
- The Moutere Hills Athletics Day in Term 4.

Our next big goal is moving our school library to a bigger space in the school. We look forward to some planning steps over the next few months.



After two weeks of seemingly continuous rain you would think the birds had had enough of water. Yet I saw these Silvereyes (Tautou) today enjoying a water bath in the afternoon sun.

The bird bath came from Burnay Pottery in Motueka. They sell a range of handmade pottery bird baths and feeders. They are a great way to attract birds to your garden.



Now is a good time to plant trees and shrubs that will attract birds. Plants that will be a source of fruit, foliage or nectar. DOC has a helpful webpage that lists over sixty trees and shrubs that are bird friendly. The title of the page is 'Attract birds to your garden: conservation activities'.

Controlling predators is also important if the birds are to thrive. We encourage the laying of traps. A simple tunnel box with a Victor or T-rex trap are easy to set and a good way to start. We can supply you with these and offer help and advice.



You can sign up to become a member of Kina Bird Song and become part of our team of 52 (and counting) trappers. We are very grateful to the efforts of all the trappers. In the last three months we have recorded over 460 predator catches on the [Trap.nz](http://Trap.nz) website with over 2070 checks on traps. That's a lot of effort – thank you all.

There will be lots happening over the next months. MenzShed Richmond are making new trap boxes from plywood kindly donated by Carter Holt Harvey through Tasman Environmental Trust. We hope to make about 80 boxes for DOC 200 traps and 60 for Victor or T-rex traps. New lines of traps are planned including at the Kina Golf Club. We have new volunteers checking traps on the Motueka estuary walk. If you would like to get involved in trapping please contact us.

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## Te Mamaku Drive Native Corridor Project



A 10km long green corridor along SH60 between Tasman Village and Mapua, the so-called "Te Mamaku Drive", formerly the Ruby Bypass; that's the ambitious project of some local Tasman folk. and it comes with access for the non-motorised public like walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders. A stretch of unused, mostly public land on the eastern side of SH60 is visibly overgrown by gorse, broom, wattles and wilding pine trees. It already accommodates part of the "Dicker Ridge Walking Track" and continues on Stagecoach Road down to Chaytor Road and Mapua's Dominion Flats.

The "Te Mamaku Drive Corridor Project", a sub-committee of TACA (Tasman Area Community Association), wants to connect the Waimea Estuary and Moutere Inlet with mainly native bush and

trees. This would beautify the area alongside the Coastal Highway, as has recently happened with many highways in other parts of the country, reduce the fire risk and provide a corridor for birds to move between the estuaries and nearby wetlands.

A plan has been drawn up for the whole length of the corridor with identified priority blocks to start with and to seek appropriate funding. This is a long term project to run over years, if not several decades!

What started more than a year ago with this simple idea has now led to the first plantings of 2000 trees on 500 metres at the start of the project at the



Tasman end. Thanks to the great support and funding of TET (Tasman Environmental Trust) and Restoring the Moutere, people can now envisage the direction in which the project is heading.



To continue further south another 2-3km to the start of Stagecoach Road, the group of enthusiastic people involved in the project is facing the challenge of removal of a long row of overgrown pine trees, applying for funding to clear about 8 hectares of land, securing about 30,000 plants and continuing with planting to be done over the next winter of 2023.

You can also make a kind donation to our Givealittle page, <https://bit.ly/3btbsmg>

Anybody interested in being involved in this project can contact Michael at [michamarkertnz@gmail.com](mailto:michamarkertnz@gmail.com)

# TACA AGM

Thursday 28 July 7.30pm  
Tasman Church  
Cnr Williams/Aporo Rds, Tasman

Guest Speaker, Drew Bryant (TDC) will speak on the new Walking & Cycling strategy following with a Q&A on new walkway/cycleway options in Tasman/Kina.

A discussion will be held to plan activities for the next two years including the Te Mamaku Project, enhancing walking/cycling access and any other suggestions

Tea, coffee & light refreshments will be served following the AGM

Nomination and election of officers for the TACA Committee Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 7 committee members

TACA Subscriptions are now due for new & existing members.  
Go to [www.tasmancommunity.org.nz](http://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz) and click the link on the home page to pay your annual sub (\$5 family, \$2 individual) and/or make a donation.

## 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 2022 at TACA

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If you would like to join our email database to learn about events and news that are relevant to Tasman/Kina, please simply email [comms@tasmancommunity.org.nz](mailto:comms@tasmancommunity.org.nz) with your name.

**TACA meetings**  
**Last Thursday of every month**  
**(no December meeting)**  
**Tasman Church ,**  
**Williams Rd, Tasman**

**Next meeting:**  
**TACA AGM**  
**Thursday 28th July**  
**7.30pm**