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Tasman Times

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Welcome to our winter newsletter, updating you on all of the local issues & happenings In Tasman/Kina/Mariri.

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From The Chair

As I write this, my last report as Chairperson of TACA, I have decided to step aside as Chair and encourage new energy from the community to take us into the future. I am reminded of what a privilege it has been for me to lead this organisation over recent years and will stay on as a committee member to assist with the success of our existing projects.



As our AGM is fast approaching next month (see p.7), we are on the lookout for a new Chairperson, Treasurer and an extra committee member. It has been encouraging that we have two new younger committee members who have joined us in recent years... they will be the lifeblood of our organisation going forward.

Since our last December Tasman Times I am pleased to report that Stafford Drive, affected by the August 2022 weather event, is finally open under "one-way-bridge" conditions, which has made access so much easier for residents and visitors to the Ruby Coast. I think we need to be aware that this may be a somewhat medium - long term solution until the next inevitable event comes along.



Our Te Mamaku Native Corridor project continues to make incredible progress with ongoing success with grants and sponsorship deals. Above all we are reaching out to all of you in our catchment area to support us with our drive to create a large volunteer team to install over 12,000 plant guards and stakes in July & August to protect our new trees that will be imminently planted. See pp.13 & 14 to sign up. If you have already signed up, talk to your friends and neighbours to urge them to join our team.

Both the Christmas in Tasman Domain and our very own Community Picnic (p. 11) were both great local events. You may wish to attend them next year, so look out for the new dates in our December newsletter.

Finally I must firstly thank several people, Roger Percivall for serving for over 14 years on the committee, Richard Deck as Treasurer for a year; then there are all the rest of our committee and our Ward Councillors for your continuing support.

Remember to put our AGM date, Thursday 27 July in your diaries now.

Ngā mihi nui
David Short
Chair

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

In the last report I mentioned how we have been well supported by local residents, volunteers and Councillors at our TACA meetings and other activities. You



can read of some of those activities in this edition... some represent a lot of effort and organisation and others are small tasks done with nevertheless as much commitment and thoroughness.

What stands out is that these are all hours vested into our local community by volunteers. People who volunteer in such a way become invaluable resources, but as such expose our reliance on such willing and able folks. This is most evident to TACA at the present because there are several key volunteers stepping down after many years of almost tireless service.

Some examples: Roger Percival served on the committee for many, many years while living next door to the Tasman Domain. Thank you so much, Roger. He has been the local coordinator for Civil Defence but has now moved away from the village to Motueka. It is time for someone else to take up this role . . . and thank you to Richard Clement who will carry that responsibility. But Richard can only devote limited time to that role as a volunteer . . . so now we are in need of someone to take up responsibility for what Richard has been doing . . . keeping the committee regularly informed of what is happening with the Baigent Reserve, the Kina peninsula reserve, and Kina Beach camp.

Are you able to serve your community in this way and provide such good oversight of needs of these areas that we all love and enjoy?

Richard Deck also has volunteered, as Treasurer for TACA and this has meant dealing with some larger amounts of funds at present due to the grants extended to TACA for the Te Mamaku Drive project. We are well set up with software and an easier process through our banking facilities with NBS. Yet, it is now time for someone else to take up this function . . . **are you able to serve your community in this way, being an integral part in a project like the Te Mamaku enhancements – that has received local and international Kingly support!?**

David Short has been a 'legend' in representing this community for over several decades as a volunteer with TACA and with communications for the area. He has been the glue in many, many projects and Chair of TACA. He too has decided to pull back from leading the charge on many fronts and while he still will be an active committee representative, it is now time for someone else to take up the role of Chairperson . . . **are you able to serve your community in this way, elevating the future proofing of a vibrant community and environment in Tasman?**

The theme of these challenges is more than obvious. TACA needs volunteers, and like so many organisations we want to encourage more "locals" to step up and be excited about both maintaining and shaping the lifestyles we enjoy in these spaces.

Volunteering is the heartbeat of a healthy and democratic community. Not only can we vote in our general elections but we foster a healthy neighbourhood by taking matters of the general public good into our own hands. Such engagement is what TACA is about . . . come join us. See you at the AGM.

Greig Caigou
Secretary, TACA

Local Reserves Tasman Domain

It is pleasing to see that the Tasman Domain is being regularly used for many social events, even for birthday parties. The fruit from the open orchard in the Domain is being utilised over the summer, exactly as intended.

Many of you will have observed the ongoing graffiti that has beset our beautiful mural in the underpass beside the Domain as part of Tasman's Great Taste trail, designed by local artist Adi Tait and created by her with great community effort in 2013.

Finally with the support of Dulux paints between March & May, starting with a water blast and sanding, a small group headed by Adi has managed to refresh the whole mural to its original pristine brilliance.

The team managed to get one coat of anti-graffiti paint applied but need to wait until warmer spring weather to apply the second coat.



Most important if you walk or bike through the underpass; if you see any new graffiti, please advise Tony Clark on 021 064 9343 or call in at his JointWorks Studio beside Tasman School as soon as possible.



Kina Beach Reserve & Campsite

It's pleasing to report there have been almost no instances of anti-social behaviour during the past 6 months. The campground was well occupied throughout the summer and Easter/ANZAC holidays, with a noticeable drop off in clientele to about 25% occupancy in the last 3 months. The reserve has been regularly mowed by TDC's NELMAC contractor.

After an increase in rat population the area was kindly furnished by Kina Bird Song with a dozen traps. David Easton provided training and about 4 - 5 rats and mice are being caught each week. The one disappointing note was that in late April someone stole 2 of the traps.

Mill Point Site Recovery Project Kina Beach Road

Well, summer came and went without any serious "violations" of the site by freedom campers although I have to say there didn't seem that many about in our area – perhaps our overseas visitors had not yet returned in past numbers. The last few months however have seen prodigious growth on the site as the alternating sun and rain clearly suited the plants of all types and, as you may have noticed in your own garden, the grasses and weeds have also taken advantage of the ideal growing conditions which keeps our "Whizzer Guys", Charles and Mike, busy every month.

Our deteriorating collection of 10 Corflute rat traps have been replaced with sturdy wooden boxes thanks to the good offices of the Kina Bird Song group and



they come equipped with a new more ferocious trap appropriately named the Raptor! Sadly (or should that be gladly?) catches are still few and far between – a few mice and the occasional rat – and after an initial capture our 3 stoat traps have not yielded any victims. I wonder if this apparent absence of predators is related to the frequency that locals are walking their dogs (responsibly) through the site?

Post summer break working bees have been focused on maintenance but with the planting season now upon us we are going to have a crack at populating

our two "swampy" areas with more cabbage trees – nothing else seem to cope with the too often standing



water! And to try and re-generate the coastal edge of the site along the Tasman Stream edge and the inlet where the more frequent dousing in salt water at high tides and storm surges seems to have thinned out our earlier planting efforts – Coastal Ribbonwoods have been recommended as they apparently tolerate the occasional sea water inundation and are due for delivery at the end of June. If you fancy helping to dig 100 holes to accommodate them you will be most welcome at our next working bee on July 01 – the coffee/tea and muffins await takers!

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



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For more information

Contact Lyndal at The Tasman Golf Club

THE *Tasman* GENERAL STORE

Delicious coffee and baking smells continue to emanate from the Tasman Store. Lance spends a good amount of time roasting beans from South America in his self-designed roaster, which supplies the cafe, store and local supermarkets.

A reminder of our summer opening hours.

Weekday hours: 7.30am – 5pm
Saturday only: 8.30am – 4pm
Sunday: Closed

Remember we are always closed for public holidays.

Jim has survived his internship and is now a thriving and valued member of the team as are Evelyn, Caitlin, Charlotte and Louie.

Louie is getting into the winter vibe with yummy warming soups accompanied by freshly baked bread. Some experimentation has been happening in the kitchen, with a new treat to be revealed soon.



During summer one of Aotearoa's premium stencil and spray artists, Razor Taser Laser, returned to create his second mural for the store; as with the first, we are loving it! John Jepson, another incredible artist, has brought some of his work in to adorn our walls. His beautiful collection of birds are a joy to look at and are available to purchase.



Oaklands milk is still delivered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, usually by 9am.

Thank you to all our loyal customers for your amazing support. We feel very lucky to be part of such a supportive and awesome community. Hope your winter goes well. We look forward to seeing you at the Store for a coffee or a bowl of soup.

Lance Draper

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Jester House News

Life is good in Tasman, perfect winter days for walks on the beach, working in the garden and Jester House on Fridays.



The good news!
Jester House will be open all winter, (except for the 14th, 21st and 28th July).



And more good news, we'll be serving steamy creamy Seafood Chowder every Friday.



And even more good news, we have Dean back in the kitchen until October baking his bread and cooking up a storm.

If you want to get a bit of the good stuff, give Judy a ring on 03 526 6742 or email judy@jesterhouse.co.nz to make a booking or reserve a loaf or two of delicious sourdough.

We're open every Friday from 10.00 until 5pm.

This year is election year and Steve has been selected to be the Green Party candidate for West Coast Tasman. As you know Jester House is an ecological business with many green aspects, from the composting toilets and natural building, to being inclusive employers and even only being open one day a week is partly an environmental decision. But this is just us doing our best, the Government also needs to do its best. Steve is standing to get more Green MPs so the Government can do much better, for the environment, for equality and for the future.



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

rscllement@xtra.co.nz



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Moutere catchment group update



The Moutere Catchment Group includes over 200 landowners committed to working together to plant, restore and protect the Moutere Catchment. Landowner engagement is key to the success of this project and it continues to grow and strengthen with another big year of planting planned for 2023. Thank you to all of those involved with the Moutere Catchment Group - your efforts and commitment are fantastic!



In addition to the planting of native trees, the Moutere Catchment Group has also established a trapping project (Moutere BirdSong) and participated in numerous workshops, including weed identification, wetland creation and seed



collection. Four community nurseries are also producing in excess of 17,500 plants – an amazing boost for the Catchment.

Planting season has begun for 2023 in the Moutere Catchment and so far the weather has been very helpful in getting the ground ready for all the new plants. This year the Restoring the Moutere project has confirmed planting sites with 113 landowners and hopes to be able to accommodate a small number of people from the “waiting list” later in the season. We are on track to plant 80,000 more plants than what the Te Uru Rakau funding allowed for, all thanks to the huge contribution of Moutere landowners in the areas of site, prep, planting, and maintenance. To all of you out planting and/or looking after areas of native planting, thank you!!

Enrolling now for 2023 and beyond...

Come and join us!

About US

Our mission at TBCS is to provide a Jesus-centred primary education for students from Year 0 to Year 8. We cultivate academic growth, support social development, and nurture spiritual enrichment for all students. Our holistic curriculum nurtures the whole child, equipping them with knowledge, character, and a passion to positively impact their communities and the world.

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TACA AGM

Your personal invitation to our July AGM

When: Thursday 27 July 7.30pm

Where: Tasman Church, Williams Rd

Presentation: Civil Defence in Tasman

We will offer a presentation on AF8
(Alpine Fault rupture, 8+ Richter scale)
and household preparedness
with short videos and time for questions.

- Chairman's and other reports
- Annual Financial report
- Elections of Officers: TACA is currently looking for another committee member, a new Treasurer and Chairperson. If you would like to make a contribution to your community and get involved, please email our Secretary, Greig Caigou at secretary@tasmancommunity.org.nz
- The evening will conclude with refreshments, tea & coffee.

TACA Survey

We have recently released a short Survey to our email database to discover more about our community.

If you have not already filled it out & would like to participate, here is the link & QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/fy2wnx7x>



TACA is now offering **FREE MEMBERSHIP** provided that you live in Tasman/ Kina/Mariri. Sign up in the Survey.

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 and 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 several very good joint supplements, such as 4Cyte, that help reduce the effects of arthritis by providing support to the joint function itself.

For more information on how to help your pet through arthritic management, give the team at Vetlife Richmond 544 5566, Motueka 528 8459 or Mapua 540 2329 a call.

Tasman Civil Defence report



After many years as the Tasman village Civil Defence (CD) Supervisor and setting up the Tasman Church as a CD Centre, Roger Percivall has now moved from the area. Richard Clement is now the Supervisor. His priority has been to try to ensure sufficient volunteers have received CD training so that the Centre can be operated around the clock in the event of an emergency. It's also important in case another CD Centre exceeds its capacity and we have to provide assistance. The devastating impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, increased weather-related events elsewhere, and the recent nearby tornado have focussed attention on CD capabilities everywhere. Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time.

If you are interested in potentially becoming a trained CD volunteer, please contact Richard at rscllement@xtra.co.nz or 027 526 6700. Training is free, can be online for some courses or relaxed classroom style for others, and just requires some of your time to learn what is expected of a trained CD volunteer.

Richard recently attended an AF8 (Alpine Fault magnitude 8+ Earthquake) presentation in Motueka. After summarising information to TACA, the Committee decided to promote knowledge and preparedness to the community. There have been 27 Alpine Fault quakes of magnitude 8 or more during the past 8,000 years: consistently about 300 years apart. The last was in 1717 so the odds of another big one have now been calculated at 75% within the next 50 years. There's also an 82% chance it will be magnitude 8 or stronger.

You may think our area is relatively remote from major quakes but the expectation is that AF8 will

have a major impact even here. It's expected that the entire South Island will be severely to catastrophically impacted. It should be noted that the Christchurch and Kaikoura events were completely separate geologically, so will not have reduced the impact of the next Alpine Fault quake. Households therefore need to be aware and prepare as much as possible, even in our area.

For science behind predictions and some info about preparing please access these websites:

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

For further preparedness:

www.eqc.govt.nz/be-prepared or
www.nema.govt.nz/get-ready

At its 27 July AGM, TACA will offer a presentation on AF8 and household preparedness. A small number of short videos will be shown plus there will be time for some questions. **We encourage as many residents as possible to come along to learn what you can do to get the best outcome for your whānau and property when the "big one" hits.**



David's Ramble

The Little Blue Penguins (Korora) need our help! Local Kina Bird Song members have recently installed 20 Blue Penguin nesting boxes donated by the Motueka Menzshed. These are the first of 40 planned nesting boxes that will be installed along the Kina Coastline from North of the McKee Domain to South of Port Motueka. The boxes help to prevent attacks from dogs and cats that are decimating the Little Blue Penguin population throughout NZ.

Linda and Larry from the Blue Penguin Trust and David from Motueka Menzshed delivered the Penguin nesting boxes for Kina Bird song.



The Kina Coast and associated estuary are delivering outstanding birdlife for all to enjoy. As seen by the Kotuku (White Heron) often seen along the roadside in Mariri.



Kina Bird Song needs some extra hands to assist the trapping efforts on the Kina Peninsula. An hour or two every few weeks or even months whilst you walk around the Baigent's domain is all that is needed. Linda, Pete, Paul and Mark are sometimes away or busy, so they need some help. No experience is necessary and full training would be given. If you are interested give David a ring on 021 314 902.

Trapping Tips

Having problems with bait missing, nothing in the trap, and it hasn't gone off??

Many of you will have older T Rex and Victor Rat traps. To keep them in top working order, make sure they are free of dirt and decay, and place a few drops of food oil, (peanut oil is excellent) to lubricate all the moving parts. You will improve your catch.

Tim's Tails

Paradise Shelducks

Paradise Shelducks make their presence felt at this time of year especially in the early morning. Often they are perching on exposed branches, tree stumps or even the roof of sheds. They sense your presence long before you see them and start a right commotion of honking and shrieking. I assume this behaviour is part of bagging their territory in preparation for nesting.

I recently came across an empty Paradise Duck eggshell under a stack of fire wood. Only a rat or stoat could have stashed it there in the crevices between the logs. A reminder that it won't be long till nesting time and keeping up with predator trapping is crucial for our native birds.

If you need traps, baits, or are willing to help, please make contact:

Tim Lole, Jakkett Island,
tim@timlole.nz 021 031 4257

Linda Thurow, Kina Peninsula,
l-thurow@hotmail.com 022 128 9002

David Easton, Mariri, Project Coordinator
david@eastonapples.co.nz 021 314 902



LEH Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula



There has been very little hooning on the Reserve during the past six months. One example did occur but was caught on camera. This group also enjoyed an overnight stay despite several TDC signs making it clear that overnighing at the Reserve is not allowed. This incident was followed up by the authorities.

In February there was minor tagging of the permanent toilet block. Then in April there was a more extensive paint assault. This was reported to



TDC and their contractor acted rapidly to remedy the situation. **If visitors notice new tagging or other anti-social activity that requires attention please call TDC on 03 543 8400 to report the matter and place a Service Request for action by TDC. Thanks.**

It's regrettable to report that there were 2 disappointing incidents recently. A group came in several vehicles & proceeded to light a fire quite close to vegetation and in the clearly signposted bird nesting area. **Kina peninsula is a fire ban area** unless a fire permit has been obtained, which was obviously not the case here. What made things worse was that the bonfire was not extinguished when they left, further increasing the risk of sparks setting fire to vegetation and requiring a Fire Service callout to attend.

The other incident occurred about the same time when a collection of about 2 dozen cans, bottles and other rubbish was left in one of the parking spaces.



Please remove all your own rubbish. Don't leave it to others for disposal! Camera surveillance can be used to follow up on such an incident and anyone seen littering can be subject to a fine by TDC. Visitors to the reserve can report littering or other banned activities directly to TDC by calling 03 543 8400.

Shortly after the ANZAC holiday David Easton again erected temporary fencing around the main grass area. This has previously proved to be an effective hooning deterrent. Thank you, David. A new walking track is being constructed through the bush and hopefully will be completed in July. It's another of David's projects to enhance usage of the reserve. Small signs will be placed to inform users about the environment.

It had been noted over some time that a distinctive black vehicle had often parked overnight in a secluded area of the Reserve and that the owner was apparently supplying customers with illegal substances. Camera surveillance elsewhere in Tasman region picked up that this was occurring in more than one location so this resulted in a Police action about 3 or 4 months ago. The vehicle has since been absent from the Reserve.

4WD bush-bashing across the Reserve to access the foreshore where there are bird nesting sites frustratingly continued over the summer. Some residents remonstrated with vehicle owners and another set of huge logs was placed across the new access point. These actions seem to have stopped that activity in the past few months. However, if bush-bashing activity occurs again TACA will consider further camera surveillance. Users of the Reserve should note that it begins at the start of the vegetation near the end of the rock seawall: **NOT** at the gate which would seem logical. There is a narrow triangle of Reserve to the east of the road between the start point and the gate. Anyone damaging that land with a vehicle or by other means is liable to action taken by TDC under its Reserves Policy regulations.

The existing contract for camera surveillance and follow up action is to be rolled over. TACA wish to thank all within TDC who have supported our efforts to deter and stop the tiny minority who have abused this public area saved from development by community action.

TACA recently proposed to TDC that the erection of two information boards would enhance the public's awareness of the history and environmental fragility of this area. TDC have agreed to action this suggestion and cover the cost. One board will be placed at the start of the reserve and one by the BBQ. It will have an aerial photo showing full extent of the reserve, info on the area's history and environment/bird life etc, plus a standard TDC strip sign underneath indicating do's and don'ts.

Dog Owners Please Note: when walking along the foreshore to the north of the rock seawall, **ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.** Bird nesting sites are extremely vulnerable to dog intrusion and a variety of birds nest along the northern part of Kina Peninsula, including Blue Penguin, Banded Dotterel and Variable Oyster Catcher (among others). Dogs are allowed off the leash from the rock seawall south to Kina Beach Reserve. Dog owners should check the TDC website for indications where dog walking is banned or restricted. Also to avoid disturbing nesting sites, walkers should please only walk **BELOW** high tide mark.

We again ask residents to contact TACA ASAP if they see hooning, littering, vandalism, freedom camping or bush-bashing etc. Please note time, rego (if possible) or at least vehicle type and colour. Photos are very useful but please don't confront anyone.

Baigent Community Picnic



TACA held its first Community Family Picnic day at Baigent attended by about 30 people. It was a stunning day with kids enjoying a Bouncy Castle for the kids, tasty food cooked on our Baigent BBQ, great sounds and even a game of pétanque. Above all it was all about an opportunity to get to know our community a little better. Thanks to Jon Taylor for his inspiration and effort to hold the picnic as an annual event. Look out for another TACA community picnic next summer.



You may be surprised to hear that even in winter we manage to get teenagers up at dawn to see sunrises, take icy plunges in Lake Rotoiti off the jetty and cooking dinner outside on camp stoves for their team. At every graduation we hold for students, we hear how these experiences build their confidence and ability to take on challenges. As always, we want to express a deep gratitude for the support for our programming that exists from schools, parents, funders and the participants too!



Our Adventure Tourism Leadership students enjoying a winter paddle

Congratulations to Nathan Fa'avae, our Patron!

It was fantastic to see Nathan was awarded an ONZM recently. Being Tasman locals you will all know the Fa'avae whānau. What you may not know is that Nathan is also the Patron of Whenua Iti Outdoors, and that many moons ago (we won't count them all), Nathan was a participant on a programme at Whenua Iti. We are incredibly proud to have been part of his journey that has culminated in such success. To us, Nathan is living proof that people are more capable than they ever think possible – he is an incredible role model for our rangatahi to get out there and give it a go. Thanks for your inspiration.

Leadership Programmes for Secondary Students

Thanks to funding from our local Trades Academies we have programmes during Term 4 for local secondary students to boost their confidence, leadership and their Level 3 NCEA credits! The Kaitiaki Leadership and Adventure Skills Development programmes are for



The team at Whenua Iti! Special mention to Johnny Johnson for knocking up 20yrs with WIO this year

16-18yr olds and run in October. To enrol visit our website or get in touch with your Trades Coordinator, Dean or Careers Advisor at school.

Making our Programmes Inclusive for the Disability Community

We have been incredibly fortunate to work with Sport NZ and the Halberg Foundation on a recent project to improve access on to our programmes for people with physical disabilities. We are still learning and improving our site, systems and programme delivery but are on the right track! It was truly heart-warming to see participants and carers respond to the activities our instructors provided on recent camps and be given the chance to try new things – they just loved it! You can read more about this project on our website.

Noho ora mai rā,

Thanks to everyone for your continued support & we look forward to seeing you out there!

info@wio.org.nz | www.wio.org.nz

Experiential Learning Inspiring Positive Change



This year we have welcomed Alex Lean to our team as our Deputy Principal and Year 7/8 teacher. He joins us after holding a number of leadership roles at Brightwater School. We look forward to the opportunities he will bring for our students.

Our annual fundraising event Muddy Buddy was a huge success. We were fortunate to have fine weather and a figure of \$22,000 was raised. This fund is being utilised to make playground improvements

as our old adventure fort is reaching a point of not being able to have too many more modifications. Funds are also being directed back into the school to reduce the cost of school camps and day trip visits.

We are currently in the middle of Book Week and to coincide with this we are proud to open our new library space. Our annual book fair has been displayed in this new space. The new library has been created in one of our older classrooms which has been split into a STEAM space (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) and the new library space. The space has been designed by Space Creation, a business run by local resident Bella Cramond.



This year we have maintained a full schedule of calendar events.

- At the end of Term 1 all of our students were part of a 'Top Team' event held on the school grounds.
- Our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Rā Ora programme at Whenua Iti.
- In Week 6 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. Students engaged in harnessed tree climbing and mountain biking, as well as some fun time at the Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve and mini-golf.

- Students have recently been involved in school, local and regional cross country events. Tasman School won the overall best school cup at the Moutere Hills Senior Cross Country. Students qualifying with times close to the top ten finishers in this event were then eligible to enter Motueka Schools' District Cross Country at Rabbit Island.
- We look forward to our upcoming Matariki celebrations. Our students are busy preparing art installations to share with their whānau for Wednesday 28th June.

We still have plenty more to look forward to with these remaining opportunities of the 2023 school year, which include:

- Winter Sports tournament in Term 3.
- Whenua Iti Mini Adventurers and Mini Explorers programme in Term 3.
- Students will receive specialised dance tuition with the goal of presenting a performance for parents towards the end of Term 3.
- Pet Day and Spring Festival in Term 3.
- Our Year 6 - 8 camp at Marahau in Term 4.
- The Moutere Hills Athletics Day in Term 4.

We currently have space for new enrolments. If you are interested in visiting the school please make contact with the office to schedule an appointment. (03 526 6818 or office@tasman.school.nz)

Rob Boomer, Principal, Tasman School.

Te Mamaku Native Corridor Project

Linking the Moutere Inlet and Waimea Estuary

1,800 trees planted on our first small Block 0 in the winter of 2022 had a fantastic growing season 22/23 and we are making big progress with this ambitious project.

To sum up:

- ❖ 3 hectares (Blocks 1 & 2) along SH60 have been stripped of their 140 wilding pine trees, gorse, wattles and blackberries in October 2022; regrowth has been successfully sprayed in March 2023.



- ❖ 11,000 trees will be planted in July 2023 and volunteers are needed to put plant guards on at the end of July.
- ❖ All this is possible thanks to our growing list of sponsors: Rātā Foundation, Restoring the Moutere, Pub Charity, the Nelson Building Society NBS, NZMCA, Trees That Count, NZ Landcare Trust & OneTree, Network Tasman, Tasman District Council, Whenua Iti Outdoors and individual donors. The total value of donations and support for the two blocks now exceeds \$200,000!



- ❖ Another 1,220 trees will be now planted on Block 5 (unexpectedly!) thanks to He Rā Rākau Tītapu – King Charles III Coronation Plantings, the New Zealand Government's official gift to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Over 100,000 trees will be planted around Aotearoa during 2023 and 2024 as part of this programme and our project has been chosen to be the Nelson/ Tasman project! Next year's plantings will receive another 5,800 trees we will use on Block 3, which will be our main focus in 2024.

- ❖ 1,500 plants were potted up at Whenua Iti Outdoors nursery with volunteers and they will be ready for the 2024 planting season.

The detailed plan for the whole project can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/ytdvdtpe>

Donations can be made via our Givealittle page at: <https://tinyurl.com/39beebsek>

But most importantly, we would like to ask for your help in the upcoming working bees to put recyclable plant guards on newly planted trees. Please enrol your name and email address with Michael at michamarkertnz@gmail.com and you will receive information about the working bees. If the planting goes to plan via our contractor mid July, we envisage the first working bees to be held on the 22-23 July and 29-30 July.

Michael Markert and David Short



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 with your name & TACA email database in the subject line.

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 2023/24 at TACA

David Short	Chair	021 222 5066
Greig Caigou	Secretary	027 434 7567
Richard Deck	Treasurer	021 651 909
Steve Richards		022 163 4135
Swantje Melchoirs		021 182 2042
Richard Clement		027 526 6700
Jon Taylor		027 246 5045
Michael Markert		022 389 2240

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

TACA AGM:
Thursday 27 July 2023
7.30pm