

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

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

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From The Chair

Welcome to this edition of the Tasman Times. Over the last few months (as always) there has a been lot of work done in order to improve our community area. One of the biggest issues in the



last six months has been the Harakeke Development project.

The project in itself is sizeable, so was always going to have detractors and supporters, all with valid concerns. A number of the local community submitted to TDC on the proposal. The submissions were well thought out and in a number of cases well researched. The resource consent hearing was held in May 2016. After four days the process was suspended to allow the applicant to review their proposal. The small conversations I have had with a number of people indicate that the proposal has been modified quite significantly. The downside of this is those who submitted now have the opportunity to review the new proposal which takes many hours work. Thank you to all who have taken the time to exercise their right to be part of the resource consent process.

At the beginning of the year I was able to work with a group in Mapua on trying to improve the broadband coverage. A number of discussions were had with network providers. The process to

improve service is complicated currently due to the next round of government funding being due. As any of the suppliers could miss out, the general response was not positive. The most positive response was from a group called The Internet Kiosk Specialist. They use radio systems to provide broadband at very reasonable speeds and rates. For more information contact Tony Clark.

Around the area we continue to improve parks and facilities, but none of this occurs without the hard work of TACA committee people or without the help of volunteers. Thank you to all who pitch in regularly and intermittently. The Tasman area is fortunate to have such a strong community sense and feeling and we should appreciate what a great environment we live in. Tony Clark

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association will be held Wednesday July 27th at 7.30pm in the Community Hall at Tasman School.

To vote at the meeting you need to be Financial. Nominations to join the Board of Trustees are always welcome and these together with details of any motion to be raised at the meeting should be lodged with the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

This will be my last input to the Tasman Times as Secretary of the Association as I am moving to Mapua and resigning from the Board at the AGM. I have really enjoyed these past few years working with TACA and



want to record my appreciation of the help and comradeship provided by the other members of the Board. Tasman is a great Community and whilst I am sorry to leave it, I think there will be lots for me to do in Mapua! However with the blessing of the TACA Board I will continue to lead the working bees on the Old Mill Site – at least for the time being and will continue to progress the grant application process for the Kina Beach Road Walkway. Tony Pearson.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The Association's current Secretary is leaving the area and we need a replacement from this July. The position carries an annual honorarium of \$600 and in addition to the usual secretarial duties, you will act as the contact point with Council, other Community organisations and the School. The Association is a registered Charity and has legal and financial reporting obligations to the Charities Commission. You will work with the Treasurer to formulate applications for grants to fund the Association's activities. If you would like to join a bunch of friendly locals and give something back to your community, please contact the Chairman, Tony Clark on 03 526 6171 or ticlark@xtra.co.nz

Speed Limits

Persistence pays off and finally we have our 60Kph speed limits on the Kina roads – still waiting to see some positive developments on road signage outside our schools but fingers crossed it will arrive soon – we are not a high priority area as far as school/road safety is concerned in Council's eyes.

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

The Clatterbridge IS coming – we are just not sure when and in what form, as TDC have suggested an alternative to our "rustic" plans



which copied Mapua's – but they have also indicated they will fund it – so worth waiting to see how things will develop. Board member, Paula Short, will be leading this project, so if you have any thoughts on the matter, please contact her through TACA. You will have noticed the damage inflicted on the fence around the playground and you will NOT be surprised that the person who caused it did not "own up". The community will have to fix it using our own effort and funds – disappointing to say the least!

Mill Point site

After the summer drought we were surprised to find – on our return to working bees after the summer break – that the gorse/broom and pampas had done surprisingly well! So our efforts over the last couple of months have been to clear this new growth and get back to square one.

In general all the earlier plantings are doing well although some of the older ngaios are beginning to fall over – but they have done their job in forming cover for the more tender growth. This year I'm afraid other priorities – like moving house – have meant the Aporo Road pampas has beaten me and we will have to suffer the consequences next season! Working bees are generally on the first Saturday of the month at 9.30am for a couple of hours – please feel free to join us – bring gloves and a grubber or loppers.

Kina Beach Reserve

The recent storms wreaked a bit of havoc on the camp site but TDC are underway with a clean up. In general the presence of Jenny and Rick has meant the site is much more ordered and there have been times over the summer when they have had to turn people away to prevent overcrowding. This area really is a gem to have in our community.

Kina Beach Road Walkway Plans

Further consultations with TDC have clarified funding and operational issues (traffic management costs will be significant!!). Funding requirements are shaping up and later in the year we will make application to grant agencies for the necessary finance.

The project will probably be carried out in stages with the initial efforts focussed on the stretch from Aporo Road to the Old Mill Site. The landowner adjacent to this stretch is supportive to the project provided we take care of her fence line.

Welcome Packs

A new set of Welcome Packs are now available to new local residents with supplies at the Store and both Schools. If you are new to the area, call in and collect one.

As well as containing useful information as an introduction to the area, there are also vouchers for coffee at the Store and Jester House and discounts on wine from the Store.

Tasman Embraces Rural Connectivity

Tasman residents are enjoying improved mobile coverage and high speed rural wireless broadband following the switch on of a new RBI cell site at Dicker Road in mid-December last year.



The Vodafone cell site provides 4G mobile coverage and high speed wireless internet to over 400 addresses in the area and has already demonstrated valuable connectivity for the residents it serves. In the last six months, residents in the region have accessed 11,800 GB of data, spent 475,000 minutes talking on their phones, and sent 325,000 TXT messages over Vodafone's 4G network.

The Tasman cell site is one of four new towers for Tasman District to be built under the Rural Broadband Initiative – which Vodafone delivers in partnership with the Government and Chorus – to bring faster, more reliable wireless broadband and mobile coverage to Kiwis living in rural New Zealand.

Retro Movie Review in Tasman



"Friends and Neighbours" held a Retro Movie Review at the Tasman Bible Church on Friday 17th June and showed newsreels of past events. Included was the Hawke's Bay earthquake (1931), the visit by The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh (1953/54), and a local history of apple harvesting. We were also treated to a couple of shorts of Charlie Chaplin and Mickey Mouse.

To add to the atmosphere, genuine historic newspapers were on each table and a special treat was the appearance of delightful 'ice cream ladies' with popcorn and ice cream.

Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman



Now that winter is here with it's bright sunny days there's no excuse not to pop into the Store and sit in the sunshine for a coffee and muffin or one of our infamous cheese scones. As things have finally quietened down a bit after a bumper long summer season we have more time to chat and catch up.



To quash all the rumours yes, we are still planning to sell the Store. We

won't be moving away, but will simply concentrate on what Lance is brilliant at - roasting coffee. So you'll still be able to buy The Grind coffee and our intention is to expand that side of the business. This will give us a bit more time to spend with our three gorgeous girls. Until it sells it will be business as usual and we hope to have another wine tasting evening before too long after the success of the last one.

As an aside, we still have our great selection of local wines, it just had to be moved to the back of the shop.

As usual the Store will be closed for the first week of the school holidays (11th -15th July) for our annual holiday. We're looking forward to dusting off our skis and hitting the slopes. We look forward to seeing you in the Store soon.

Have a great winter!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa & Jessie

Jester House Winter News

Hello Tasmanites. Judy and I have just marked 25 years since we first arrived in Tasman from Glentunnel in Canterbury. I remember the day, 2nd



of June 1991 when, having left snow on the ground in the South, we got here and the first jonquils were out in the garden and I thought "this is amazing, we just missed winter!" I still know this is one of the best places in the world to live and run a business.

Once again it has been a wonderful summer and the Jester House Café has been busy delivering the great taste of Tasman. The cycle trail continues to bring more people into our area who are happy to pootle along enjoying the scenery and make the most of the attractions along the way. Nelson folk are making a weekend trip to the country on their bikes and choosing to stay here in the Boot.

As part of our commitment to the community we have held two special events recently. The first is our annual 'Pink Ribbon Breakfast" weekend where we decorate the café with pink, serve pink themed food, give away Pink Lady apples from the Rush's orchard and raise money for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. This year we were able to donate \$787.90 to further breast cancer research.



Queens Birthday weekend coincided with Arbor Day and World Environment Day and to celebrate we offered garden tours "behind the gates" to showcase permaculture and what can be achieved from bare land in twenty-five years. We also ran raffles with plants donated from Vibrant Earth and Country Trading. The \$200 raised has been donated to TACA for more plants to add to the Open Orchard at the Tasman Domain. This idea came from our staff as a way of giving back to the community and of honouring one of our core values, 'Environmental care." The staff are now going to plant and care for the trees that will be added to the orchard. Please do remember that

the domain orchard is for everyone, so do help yourselves when the fruit is ripe.

The July school holidays are just ahead and as usual we will be running a free programme for the kids. This year's theme is "Get Arty" and will be available every day of the holidays (9th-24th July) 9am until 4.30pm.

The café will close for our annual holiday from the 25th July until 1st September, just in time for Fathers Day. You can book early and easily online www.jesterhouse.co.nz/menu. While you are there, take time to join the Jester House Royal Family. You'll get rewards for joining, a voucher for your birthday, and keep up with the royal news.



Keep warm and enjoy the winter.

Judy, Steve and the team.





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

Membership options range from just \$70. Children under 12 Free.

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

For more information contact Kathy at the Golf Club.

Local Villagers in the Global Village



Hello from Democratic Republic of Congo. We've heard how cold it is in Tasman. For the past few weeks we've had temps of 35+C with high humidity in Mulongo on the Congo River. Time has raced by! Geoff's been working with CDLA, an indigenous NGO here in the DRC as well as Mission Garenganze. I've run some therapy clinics with women. We've purchased most of the solar equipment and will go up to Lwanza Hospital in mid-June to do the install. To say the hospital director is very excited would be an understatement.

Electricity means cauterising scalpels, fridges for blood/medication and a consistent light source in the operating theatres. Judging by our time at Mulongo Hospital a good reliable supply of electricity will make a huge difference. Things have been "interesting" politically while we have been here but we have managed to stay away from the problem areas. The weeks have flown and there is so much to tell you all, so we have decided to have a Community meeting at Tasman Bible Church on Sunday July 31st at 2pm. Afternoon tea will follow. We'll mostly be sharing about the Lwanza Solar Energy Project. We would love to see you there.



Update

With the end of daylight savings came our school's much anticipated annual fundraiser – Muddy Buddy. And it was a great day!

On Sunday April 3rd our school grounds were swarming with 1050 participants – eager to run, walk, crawl or however, through the muddy course of 2016. There was an



assortment of attire, from Huia rugby to brides and bridesmaids.

There were several categories for each one, two and three laps, with the Intermediate boys' two laps being won by a group of four students from Tasman School.

With a great team of organisers and parental help from right across the school, this year's event raised \$15,000. We really appreciate those who come along every year to support Muddy Buddy and our school. We also extend our thanks to all of the local businesses who donated prizes, services or time to support our event. A grand effort by all!

Board of Trustees update

An update on the school's Board of Trustees: long-serving (6 years) Chairperson Joe Scragg recently resigned from the Board and sitting member (and Treasurer) Angela Mangnall was duly elected to the role of Chairperson. Rebekah Fraser was also elected on to the Board in the recent elections, which gives a total of six parents on the current Board.

Tasman Community Pool

June 9th saw the official launch of our school's campaign to build a new swimming pool – a Tasman Community Pool.

With a small group of passionate parents driving it, the school is aiming to have a new pool within a couple of years. This has been on the school's wishlist for some time now, so the hard work has begun to make this a reality. Keep an eye out for details of fundraising events in the near future.

The goal is to build a pool 25m x7m, located on the school grounds. Most importantly, this would provide our students the opportunity to learn vital skills in the water. It would also include a shallow toddler pool, to give the whole family somewhere to enjoy. Swim schools, life-saving skills and distance swimming are just some of the other possibilities with such an asset.

It is envisaged the pool would be used by all in the Tasman community, creating a great leisure hub for all and adding another dimension to the heart of our community – Tasman School.

Funds are expected to be raised through a combination of fundraising events, community contributions and grant applications.

For more details contact the team at: tasmancommunitypool@gmail.com and see enclosed Pool flyer over.



Tasman School Community Pool

We need your support!

Our vision is to build a brand new 25x7m pool for students, members of the community, swim schools and other interested groups.



We envisage the pool to be a great leisure hub which is accessible to everyone in the Tasman area. With your help we will have a fantastic new facility in our community.

Benefits will include

- A separate pool area for babies and toddlers
- Children being able to learn diving, distance swimming and lifesaving
- Swim schools for wider ability range (including adults)
- Use for training purposes by swim squads

Make a donation

Our target is approximately \$300,000 of which we already have \$50,000. It's easy to donate in the following ways:

- Visit our give-a-little page below
- Pay online to "Tasman School Fundraising Association" acct no. 12-3158-0027469 51. Please email us your contact details.
- Drop a cheque or cash into Tasman School.

If you have any skills we could utilise during this project we'd love to hear from you.

Contact us: tasmancommunitypool@gmail.com

www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/tasmancommunitypool

Vet's Voice

Get that Chip off your shoulder!

We all know that we have to microchip our dogs as per council requirements and law, but what about our cats? In the media you may have seen that cats and the topic of cats being pests is really quite a prominent issue. Cats really are a difficult subject, let's face it, for they are fantastic at doing whatever they want when they want. That includes, hunting, wandering, spraying/marking and fighting just to name a few of our wonderful fur babies' qualities!



So the question is really; Why microchip? The benefits to microchipping your cat(s) are huge. The fact that they DO roam is exactly why microchipping is ideal. Not only for lost and found cats, but also for identifying them if they are stolen

or injured. New Zealand Companion Animal Registry (NZCAR) is the national database that



you would register your new chipped cat on. This provides a website to locate your animal if they are being shipped around, whether lost or found. As well as providing you and your cat a profile to contact you directly as the owner to return your fur baby to you safely.

As an owner myself, I love that feeling of relief, when my girl doesn't come home; I know she is microchipped. My details on NZCAR are clear and up to date (this helps!) and my girls chip is scanning well, I check this regularly, just in case. I know that as a cat she WILL be a pest at times to others, but she is the most important cat in MY world.

She's worth the chip, the paperwork, the hassle free outcome and the fact I'm happy to say I've done the best to get her home safely, that's all you can ask for as a cat owner.

The Vet Centre
"Personal Care for All Animals"

Keep Yourselves informed on Tasman/Kina events

If you would like to know about happenings and events in Tasman & Kina, you can have your name(s) added to our TACA email database.

All you need to do is email the Editor, David Short, at iamdavidshort@gmail.com and type Add my name to the Tasman/Kina database in the subject line.



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Tasman Bible Church – June 2016

What is it that defines you?

More often than not, the phrase, 'I will not let that define me' is a reaction to a negative experience. That may be a fair response especially if physical, psychological, or emotional trauma has occurred. Less often do we hear the more positive affirmation of what it is or who it is that defines us. Scepticism or reluctance toward any definition tends to define the mood of our day.

Given the fact that defining humanity is tricky enough, it can be fruitful to think through what (or who?) it is that actually does the defining. Should it be left to you or should we leave it to someone else more objective or qualified? Being honest, fair, or accurate isn't easy. Try answering the question, 'Does my *** look fat in these jeans?' and wait for the reaction!

The defining process evokes the perennial debates of nature vs nurture, the modern twist surrounding identity and image and, whether Homo sapiens as a species is deliberate or accidental, created or chance, unique in the cosmos, or a neighbour to others. Some might be bold enough to define and argue that the tides of history and geography alone make us 'what we are' and that cultural norm (however defined) is the comprehensive factor in then determining what we will be.

For Christians, a text that helps them in this tricky enterprise of defining is this one.

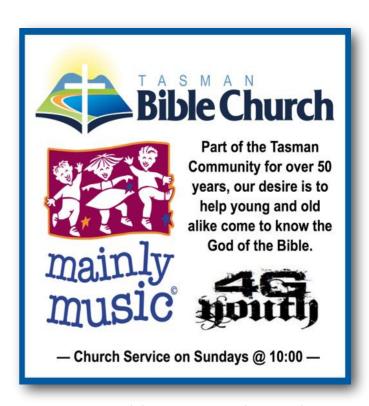
'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.' Paul writes to Corinthian Christians who weren't making a particularly good job of being Christians.

As is so often the case in the Bible, the writer points toward what God has done for them and to them in Christ. New creation language assists a Christian's definition, identity, and potential. They are and they ought to be in Christ. Accepting the need for radical ongoing change and pointing away from themselves (toward the God who made them and re-makes them) they describe themselves as being – 'in Christ'. This is who defines them.

So, what or who is it that defines you?

Richard Drury

Check out www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz



Anzac Day citizens memorial service

Once again this year Anzac Day was commemorated by a well-attended citizens' memorial service where residents, friends and families of the local community congregated by the War Memorial at Tasman School.

Attendees felt the warmth of the autumn sun on their backs as they sang the National Anthems of both Australia and New Zealand as a mark of the camaraderie shared by both nations.

Those gathered also listened to readings by Tasman school students and school Principal, Rob Boomer. A reading from the gospel and the Lord's Prayer was lead by Former Air Force Padre Trevor Squire while Richard Easton spoke to the historic ties of the district back to those who had served and of the many that had made the ultimate sacrifice. After a minute of silent remembrance, the flag was lowered by members of the RSA, assisted by district Cadets to a stirring bugle rendition of "The Last Post" and a reading of the Ode's affirmation, "We will remember them" before the flag was raised again to the "Reveille".

The RSA led the laying of several wreaths and the community were invited to also honour the fallen by laying their poppies on the War Memorial steps as a lone piper played the solemn lament "Flowers of the Forest".

Afterwards attendees had an opportunity to catch up with friends and comrades during a morning tea in the community hall which was kindly supplied by the RSA.

Cricket and Picnic Day

After the memorial service the inaugural Tasman picnic day cricket match was played on the Tasman Memorial Reserve. The idea for the cricket match grew out of the Kina Olympics organising committee to re-establish a picnic day for the whole family and for all ages with a focus on sporting activity. Teams were formed up with the "grown-ups" playing the kids and after a quick game of 20:20, cricket was declared the winner on the day. The Volley Ball court also saw a lot of action and Badminton was also available along with a hotly contested Anzac Biscuit bake-off. The weather was great and the organisers were happy with how the day was supported, believing that the concept can definitely be built on for future years to hold an annual Anzac Day Community Picnic.

Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula

Another year has passed since our amazing community effort to secure this very important piece of coastal paradise and it continues to be transformed into a great place to visit and enjoy.

Last year's working bee saw the planting of a hundred natives and the tidy up of the toilet. Thanks must go out to all who have helped so far and a special mention to David Easton for his continued support with weed spraying and ongoing care of the planting last year.

We are intending to have another working bee on Sunday August 7th 9am-12pm. The plan is to plant another 120 trees including totara, kanuka, rata, and pohutukawa. All those keen to help please bring your favourite spade.

Due to the ongoing work and development of the reserve, we believe that there needs to be a network of willing people to work together throughout the year if needed. This would include things like pruning, weed control, watering of new plantings etc. We will discuss this further at the working bee in August.

The other two projects that are in process are the new toilet and shade sail. The plans are currently before Council to gain a building and resource consent for the installation. This will be completed by Chings Contracting this winter in time for summer.



Any questions regarding the working bee or the Reserve, please call Hamish Rush on 03 526 6125.

A great deal of use has been made of the Reserve over the summer. Perhaps the biggest gathering was the NZ Motor Home Association's meet in early March – they had such a good time, they have already asked for a return date. We were surprised but nevertheless delighted to receive a \$420 donation from them – raised by a "whip round" at the gathering.



The Security arrangements seem to be working and the overnight camping issues – whilst not eradicated - have much decreased.

We understand that at this time only one boatshed is planned to be built at the designated location at the eastern end of the Reserve - although others may follow in due course.

Ruby Coast Gateway Sculptures Project update

Since the last newsletter, you will have noticed that a new pathway has been constructed from the carpark down to and around the Aporo Sculpture. It is pleasing to observe visitors stopping on a regular basis to enjoy the



sculpture and learn about the bird life in the Moutere Inlet.

Sadly an anonymous person backed into the Tasman interpretative sign and while no damage was done to the sign itself, one of the posts was badly cracked and will need to be replaced. The Trust is contemplating moving the sign further down the slope so that it is not so vulnerable to turning vehicles.

The next project, now that the grass has been sprayed off, is to begin the planting programme around the sculpture with plants endemic to the estuary and kindly donated by TDC. Watch out for a one-off working bee.

The Trust is still working on the resource consent for the Mapua Sculpture in Higgs Reserve and is just finalising the process of gaining approval from the affected neighbours. Once we have secured the resource consent, the next step is to begin the fundraising campaign from both local and



external sources and we are hoping to begin construction later in the year.

More information about the Sculpture Project and the RCIT can be found at their website, www.rcit.co.nz

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 2016 at TACA

Tony Clark	Chairperson	526 6171
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Steve Richards		526 6742
David Short		526 6877
Tracey Evans		526 6802
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Anna Weeks		526 6282
Paula Short		526 6789

Next TACA meeting:

Annual General Meeting Tasman School Hall Wednesday 27 July @ 7.30pm

Membership 2016/17

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

Membership is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 an individual. To join please complete the section below and post it to Greg

Dryden, 14c Kina Beach Rd, Tasman 7173 or drop it with your donation to the Tasman Store or by internet banking. Subs for 2016/17 are now due.

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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