

Tasman Times

December 2015

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 to thank TDC for their help with the production of our community newsletters.

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

From The Chair

Since our last newsletter, TACA has been working on a number of issues that has or could impact the local community. The major issue in the last six months is the Harakeke Development. This large development proposes 158 dwellings including apartments and some light commercial. A number of people in the community have raised concerns.



TACA hosted two public meetings on this proposal, including one with the developer's advisers and a TDC representative to help with questions regarding submissions. Both provided lively debate and some interesting points were raised. Personally I found the whole process fascinating and learnt a number of important points. When we are invited to submit on a proposal and we have an issue, then we should submit but the submission should include not only the area of concern and an expected outcome.

One of the privileges in New Zealand is that we get to have a say on developments and have the opportunity to help shape the outcome. I am hoping those who raised valid points of view / concerns all submitted.

TACA is working with a Mapua group, with members from Upper Moutere as well, to see if we can improve broadband quality in the area. We have a number of small businesses run from home that are having slow internet speeds. So far we have talked to Chorus about their perspective and have had several conversations with other network providers. Part of this process was to submit a proposal to the government's second round of funding for the Ultra Fast Broadband project. The process of change will be gradual, so please be patient while this process continues.

The Dicker Road to Williams Road walkway has come to our attention again. This well-used walk has been started to be used by vehicles as well as walkers. These vehicles using the unformed legal road are causing problems for one of the landowners. TACA is working with him to solve the issue.

The Harakeke Development brought up an important point. If you want to be informed about projects' developments and know about public meetings, the easiest thing to do is belong to TACA. For the price of a coffee, you help support us and get sent the occasional email when there is something of importance that might impact your lifestyle.

As 2015 comes to a close, it is heartening to see the community spirit is strong here. We have a strong committee who work to achieve amazing outcomes and have strong support from within the community to help with the projects.

Thank you to the committee, the supporters and all those who contributed to our activities for the year.

Cheers Tony Clark

Admin Stuff from the Secretary

Changes are afoot to the rules of the Charities Commission – with whom we are registered. Primarily associated with the way we report our Financial Statements with a focus more on what we have ACHIEVED during the year rather than just accounting for monies received and balancing the



books. I don't believe this will give TACA a problem, because, as a Group, we have always had a pretty clear picture of what we are trying to achieve for the Community. We don't always succeed but sure do try!

Registration with the Charities Commission is now pretty much mandatory for Group's trying to raise funds from the various charitable and philanthropic donors around the Country. I recently attended the Nelson Forum of the RATA Foundation (up until recently known to most of us as the Canterbury Trust) and it is clear that, going forward, to achieve the sort of grants that TACA has had from the Trust in the past that facilitated the publication of the Aporo Book and the purchase of the Baigents Fully Accessible Toilet, we are going to have to work much more closely with Local Agencies and Contractors to meet the new " Partnership" rules of RATA, who now will "support" financially initiatives that local communities are organising in collaboration with local Companies and Councils – rather than a straight forward cash grant to the Charity itself! – something to think about as we contemplate new projects including a Kina Beach Road Walkway.

We submitted again on the Speed Limit Review by TDC and finally have succeeded in persuading them to reduce the speed limit on Kina Beach Road to 60kph but regrettably did not succeed in getting the village 60kph speed limit reduced to 50kph nor extending the speed limit out towards Jester House to encompass the Christian School exit on to Aporo Road. The School will continue to press for a sensible change.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association was held Wednesday July 29th at 7.30pm in the Community Hall at Tasman School. The two new, previously co-opted, members of the Board – Paula Short and Greg Dryden were formally elected and the currently serving members were also re-elected. Tony Clark continues to serve as Chairperson and Tony Pearson as Secretary – although both indicated this will be their last year in office. Greg Dryden was appointed as Treasurer and, based on his report to the meeting, has the finances of the Association under good control already. The Chairman expressed his and the Board's appreciation for the diligent and long running work done by Ewen Griffiths as Treasurer and wished him and his family all the best for their relocation to Nelson.

Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve



We have been successful in obtaining funds from TDC to allow us to continue to upgrade the Tasman Domain Playground. The next item on the Agenda is a clatterbridge, linking the refurbished "fort" through the bushes into the Domain itself. Our Chairman, Tony Clark, will be drawing up plans and no doubt a working bee will be called after the Christmas break to get this project underway.



Mill Point site

Our regular working bees have continued and the faithful few have renewed their battle with the re-seeding broom and to a much lesser extent gorse although we did have a few surprises when the dear "little" plants put on their spring flowers and showed us where they were – one or two had obviously escaped our attention.



Regrowth of pampas is now definitely under control and the cutting back of the extensive pampas hedge along Aporo Road over the last two years just before the seed heads form has definitely been worthwhile in preventing seed drift on to the Mill Point site – next step is to get the hedge removed completely – but that’s another story and another project!

Kina Beach Reserve

The new caretakers have been appointed. Rick and Jenny will already be known to many locals having been “stand-in” caretakers on many occasions over the past few years. As with all new appointments, changes are afoot at the Reserve and TDC have come to the party with new tables, new BBQ’s – a renovated entrance sign and works to improve the swampy conditions around the caretakers’ site. A busy season is envisaged at our very popular local Reserve and campground.

Kina Beach Road Walkway Plans

TACA received a request to investigate the possibility of building a walkway/cycleway on Kina Beach Road from its junction with Aporo Road to the junction with Kina Peninsula Road. The main purpose is to provide a safe passage for our children in the area to and from school but with the added possibility of drawing cyclist off the main route to investigate our local area in more detail. At the meeting between TACA and the TDC Mayor and CEO back in May this was given the “green light” with TDC staff support promised.

Since that time a survey of the route has been carried out by TDC and TACA of the requirements for a suitable walkway and the project has been judged to be “do-able”. There will be lots of community and local business input and co-operation needed and a budget of \$25,000 to be raised from grants in the coming year but a feasible project with major benefits for us locally. This is a long term project – but watch this space!

Welcome Packs

A new set of Welcome Packs will shortly be 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 Safe Drinking Water

Many of you will remember the efforts made by TACA some years ago to engage Council in the provision of a safe potable drinking water supply for the village. After considerable research and deliberation, this was set aside as both unaffordable and in any event to be superseded by the Coastal (Motueka) pipeline supply to the Waimea Plains (via the Old Coach Road above Tasman).



Well, surprise surprise - this has now been set aside - or at least postponed so far into the future planning as to no longer register. BUT between these events, TDC levied a “Development Contribution” on developers that contained an element of cost that would be put towards the Coastal Pipeline supply.

TDC are now underway with refunding this contribution to developers – estimated to be worth several million dollars and perhaps \$4000 to \$13000 per section. TDC have determined that the refund should go to the developer, NOT the current section owner. Some developers have already refunded the section element to the current owners – other have just pocketed it and smiled, effectively leaving the present section owners out of pocket and, of course, some no longer exist, so the funds stay with TDC.

Michael Croxford, a village local, has taken up this issue with TDC but is fighting an uphill battle – if you believe you have a right to a refund then please contact him on michaelcroxford@yahoo.com and offer your support.

Rural broadband coming to Tasman

The new Vodafone cell tower at Dicker Road in Tasman is due to go live by the end of December. Unfortunately due to poor weather there have been some delays in construction.



The tower will provide high speed wireless broadband to over 400 addresses in the area and much needed mobile coverage to locals and visitors to the area.

Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman



The Store is humming along nicely at the moment - the garden is looking great, the new chiller cabinet is a hit and we're still selling heaps of cheese scones! (By the way congratulations to Renée who successfully guessed the number of scones we sold in June – 564!)

We have had three very successful wine tasting evenings this Spring. We really are lucky to have such excellent wineries in our community. We have a great range in store and are happy to recommend wines to you. We also try to stock local products wherever possible such as Nathan Fa'avae's new book, Elovi Olive oil and a new range of gourmet chocolate (GF and vegan) – these all make great Christmas gifts.

Throughout the summer on Friday nights, we will be having our popular pizza evenings – takeaway or enjoy in the garden with a group of friends. Look out for the blackboard notice to see when they start or follow us on Facebook.

We have a great team working for us this summer with Autumn, Liz, Kris, Orinoco and Annie on board, baking up a storm and making great coffee. The chiller cabinet has a selection of bagels, croissants and panini and of course our muffins and scones are baked fresh every day.

We hope you enjoy a restful summer holidays and look forward to seeing you at the Store.

Happy Holidays!

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie.



Jester House Spring/Summer News

As usual there are new things afoot at Jester House. The garden has expanded and we have charged into the 21st Century.



Firstly, in the garden.

Like all good horticultural imperialists, we are always looking for lands to conquer and this spring we found some.

The impetus was a garden trail hosted by the Mapua Rec. group that we had offered our garden to be part of it and Judy's love of cherries.

And so began the Cherry House project because, as you know, the trouble with cherries is beating



the birds to them. I designed a classic style enclosure and with the help of Sandy Cowie, a very clever metal worker from Tasman village, we've built a delicately elaborate steel and netting anti-aviary. Already we have been enjoying strawberries and pretty soon you will see blueberries on the menu in the café. It will be a year or two before the cherries are providing enough to supply the café though.



The 21st century began 15 years ago I hear you say - well not around here. We have been sitting on the side with the Luddites but now we have dived headlong into the mass of 21st century technology that is available and surprisingly we haven't sunk. In fact we are finding that the more we get into it, the better it is. We now have a new POS system with tablets for ordering, so when we take your orders at the end of the garden, we don't have to walk all the way back to the kitchen to deliver it - just tap the button and it's there, like magic. The result is our service to you is quicker and better. We now also have an online booking system so you can reserve a table directly without having to wait for someone to answer a phone or leave a message and then waiting for us to get back to you. Again better service for you. Of course we are still here at the end of the phone if you want to discuss a group booking or special event.

Christmas and the busy tourist season is just around the corner and as usual we have been gearing up, getting more staff, making sure all the equipment is in good order and getting fit ready for the business.

The café will be closed 25th and 26th December and 1st January but open every other day from 9am until 5pm. We look forward to seeing you soon and do try out the new on-line booking system at www.jesterhouse.co.nz/the-menu. It's easy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from us all here at Jester House.

Judy, Steve and the team.



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Vet's Voice

What's With the Itch?

Spring and Summer, the itchy season! Itchy scratchy pets; some of these are due to allergies to environmental allergens i.e. pollens or it could be a food allergy. Why are they itchy? Allergies are all about your immune system, overreacting to something and cells release histamine which is the substance that causes the itchy feeling, redness and swelling. Inflammation itself can lead to pain and itching and sometimes it can be so uncomfortable that your pet chews themselves to bits! Allergies can also present as recurrent ear infections and conjunctivitis, so there's a variety of presentations we have but all affect quality of life, for you and your pet!

These conditions can be managed successfully; at the Vet Centre we can offer a more integrated approach to these frustrating conditions. Drugs can be great for relieving a flare up and can make your pet feel more comfortable quickly, but sometimes they are not a great long term solution and sometimes only mask the problem.

We like to think of the whole animal:

1: Nutrition - Optimum nutrition and knowing the right diet for your dog, tailored to the skin issues involved in your animal is often enough to greatly decrease the severity and frequency of symptoms.

2: Parasite control - fleas are often not the only problem, but even a low level can make a sensitive skin dog worse - picking the right product is important and compliance is always a challenge! The best products must be chosen for the right home. If you can't keep your pet clean and dry maybe a chewable is better than a topical?

3: Supplements - the benefits of fish oil are well known, but there are other natural products that can really help. Quercetin, Rutin and Vitamin C work synergistically and act like an antihistamine, but without the sedative side effects and down regulates inflammation and modulates the immune response and also has antioxidant properties.

4: Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) - this is an ancient system of medicine that has a more rounded holistic approach and recognises patterns of imbalance not picked up in western medicine. It uses a combination of Chinese herbal formulas and acupuncture to treat the whole animal not just the skin problem. Dr Kelly Phillips is trained in TCM and has used it successfully to treat a number of chronic diseases; its another tool in our toolbox to help give some relief to itchy pets.

If your pet has itchy problems then please pop in to see us at The Vet Centre and we can make a more tailored plan for you and your pet!

Andrew Conway, The Vet Centre,
Mapua, Richmond & Motueka

Tasman Bible Church – January 2015

The Christmas ‘spirit’ ?

A phrase often banded around in a variety of contexts is ‘The Christmas spirit’. What exactly is it? Who decided that it should be introduced in the first place at a certain point in the year *and* in a certain way? Frankly, I do not know!

Versions of it might be, what you have (or do not have) to drink. It is sometimes a sort of fair play rule for all humanity- including those unwelcome relatives. Possibly, a more generous version of the Christmas spirit is manifested as the actual exertion of being kind beyond the norm of the rest of the year. Perhaps it goes to setting your moral compass as generous beyond normal expectation? Whatever it is, you might find yourself subject to the charge of not being or acting in the ‘Christmas spirit’. Why all the fuss anyway? Why can’t people be like this all the year round?

A Christian take on the phrase goes right to the heart of what they believe about Christmas. Jesus’ conception and subsequent birth signals an especially creative act within a young woman whereby the eternal God Himself, in Jesus Christ, becomes in time and space, a vulnerable child. The agency of this extraordinary act is God the Holy Spirit. Luke, a fine historian, describes this special creative act in these terms. Gabriel, a messenger from God’s actual presence says to Mary, *“The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.* (Luke 1:35).

The big deal or Christmas ‘Spirit’, for Christians, is the recognition and acknowledgement of the agency of God Himself – God the Holy ‘Spirit’ – in bringing about what they call the Incarnation.

Irrespective of how you regard Luke’s mundane but profound account of this event, it forms the backdrop for beginning to see God’s desire to share Himself in, with, and ultimately for, all of humanity. The rest of the Gospel explains why. Perhaps then, the Christmas ‘spirit’ should not be just for Christmas?

Richard Drury


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Tasman School Update

We are already half way through Term 4. The end of the year is approaching very quickly.



We have experienced a busy year with a number of significant changes. We said good-bye to our Principal of 8 years, Pip Wells, as she made her move to Nelson Central School. Our former Deputy Principal, Rob Boomer, has been appointed to the position of Principal. Next year we will welcome Tim Hikuroa to the position of Deputy Principal. Tim will be joining us from Brightwater School.

In Term 2 we held our biennial Matariki celebration and combined this with a community meal and barn dance event. We thank the Rush family for the use of their packhouse.

Towards the end of Term 3 Room 4 performed in MASSIVE (Motueka Arts Show from Schools Incorporating a Variety of Entertainment). This non-competitive show is staged every two years, with many of the local schools performing. Room 4 were ably led by Maia Campbell and her organisation and commitment to the task are to be commended.



Students across the school have participated in a number of sporting events this year including the Moutere Hills and Motueka District School swimming events, Year 7/8 summer tournament, the Moutere Hills, Motueka District Schools and Nelson Bays cross-country events, the Motueka District Schools winter tournament and the Moutere Hills athletics day.

This year we have continued with our annual ski trip and we experienced good weather and solid snow conditions. It was exciting to see our students progress in skill and see motivation gained from last year continue to build with student success.

Earlier this term we successfully held our second biennial art auction to support our 'artists in residence' programme. Special thanks must go to our art auction team – Julie Vlugter, Rebekah Fraser and Angela Mangnall.

Room 4 have just returned from their Wellington Camp. A variety of activities were enjoyed by the students and we know that some serious rest and recovery was required over the following weekend. Highlights included a visit to H2O Extream and the ANZAC display at Te Papa Museum.



As we wind this year up, we look forward to a busy 2016 as we continue to strive towards achieving our goals as a school!



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Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula

it's been another productive year at Baigents Reserve. TACA has been working with local community individuals and the TDC to continue the improvement of this great piece of coastline. Many thanks must go to all those who have helped through the year and at the annual working bee which was held in late August, the old toilet block



We have been successful in purchasing the new full access toilet (now sitting at TDC Yard) to be installed at the reserve this year. Council have engaged suitable contractors to carry out the installation and we hope to see action on this soon. Our shade sail project is also awaiting council installation by the same contractors.

The five families involved in the boat shed project have continued work with Council this year to complete the agreement that will allow them to apply for building consent and then ultimately build the sheds when they choose to.

The security of the reserve still remains a concern. A Council approved security firm is now contracted to monitor the reserve to check for overnight campers and manage the gate. A solar-powered light has been erected at the gate to stop anyone driving into it at night and provide security to those using the gate.



being painted, more undesirable trees being cut down and thanks to Nelmac, Westbank Natives and Titoki Nurseries for providing a combination of 150 native trees and grasses to plant on the border to the main grass area of the reserve. It was a great effort that all happened in four hours.



**Christmas in the Domain
@ Tasman**

Sunday 20 December, 12pm

* BBQs onsite for BYO lunch

* Good family fun, bouncy castles, lolly scramble

* Live Christmas Music and Carol Singing

If wet, @ Tasman Bible Church, 6 Williams Rd

Ruby Coast Gateway Sculptures Project update

You will have noticed that quite a bit has happened on 'the nib' in Tasman Village since the last update from the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust (RCIT). Finally the Aporo Sculpture was gently lifted into place on 21st September 2015. The installation went without a hitch, to the relief of all involved!



This was followed by the official 'unveiling' celebration which took place on Sunday 11 October. It was a perfect spring day and the sculpture and its surroundings looked magnificent. Before formally gifting the sculpture to Mayor Kempthorne on behalf of the Tasman District Council, Ron Oliver, Chair of the RCIT shared the history of the project with supporters who had gathered for the celebration. Ron acknowledged Brightwater Engineering's incredible contribution to this project. In response, one of their engineers commented that his first reaction to the project was that it would not be possible – however, through good will, commitment, tenacity and a shared belief in the project - along with some great problem solving, the sculpture has been realised.



Kaumātua, Andy Joseph, formally blessed the sculpture and acknowledged it as an important Taonga for the area. The speeches were followed by a relaxing community BBQ across the road in the Domain.



As you may know the Aporo Sculpture is the first of three that are planned for the Ruby Coast. The RCIT is now underway with preparations and fund raising for the second sculpture planned for a location near the Mapua by-pass turn off in Higgs Reserve. The Trust is thrilled to have Mapua School involved in this project.

On Friday 20 November the entire school began an art project drawing the indigenous fish and estuary life that will feature on the Mapua Sculpture. Their work will inform the design aspects of the sculpture and will also form the basis for an art exhibition and combined mural. Having just celebrated the school centenary, this project looks to the future and will create a record of the children's participation in a project that can be featured at future celebrations.

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



Local Villagers in the Global Village

In May Geoff and Carol-Anne Paynter, local Tasman residents, returned to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Last year they spent 3 months with Mission Garanganze, an indigenous church organisation, with a large humanitarian arm (500+ schools, 100,000+ pupils, 10 hospitals & 30+ clinics). DRC is the 2nd poorest nation in the world with very limited infrastructure. Only one Mission Garanganze hospital has electricity, mail was last delivered in DRC 13 years ago and roads are interesting!!

This year Geoff presented a leadership development course, which he modified for use in the Congolese culture. Geoff initially trained 30 leaders. Within 10 weeks these leaders were training other leaders. It was well received in a culture where corruption and bribery are common. Carol-Anne's work involved making surgery training videos and hospital research.

They will return to the DRC next May in the hope of getting a solar energy project underway for a training hospital. Most NZ hospitals use electricity - blood storage, diagnostic imaging and basic lighting, so electricity in the DRC is needed. Early in 2016 they plan on giving a presentation for the Tasman community regarding the DRC. They would love to see you there.



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 2015 at TACA

Tony Clark	Chairperson	526 6171
Tony Pearson	Secretary	526 6076
Greg Dryden	Treasurer	526 6151
Hamish Rush		526 6125
Steve Richards		526 6742
David Short		526 6877
Tracey Evans		526 6802
Roger Percivall		526 6230
Anna Weeks		526 6282
Paula Short		526 6789

Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting:

Tasman School Staffroom
Wednesday 27 January @ 7.30pm

Membership 2015

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 2015/16 are now due.

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