

Tasman Times

July 2015

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



May we 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

Here we are midway through 2015 and it is good to reflect that the great community we live in does not happen because of magic. It happens because of a lot of hard work.



Ewen Griffith, our treasurer for the last 10 years, has resigned from his position due to commitments elsewhere. Over the few years I have been here, Ewen has simply got on and done a wonderful job, finding money when we needed it and gently guiding us to stay within our budget. A huge thank you, Ewen, for all your hard work and time spent being part of TACA.

As a result of Ewen's resignation I was reflecting on the huge effort the committee makes on our behalf. Not only do they spend their time doing work, organising and being part of, but often they donate physical items as well. We are the beneficiaries of the donated timber, plants, machinery time and all sorts of other stuff. So thank you to all who do so much and give so generously.

Currently we are working through some issues with Tasman View Road, south of Harley Rd. A number of the residents have found the road deteriorating, to the point of impassable. Two main issues face the residents. The first is the road is not maintained by TDC. We are asking TDC about the criteria to get the road maintained and also working to get it up to standard. The second issue for the residents is that, as the road is off the main thoroughfare, the weekend motorcyclists and four wheel drive enthusiasts are using the road as a play area. This has led to some close calls with legitimate traffic and to more damage to the

road. TACA is trying to work with TDC and the Police to see what can be done.

At present there is an opportunity to submit to TDC again on the speed limits about Tasman. TACA is going to submit again and try and improve the safety within the community.

Please remember that TACA is representing you. All members of the community are welcome to come to our monthly meetings, make suggestions and most of all help out. Please continue to help where you can and together we will continue to make Tasman a great place to be part of.

Cheers Tony Clark

Admin Stuff



Two new faces have been co-opted to the Board and will be up for formal nomination and election at the forthcoming AGM at the end of July. Paula Short (no relation to David!) a Vet by profession brings a welcome additional female voice to the table and will be well known to many of the animal lovers in the area. Greg Dryden who runs a Horticultural Advisory business locally has taken on the role of Treasurer from Ewen who is now more Nelson located (at least during the week) than Tasman.

There were no projects in Council's draft Long Term Plan that impacted on our area and regrettably we must now accept that any prospect of a reticulated water supply for the village is in never-never land, so those concerned about the quality of their drinking water will need to take steps from their own resources to ensure they have a good quality supply – essentially by treatment and filtering.

We were joined at our May regular monthly meeting by Mayor, Richard Kempthorne, and CEO, Lindsay McKenzie, from TDC who were



chaperoned by regular attendee Councillor Brian Ensor. It was a convivial meeting with constructive advice and insight from them on a number of issues and the promise of a further meeting with the Mayor to try and find a practical solution to our concerns about the dangers of kids using Kina Beach Road to get to and from school and the general issue of speed limits in the village environs.

If you haven't already heard Vodafone are in the process of installing a new cell phone tower on the Dicker Road walkway so Vodafone users should, in due course, get an improvement to their sometimes patchy service - see more information on page 4 of this newsletter.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Association will be held on Wednesday July 29th at 1930hrs 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 (phone Tony 526 6076).

Anzac Day

The attendance was a record with over 180 present at the Service. At the morning tea after the service 120+ cups of tea were served and countless kids plied with juice and buns. The service was led by Rev. Peter Bean – his last “Tasman” duty before moving to a new home he and Nolene have built in Richmond – thank you for the years of service you have given to the community Peter. We have taken note of numerous comments about the poor quality of the sound system and steps are in hand to improve the situation for next year.



Local Reserves

Tasman Reserve

Regular maintenance by Nelmac and the Community Service gang keeps the Reserve in good order and the newly refurbished playground has brought more young families in to enjoy the pleasures of the Reserve. Steve Richards, of Jester House fame, recently donated and planted a dozen or so replacement natives at the Underpass Spinney to replace those earlier plantings that didn't make it through the Summer drought – many thanks Steve. There has been some debate about stones embedded in the Pump track – ideally of course it would be a smooth surface but anyone familiar with moutere clay knows living with embedded “lumps” is a fact of life that we have to adapt to. One arm of the Memorial Gateway entrance to the Reserve has been fixed to prevent potential vehicle damage through this entrance. The adjacent farm gate should be used if you wish to drive on to the Reserve.

Tasman Domain Playground Upgrade

It is very exciting to see the new playground being utilised by the little people in our community. Thanks to some very hard work by the TACA committee members – namely Tony Clark, Tony Pearson (and a selection of his associates, in particular his neighbour Mike Harvey) and Roger Percival, Bruce Sladen the builder and John Hockley and his digger, the structures were assembled. ITM gave us a great deal on materials to rebuild the fort, which was much appreciated.



A handful of willing local volunteers plus some overseas visitors (thanks to Michaela Markert for her German Woofers and Peter Weeks from the UK) then cleared the area of rubble, prepared the surface and spread the bark.

It all looks amazing. Plans are still in place to build a clatterbridge through the trees but we need to raise some money to purchase materials in order to do this. We also plan to rejuvenate the bypass end of the playground but again need to wait until

we can apply for funding. We will however work on some ideas in the meantime. Enjoy playing!



Mill Point site (formerly known as the Old Mill site)

The weather has not been too kind of late but we have managed a couple of useful working bees and have cleared out much of the damage done by the strong winds over the summer months and have given the pathway markers and rodent traps



a spruce up. We celebrated (at our usual coffee and muffin break) the first planting of REAL trees at the site with 12 totara saplings provided by TDC being established under the planted canopy of ngaio and manuka – the first of lots more native trees to begin to form the real structure of the plantings on the site. Whilst we may be counting our chickens so to speak we are hearing the first noises from TDC about the development of the area to allow public access – it’s early days but we are keeping everything crossed – no doubt funding shortfalls will be the Achilles heel .

Tasman Store, Aporo Road, Tasman

Winter has well and truly arrived with Mt Arthur wearing a beautiful snow coat. We are truly lucky to be living in such a wonderful part of the country. Although there are fewer visitors around, we are still busy, thanks to the support of our locals. We feel proud to belong to such a great supportive community. Even when it is cold outside, it is warm in the Store (providing Lance has remembered to turn the heater on!) so come and see us for a coffee and a cheese scone (and a chat if you have time). Our cheese scones are proving so popular, we have a wee ‘scone challenge’. To the person who can guess how many scones we sold in June - we’ll shout you one. 😊 Lodge your guess in store.



We’re closing for a holiday break and some much needed family time from Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July, reopening on Saturday 11th. We hope this won’t inconvenience you too much but we’ll be open in time for the second half of the school holidays. We had hoped to have resumed our wine tasting evenings by now but are looking at the end of July for our first tasting of the winter. We’ll keep you posted.

Keep warm and enjoy the beautiful winter days.

Lance, Anna, Caitlin, Pippa and Jessie

Jester House News

It is the time of year again to settle in front of the fire with a big hot chocolate or coffee and reflect on the wonderful summer we have just had and to plan for the year ahead. Whether it is a garden project, a holiday, or some life decisions, the Jester House Café is a great place to reflect and plan.



On the reflective side we have had a successful Autumn starting with the Great Easter Egg Hunt which ran all through the Easter School Holidays. About 500 children came to do the hunt, over the two weeks with some coming back more than once. On completion of the hunt they all got an egg-shaped cookie and the chance to win a tee shirt.



In May we hosted our "Pink Ribbon Breakfast" weekend as a fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Lots of special pink dishes were on the menu, from pink champagne to pink



roast beef and pink rice pudding. Thanks to all the groups and individuals who came to enjoy and help us raise over \$1000.00 for BCRF. Thanks also to Tasman Fruit Packers who donated two boxes of Pink Lady apples as giveaways.

Our winter season of Movie nights is already half way through and being well attended and enjoyed by all who come. The meal and movie deal costs just is \$37.50 The last movie of the season is on Friday 17th July just before we close on the 19th. If you haven't heard about these nights or any of the other activities that happen here you need to join our e-family on www.jesterhouse.co.nz. Signing up also means you get to come and eat for FREE on you birthday month (special conditions apply).

Coming up in the next school holidays, starting on 4th July, our activity is to come and count the Jesters here at Jester House. Once all the Jesters have been found, the children get a Jumping Jester to colour, cut out and make. As always this activity is free, right through the school holidays.

Which brings us to the end of the school holidays and the start of the holiday here for us and all the staff. So it will be a chance to reflect and plan and enjoy the beauty of Tasman in the winter.

We will be closed from Monday 20th July until Thursday September 3rd. Until then we are OPEN every day from 9.00 until 4.30pm.

Drop in and enjoy the warmth of Tasman's best café.

Please ring and make a booking on (03) 526 6742 or email lunch@jesterhouse.co.nz.

Warm wishes, Steve, Judy and all of the staff
www.jesterhouse.co.nz

Rural broadband coming to Tasman

The new Vodafone cell tower at Dicker Road in Tasman is to be 'switched on' in early November 2015.

Unfortunately winter weather has delayed construction following Council consent early this year. The tower will provide high speed wireless broadband to over 300 addresses in the area, and much needed mobile coverage to locals and visitors to the area. The switch-on date will be brought forward if the weather is kind.



Tasman School Update

Tasman School sits in the heart of the Tasman community – with four classrooms, dedicated teachers, not to mention great students! We are fortunate to have a superb environment with large fields, trees and play equipment to build active physical play.



Cross-country season has arrived and the school recently held its annual event, also attended by our neighbours, Tasman Bay Christian School. It was a great course and the practice runs paid off, with all students giving 100%.



Our year 4 to 8 students ran the combined school cross-country at Woollaston Estate, with a number of our runners qualifying for the regional level, to be held at Rabbit Island.

Our students play a range of sports, are highly active with creative play materials, and we are fortunate to have the support of an expert from “No Child Left Inside” to extend fundamental movement skills. We have a range of highly skilled community members who also provide input, so the children can access a range of different opportunities including orienteering and adventure sports.

During the week May 18-22, the school held its annual Book Week, with a range of literary events throughout the week. On the Friday, all students (and teachers) took part in a school wide parade, dressed as their favourite book character, a school wide book quiz and author/illustrator workshops. Always a great end to the week.



Vet's Voice

Keeping Your Pet Active This Winter

Trying to maintain health and fitness in winter is hard. Dogs are at least willing to walk with us and therefore motivate us to get out for their sake. Cats, we understand, are a little harder to convince to keep fit.

Walkies! Everyone loves to walk their dog, be it alone or with friends. This is so much fun and is great for us too! Keep walks interesting by mixing it up, head up the hills, down the beach, round new suburbs and even on tramps! For cats make them walk round the garden with you and if they're being stubborn....carry them away from the house so they have to run back home!

Swimming! Great for young and old! Dogs with sore joints /overweight to get the weight off their joints during exercise! If it's too cold out, start thinking about hydrotherapy.

Play time! We know dogs love to play so get their friends round for play dates, throw the ball and provide a variety of toys. Keep them busy with treat balls with their breakfast and dinner in to make it a game. Cats love to play with wands and catnip toys....give them areas to jump up on and to discover new cubbies. My cats favourite game is to chase a wand toy around the garden; she loves to climb trees and explore, so I just work with what she loves!

Puzzle games! Dogs love to use their heads, so make them work for their food. You can get puzzle bowls, throw their food around the garden and hide it, but best of all, keep it interesting! Hide the cat's food around inside.....feed in 5 separate bowls if you have to just to get them moving for their food.

Play hide and seek! Cats and dogs love this! Simply hide and practice recall, this makes their recall amazing AND fun....two birds one stone! If your cat or dog is on weight loss do this at breakfast or dinner time to use their allowance.

Training! Cats and dogs love to learn! Dogs are never too old for trick training; get them enrolled in an obedience class to get them active and get you motivated. Cats, start of simple training, sit and lie down; just like a dog, use a treat to manipulate their nose up so their bum goes down for sit, then drag the treat to the floor for down. Easy peasy...great party tricks!

Come and see us for a **free weight consult**. We will personalize a nutrition plan for your pet. Have regular weight checks in clinic to keep an eye on your and progress! Have fun with it, your pets will love you for it!

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



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Baigent Reserve, Kina Peninsula

Things are moving along at Baigents and, with winter upon us, more activity can be expected.

As you will see on your next visit, the security light at the gate has been installed and will provide light and greater safety while the gate is being locked and unlocked.

We have successfully applied for a grant through the Canterbury Community Trust to install a new toilet suitable for wheelchairs, which will be installed in the coming months.



The Shade sail project is now on track with a number of local businesses and people, contributing time and sponsorship to make this happen. There is a plan to erect poles in the next 6 to 8 weeks and then fit shade sails in early spring.

While a date has not been set, we will have another working bee in the next couple of months to continue weed control, painting of the existing toilet, and planting of 100 native plants. Once we have all the necessary resources in hand, we will email out a date for the working bee or you can contact Hamish Rush ph 03 526 6125. Thanks to all those who have helped in the past and we look forward to seeing soon.

Tasman Bible Church – January 2015

The Journey or the Destination?

I know it is probably both but such a question divides people like Coke/Pepsi, Ford/Holden, Marmite/Vegemite debates or even, the old/new Milo formula! There are implications for the 'journey' people, in that it is possible to lose sight of that all-important end or question, 'toward what end?' Similarly the 'destination' people miss out on enjoying process or 'the moment' because they are driven by accomplishment alone. Being an 'end-game' person might be crucial in deciding how best to get there, if efficiency is a motive, whilst the 'now' people extol the virtue of the present focus – after all, 'they grow up so quickly'!

There is also a genuine and deliberate tension in the Gospels. It is captured in commentators' oft-used phrase, the 'now and not yet'. Jesus deliberately employs that tension in a summary of his first 'text-message' to the globe - 'The Kingdom of God is *at hand*; repent and believe the good news' (Mark 1:15). He maintained the now/not yet tension throughout his teaching and supremely, in his purpose-based death and resurrection.

If it is the case that God, in Christ, has broken into history, then Jesus' life and teaching is a reminder to Christians and to all – even in a mid-winter pause – that living the life he offers and looking forward to the ultimate end game needs equal consideration.

It does seem to be the case that reflection upon *how* one lives and *towards* what end are very important considerations – all the time and with equal vigour. Where do you place your emphasis (or should that be emphases) and, for what reason(s)?

Richard Drury

Check out www.tasmanbiblechurch.org.nz

Part of the Tasman Community for over 50 years, our desire is to help young and old alike come to know the God of the Bible.

mainly music

4G youth

— Church Service on Sundays @ 10:00 —

Ruby Coast Gateway Sculptures project update

As many of you who have been keeping abreast of progress will know, a small team of people have been working behind the scenes on this ambitious project over the past few years.

The Ruby Coast Initiative Trust has been successful in working with Council and the wider community to create a vision for a series of iconic sculptures at the gateways to the Ruby Coast.

Having successfully raised funds for the Tasman sculpture through the generosity of our local community, construction is proceeding. The structural frame is complete, and the first stage of finishing of the work-hardened stainless steel skin, donated with the generosity of Nelson Pine Industries is done. The plasma cutting of the birds is currently taking shape and we are anticipating the installation will take place during July, with the official opening targeted at early August (watch this space).

In the meantime our attention is also turning to the Mapua Sculpture. Fundraising has already begun.

Loretta Bowden was the successful winner of our raffle (ticket number 196) and is now the proud owner of Betty Salter's original painting! All money raised from this raffle will go towards the Mapua Sculpture - the second of three planned sculptures for the Ruby Coast area. Loretta was thrilled to receive the painting - presented to her by Ron Oliver (RCIT Chair) and artist Betty Salter. Spot the similarities between the painting - Mapua Montage- and the background in the photo! For the rest of you who missed out on the original, you can still order a quality signed print for \$30.00. All proceeds from these sales will also going toward the sculpture fund raising. To order, contact Janet Taylor on 540 3364 or send a message via the Trust's website – www.rcit.co.nz

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets, and thanks to Mapua Auto, Mapua Dental and Jester House for supporting this project by selling tickets. Finally, sincere thanks to Betty for her very special contribution to the Sculpture Project.

If you are interested in making a personal donation to the Mapua sculpture, you can go to www.rcit.co.nz/donating where you will find everything you need to know. Alternatively you can donate by credit card through our Givealittle website page, givealittle.co.nz/donate/org/rubycoastsculpture.



Artist's impression of sculpture on site facing north.



Artist Adi Tait laying out the bird shapes.





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For more information contact Kathy at the Golf Club.

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
Ewen Griffiths		526 6169
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



Tasman Bay Christian School



 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
 

We turn 30 this year and would like to invite past pupils, staff and friends to come celebrate with us

27th to 29th October.

For more information contact the office.

email: office@tasbaychristian.school.nz Williams Road, RD1 Upper Moutere
 Phone: 5266855 / Fax: 5266895 Website: www.tasbaychristian.school.nz



Next Tasman Area Community Association meeting:

TACA AGM

Tasman School Multi-purpose Hall
Wednesday 30 July @ 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.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

Email.....

Amount enclosed \$.....

Receipt needed (circle) Yes No

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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