# The Grapevine

# **MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS**

# GENIUS AT WORK

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## LOCAL LIVES

By the time this goes to print Paula Short will be seeing the results of an idea that started halfway across the world at a wedding in the USA - way back before her two boys (now 4 and 7 years) were born.

Paula's love of animals started on her parent's dairy farm in Southland and after qualifying as a vet and working in a variety of practises. a holiday trekking in the Andes had Paula and husband Chris questioning what their next move would be. Both agreed a change was needed. On the next day off from trekking while scanning situations vacant Paula spied a job available in Motueka, gave them a call, and landed her next job. Many of you will have met Paula as she eventually bought the Motueka and Mapua practises, which she owned for 8 years. The family are now firmly established in the Tasman area with the boys attending Country Kids and Tasman School, they enjoy the company of three alpacas and a new kitten on their small holding.

During her time as a veterinarian, Paula become frustrated with constantly dealing with the effects of poor quality food on pets. A diet of factory farmed chicken, bulked up with wheat and corn fillers and loaded with additives and preservatives, is not a recipe for good health. So, she founded Genius Pet Food to do something about it. With

the help of NZ's leading pet nutritionists, she spent the past 18 months working with a small, family owned pet food manufacturer to develop a unique Lamb and Possum adult dog food - to give you a healthier option for your pet.

The first commercial batch of healthy pet food was crowd funded on Pledge Me. This covered the cost of ingredients and packaging to get the first boxes to market and exceeded the target showing there's plenty of support out there.

Sustainability was also a core value of Paula's clinics and they won several local and national sustainability awards for the changes made within the business. This ethos has been carried through to Genius Pet Food. With the majority of pet food in New Zealand imported in bulky plastic bags, making pet food more planet friendly, sourcing sustainably produced, locally grown ingredients and reducing the impact of packaging waste is a key focus. The product is shipped in a fully recyclable and compostable liner and cardboard box, which has been designed to travel and store well, but uses the minimum amount of cardboard necessary. Product can be ordered on line and will be delivered to your door, a real plus for any lifestyle.

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Dear Members and Community.

Please find below the mayor's words regarding the projected dam pricing exceeding the budget.

Best regards,
Matthes Bender
Secretary
Moutere Hills Residents Association
<a href="http://www.mhra.org.nz">http://www.mhra.org.nz</a>

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#### http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/media-centre/news/final-price-a-setback-and-a-challenge/

The process to reach a final price has been concluded for the construction of the Waimea water augmentation dam. The 2015 budget estimate for the dam construction was \$49.8 million and the Early Contractor Involvement agreed final project cost is \$68.1 million therefore a difference of around \$18 million.

There are other work streams still to be finalised and we have reason to believe those other costs are likely to be in the order of \$8m over the estimate. So the total cost could be \$26m more than estimated in 2015. Unless a solution can be found to close the gap, the dam won't go ahead.

"I am gutted about this but I know that security of water supply is increasingly becoming a critical issue, locally and globally," said Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne. "The Waimea water augmentation dam represents a complete solution to urban and rural water supply for the Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua and Waimea areas for generations to come.

"It has always been a bold and ambitious project but the case for it is compelling, the consequences of cutbacks in water allocations across the Waimea Plains and more frequent and severe restrictions will have significant implications for the Tasman and Nelson economy and lifestyle. If the case was not strong we would not be seeing \$49m of the cost being met by other parties - Government and irrigators.

"We have a price and it is higher than our 2015 estimate and higher than those supporting the scheme would have hoped for. There is no doubt this is a major setback and possibly the greatest challenge yet for the project.

"While the opponents of the dam may relish it and hope it brings a 15 year project to an end, I am still hopeful that we can find a way to bridge the gap.

"I reiterate, security of water supply is a global issue as well as a very real local issue for our community. I am certain that if the dam does not proceed then it, or another equivalent solution, will be back on the table again at some point, that it will be more expensive, and that we will have suffered significant economic, environmental and social costs in the meantime. It has taken 15 years to get to this point. If we don't get this over the line and we lose the \$49 million from Government and irrigators, we are done!

"The issue is a critical one for every single person in the Richmond, Brightwater, Mapua and Waimea areas, for business and industry, for infrastructure such as our Port and for the wider Tasman and Nelson communities. The ongoing success of the Tasman and Nelson region is at stake.

"We need to find a way forward, and not give up until we have exhausted all options. We cannot take the availability of water for granted, nor can we leave it to chance. It is our responsibility to plan for a sustainable and resilient district that has every opportunity to thrive.

"This seems impossible, but our challenge now is to achieve the impossible."

# Tales from the Past (part 2) by Ruth Russ

Previously in this serial, a widow named Fanny lived all but destitute in Wells-next-the-Sea with her five surviving children: Frances, William, John, Robert and Ann. But her children were about to cause a stir...

Fanny's daughter Frances decided in late 1851 to run away with a mariner named William Plumb. They sailed aboard the *Petrel* for Great Yarmouth, 55 miles from Wells-next-the-Sea. In the absence of her husband, Fanny sent her eldest son William to fix up the mess. Frances and Mr Plumb were married, and they returned home a short while later.

William, previously the chief breadwinner for the family, decided that he liked what he had seen in Great Yarmouth. He had carried on the family tradition of contracting syphilis. After returning from dealing with the Plumbs' scandal, William took his wife and young daughter and high-tailed it out of Wells-next-the-Sea, taking his money with him, and leaving only his brother John to look after Fanny and their handicapped brother Robert.

John decided a couple of years later to try his own hand at scandal. He swept Sarah Harper away on a ship in 1857, and they were married in London before returning home. John and his brother-in-law Mr Plumb sailed together over the next few years, and John's sister Frances often joined them on their voyages, at one point leaving her 16-year-old daughter Louisa home alone to look after her 12-year-old cousin, John's daughter.

The matriarch Fanny, meanwhile, had developed Alzheimer's or dementia (it isn't clear which). By this stage only Robert was left at home to look after her. She died in 1874, and her worst fears became a reality. With no one to take care of him, Robert was sent to the workhouse, where he lived for 20 years and earned his keep as a rope-maker. He suffered from exhaustion and bouts of fainting, and by the time the 1891 census rolled around he couldn't recall his father's occupation or even his place of birth (that, or the staff never bothered to ask him). He died in 1894.

Fanny's youngest daughter Ann never married. She paid her way in life as a cleaner, and in the end found herself the sole carer of the Plumbs' orphaned grandchildren. Frances's daughter Louisa had been widowed before the birth of their last child, and she herself passed away only four years later. The Plumbs cared for the children and took in the childless Ann before they too died, leaving Ann with a great-niece and a great-nephew to support alone. She had grown up with her mother's courageous example; the threesome did well for themselves and lived comfortably.

What happened to William after he left Wells-next-the-Sea? That's up next...

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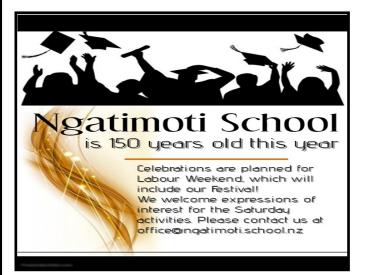
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I was standing near a bus stop in North London last week, waiting for a kebab, when a double decker bus pulled up and as it stopped, the diesel motor was switched off. When the bus moved off, a few seconds later, it did so silently, under electric power and about 50 metres down the street, the diesel kicked in again. Brilliant! Silent, at least briefly, no fumes ... all good ... or was it?

Then, I read an article in a local paper there about a bus company initiative to go with all electric buses: a fleet of 46 is being run on two London routes, probably doing something like 100 km each circuit. Apparently, no problems with range but ... the project is costed at \$40m and requires a 2.5 megawatt generator to cope with the recharging of the bus batteries. There are over 400 bus routes in London. 2.5 MW would probably supply all of Motueka. Go figure what that would mean in supply charges alone if the power supply was grid. Solar panels simply could not do it, for the same reason as wind, sun and wind aren't available 24/7 either.

The Uber driver who took us to Wimbledon on Monday drove a Prius - a new experience for me: quiet and efficient in both time and cost. The driver told us there are 40,000 Uber cars in London and he reckoned nine out of 10 are Prius (dual petrol/electric) ... so not quite the recharging requirements of the buses but what are the hidden costs for the owner? Depreciation and new batteries? I don't know but our house is off the grid (eight years coming up) and only the sunshine is free! Lead and sulphur are plentiful: lithium is not.

I liked the quiet Prius ... probably accentuated by the constant traffic drone in cities, which I detest (the drone and the cities actually) but the I love the audio porn of a V8 and I also love Beethoven. Neither would work for me on 'silent'. At Silverstone last Sunday, I and 140,000 others enjoyed a very noisy day. I reckon most of us simply wouldn't go there if it was silent but I digress ...

Presently, we petrol and diesel-powered vehicle drivers pay anything upwards of eight to 10 cents per km in road taxes, much more for large trucks and fair enough too, we have lots of good roads (but too many poor drivers). When are electric cars going to start paying road taxes? Why should the charging stations be subsidised? I fear the real economics of electric and dual-fuelled cars will look rather different if the field ever gets levelled.

Seeing I raised subsidies, I also have serious misgivings about taxpayers' money being thrown into private individuals' savings accounts, especially when it amounts to \$1,000 per year but that one can keep for another day.

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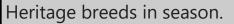
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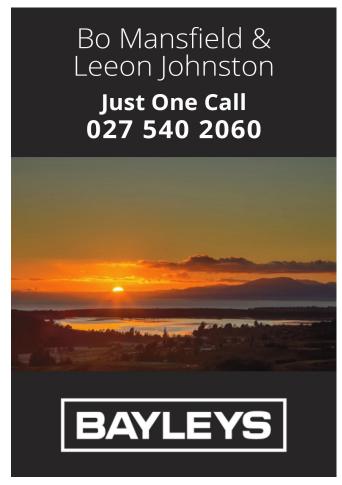
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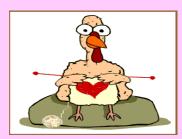




### CRAFT 'n' CONNECT

Wednesday 29 August 13:30 - 15:30 pm

The old Post office Upper Moutere Village



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Started by a group of women who love to craft and would like to meet other women in our community. For those who are interested we also will donate some of our work to the Neonatal Trust and other local projects.

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Cigars and Whisky 7pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

A small group of whisky and cigar lovers have started a regular meeting on the last Thursday of each month. A new whisky will be introduced each month and a cigar available at cost.

Fine Dining Evening 7pm Saturday 25th

We will be offering a relaxing evening, of fine dining, over five courses. Bookings essential check our website for menu details. \$55 per head.

#### **Don't Forget**

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# MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



#### Dear Community

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through 2018! We are already starting to take bookings for the Christmas and summer holiday period so if you are considering having a function, event or fundraiser here at MHCC then give us a call today so that you can get your preferred date!

It is great to see so many of you taking up a Fitness Centre membership. We are offering a new drop in session next term and we will offer another "The Worx—Training for Teens" programme again this term as the last one was so well received. We have fantastic equipment and affordable membership packages, including a special Family Membership, which also allow you access many of our fitness classes free of charge. Give us a call if you would like more information about what we have on offer.

Our office is open from 9:30am—4:30pm Monday to Friday with late night on Thursday until 8:30pm. Please pop in to see us or give us a call if we can help in any way.

Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Cindy, Cindus and Joan.

#### Moutere Hills Community Centre Activity Schedule

Term 3: 23 July-30 September 2018



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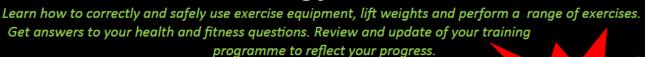
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# Tasman Boxing Youth Programme



We are excited to announce that we will be offering a Youth Boxing class here at Moutere Hills Community Centre. All boxing is non-contact, fitness based and is underpinned by the core values of respect, perseverance, and responsibility.

FRIDAY'S STARTING 24TH AUGUST 6:00PM—7:00PM

For Years 8 - 13 Cost \$30 for Term 3

Moutere Hills Community Centre 'Taster' Evening: Friday 10th August, 7:00pm as part of Teen Zone!

Registrations are essential as numbers are limited! For more information or to register, contact Adele: adele@mouterehills.org.nz or 0275118826.



## YOUTH NIGHT



#### Come and hang out in the Moutere

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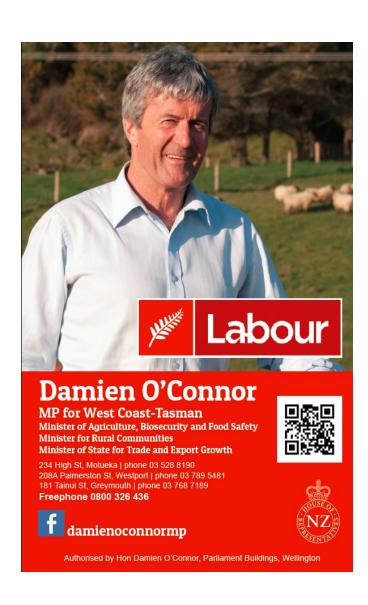


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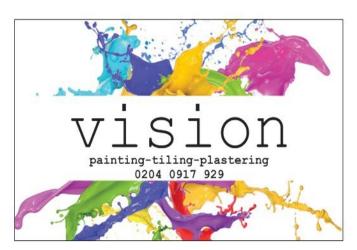
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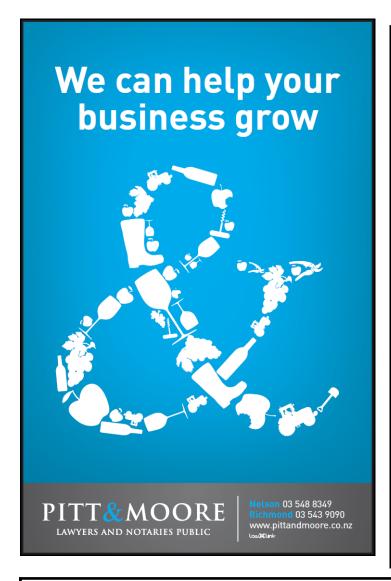






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#### MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

Mapua playcentre is thriving! The Monday session is now full. If this is the day you wanted to join you will need to contact us and put your name down on the waiting list. There are still some spaces left on the Friday session so pop in. If there is enough interest we will consider opening for a third session during the week.

Why is Mapua playcentre so popular? It could be the awesome venue, friendly people, great play activities, fun day trips or the strong community spirit. It could also be that it provides an opportunity for parents to grow alongside their children, and to take on leadership or gain further education if that's what interests them, (but more on this next month). The only way to really know for sure what is it is to come and have a look yourself. Everyone is welcome.

Come and check Mapua playcentre out. We offer a term of free sessions for first time families and all children under two are free. Session times are Mondays and Fridays 9:30am - 12 noon during school terms. You can find us at 84 Aranui Road (behind the tennis courts by the scout den). Alternatively, please contact us with any questions you have either by phone: Kathryn on 021 2534264, email: mapuaplaycentre@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

#### From the Mouth of a playcentre babe:

Master 4: "Grandpa, you're bigger than me."

Grandpa: "Yes because I'm older than you, you know."

Master 4: "I know. You got here first and I was still

waiting."

#### MOUTERE COMMUNITY YOUTH August 2018

Welcome back to Friday night youth group. Our holiday programme enjoyed some sewing, igloo making, pump track shaping, pooh stick racing (2km long) plus a few carsick mishaps!

Date	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Dovedale Getaway*	-	Sports Night at MHCC
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Baking for a cause	Building Challenge	-
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Billy's surprise	-	Going to the Movies
24 August	Messy Games	Physical Endurance	-
31st August	Block Extravaganza	-	1st Sept Ski Trip to Rainbow

<sup>\*</sup>Meeting at Dovedale Hall from 3.30-4.30pm. UMO youth will drive over.

JUNIOR YOUTH is for kids in years 5 - 7, we meet at the Upper Moutere Church hall (Supplejack Valley) on Fridays during the school term, time - 3:30-5pm, but can come over earlier after school for afternoon tea snack (a gold coin donation). The cost is \$2 each week.

INTERMEDIATE YOUTH is for those in years 7-8-9, a fortnightly program meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the UMO church hall. 5:30-7pm with some food to keep growly tummies at bay, cost is \$5.

<u>SENIOR YOUTH</u> is for years 9-13, also meeting fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Fri/Sat, meeting at UMO church hall at 7pm. We can drop youth off to home after activities in the youth van if required.

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Pour into the prepared tin and cook 18-20 minutes or until skewer comes out clean.

Remove from oven but leave in tin, put aside to cool. This slice is left in the tin to ice and cut.

Make icing: Mix together 70g soft butter, 150g icing sugar, 30g carob powder, 35ml cold espresso coffee, a few drops of vanilla essence. Spread onto the cooled cake, sprinkle with some toasted coconut threads if you like.

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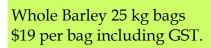
#### Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

Our regular Tuesday morning Pastel Artists group are still creating away. It is a bit quiet over the winter as some of our regulars have slipped off to warmer climates or are just hunkering down near the fire to create their masterpieces!

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For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540 3388 or by email <a href="mailto:gmforbes@ts.co.nz">gmforbes@ts.co.nz</a>. You can visit our **FACEBOOK**<a href="mailto:page: PANZ Pastel Artists">page: PANZ Pastel Artists of New Zealand to see what our pastel artists are creating.</a>

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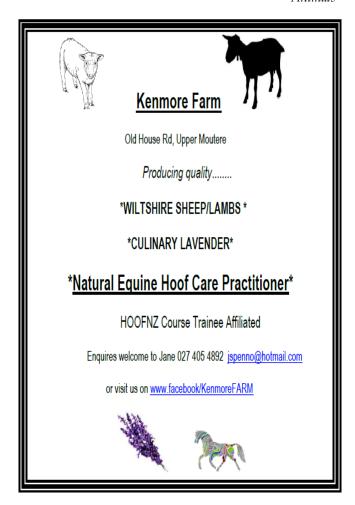
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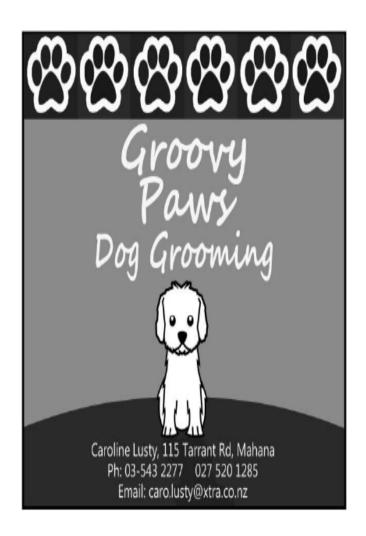
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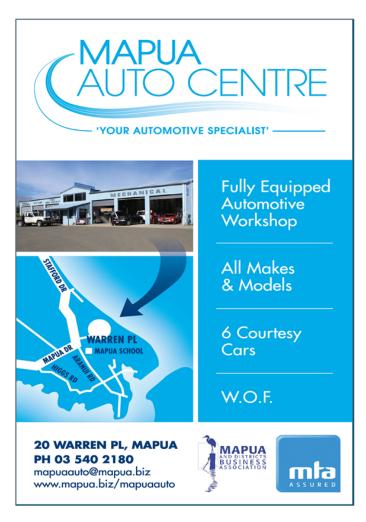
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#### THINKING OF SELLING?

Before you start the process of selling a property, take the time to think and talk about what you want to achieve and your next steps. It's helpful to have an idea of the current market value of your home and we get a lot of people requesting an appraisal, quite often it's the starting point (you have to start somewhere).

Appraisals are free and there is no obligation - it's all part of our service, so never be shy about picking up the phone or emailing me - I'm always happy to help, chat about real estate and provide advice.

It's really important to be clear whether you will sell and then wait to buy a new property, or buy and sell at the same time.



We are seeing an increase in the number of offers conditional on house sales, something that wasn't really happening during 2016 / 17. If you had been thinking of selling, but weren't comfortable with the idea of selling and wondering where your new home would be (a lot of people didn't like the idea of renting or being priced out of the market if they couldn't find a suitable home to buy), then now may be a good time to rethink your options.

With Spring around the corner, warmer weather coming our way, and the gardens starting to come alive, maybe it's time dip your toe in the water and start doing some research. I'm happy to be part of your first step.



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#### **Community News**



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