

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Sarau Festival 31 January 2021.

Sarau Festival Planning in full swing. Many ways to help see cover article for more details.

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TRIO TAKE ON SARAU FESTIVAL



Geaneen Hayes, Jislaine Santi & Brooke Norswothy are leading the 2021 Sarau Festival efforts. Photo by Tom Hayes

The Sarau Festival is full steam ahead for January 2021, thanks to new organisers Brooke Norswothy, Geaneen Hayes and Jislaine Santi.

For 14 years, the Sarau Festival has been an end-of-summer highlight for our region – a last hurrah before tucking sun-tans into work clothes and brushing cobwebs off school bags. Sending kids back to school still sticky from their last festival ice cream and a 'kids' zone' band still on their wrist... that's summer done right.

What began as a harvest fair for locals soon turned into a day out for people across the Nelson/Tasman region. More than 5,000 people passed through the gates in 2020. They tucked freshly purchased second-hand books under their arms while perusing the history tent and photo competition.

They shopped market stalls and sampled delicious fare from food vendors while children bounced on inflatables and painted pictures in the safety of the kids' zone. As the sun made its lazy descent toward Mount Arthur, festival goers settled onto picnic blankets and hay bales to listen to music with a glass of local Riesling or craft beer in hand.

The festival is a big boon for our neighbourhood, too. Proceeds from the festival are distributed via the Sarau Trust and go back into community groups such as schools, youth group, playgroup, Kai Collective, Upper Moutere Fire Brigade, sporting and dance groups. In turn, these groups help to make our community a fantastic place. Besides, it's our thing. The Sarau Festival is quite the social hangout for the Moutere.

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Merry Christmas from the Grapevine!



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Christmas in the Moutere

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December 20th Carols in the Vineyard

Join us at Neudorf Vineyards at 6pm for an evening of carol-ing. You are welcome to bring picnic snacks and the cellar door will be open.

Please don 't BYO wine and beer.

Christmas Eve at St Paul ' s

7pm Kids and Carols

Our local children will present the Christmas story in their own entertaining and unique way. There will also be another opportunity to dust off the singing voice and carol with us.

11:15pm Reflective Service

The late night slow down, quiet, calm and candle lit. It 's a perfect time to stop and reflect on the year and the meaning of Jesus ' birth.

Christmas Day at St Paul ' s

10am For unto us... With the presents opened and the breakfast bubbles supped you are welcome to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus, quite literally God 's gift to the world!

Upper Moutere Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs

October 2020

2nd Nuttall Road, rubbish fire

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10th Neudorf Road, car in paddock

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The Grapevine says.....

Hello Everyone,

Well December is probably here before we're ready for it, but there's no stopping time!

Thank you to all who contribute by advertising and reading. This little newsletter was resurrected some time ago now, in order to ensure that the community had a place to connect to the wider community. When the committee was formed, it brought together a group of people whose paths might not have ordinarily crossed and over the years, we have formed wonderful friendships and have all enjoyed plenty of laughs. Next year will be quite different for the Grapevine committee, as we say goodbye to several key members who have been with us right from the start. Naturally, we need others to step into their shoes in order for the Grapevine to continue. It would put huge pressure on the remaining committee to continue on without support from others.


So, now's your chance to make friends and influence people. We need:

- Someone to write the front page - this could be more than one person;
- A person to actually produce the Grapevine - take all the e-mails/ads and put them onto the page in some semblance of order - approximately 10 hours a month;
- Someone to oversee the running of the whole shebang - call meetings, organise stuff that needs organising; and
- A finance person - invoices need to be sent out monthly and followed up, reporting finances to the committee. It would help greatly if you were experienced with this sort of thing - approximately 6 hours a month.

None of these jobs take a lot of time, just commitment to get the job done on time, so please step up if you can. E-mail us umograpevine@hotmail.com

There's plenty of Christmas activity happening in the village. If you're popping along to a Christmas activity, please remember those who might be without family this Christmas and think of inviting them along. 2020 has been pretty memorable for the obvious reason, but let's see it out by making it memorable in a good way.


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Trio take on Sarau Festival

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In September, when Jenny Leith announced her well-earned retirement from running the festival since its inception, she called a community meeting. Some felt that it was time for the Sarau Festival to take a break. Some worried that a year off would make it too hard to resume in the future. Others had enthusiasm and optimism that seemed to know no bounds.

Geaneen Hayes attended the meeting. The Sarau Festival was one of the factors that attracted Geaneen and her husband to move to the area. "We went to the festival as tourists back in 2017. We loved the relaxed community feel and found ourselves wanting to stay," she says. She and her husband moved to the area in 2019 and enjoyed the 2020 festival, this time as volunteers.

When Geaneen realised the festival was in danger, she did what anyone in the Moutere does when they need help: she called her neighbours. Brooke Norsworthy and Jislaine Santi were caught unawares. "A text thread became a coffee meet up, which somehow ended in us spearheading the decision about whether or not to go ahead with Sarau 2021!"

They are fans of the festival, too. Jislaine, who moved to the area from Wellington three years ago, loves the festival vibe. "I enjoy the chance to shop locally made products and listen to music surrounded by friends and neighbours." Brooke returned to Upper Moutere in 2018 after living in the USA. "The festival feels like "home" to me – not only on the day but in the way the locals come together to set up the day before and clean up the day after. My family has been volunteering on community events alongside many of the same people for 35 years since we moved to the area. We all pitch in and have a great time doing it."

Though blindsided, they are excited to channel their energies into something so rewarding. Collectively, the team has experience in project management, law/risk consultancy and communications/social media. They laid out parameters for the decision making process: key factors, funds and personnel that would need to be in place for the festival to go ahead. The conclusion? It's full steam ahead for January 2021!

The Sarau Trust have given the green light to the festival and a dose of encouragement to the three women. Jenny Leith passed on their sentiments: "We trust you to make appropriate

decisions to protect the reputation of this community and the Festival, and therefore we leave it to you to move the Sarau Festival forward into the new decade." No pressure, right? The team have also been propelled by the support from the planners and volunteers from previous years who are putting up their hands to don their Sarau hats.

Speaking of hats (and purple shirts!), will the festival look different this time? After all, you see more hops and vines in the area than blackcurrants these days. "We're looking forward to bringing in some fresh elements while retaining the specialness that makes it the festival we enjoy so much... but some of those new efforts will be best saved for our 2021 festival de-brief. It's November now – in order to pull off the festival in January we are cracking on with the incredibly successful formula used in past years. If we have anything to say about the 2022 festival... those purple shirts are gone!" We suspect this is a subtle invitation for sponsors.

What about Covid? The Festival will go ahead under Covid Alert Level 1 only. "All our decision making checkpoints, communication and bookings have Covid contingencies in place. We're proceeding with optimism and caution and we believe people know the drill now. In the Covid climate, people tend to make plans with more flexibility and are gracious about cancellations. A year ago it might have rattled us if a market day was cancelled or if a church failed to meet on a Sunday morning. But in 2020 we survived 8 weeks of unexpected home schooling and Zoom calls. Routine and control are long gone, we're all about adaptability and resiliency now!"

How can people help? "Get in touch! Many hands make light work, especially on the clean up/tear down days and the festival day itself. You'd be surprised how many people are still setting up tents and lifting hay bales 14 years later despite not getting any younger. It would be great to see some (ahem) youthful folk step in to lend a hand... and a back."

Besides, there's no better way to get to know your neighbours than to work on a project together.

The Sarau Festival will be going ahead under Covid Alert Level 1 on 31 January, 2021. Contact sarau@saraufestival.co.nz to join the efforts. See you there!



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Dear Community

We will be closing the office on Friday 18 December at 3pm and reopening on full hours on Monday 18 January at 9am. The office will be open intermittently between these dates and contact with staff will be via appointment only. Fitness Centre classes will also finish on Friday 18 December and restart on Monday 18 January. Please check out our website <https://www.mouterehills.org.nz/fitness-centre-calendar/> for 2021 classes and times. For urgent enquiries during the holiday break please contact Katrina on 0275118825 or Adele on 0275118826.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Keith, Cindus and Heather

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History Revisited



It is great to have the history group meeting here at Moutere Hills Community Centre and we are excited to see all the new information and memorabilia that we will be able to share with the community.

A huge thank you to Eileen Harvey-Thawley for the donation of several history books and this beautiful painting by local artist by Pam York. This painting has a great story to go with it and is located inside the Neudorf foyer at the Community Centre.

If you are interested in joining the history group, please leave your details at the office so you can join the mailing list.



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MOUTERE COMMUNITY YOUTH

	Senior	Intermediate	Junior
4th	Sports Night MHCC		Samiclaus Tag
11th	Task Masters - Christmas Edition	What's Puzzling You?	
18th	Flip Out Nelson, 6-7pm, \$16 + \$2 transport. Meet at 5pm *RSVP*		

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

21st December, Hike up Mt Arthur, meet at 6am *RSVP*

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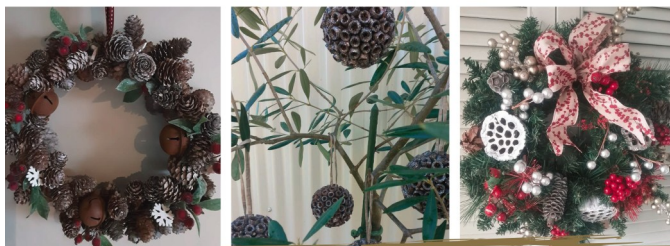
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An invitation to take our history into the future

The Moutere Hills Community Centre under the Management of **Katrina McLean**, welcome

you to check out their newest initiative. This is to promote and to save our local history.

Come along and be served a nice cup of tea while sitting round the table in the comfortable committee room - a nice place for small groups - and with the sun upon our backs.

Help Take our History into the Future.

This will be an informal and social gathering. Some time will be devoted to hearing about the putting up of sign-boards for visitors to our area, and so on. Most importantly though, it is about sharing our local history with others, with a view to saving our memories for future generations.

What better way to do this than by having the chance to tell each other about past events in our area. Hearing someone else's memories can make us think "Yes, that reminds me", and this in turn can bring out further information about the past.

While each person will be welcome to share a memory, this is not required. You may be a listener only. Regular attendance is not expected. Come along once or as often as you like. Help take our history into the future by being there to listen and or share your memories.

It is hoped that we will inspire each other to see that our own family histories are known to our own families, and that the general history of our area is safeguarded for the future.

Come along and help **Take our History into the Future.**

Katrina and the Moutere Hills Community Centre, welcome you to share the past and the present with each other.

(Dates and times will be advertised in the Grapevine in the New Year)

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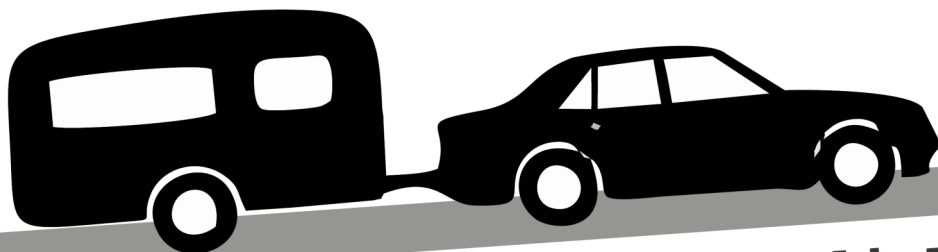


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Adventure Therapy Programmes

It is heartening to see the uptake of our Adventure Therapy Programmes this term with three week-long programmes on the go. Adventure Therapy is a proven clinical approach that uses time in nature coupled with mindfulness and mentoring in a supportive group dynamic to promote positive wellbeing outcomes for youth. Nature is a great tonic for the stresses of the modern digital (and Covid-19) environment. You can read more here: www.wio.org.nz

Summer Holiday Programmes Open for Bookings!

We have a new programme on offer this holidays – an **Environmental Journey** for 14-18 yr olds running from the 14-18th December, which will explore our local national parks while also learning about & contributing to local conservation projects. We have a **Senior Journey** (14-16yrs) **Go Wild** (7-10 yrs) and **Adventure Skills Development** (16-18yrs) which offers 15 Level 3 NCEA credits as a boost! Our programmes can also count towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Remember to book early to get the dates you prefer. See our website to enrol: www.wio.org.nz

Updates to our Gear & Facilities - Including a new AED

We have a new AED mounted outside our main office building that can be accessed 24/7 - thank you TDC! This is a great asset for our community - please spread the word. You can find your nearest AED on www.aedlocations.co.nz. Our instructors are also thanking TDC for the concreted gear shed - what a difference! We have new harnesses & helmets in action thanks to **Network Tasman Trust** which are being put to good use already by our Outdoor Leadership students. Where would we be without all your amazing support!?

We have a Chiller Trailer for Hire!

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I am blessed to have an amazing mum who was my first teacher. Long before I started school she was playing games with me, teaching me to read and above all, teaching me to see the wonder in the world. I inherited her love of play, and I love to play with my children (some of my children are harder to play with than others, but that's a whole different subject!). When I found many parents struggling to connect with their children for various reasons. I would suggest simple games they could play, and they were very grateful and started to bond with their children through playing together without expectations.

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BANG THE PLATE (one of our children's favourite games!)

Put a silver foil plate or an old pot in the centre of the room. Blind-fold player, hand them a wooden spoon and turn them round a couple of times. Get them to kneel down then crawl around the room banging the spoon on the floor in front of them till they find the plate.

MY HANDS ARE TIED

Tie hands of player behind their back and get them to move objects from one place to another. Make it harder by picking up small objects like a peg, and dropping them into a bottle or jar.

WATERY BLOBS

Make blobs of watercolour paints on paper. Allow to dry. Have your child turn the blob into something by drawing on it with a pen. OR make a blob of watery paint on the paper and blow it through a

straw. Allow to dry. Make it into something by drawing around it and adding extra features.

EAR FISHING

Cut some fish-shapes of various sizes from stiff paper – making their lips into a large ring (cut out the centre). Bend the lips up slightly. Scatter them on the floor. Make a “fishing line” from string with a loop at one end, and a hook made from a paperclip at the other end. Put the loop over your ear, then with hands behind your back try to hook up the fish lips. If you get one, leave it on the hook and try for more.

REMEMBER 30

Place 30 random objects on a table (such as matchbox, pencil, scissors, fork, rubber band, hair clip, business card, baby's sock etc). Players silently observe all objects for one minute, then go away and write down as many objects as you can remember. If your players struggle with this start with 10 objects, and build up slowly. EXCELLENT for the memory muscle!

TEXTURE WALK

Tactile children LOVE this game. However, some children CAN'T STAND IT! Place squares of different things on the floor for children to walk on: paper, cardboard, bubblewrap, silver foil, cushions of different fabrics, fabric squares, carpet squares, doormats etc. Make a straight or wavy path with your texture walk.

HOW MANY PEOPLE?

If you're waiting somewhere busy you can count people. First up “Let's count five people with hats on.” When you have counted five people with hats on try something else. Look for prams/ buggies, people with dogs, men in worker boots, briefcases, tiny handbags, high-heeled shoes, people laughing, people on their phones etc.

For more ideas on easy, do-able games and activities for all ages check out the next issue of Grapevine!

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MAUREEN PUGH RETURNS TO PARLIAMENT WITH BIGGER ROLE IN NATIONAL

National's List MP based in West Coast-Tasman has been elected to a hands-on role in the Opposition's Caucus and starts her third term in Parliament making sure the MPs are all focussed on holding the Government to account.

Maureen Pugh says she is energised by the new role, saying she is glad 'its straight back to business and making a start along the road back to the Government benches.'

Being appointed as Junior Whip and working alongside third-term Waimakariri National MP Matt Doocey, the role is all about relationships with colleagues – "I'll be hands-on with the logistics of some of the unseen, nonetheless vital aspects of the running of Parliament – things like house rosters and select committees, and I'm very much looking forward to it," she says.

"I'm very pleased to be back and to play my part in the very important role that an Opposition plays in the democratic system, and I will also have the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the policy direction of this Government in their partnership with the Greens."

The pastoral care aspect of the Junior Whip's role will also be important to Maureen Pugh. "Let's not forget that there's a human aspect to every Member of Parliament, and ensuring that the appropriate measures of support are in place for every MP will be a key focus of my new role."



NATIONAL'S SENIOR TEAM: Senior Whip Waimakariri MP Matt Doocey , National's Leader Judith Collins, new Deputy Leader Dr Shane Reti and List MP based in West Coast-Tasman, Junior Whip Maureen Pugh

News from Mapua Bowling Club

It has not been the best start to our season. From the unexpected internal flood in September, as I write this article we are now beset by external flooding! The relentless rain has created a swimming pool on the green; we need to think about switching sports! It is very frustrating to be prevented from bowling with championship matches stacking up and coaching sessions postponed. But he that must be obeyed, green keeper Glenn, has the final say and the green needs to be protected at all costs. No green, no club.

In between rain storms, some events have been played. Two teams representing Mapua in the Nelson Centre President's Trophy have had mixed results. A men's squad had a very good start against a Stoke team in the Miller Cup Interclub Fours. And we have one men's senior pair playing in the open 2-4-2 on Wednesday evenings. Whatever the outcome of these matches it is very good for Mapua to be visible on the area map.

With a close eye on the weather forecast, Mapua members are looking forward to the annual match of Town Clubs versus Country Clubs and our own upcoming two tournaments, one in November and one in December. And December will also see the Club's Christmas party and the Memorial Tournament where past members are remembered and celebrated.

Leisure Bowls on Monday evenings did not kick off as predicted on Monday 2 November, yes, you got it, rain! But whenever it is fine, it will go ahead from 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come along and have a go. We have bowls to borrow as long as you have suitable shoes.

For any information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, sporty.co.nz/mapuabowls

RECIPE

Soo Gee knows that there are great strawberries in the Moutere which are perfect for this month's recipe.

Strawberry Ripple Yoghurt Cake

400gm strawberries chopped, 1 teaspoon vanilla paste or vanilla essence, ½ cup honey, 2 cups of natural thick greek yoghurt.

Almond Base

½ cup Almonds, ¼ cup coconut, 1 teaspoon(or a little more) chia seed, 6 fresh dates - or soak dried dates in a little hot water for 5 minutes.

Method: Place strawberries, vanilla, honey in a medium pot on medium heat for 12 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Remove from heat and cool a little. Blend with hand

blender until cool, remove ¼ cup and set aside. Add yoghurt to the remaining mix and stir well.

Blend Almonds, coconut, chia and dates in a blender for 2 minutes or until mixture comes together. Line a 20cm springform tin and press the mixture firmly into the tin. Pour the yoghurt/strawberry mix over the base. Swirl the strawberry mix that you set aside through the mix and place in the freezer for 4 hours.

Christmas will be different this year for many of us.... Stay in touch and use your phone.... maybe Christmas cards will make a comeback?



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Working together in catchment groups

The Moutere catchment [group](https://www.landcare.org.nz/regional-news-item/moutere-catchment-group), now two years old, started off with a spark from one landowner who then gathered 10 landowners, swelling it to 100 by their first official meeting and now has 200 landowners working together. With the help of Tasman Environmental Trust (TET), Tasman District Council and NZ Landcare Trust numbers are anticipated to grow even further, with the group just securing \$1.9 million in funding from the One Billion Trees and \$0.96 million funding from the Provincial Growth Fund for riparian fencing. The Moutere Catchment Group has ambitious goals of planting 270,000 trees over three years and adding 35 km of riparian fencing. And we want to do this via active Moutere Sub catchments.

We have appointed our project manager. He is Elliot Easton.

On the 8 October 20 of the 65 people who planted plants met at BBQ at Whenua ITI Outdoors to share experiences. They also picked up spray guards for unguarded plants. A needs survey was sent out to all planters and it would be great to have that filled in by everyone so far 45 have filled it in. We need to find out if you need help with the tree releasing. It would be good to find out if flooding has affected any plantings.

We will shortly be calling for plant numbers for planting from May 2021. To be contacted ensure you have filled in the initial survey found either on our Facebook page or a link can be sent to you by contacting annette.litherland@landcare.org.nz. Planters for next year should start compiling their planting plans. All the resources

needed are on our website. <https://www.landcare.org.nz/regional-news-item/moutere-catchment-group>.

We are also contacting people by email who indicated that they needed fencing. Fencing plans need to be in ASAP.

We will also be shortly be finding a date for a MCG governance group.

We are working on getting a new date for our healthy soils workshop that was postponed. You will be able to bring along soil from your own block and learn how to assess its health.

The Moutere catchment group would like to encourage people to create and design plans for their own Moutere subcatchments. And we are providing an event to help this process. On 24 November, at the Upper Moutere Hills community centre Roger Dalrymple, a farmer, was the special guest speaker at the Nelson/Tasman Catchment Networking event. Roger chairs the Rangitikei Rivers Community Collective which is an overarching organisation that covers a number of sub catchments over a wide area in the North Island. Their group is a great example of landowners enthusing local communities to mobilise around catchments and their initiative is highly regarded by Beef + Lamb New Zealand. At this event local catchment groups also briefly shared their progress including the Moutere, Upper Motueka, Dovedale and Motueka catchments.



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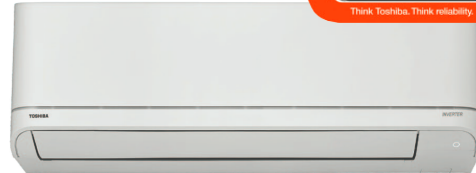
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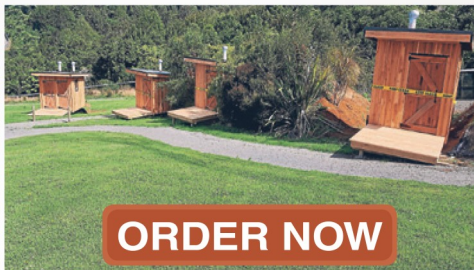
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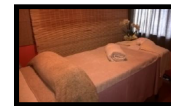
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What a strange and uncertain year this has been but despite covid-19 and enforced lockdowns, the months seem to have flown by and here I am in November writing for the December newsletter. Is this a sign of my increasing age?

Our group has managed to keep going between all the interruptions and members of PANZ Nelson still meet on Tuesday mornings but, as usual, sessions will stop during December and January. Of course, this doesn't mean that painting will cease. A lot of work is done at home and there is always the Christmas painting challenge designed to do exactly that, challenge ideas and creativity. Whatever the challenge is going to be this year will be decided on the "last day of term".

But before we all finally adjourn we have a Christmas

function. Yup, already planned, organised and booked in the collective diary for the start of December. One of our members, Margie, has kindly offered the use of her house and garden (hopefully garden as right now Mapua is coping with incessant rain) for our Christmas party. It is always a jolly occasion and our members are looking forward to socialising together and reflecting on this most extraordinary year.

On behalf of all our members I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

Glenys Forbes is the contact point for any information about the pastel group as - Glenys Forbes on 03 540 3388 or by email gmforbes@ts.co.nz.

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Getting pet-prepared for summer!

Wow what a weird year it has been! Hopefully we will all be able to have time to rest and recharge over summer before getting into a more normal 2021! Here are some things to think about for our animals so we avoid any unexpected complications and all enjoy the summer:

- If you are going away leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer. Have a chat so it's clear what your expectations are for your pet if something goes wrong, especially if you are not able to be contacted. If you are taking your pet with you, remember all their bits and pieces including any medication.
- Are your pets' vaccinations up to date? Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and Parvovirus plus Canine Cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure and don't leave it until the last minute!
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks/fishing line (often attached to a fish!) and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. There is definitely more chocolate around at Christmas so remember to keep it out of reach of your dog. Remember dogs are very good at finding the wrapped chocolate under the tree!
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs.
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that if eaten by your pet (especially dogs) can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.

- Toxic algae are a warm weather hazard in our rivers. It's safest to avoid the rivers in summer and head to the beach instead.
- Heatstroke is common over summer particularly in larger dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.
- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long haired cats, and advise clipping under ears and around the feet of long haired dogs. Some long haired dogs which aren't traditionally clipped (e.g. Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!
- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. This is particularly important for fluffy dogs especially spaniels, poodles and all their crosses. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!
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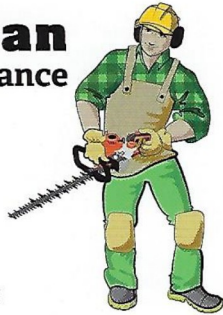


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