

## News from your community hall . . . . .



### Mapua Community Hall – October 2025 Newsletter

*Celebrating Community, Creativity, and 80 Years of Memories!*

Dear Hall Users!

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility while the art show was in the main hall.

#### Events

We have a STRONG community event being held at the Hall- Thursday the 30th October from 1pm onwards (setting) and the 31st Oct 8.30-3.30pm

The details are in their poster below.

They have hired the full venue for this event so both the Main hall and the Bill Marris wont be available for hire as it usually would be on these days.

You should of received an email from me last month is this affects your usual hire.

The Choir, Indy -African and belly dancing on Thursday evening, and Yoga Friday morning are affected ( Lynda I have you away this week on the Friday)

Apologies for the inconvenience this causes.

Full day and full venue event hire for 1 day or more means unfortunately regular users shorter slots get cancelled.

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

The meeting room is available for hire as usual both days but please be mindful they have hired the full venue but are happy for our meeting rooms to be in use over this time.

#### News

Our Hall has been so busy the lock box code has done the rounds now for awhile.

I will be changing the code pre xmas and let you know in this email when this happens.

The carpark is slowly having its lines painted!

You will see 2 new staff parks out the front of the hall entrance by the ATM, facing these will be our 2 new disable parks painted in yellow, to allow the access these hall patrons require. There is a no parking sign outside the main hall doors now, this is a no parking area. Due to it needing to remain clear for emergency vehicles should they be required.

Two new parks will also be created outside the toy library.

## Recent Highlights

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and participated in **The Mapua Literacy Festival** and **the Tasman National Art Awards**. These events were nothing short of inspiring, with a true celebration of local talent, storytelling, and creativity.

## **Mapua Community Hall** **80th Anniversary!**

We're thrilled to invite you to a very special evening:

**Friday 17th October**  
**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

### **Mapua Community Hall**

Join us as we mark **80 years** of history, community spirit, and countless memories made within these walls. The evening will include:

A colourful celebration of the hall's rich history

**Old-time packing competitions** (just like the good old days!)

**Live music & dancing**

**Delicious food provided**

**Cash bar available**

Whether you've been here for generations or are new to the area, we'd love for you to be part of this milestone.

**Please RSVP** so we can cater accordingly

Thank you all for continuing to support the Mapua Community Hall.

Here's to 80 more years of community, culture, and connection.

Packing competition  
Music  
Celebrating our hall's colourful history  
Come along for the party!

## Mapua Community Hall

# 80th Anniversary



**Fri-17th October 2025 6-9pm**

**Food is provided  
Cash bar**

**RSVP 03 540 2330**

**Tony Backhouse singing workshop**

**Sat, 18 Oct, 10am - Sun, 19 Oct, 3pm**

**Black Gospel! Rhythm & Freedom! Open to Everyone!**



Tony works with the passionate and exciting African-American repertoire, focusing on spirituals, gospel songs old and new, choral and quartet styles, and embracing South African church songs. The emphasis is on harmony, collective improvisation and freedom of expression.

No music-reading skills are required, and you may record the sessions.

**TICKETING** - We suggest pre booking as numbers are limited. Tickets CAN be purchased at the door. Please bring CASH as we do not carry credit card facilities.

**WHAT TO BRING** - Please bring your **own tea mug/cup** and BYO water bottle with water.

If you also bring **a share plate** for morning tea on one of the two days, that would be most appreciated.

**MORNING TEA** - Tea and light refreshment will be supplied.

**LUNCH** - We want to maximise your singing experience with Tony so BYO lunch. There are also nearby food outlets. The Village Bakery and a 4 Square supermarket is next door and the Sprig and Fern is across the road for food and drink open from 12 noon. The Wharf (1km away) has a cafe, restaurant and bar facilities.

**PARKING** - Availability for 20 cars on site. Plenty of parallel parks across the road.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## NBS Strong Community Symposium

Friday 31 October 2025, 8.30-3.30pm

### **IMPACT: Amplify Purpose, Minimise Footprint.**

In today's rapidly shifting landscape, the not-for-profit and for-purpose sectors are being called to do more, with less.

The 2025 *NBS Strong Community Symposium* is a gathering designed to help you rise to that challenge - equipping organisations with the tools, thinking, and connections needed to maximise impact and build long-term resilience.

This year's theme, *Impact*, explores two important aspects of operating in today's challenging environment:

- 1. Maximising organisational impact** through innovation, collaboration, and the smart use of technology.

## 2. Minimising environmental impact by embedding sustainable practices across strategy, governance, and day-to-day operations.

The program will cover various topics that are essential for building capability in the community sector. The presentations and discussions are being designed to provide valuable insights, practical strategies, and actionable steps that participants can implement in their organisations. There will be plenty of time for networking and building connections with fellow participants and industry experts.

Whether you're leading a not-for-profit or for-purpose organisation, running a social enterprise, or working behind the scenes in governance or comms, *The NBS Strong Community Symposium* is your opportunity to connect, learn, and re-energise your mission.

To get involved, contact [kim@commerce.org.nz](mailto:kim@commerce.org.nz)

### Donations:

*I am looking for donations of any xmas trees or decorations that are no longer needed for a Community Christmas family fun day taking place in Dec at the hall!*

*Details will be announced in your next newsletter.*

*Any donations can be dropped to me at the hall office Mon-Friday between 9 and 12pm. Thank you*

*Take care, from your Hall Coordinator.*

**We love to hear your feedback and suggestions,  
our Hall is 100% built, owned and run by our community.**



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