

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

the river, the land, the people

June 2021

## Motueka Catchment Collective

Motueka Catchment is a vast catchment. 1750km<sup>2</sup> in size with 16 smaller rivers - subcatchments –flowing into the Motueka river and contributing to its health on its journey from the headwaters of the Motupiko and out to sea at Ruiwaka. The catchment gives water to the many farms and orchards, is pumped for stock and human consumption, and enjoyed by many for recreation. Motueka town, including small private bores, take water from the large aquifer under the town which is fed by the Motueka River.

Like the river and its many tributaries, the idea of a whole Motueka Catchment Collective has been bubbling along gathering interest from catchment landowners since a first meeting in November last year initiated by concerned landowners in Tapawera area. It has been decided by the group that the upper Motueka Catchment extends from Motupiko to Ruiwaka. It is hoped that the coastal/ estuarine community will get involved as well. The collective's purpose is: *'To weave the communities in the Motueka catchment together around ensuring the wellbeing of the freshwater system and our collective environment.'*

Freshwater monitoring training is being done by landowners at various sites in the catchment using the SCHMACK kit. Bi-monthly talks have been held at the Shedwood Hall in Tapawera covering different issues and have been well-attended mostly by upper Motueka catchment residents. In February, Joseph Thomas Senior Resource Scientist at TDC spoke on the hydrology of the Motueka river especially the section from Kohatu to Wangapeka confluence.

April's talk was 'Forestry In the Catchment' with three speakers: Heather Arnold, Environmental manager with OneFortyOne (Nelson Forests), spoke of the environmental management of their 80,000ha of mostly Pinus Radiata in the Nelson, Marlborough and Tasman regions; Sam Nuske, Nelson Branch Manager PF Olsen, gave a forest management perspective on farming and forestry, and the opportunities for farm owners in terms of planting trees for carbon sequestration and pricing; and Ben Doherty from Te Uru Rakau [link]spoke of the One Billion Trees programme which had funded landowners to plant trees on an average of 25 ha of land but is now closed, and their current research and trial of durable and fast-growing eucalyptus species in Marlborough.



Looking ahead, the upper Motueka catchment group are organising a meeting with Andrew Fenemor who worked on the [Integrated Catchment Management for Motueka River](#). This was an 11 year research programme which started in July 2000 and was completed September 2011

This month, Sky Davies of Tasman Environmental Trust and Annette Litherland from NZ Landcare Trust will be hosting a meeting for landowners and community groups in the Ngatimoti area to determine who are interested in getting involved in the Motueka Catchment Collective. They will be talking about some of the projects already happening in our catchment and what our neighbours in the Moutere catchment are doing. They'd love to hear what types of activities landowners and other groups are interested in being part of. This could include things like native forest restoration, riparian planting, protecting our precious bush remnants, wetland protection or construction, and other land management actions such as Farm Environment Plans.

**Thursday 24th June, 730pm, Ngatimoti Community Room . All welcome.**

Fiona Nelson

Reporter

# Sub-Catchments



## Legend

— Highways





## Healthy Catchment Actions

Last month, the upper Motueka Catchment group held a meeting at Tapawera school with Kati Doehring – a freshwater ecologist at Cawthron Institute who is involved in the development of a [National Register of Land Management Actions](#). The idea of having a register is to record and measure the efforts that have been made by landowners to improve water quality within each rural catchment with fencing, planting, sediment and pest control. This will enable links to be made between those actions and the water quality outcomes to see what works best.

The register will record actions using a set of measures such as percentage of wetlands fenced, grazing practices implemented, number of sediment traps in place and number of trees planted. It will be a free online tool available on the Land Air Water Aotearoa ([LAWA](#)) website [link]. Each catchment's data of land management actions can then be compared with the existing (and updated) water quality data for that catchment. There are over 1400 river water quality monitoring sites around the country.

Four catchments have been chosen to pilot the project, two on the North Island and two on the South Island, one of which is the Motueka catchment.

*“The reasons for choosing the Motueka catchment is were that it has a range of diverse land users within the catchment as we wanted to get a really good representation from primary industries. We also already have had really goodstrong connections to the people through the Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) Programme which ran over a decade in the early 2000's.. And for the Cawthron Institute, it is a local catchment. Also we needed a mainly rural catchment which is also a LAWA monitoring site.”* Doehring said.

Importantly, the register will be voluntary and will present information only at a catchment scale, recognising the confidentiality and privacy of individual property owners. This was a concern raised by landowners at the meeting.

Already, NZ Landcare Trust and Tasman Environmental Trust funded projects, such as in the Moutere and Waimea Catchments, are being recorded as part of their



own reporting criteria, and this data can be stored and used for further purposes in the National Register. Various farmers and landowners at the meeting were willing to participate in the research to help refine the register and make it user-friendly for landowners.

As stated on their website, the register:

*‘...is structured to build on and combine existing recording initiatives by farmers, growers, iwi and hapu, primary sector bodies, community groups and councils, including actions implemented through farm environment plans (FEP)’.*

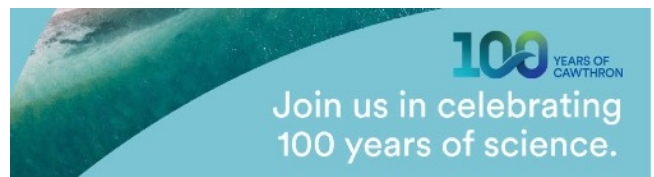
The next step is to go back to the various stakeholders and catchment care groups to see what they think of the register's design and whether anything crucial has been missed. Doehring stressed the importance of:

*“...sharing our stories about the work we have done to protect our river catchments, stories of the good that rural communities have already done”.*

For the next research phase, Doehring is looking to form a focus group of 10 farmers and landowners. Any farmers or landowners who would like to participate in a focus group can contact Doehring on 021 269 4201 or email [Kati.Doehring@cawthron.org.nz](mailto:Kati.Doehring@cawthron.org.nz)

Fiona Nelson

Reporter



### Motueka Valley Association

Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8pm (7.30pm in winter) in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms.  
*Everyone welcome!*

For community concerns email the MVA at [info@mva.org.nz](mailto:info@mva.org.nz) or contact any of the following **committee members**:

Peter Laufkotter	526 8554
Fiona Nelson	020 4160 1968
Joel Briffault	021 0784 7245
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## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

### 2021 TERM DATES

TERM 2: Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July

TERM 3: Mon 26 July - Fri 1 October

TERM 4: Mon 18 October - Monday 20 December



NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY  
SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER ☺

Stall holder applications open in Term 3  
Thank you for your continued support!



All of our students were treated to a day paddling a waka at Kaiteriteri with Waka Abel Tasman. The waka experience was valuable on many levels. It enabled students to enjoy being outside, to take up the challenge of paddling and working together and also to learn local stories and tikanga Māori. We are so lucky to have such great parent support at Ngatimoti School, so many many thanks to parents who were able to transport, supervise and/or help to paddle. Thanks to our Festival, the costs of the waka experience were all covered.



**It's cool to be an Enviroschool!** We were honoured to host teachers and student representatives from 13 schools to showcase Ngatimoti School's environmental ethos. Our local Enviro Schools co-ordinator organised the event, which involved our Enviro Leaders running and participating in a range of activities. Our students showed great knowledge and leadership.

New enrolments are welcome. For more information about Ngatimoti School please contact Alison Turner, Principal Tel: 03 526 8842. [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz) [www.ngatimoti.school.nz](http://www.ngatimoti.school.nz)



## MIDWINTER COMMUNITY



Friday 25 June, 6.30pm  
Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

Join us at 6.30pm.  
Soup will be simmering.  
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There'll be mulled wine and warm apple juice.  
Bring a dish to share and plates, bowls, cups & cutlery.

*See you there!*



## A Great Big Thank You

On behalf of the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group (MVDG) I would like to thank the individuals and community organizations that have generously contributed to the fund.

We have had some very generous contributors: The Lindsay-Davies family who contributed \$250 from the proceeds of the wonderful waterslide they have opened to the public; Ngatimoti Parent Group, \$300 from proceeds of the Ngatimoti Festival; Ngatimoti Rural Fire Force, \$1,840 to purchase an AED trainer; and two community members who choose to remain anonymous \$225 annual donation to sponsor the AED at the Ngatimoti Community Rooms and a \$100 annual commitment to support upkeep of the equipment.

The AEDs are in good operating condition and with the donation from the Ngatimoti Rural Fire Force we have purchased a trainer AED that will be used by the fire service to conduct CPR / AED training sessions throughout the year and our goal will be to hold public training sessions several times a year. One of the missions of the MVDG is to educate our community members on how to perform CPR and the use of the AED. This knowledge can save the life of your loved ones, your neighbours, or a member of the public visiting our region.

I can't stress enough how valuable it is to have these 3 AEDs located in our community and without your contributions we could not keep them operational. No donation is too big or too small ... any contribution is welcome.

The Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group is a registered charity (CC50792) and you can make a direct contribution to: NBS acc # 03-1354-0474291-00 or you can contact Gloria Anderson, Chairperson, 5268644 or email [ja.ga.kiwi@gmail.com](mailto:ja.ga.kiwi@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group, helping to keep our community prepared in an emergency.

Gloria Anderson, Chairperson

Thanks Seiji for including this in the June 2021 MVA Newsletter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kindest regards

Gloria Anderson

## Location of AEDs in Motueka Valley

- **Woodstock Automotive (Kerry Hall)**  
982 Dovedale Road, Woodstock Junction.
- **Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station**  
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- **Pokororo Hall**  
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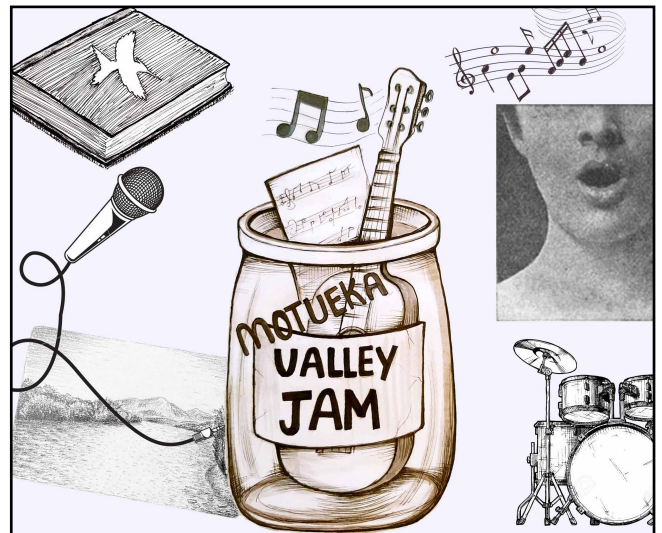
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