

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

the river, the land, the people

November 2021

## Living with our flooding river.

At the recent meeting “Flooding and Resilience” at Tapawera last month, organised by the Motueka Catchment Collective (MCC), we were reminded of the force of our mighty river in flood. As Lloyd Faulkner, a Tapawera resident said:

*“We need to realise and remember we are here on a floodplain and we’re going to get flooded, a river is a dynamic thing...”*

Over 40 residents braved the rainy night to hear from Lloyd Faulkner about the history of flooding, and Tasman District Council (TDC) representatives – Martin Doyle – Hydrologist, Rick Lowe – River Management and Bryan Scoles – Hazard Scientist.

TDC staff’s presentation included drone footage of the July flood, mainly flooded agricultural land and where the Motueka Valley Highway was undercut. Their presentation is available at <https://icm.landcareresearch.co.nz/knowledgebase/presentations/> . The more technical presentations

from MCC meetings are accessible here, together with other relevant information on the river from the Integrated Catchment Management programme's past work.

Discussion groups were then held to consider three questions: What have been the key impacts and lessons from flooding in the past?, How can we better prepare for the next flood event, and What can we do to improve resilience to increased storm and flood events for the long-term?

Important points were made regarding dumps being too close to the river and on the floodplain, accretion of land by landowners and farming right to the river’s edge. Also, willows having been used to catch debris as the river flows.

Gravel – its movement and extraction of it – was also discussed, and MCC are planning to hold a meeting on gravel next year 14<sup>th</sup> March. Before then, TDC will be assessing gravel levels, the amounts and qualities, and documenting where and what type of gravel is in the river. Extracting



Lower Motueka – just above Ngatimoti



gravel from river beds is well-known to have damaging environmental effects.

For the future, themes included improved fencing along the river, strategic planting of trees and vegetation - link to carbon credits, and discourage clearing of smaller channels. While there are 37 flow sites on Motueka River to detect flooding with 3 new flow gauges being installed by MPI in the Upper Motueka, it was recognised that better systems were needed to address flood warnings.

Setting-up of a community phone-tree, and support for affected land-users, farmers and lifestyle blockers were also identified. One resident pointed out that if it was not for neighbour support, he wouldn't have been able to repair or move his fences post flood.

Another important point was for local knowledge to be included in council's flood modelling. Scoles is collecting data about floods so people can make an informed choice when purchasing land and building, and how they will be affected by a 100 year flood. He is keen to hear from anyone who has photos of the recent floods or marked levels of where floods have reached in the past. He intends to establish a public resource of flood information. The more data on past flood events, the better modelling will be for the future. Email [Bryan.Scoles@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:Bryan.Scoles@tasman.govt.nz)

While the meeting was focussed on the

upper Motueka, it was well-noted that a similar meeting on flooding and gravel needed to be held for the lower Motueka from the Baton bridge seaward. TDC has \$1.5m/year for river maintenance so let's make sure they use it wisely.

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Reporter





### **Roundtable on Water Takes – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6.30pm Shedwood Hall**

This meeting is an agreed follow up to the Catchment Collective meeting in February on the hydrology of the Motueka river and its aquifer system (including the 2020 Cawthron review of monitoring associated with water allocation in the Upper Motueka River zone). All welcome. You don't have to be a member of the irrigators committee to attend but the committee & TDC will take a lead in organising it.

### **Catchment Management Action Plan Development – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3pm Shedwood Hall**

The Collective is at a point where it makes sense to develop an action plan that can assist in identifying catchment community needs and going out to get material and organisational support (with the administrative backup of Tasman Environmental Trust). We will be working through a template developed for catchment groups by NZ Landcare Trust and be led by the Trust. The plan is to meet in Shedwood Hall from 3pm till 5.30pm and then if people, perhaps in sub-catchment community groups, want to organise a picnic or meal together in Tapawera afterwards, it's a good opportunity for a social pre-Xmas get together. So, all welcome and good to think of your area's needs and maybe organise to come in together for the meeting. Its on a Tuesday so those who can't make Mondays might make this one!

Assuming we are all still under Covid level 2 conditions, please wear masks for the Shedwood Hall meetings and comply with the rules under Covid restrictions.

## **NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS**

### **2021 TERM DATES**

TERM 4: Mon 18 October - Monday 20 December



**Thank you** to everyone who helped organise this year's Festival, despite its cancellation!

Our **Plant Stall** went online and proved to be a huge success. Thank you to Marian and all the parents, staff, students and community members who grew, watered, packed, shopped and publicised this to ensure the plants were all sold.

Our **Silent Auction** also went online, and was very successful thanks to Kristin, Catherine and Kerri-Ann's great organisation! Thanks also to the wider community for your donations and support.



**Treasure Trove: We will hold a Ngatimoti Parents Group Garage Sale in the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall on Saturday 13 November from 10am - 2pm.**

All proceeds from this sale will be donated to the Ngatimoti School Community. Good quality books, magazines, fabric, clothes, household items, toys, puzzles and more. To donate to our sale, call Errilyn on 027 469 7263

***Watch this space and the Motueka Valley Community fb page for plans of a Community Quiz Night coming soon!***

New enrolments are welcome at Ngatimoti School. For more information 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)





**MVA is looking for new committee members**

Do you have an interest in the well-being of the Motueka Valley?

Do you have a couple of hours every month to attend meetings at Ngatimoti Community Rooms?

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

If you're interested or have questions, contact one of the committee members or email [info@mva.org.nz](mailto:info@mva.org.nz).



**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 0284 7245
Fay Knight	022 320 0449

**local halls/facilities**

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*Normal Services will resume when we reach level 1. In the meantime, we are gathering outside each Sunday at 10.30am for fellowship and prayers.*

*If level 1 permits, we will have our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Service with Murray McCaskey on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am. If not at level 1 we will still meet, but remain outside.*

*All Welcome*

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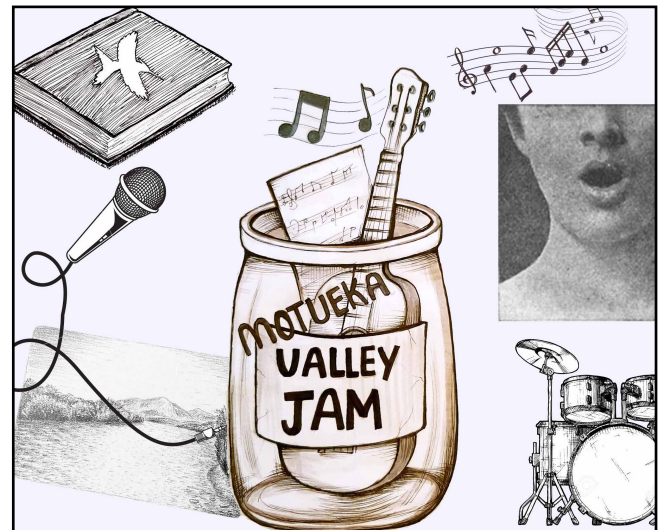
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