

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

December 2011

MVA Meeting

16 Nov 2011

The bad news was that Ruedi Mosimann is 'resigning' as our newsletter editor/compiler.

The good news is that Wendy Whitehead is taking over this role.

Our little monthly newsletter is an excellent form of community communication and has been readily read in the locals' homes for many years now. Thanks for this goes to the volunteers who make that happen. Two years ago Ruedi took over the editor's job from Denise McQuarrie who has lived in the Valley for many years. He was relatively new to the area (and the language) but rose to the challenge and did a splendid job.

Wendy is a new valley resident and an old-hand at computers. The committee was very pleased when Wendy offered to complete our web page (which has been running in its "in progress" state for a few years) and even more pleased when she agreed to be the new editor of the MVA newsletter starting Feb 2012. Thanks Wendy.

Thanks also goes to Anne-Marie for the free delivery service. 500 newsletters are delivered on the second Thursday of each month. Much appreciated.

In reviewing the "multiple-occupancy" public meeting held in October, the high level of interest in the issue was acknowledged. Trevor Norriss received 29 calls from locals following the meeting - more than for any other issue. The committee agreed to continue its role in keeping residents informed of the TDC process of reviewing the Tasman Resource Management Plan which will take place over the next few years. MVA will also keep reminding residents that they need to make submissions in this review of the planning rules. Be in to be heard.

Enjoy the summer days with your family, friends and neighbourhood.

Motueka Valley Cycle Trail: Update

In the April Newsletter, Lesley explained that the MVA was looking for a group to help find the best route for the Motueka Valley section of the Tasman Great Taste Trail. This will connect the Nelson-Mapua-Motueka section (now under construction) with the Nelson-Wakefield-Kohatu-Tapawera section (scheduled next), and complete the loop.

Eight Valley residents offered to help. This group has now met several times, clarified that our brief is to suggest a route between Stanley Brook and Woodman's Corner, and between us, biked and walked much of the Valley. This has led to several tentative conclusions which we would like to share

with you, our Valley neighbours.

Firstly, the Trail is intended to benefit both locals and visitors. While the latter may provide most of the economic justification for building it (through tourism benefits for local businesses), the former - we and our families - will be the ones who use it most regularly. For the first time we can look forward to a safe, attractive route along the Valley for daily access to schools, shops and recreation.

Secondly, we think that our section of the Trail should follow the Motueka River as closely as possible. While there will be constructional challenges (particularly where the road is close to the river), the river is the outstanding feature of the Valley. Biking along its banks may well prove to be the highlight of the whole Tasman Great Taste Trail.

Thirdly, we feel the Trail should use existing bridges, with clip-ons where necessary. We suspect it will prove too expensive, and too complicated, to suggest a route that requires new bridges over the Motueka River or its major tributaries.

Fourthly, we suggest that the Trail should be constructed on public land as much as possible. However, while road reserve is available in many places, whatever route the Trail eventually takes, some access over private land - and over land where rights of access may be unclear (eg paper roads and stop banks) - seems unavoidable.

Fifthly, and following from the points above, we think that the East Bank will generally be more suitable for the Trail than the West Bank, except for the portion between the Baton Bridge and the Pokororo Swing Bridge where either bank looks feasible. Here, most of us are inclined to favour the West Bank so that the Trail overall will use both banks and include the special crossing of the Swing Bridge.

So what do you think? We (listed below) would welcome any initial reactions/suggestions, particularly from those who could be immediately affected by the Trail. Nothing is fixed yet and realistically our section of the Cycle Trail, which will involve careful consultation, is some years from construction. However, the sooner the preferred route is agreed, the sooner funding can be sought and construction can commence. We will keep you informed of further developments via this newsletter.

This is a project for all of us in the Motueka Valley. It needs your input to get it right.

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We have had excellent results at the recent interschool's athletics days. We are very proud of our student's attitudes, their respect for others and their performance. Our last day at school this year will be Wednesday 14 December when we will hold our leavers and end of year assembly at 11am. All are welcome to wish our Year 8's the very best at High School and celebrate all that has been 2011. School resumes on Thursday 2 February 2012. The office will be open for new enrolments and enquiries on Wednesday 1 February from 9-12am.

SWIMMING POOL OPENING

Hip Hip Hooray! It's feeling pretty summery out there and our school pool is looking lovely and inviting with a fresh coat of paint! **The pool is now open!** Keys are available from the school office at a cost of \$40, with a \$10 refund on return of your key at the end of the season. There is the usual safety agreement to sign and the pool is open to key holders from 12pm – 6pm every day throughout the school holidays. You may purchase a pool key throughout the holidays from Maurice at school. There is also a Koha box at the school pool for guests of key holders or other members of the public to make a donation towards the costs of keeping our school pool open throughout the summer. Many thanks for supporting the school in this way.

We look forward to 2012 when we will have our new classroom open and of course lots of exciting things going on. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe holidays from everyone here at school.

Friends of St. James Church Ngatimoti



Sunday, 18th November, at 10.30a.m.

Communion Service

Conducted by Rev. Joy Bradley

Sunday School and Prize Giving

Morning Tea to follow

Saturday 24th December 7.30pm

Christmas Eve

Carol Singing with the Motueka District Brass

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall Committee

Meeting held on 21-11-2011

Subject: Brief update.

A) Yearly funding request from TDC for the Hall.

1) Committee has requested monies to re-roof Hall as well as any structural roof damage caused by water damage.

B) Hall usage.

1) Average over the year of one (1) private function a month.

2) Other usages are MVA meetings on a monthly basis and Chimuka Marimba on a weekly basis.

3) **MOST IMPORTANT** for MV-Residents: There is plenty of space available for additional functions.

C) New stage curtains have been added.

1) Have a look they are very elegant.

2) A great effort by Angela Strachan and special thanks to Guthrie Bowron for a most reasonable price.

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall Committee

Paul Wielandt

Ngatimoti Reserve Committee

Meeting held on 23-11-2011

Brief update :

A) Yearly funding request for Reserve projects to go to TDC

1) Additional tree planting for newly acquired land.

2) Additional water tank to enhance capacity.

3) costing for the addition of a discharge field to alleviate costly emptying of septic holding tank.

B) Canvas sails for BBQ area have been approved for purchase with hopeful installation before the end of the year.

C) Request was made for a small gate between Reserve and School.

1) Pump track access prohibitive for smaller kids to get bikes over the fence.

2) Safety issue. Keep kids from using the main highway.

D) A lot of work and effort over the years from previous committee members should be **COMMENDED**. For the community has a great Reserve to be enjoyed by all.

Thank you previous members for that effort.

E) Input and suggestions are most welcome. We need your input and ideas.

The Reserve Committee

Paul Wielandt

MVA Committee Members

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