

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

May 2012

MVA 18th April Meeting

The MVA joined in with many other submitters to the TDC Draft 10 year Plan and commented against the proposed withdrawal of funding towards the Great Tasman Taste Trail. The reasons went something like this . . .

In our community plan 2004/5 one of the MVA goals stated was to develop walk/cycle trails for our area & to research paper roads, reserve & public areas & land titles along the Motueka river for this purpose.

In 2008 with increasing number of cyclists on the Motueka highway, the MVA asked TDC to erect signs alerting motorists to cyclists & encouraged cyclists to wear high viz gear.

However, the MVA made little progress on the developing of trails as the land usage issues are complicated, a probable lack of usage (trails need to be used or they get overgrown), concerns with maintenance, (who would maintain & who would pay?) and costs generally - budgets & engineering issues were beyond our skill base.

2011 saw an opportunity arise with the Nelson Tasman Loop Trail planned by the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust with kick-off funding from central government. The Cycle Trust was invited to a MVA meeting and a MVA trail subgroup was formed to work on the route up the valley.

It now seemed that a cycle/walk trail up the Motueka river could become a reality. The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust helps negotiating land issues, has engineering experience & know how and is developing a maintenance plan with realistic funding. With the loop 170km concept attractive to touring cyclists there'd be increased usage with visitors as well as locals making it more viable. And costs would be boosted by central and local government funding.

We all know that the gem of the Motueka valley is the river. However there is very little access apart from some fishing access and generally people drive down the Motueka valley with just a glimpse of the river every now & then. The Motueka highway cannot be widened (land usage restrictions & a huge expense as there is no Transit funding for this non-highway) and a better/cheaper solution is to build a separate walk/cycle trail.

The general push for the Great Tasman Taste Trail is because of obvious regional commercial benefits. These economic effects will build and ripple through the community. However, the MVA sees that the benefits for the local residents in their own daily lifestyles are just as important. Walking or cycling in rural areas like ours, you are forced onto the main road. Even kids going to school are discouraged because it's too dangerous. As you see in Nelson & Motueka towns – put the trails in and they get used.

Councillor Norriss always emphasizes that TDC needs to concentrate on core services and that we (MVA) need to look at unnecessary expenses & projects to cut from the LTP. We believe that bike trails ARE a core transport service & funding must be negotiated as such. TDC must show leadership in acknowledging that bike/walk trails are core transport (not only recreation).

Tasman Bay Vets starts regular Thursday Motueka Valley service

With the cost of everything going up these days we'd like to save you money! We are organising a regular Thursday morning run to do routine calls up the Motueka Valley. We'll go up either Westbank Road or the Mot Valley highway, depending on where we are needed. We'll travel back into Motueka via either Dovedale or Orinoco, again depending on where calls are located.

Where we can organise more than one call to your area we can save you money on mileage costs. Simply phone us 3-4 days in advance for an appointment and we'll try to schedule all routine farm work in your area for the same morning so the mileage charges can be shared between clients saving everyone money.

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May MVA Meeting

7.30pm WEDNESDAY 16 MAY
NGATIMOTI MEMORIAL HALL
Everyone welcome

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Family Church Service

St James Ngatimoti

10:30 a.m. 20th May, 2012

Conducted by Rev. Ross Heyward

Morning tea to follow

A very warm welcome to all

Pokororo Women's Club

We meet first Wednesday of each month
at the Pokororo Hall

usually at 7.30pm for fun, friendship, and
sometimes fundraising for local causes.

We welcome new members

For more information call Ann at 5268076

May greetings from school!! Our Term 2 whakatauki at school is **Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ait e iwi - With your food basket and my food basket, there will be ample.** This links well to the learner's quality we are focussing on this term – "caring for and connecting with others". As a part of this, students have a buddy and we encourage them to look out for each other in the playground and during enviro-time. Another aspect of this is involving the community in our school life. If you would like to help out in a class, please ring Ali at school.

GO WILD. Six of our students have taken part in the official celebration of the launch of this fabulous new book *Go Wild*, which is all about native bush in the Nelson-Tasman districts. It is an honour to have Ngatimoti School recognised in this book for our environmental education over many years.

Ngatimoti Festival 2012 – Sunday 21 October

Our famous Ngatimoti Festival is just 6 months away and over the next few months organisation will start in earnest. For those of you who are new to the community or unfamiliar with the Festival, this is organised by the parents of our school and is the one main fundraising event of the year to generate funds for Ngatimoti School.

The Festival has proven to be very popular, attracting almost 5000 visitors each year from all over the Nelson & Tasman regions with the last couple of Festivals raising over \$20,000 each year. The donated funds have been used to buy student laptop computers, sports uniforms, sports equipment, music and arts performances, maintain the swimming pool as well as subsidising school trips and transportation and, importantly, allowing school donations from parents to continue at their current low level.



The Parent Group relies on parents, family and friends of Ngatimoti School to assist with the organising of the Festival as well as helping out on the key days of set up, festival day and clean-up day. It's great fun being involved and lots of hands make light work for everyone. Everyone's participation and support is valued and appreciated. Without active participation from parents, it wouldn't be possible to run such a big event.

There will be various opportunities to help and support our festival organisation over the coming months. To all those many long-time Festival supporters and to those getting involved for the first time, thank you!! Your help really does make a difference and makes the Ngatimoti Festival the great event that it is. We are all looking forward to another great day, if you can offer any help, have any suggestions or general enquiries please call us at school on 526 8842.

Motueka Quilting Connection Quilt Show 2012

is being held at the Moutere Hills Community Centre over three days Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 19-21 May. This fabulous annual event showcases our members' work



Chris Kenna, well known quilt maker and quilt teacher from Wellington, will be our Guest Exhibitor. This years show will also have on display the 'Hoffman Challenge Quilts' from quilters around New Zealand, and the Members Challenge, themed "a view through a window".

The public attending the show have a chance to Vote for their favourite quilt, along with the challenge quilts.

Anyone interested in seeing just what can be achieved with needle and thread will not be disappointed. The show runs from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday 19th May until and including Monday the 21st May. Admission is \$3 – complimentary tea and coffee. Raffle \$2 (4 prize draws with the 1st prize being a Bernette sewing machine donated by Bernina Sewing Centre). Dave and Margaret Prebble from Bernina Sewing Centre, Nelson will have a stand at the show and will be available to help with any machine issues.

This year part proceeds of the Raffle will be supporting Hospice and SPCA.

MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	528 9122
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Karen O'Malley	526 8211

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