

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

August 2012

A bit of an overview of the MVA

How time flies. I've been on the MVA committee for 10 years! For many years before that I often read the MVA newsletter and thought, "oh I should get involved." It took a few more years before the time was right and now I've almost become "one of the oldies." Anyway sometimes one thinks, 'is it really worth it?' So I made a list of what the MVA has done or helped achieve since 2002.

The list is as follows;

- put out the monthly MVA newsletter which is presently financed via local advertisers and TDC, printed at the Ngaitmoti school and delivered for free by Rural Deliveries. It was previously sponsored by First National. The newsletter gives 'voice' to the wider community from the school, Ngatimoti Festival, Pokororo Fair, St James church, civil defence, police, Mountain Valley Trust, local groups eg womens' group, art group, bowls, netball, tennis, yoga, Qigong and slide shows. There were some local profiles and interviews and even competitions for short stories & poetry. Written personal views on local issues are always welcome.
- created a Community Plan
- initiated the community-painted mural on the wall of Ngatimoti Memorial hall
- organised the Bonfire Night together with the Volunteer Firebrigade
- set up the Local Business Directory that gets updated every few years
- Working Bees against Old Mans Beard on QE2 areas
- organised a variety of local events; Gumboot Games 2005, Picnic at White Rock, Social Dances, a Season of Dance Classes, Visiting local properties, "Meet the Candidate", Community Potluck meal, and the recent Mid Winter Madness
- invited Guest Speakers from poets, marine scientists, mayor to webmasters, weed eradicators to natural burial expert
- co-ordinated roadside rubbish collection on Keep NZ Clean days
- met regularly with our elected TDC Councillors for a 2-way communication process
- applied for Community Grant for the 150th First Settlers' Commemoration (successful)
- wrote submissions to TDC regarding such matters as Ward & Councillor Representation, LTCCP, Walking & Cycling Strategy, Amalgamation
- opposed microchipping of dogs, Motueka pool, District & Regional Facilities Rate, an overkill on septic tank inspections
- set up a website; mva.org.nz
- opposed the removal of Flora Hut
- kept an eye on road conditions - applied for a speed limit in Ngatimoti (rejected), Graham (lower) Valley sealing (rejected). realigning Black Bridge (successful)
- provided a forum for local issues with direct contact to TDC eg heavy traffic on Waiwhero Rd (little action pos-

sible)

- advised on road signage - clearer directional signs on the highway, removal of unconsented commercial signs, erecting bike warning signs
- worked closely with TDC in establishing the new fire-station and community room
- supported local petitions eg endeavouring to get Graham Valley Rd changed to a "Special Purposes Road" (rejected), to Telecom re broadband connection (not much luck)
- worked with the Reserve Committee in the application for the projector
- facilitated discussions on local issues eg.1080, local government rates, relocating the Memorial Ngatimoti Hall
- made donations eg Motueka Community Hospital, St James church
- facilitated a public meeting on Multiple Occupancy
- encouraged community events by paying the hall rental for any resident-initiated community events
- established a bike subgroup to 'route finders' for the Great Tasman Taste Trail

Anyway I think it IS valuable having a residents' group that exists as a vehicle for local issues when they arise and it's definitely positive having the direct communication with the TDC. So I'll probably stay on for a while yet.

However . . . oldies are always seeking new blood to keep the wheels turning. So if you're interested to get involved in local stuff, come along to the

MVA AGM on Wed 15 August.

Lesley Hadley

MVA AGM

15 August Ngatimoti Memorial Hall
7.30 with guest speakers Robin and Sandy Toy
talking about Kiwi monitoring with Friends of Flora
Interested community minded people needed.

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti

Family Church Service 10:30 a.m. 19th August, 2012
Conducted by Rev. Murray Mc Caskey
Children welcome to Sunday School Morning tea to follow

Ngatimoti Hall Hire

Anyone wanting to hire the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall in July, August, September should contact Angela Strachan 5268797

The Ngatimoti Memorial Hall came to life last month with lights, music and decoration as an extremely successful Ngatimoti Winter Get-together was enjoyed by about 150 people who talked, danced, ate and generally enjoyed themselves. There was a wonderful collection of locals and those from afar as people came from Nelson, Auckland and Motueka.

A special thanks to those who manned the door, supplied and managed the braziers, supervised the kitchen, and cleaned up the next day, to help make the evening such a success.

This is the term when our famous festival is put together – we've already booked the sunshine, and with our school and community involvement it's sure to be another great day. Throughout this term we would appreciate donations of items for our school fundraising stalls such as second hand books and good quality small treats for the lucky dip. A stallholder's form is included here for your own creative enterprises. Any ideas, suggestions, offers of help or donations are gratefully received. Please don't hesitate to call us at school with any questions.

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COME AND SEE THE FLORA KIWI

Robin and Sandy Toy have some wonderful pictures, stories and information of the 12 Great Spotted Kiwi that were translocated into the Flora - our resident kiwi. "The Toys" will be our guest speakers at the MVA meeting. They are Friends of Flora's (FOF) contracted kiwi monitoring people and as well as doing a wonderful job tracking, transmitting, documenting and researching, they have also trained some of our volunteers in the art of kiwi monitoring.



Challenges always face such large projects and of particular interest presently is the continuing focus on genetic monitoring which has implications as FOF seeks to establish a sustainable kiwi population in the Flora. The challenge is that small populations caused either by translocation (as in the Flora) or through fragmentation have low genetic diversity. This has two possible implications:

1. A reduced ability to adapt which may show as increased susceptibility to disease
2. Inbreeding depression which results in reduced survival or reproductive success of individuals.

This is not merely theoretical, it has been demonstrated in little spotted kiwi. The effects of this loss may not become evident for a long time, especially in long-lived birds such as great spotted kiwi, but failure to take account of the issue now is likely to result in poor population viability in the future.

The good news is that great spotted kiwi have the highest genetic diversity of all the kiwi species. Also in our favour are the large size of the Flora project area and the presence of kiwi in the adjoining Cobb valley. However we will need at least one more translocation (fundraising has started) and we will need to monitor breeding success in order to ensure we have a genetically robust kiwi population.

Come & hear more August 15th Ngatimoti Hall MVA AGM

Lesley Hadley for Friends of Flora

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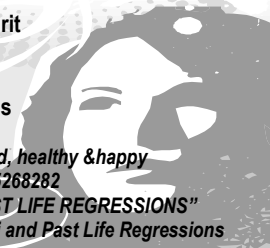
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