

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

November 2012

MVA Meetings

Thirty-three people attended the September meeting showing the continued interest in the issue of Multiple Occupancy.

It's one year since the public meeting and the MVA is keen to see that the issue doesn't disappear from TDC's agenda.

Two TDC Councillors, Trevor Norriss & Brian Ensor attended

Trevor repeated that regarding the Motion 1 from the public meeting (see Sept. newsletter) TDC is planning to review the TRMP especially in regard to the rural situation. This would not be happening until 2013/14.

Regarding Motion 2 he said that TDC could not NOT act on any complaints they received. He also acknowledged that TDC would need 40 compliance officers to address infringements that were brought to their notice.

There was plenty of discussion that followed and as has since been reported in the local newspapers, the councillors have urged the TDC at their Environment & Planning meeting to get a rural review draft plan out well before the next local body elections.

At the October meeting it was agreed to pay from MVA accumulated funds the following contributions;

- \$200 to the Pokororo Hall management community group
- \$500 to Friends of Flora community group for their conservation work
- the Ngatimoti Memorial hall hire for 2 recent community events; Mid Winter Madness and River Song.

Burn Baby Burn

Burning issues.....enough clichés,....lets talk about keeping you, your house and property safe when burning garden rubbish and tree prunings. This article is more about safety than burning. Before you decide to burn think if there are alternatives, could you compost or mulch the material. Could it be used to suppress other vegetation and provide habitat for birds, skinks and insects.

If you decide you need to have a fire, contact Waimea Rural Fire Authority at 03-544-2441 if you are on the eastern side of the Motueka River or DoC at 5281810 if you are on the western side of the river for a permit. Read the permit carefully. It will have certain conditions you have to meet before you light your fire. These will have to do with maximum wind speed and direction, pressurised water requirement, and minimum distance from the fire to other flammable material.

Now it is time for you to use your good decision making by choosing the correct day, time of day and location for a safe fire. Fire loves valleys and going up hill, do not light a fire in a valley or on a hill. Take the prunings to a flat area and create a fire break by clearing any grass and debris surrounding the pile. The larger the fire break the safer the fire. Even with light winds it is surprising how the heat from a fire will carry ash and sparks high into the air and far away. You can never be too careful.

Use common sense and look at weather forecast, do not take risk. It is great to burn after a rain but remember we often have a clearing Southerly wind after a rain and you will read about that in the next paragraph. Watch the forecast carefully and use local knowledge of your area. It will be a condition of your permit that the fire must be out by night time. This is to avoid false alarm callouts from people seeing flames and calling 111.

We recently attended a fire where the landowner had a permit and lit a fire on a hillside with tall gorse and high grass above the fire and with a southerly wind forecast. He lit it in the morning before the southerly arrived and claimed he met his permit requirements. We are always keen to help because accidents happen, but please do your part to minimize the risk.

Do not hesitate to use an emergency service but try not to get to that point. A fire out of control puts people, houses and property at risk and you will be liable for the cost of damage to other peoples property and possibly fire fighting cost. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Rural Fire Network or a local volunteer fire fighter.

Tips from the Experts



Denise & Neil by their Daffy Shack, "It's a mad hobby, but we love it."

Congratulations to Ngatimoti residents Denise (ex MVA newsletter editor) and Neil McQuarrie who have had a particularly stunning year winning Champion Awards at both the North and South Island National competitions and at the World Convention held this year in Christchurch. This achievement definitely follows lots of dedication, hard work and joy of working in the garden.

For us less dedicated but still interested, here are a few tips from the champion growers;

- plant daffodill bulbs in March/April when the ground is cooler. Water to get the roots growing.
- after flowering DON'T be tempted to cut the yellowing foliage until it had died off (it's feeding next year's bulbs).
- in Spring the bulb fly can lay maggots which eat the bulb out. To prevent this fly getting in, rake over any holes left by dying foliage.
- let weeds and grass grow over your naturalised daffodills (weeds are summer green mulch)
- if you want to move bulbs, lift in mid summer - dry off in the shade then store in cool, dry place.

The Ngatimoti Festival We did it again Together we excelled!!

What a fantastic day for the Ngatimoti Festival; we are yet again astounded by the generosity of people and businesses, the turnout on the day and the atmosphere was just great! This Festival was huge in every way, so to all the people who made this possible, a huge THANK-YOU from us all at school! In particular we would like to thank:

- Our staff and our wonderfully supportive and generous local community of parents, ex-parents and supporters – that's YOU!
- Lisa, Lou, Amanda, Dorit, Kirsten, Maya, Maurice and Jennifer - a supreme team!
- Glenn and the great musicians
- Brad Thomas for his awesome truck
- All the local businesses who generously donated items for the silent auction
- The businesses who donated their marquees for the day
- N S Rogers, Gordon Handy Machinery and Fulton Hogan
- The rural delivery posties, Fuji Xerox and The Nelson Mail for help with advertising
- TDC and our Ngatimoti Community Reserve Committee
- Our local artists
- Our local farmers

Your comments, feedback and suggestions regarding our festival are always valued and welcome, we have raised more than \$30,000 for our school from this years' festival and we think it's a great event that celebrates the school and community we live in; involving young and old for the benefit of all who live in this beautiful valley!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

- 1ST Prize in the festival Cake Competition was awarded to Melanie Edmonds for her delicious Lemon Meringue Pie!
- 2nd Place: Kath Kelly with a Louise cake
- 3rd Place: Marios Gavalas' yummy Carrot cake!



Our Second-hand bargains filled the Community Rooms on Festival Day!

MVA Committee Members

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR TERM FOUR:

This term our focus is on having fun safely in the outdoors and also on being innovative. We started the term with a mini unit on Road Safety with our local Police Education Officer, Gerry Tonkin. This was successful, and reinforced the message that our roads are not particularly safe for our children. The Police believe that students under 10 years old should not be riding their bikes to school unsupervised. I would say that parents really need to know that their children have full control of their bike and an understanding of rules and protocols if they are to ride to school, even if they are 10 years or older. The use of High Vis vests is strongly encouraged for cyclists, as is a correctly fitting helmet and a road safe bike.

As all classes are working towards their class camps this term, there is an emphasis on working together and also on caring for our environment. We have a unit of work planned on Harakeke in Week 5, which will involve all students in mixed class groups. We welcome any involvement from parents or the community!

Our whakatauki for the term is Whatungarongaro te tangata toi tu whenua. As man disappears from sight, the land remains. What could this mean in terms of caring for our one and only Planet Earth, our attitudes and our actions?

Ngatimoti Bowling Club News

We have now started our new season with 14 members. This is encouraging for our small club. There is plenty of room for more players!

We meet every Tuesday evening at 5.30. Play, then have a shared meal of sausages and whatever members bring. On Saturdays we meet at 1.30 for an afternoon of bowls. Any one who would be interested to have a try at this game is welcome to come and have a go.

There are bowls at the club for you to use and you will be shown how to play and encouraged by our keen members. Contact: Madeline Rogers 5268884, or Ian Benbow 035432546

COME AND HAVE A TRY

MVA Meeting

Wed 21 November
8pm Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti

Family Service
St James, Ngatimoti.
10:30 a.m. 18th November, 2012
Conducted by Rev. Ross Heyward
Sunday School
Morning tea to follow
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**Pokororo Arts and Crafts Fair
Sunday 13th January 2013**

Applications for art, craft and food stalls are now being accepted for the 2013 Pokororo Craft Fair held annually at Pokororo Hall and grounds on Sunday January 13th, 2013. Site numbers are limited, so prompt applications are advised. Site fees are \$30 for art and craft and \$50 for food stalls. Power \$10 extra, limited no. All fees payable with application. Cheques made payable to Pokororo Fair. All applications will be acknowledged by phone, email or letter. Buskers welcome. No animals on hall grounds. Stalls to be ready by 9.00 a.m. Proceeds to Pokororo Hall

Application form for Pokororo Fair Sunday 13 th. Jan. 2013

NAME:.....
ADDRESS:.....
PHONE:..... EMAIL:.....
No. of Art & Craft 3 metre sites@ \$30 ea :.....
Type of goods being sold.....
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Jane or Greg on (03) 744-1112 (Motueka no.)

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