

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

December 2012

MVA Meetings

Thanks and Happy Holidays

Many thanks to all those persons who helped in some way to keep the wheels of MVA meetings, Mid Winter Madness and newsletters rolling.

Community spirit is alive and well; sometimes celebrated together, often lying latent and other times sparked through differences of ideas and opinions. It's an important factor adding to the quality and spice of valley life.

Enjoy your holiday period, whether you travel away or spend it all here. Take time to relax with friends and family and take care on the roads, in the rivers, in the hills and wherever else you may be. Let's hope for good amounts of sunshine and rain but no monster storms.

The first 2013 MVA newsletter will be back in your letterbox in February. Meantime have a good summer and lots of good luck for 2013.

Lesley Hadley for MVA

MVA Meeting

Final 2012 MVA Meeting 8pm Wed 19 December
Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

The Story of the Community BBQ

Way back in 2008 when the previous Reserve Committee was in office, we applied for funding for a BBQ area, as we felt it would be a good focus for the Reserve and the growing community. Little did we know what a mission it would be!

The first hurdle was finding the BBQ. Steve Anderson spent many hours trying to locate one similar to those at Rabbit Island, only to find that actually obtaining one was near nigh impossible. Not only had the company that makes them moved to Australia, but their agent over here was totally elusive.

Then one day I happened to go to an appliance shop in Richmond, and by sheer chance noticed they had an amazing stainless steel BBQ on show. A lodge had ordered it and then cancelled. After some discussion they agreed to let us have it at the wholesale price, which was not only a fantastic bargain, but also a great relief, as we had now finally found our BBQ.

The next step was designing the shape of the concrete pad and the surrounding walls, positioning the BBQ to face away from the midday sun, so the chef wouldn't be blinded. We also liked the Adobe look, which is warm, colourful and multi-textured, just like our growing community. We designed the profile of the wall to replicate the shape of the mounds of the pump track, which is directly behind the BBQ.

Steve Anderson and Gavin Scott spent days boxing the area with wood donated by Trevor Knowles, reinforcing and laying the concrete, which was a huge undertaking. Under Maurice's supervision, PD workers did the block work for the surrounding walls, which we are thankful for. Uwe, Sarah and I then spent many more hours re-laying the tiles individually, as the previous night's rain had

washed them off the netting they were originally glued onto in perfect order. It was a little disheartening to find our efforts washed off and all piled in a heap the next morning! Alan Brereton kindly did the welding on the posts for the shade sails and Sarah Bradshaw, Leeson. Paul Wielandt, Ross Hadley, Mike Graham, Mark Lowe and Don Sutherland all spent a great deal of energy sorting out and digging in the posts and positioning the sails, and arranging the fitting of the sails which were made by Rowan Boot. Finally, we got a solenoid fitted to the gas bottle and a timer wired to the main BBQ which is set to 30 minutes.



For this we had to have a trench dug by Neil Edwards who helped us out for this with his digger.

We still have a few more jobs to finish, the main one being connecting the water to the tank, as we are worried about the tap being left on and the tank emptied. We have now raised the money for another tank for back up which we hope to connect soon, as without water it is very difficult to clean the BBQ properly. For now there is a bucket of water and cloths available under the BBQ sink for this.

I would just like to say many thanks to the TDC and the committee both past and present and to the wider community who gave so generously with their help. With all their combined efforts, this huge task is now almost complete and the main BBQ is finally up and running. It really is a Community BBQ, there for all of us to use. Look out for the instructions on using the timer and general safety guidelines. For the moment, the smaller BBQ (for veggie/desserts) is also not quite ready, as we are looking into fitting it with another solenoid and timer. Until that is completed, it is turned off. However, if someone expressly needs to use it, we can turn it on by arrangement.

The committee is also planning to plant fruit trees to enhance the area and has agreed to make the BBQ free for the community to use. We will replace the gas when necessary. We just ask that you clean up afterwards and enjoy!

So when you've been swimming or fishing or playing tennis, remember that there is a state of the art barbecue waiting at the Reserve. If there are any problems arising with the BBQ, or the gas running out you can contact:

Sarah Bradshaw 526 8026 or me on 526 8700

*Pam Coleman, Treasurer,
Ngatimoti Reserve Committee, Dec 2012*

We are very pleased to announce that Parent Group have made a donation to school of \$30,000 following this year's amazing Festival. We are extremely grateful to Parent Group for this very generous donation and plan to use it wisely for the benefit of our children who are at school now. In addition to this main donation, Parent Group has decided to buy the school a funky new BBQ for use throughout the year! We have an open door here at school and would welcome any feedback and/or suggestions from the community.

MUSIC RECITAL – THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER – 7PM All of Glenn's piano, guitar and recorder students are putting on a concert to showcase their skills on Thursday 13 December at 7pm in the Indigo Room at school. Parents, caregivers and friends are all very welcome – come along and support our budding musicians!

Community Celebration BBQ – Saturday 15 December on the Ngatimoti Reserve
Parent Group are organising an end of year celebratory BBQ for all in the school and wider community on Saturday 15 December from 4pm onwards. A sausage sizzle will be provided. BYO Drinks, Chairs etc and a plate of salad or a side dish to share. The school pool and pump track will be open. Come along and celebrate another successful year for our school and the community. Thank you for your continued support. See you there!

Thanks Variety Club! We nominated some students to receive a free bike and helmet from the Variety Club and we are rapt to say that these students have now been presented with their new bikes – just in time to take them away on school camp! Congratulations to Wolfgang O'Donohue-Rogers, Zachary Ashley-Walsh and Naomi Lang for being good friends to all, positive role models and respectful students.

Swimming Pool Keys
Our school pool is now OPEN! You may purchase a key for the season at a cost of \$40, with \$10 refundable on return of your key at the end of the summer. Please call into the office any school morning and see Amanda. Payment can be made online to "Ngatimoti School Board of Trustees" Account 03 0693 0121445 00 (please reference "pool key") or by cash or cheque in the school office. There is also a dona-

tions box at the entrance to the pool for occasional users. Please note that the pool is only open to the public outside of school hours until the end of term and there may be organised lessons taking place in the pool too. Notices will be posted at the pool side. Thank you for supporting our school and helping us to keep this excellent facility open for public use.

We would like to wish everyone in the community a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from everyone here at Ngatimoti School;
We return for 2013 on Thursday 7 February.

TERM DATES
Term Four ends Tuesday 18 December 2012
Term One 2013 Thursday 7 Feb – Friday 19 April
Term Two: 6 May – 12 July
Term Three: 29 July – 27 September
Term Four: 14 October – 20 December

New Roof for Old Hall

The Ngatimoti Memorial Hall has a new long run iron roof thanks to Tasman District Council ratepayers. Ross Hadley and Mike Graham did a sterling job and were pleasantly surprised at the condition of the woodwork and how square the building was.

One unusual aspect was that the wooden sarking ran the same way as the iron rather than running horizontally, making it more of a challenge,

Hall Bookings

Here's a reminder of who to call to make a reservation for one of the following local halls;
Ngatimoti Memorial Hall - Paul Wielandt 5268047
Reserve Community Room - Sarah Bradshaw 5268026
Pokororo Hall - Brian or Giselle Storer 5268065

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Communion Service
St James, Ngatimoti.
10:30 a.m. 16th December, 2012
Conducted by Rev. Joy Bradley
Sunday School for children
Morning tea to follow

A very warm welcome to all
Christmas Pageant and Carol Singing
With Motueka District Brass
Monday 24th December at 7.30P.M.
A Warm Welcome to All

MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	027 448 4430
Bruce Dyer	526 8282
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Bernd Reiter	526 8544
Karen O'Malley	526 8211

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