

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

February 2013

The First 2013 MVA Meeting at Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

8pm Tuesday 19th Feb.

We'll be discussing, brainstorming and 'planning' 2013 activities, events, issues and tactics.

Bring along your ideas and input.

Note the change from Wednesday to Tuesday

All welcome

Pokororo Craft Fair

The Pokororo Hall Committee wish to express their thanks to all who contributed to the annual Craft Fair, in particular Mr Robert Brookes. When Janice and Peter Heath decided that they were no longer in a position to continue with the responsibility it was a daunting task to find someone willing to take over. (Janice and Peter were an exceptionally hard act to follow!) The invitation to continue with the tradition was advertised and when no one came forward Robert's willingness to consider taking on the task and his subsequent commitment over the past two years has been greatly appreciated. Testimony to the fact that this year the financial benefit to the hall has been most significant. Despite the dismal weather forecast, the Fair was well attended and although a record number of stall sites were booked it was apparent that a number of exhibitors and visitors were discouraged by the inclement forecast. As it eventuated however, little rain fell and the atmosphere proved to be very pleasant and enjoyable.

The Committee acknowledge that without the proceeds from the Fair the hall would struggle to address ongoing running costs, so sincere thanks to Robert for his efforts. If anyone is interested in assisting Robert with the future organisation of Pokororo Craft Fair, either before-hand or on the day please contact Alan Bensemam (Pokororo Hall Committee Chairperson) Ph. 03 526 – 8848.

Many thanks - Pokororo Hall Committee

Penninsular Bridge Centenary Ngatimoti

*The Penninsular Bridge turns 100
this winter 2013.*

Plans are underway for the Penninsular Bridge Centenary Celebration.

If you have any historical information/stories or you would like to have some input please get in touch with Mark Lowe 526 8575 misc.dept@gmail.com or Jennifer Beatson 526 8750 j.beatson@xtra.co.nz

If you are interested in helping, come to the **MVA meeting on Tue 19th Feb 8pm**

Before the Bridges

By the mid 1800's there were established communities in and around the Motueka Valley, Ngatimoti, Thorpe, Dovedale, Orinoco, Pangatotara, Baton, Graham Valley etc. Farming, gold mining and timber were the main industries, although not quite as we see it today. At this time there was no continuous road up the West Bank of the valley so crossings were essential in getting supplies in and out. The roads were tracks at best and subject to slips and floods. The routes that ran alongside the river required many river crossings and were very dangerous especially in a horse drawn trap. If the rivers were high, a canoe or punt might be used, but if the rivers were in flood there was no way of crossing. People who tried, drowned, and if a person was sick there was no choice but to wait until the river came down before a doctor could come. After a flood the fords would have new channels or large stones blocking access and crossing become even more treacherous. Still this was the way it was and the pioneers adapted even taking tricky loads such as bales of wool or live sheep across.

Source: JNW Newport "Footprints Too"



Vehicle ferry punt across the Motueka River on road to Baton Valley.
Tyree Photograph. — Courtesy Nelson Provincial Museum.



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Term One ends
Friday 19 April 2013

Welcome back to a new year, a fresh start and a brand new logo cleverly designed by local artist and school parent Julie Edwards. It puts students at the centre, with everyone included and working together. The triangle represents the strength of students, parents and families, because "Together We Excel". Our RIVER values are an integral part of our school, and our enviro-focus is symbolised by the green base and the tree-like shape.

We start 2013 with a healthy roll of 106 pupils and welcome all families, new and 'old'! There is a lot to look forward to this term; which will include learning more about Ngatimoti and our environs, and later in the term we will have an emphasis on learning about the sea and sea life.

The swimming pool remains open for the foreseeable future as the settled weather is upon us.

Watch this space for more school news, achievements and dates to remember as the year progresses.

TERM DATES 2013:

Term 1: Thursday 7 February – Friday 19 April

Good Friday 29 March; **Easter** 1 & 2 April

Term 2: Monday 6 May – Friday 12 July

Queen's B'day Mon 3 June

Term 3: Monday 29 July – Friday 27 Sept

Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 20 Dec

Please be aware there has been a number of burglaries in the area lately where forestry keys have been targeted.

Thankfully the owners of the keys have taken steps to secure the keys and none were stolen

Please be aware and take the appropriate steps

Rob Crawford
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"The Reserve Bank, Private Sector Banks and the Creation of Money and Credit" by Gillian Lawrence - (read page 27)

Or contact Ian 5268707

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



10:30 a.m. 17th February, 2013
Communion Service
Conducted by
Rev. Neil Bowdler

All children welcome to Sunday School
Morning Tea to follow

St. James Annual General Meeting to be held in the
Sunday School Hall on Monday, 18th March at 8 P.M.

A very warm welcome to all

MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	027 448 4430
Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Lesley Hadley	526 8047
Stuart Granger	970 9004
Bernd Reiter	526 8544
Karen O'Malley	526 8211

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*Neil and Denise McQuarrie
Ngatimoti*