

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

April 2013

MVA March Meeting

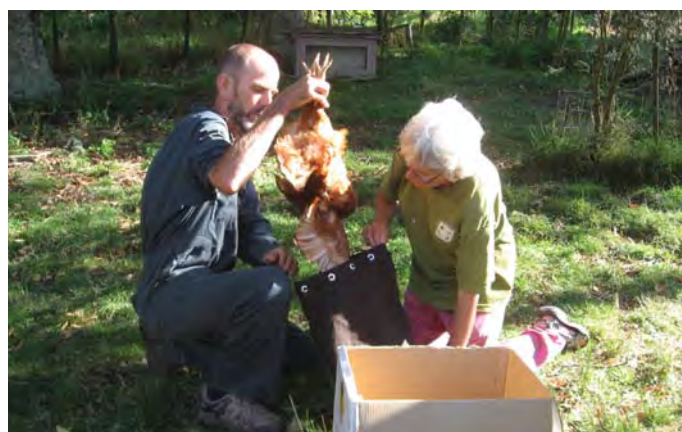
Issues discussed were as follows;

- Weedbusters group: Weedbuster groups are pretty popular at the present. The weedbusters mostly coming from urban areas where they don't personally have their own land and weed problems to contend with. However, the idea of weedbusting with a group of people isn't too bad and is certainly effective and more enjoyable. So the thought that maybe some locals landowners might get together and take turnabout on working on each others' properties (eg. 1X month) is possible. Anyone interested? Give Lesley a call 5268047
- Bridge celebrations:
- Local hall usage: is low. People involved in managing the local halls in our area (Ngatimoti, Pokororo, Stanleybrook) will be invited to the next MVA meeting looking at how to encourage more usage of these amazing facilities. If you have any ideas, please bring them along.
- Multiple occupancy: TDC promised 2 years ago at our public meeting that many rural issues needed reviewing. This process has started and a paper will be soon out for your comments. We 'll keep you informed on this process and its timing.

Next MVA Meeting
7.30pm (winter time)
Tuesday 16 April
Ngatimoti Hall
All welcome

Coralie's Kiwi Chooks are bagged

One year ago Coralie's very obedient chooks were transmittered to help train Friends of Flora volunteers change transmitter batteries on the Great Spotted Kiwi up in the Flora. This year her chooks were put from box to bag, bag to box in training and preparation for the recent kiwi translocation that you've read about in the local newspapers.



When a kiwi is caught (with the help of trained dogs) it is put into a box. The kiwi is transported to the Flora in this box by vehicle and/or helicopter. At the new home it is taken from the box (maximum allowed holding time is 36 hours), placed in a bag, carried to a pre-made burrow and released into the burrow, the opening of which is then blocked. The 'burrow door' is taken away at 8 pm letting the kiwi come out and begin the exploration of its new territory.

Kiwi have soft ribs, their beaks are very sensitive and their legs can easily be disjoined. They're also very fast movers and can squirm out through a small gap. So although Coralie's very placid chooks didn't offer such a challenge (as wild kiwi do), it was a much appreciated opportunity to get experience in bird handling.



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Term One ends
Friday 19 April 2013

OUR REFRESHED SCHOOL VISION from our Strategic Plan 2013-2017:

Our vision is for all students to become "RIVER" students; confident and able to navigate in a changing world.

Here's a reminder of our school values: Our 'RIVER' students aim to be...

Respectful – of ourselves, others, diversity, human rights, rules and the environment

Positive – in our outlook, confidence, perseverance and relationships

innoVative – we are creative, curious, inquiring, receptive and flexible

Excellent – we achieve to the best of our ability

Responsible – we are accountable for our own learning and actions;
caring, proactive and responsive

OUR CURRICULUM

This term all classes have started to focus on one of our new strategic goals; "Identity". This has been incorporated into our curriculum and includes knowledge of New Zealand places and in some classes, knowledge of the river. As well as learning about directions, some mapping skills, and an appreciation of our surroundings, this unit of work has offered opportunities for students to ask and answer questions, research, make conclusions and work collaboratively. From this unit, teachers have found that many of our students have little knowledge of where to locate NZ towns and cities, or significant landmarks. This is something we will continue to work on.

OTHER NEWS

Pool Keys If you have a school pool key you can now return it to the office and claim your \$10 refund. Thank you for supporting this fantastic facility.

Room 2 Fundraising To raise funds for our ski trip later in the year we have sacks of pine cones for sale for \$5 per sack. Jan Weiss is also organising a beautiful "Motueka Valley Homemade Hamper" to raffle and raise funds for our ski trip. If you have any homemade preserves etc that you would be willing to donate

please call Jan on 526 8606 or 027 752 5637.

BOT ELECTIONS Voting papers have been mailed out to all eligible voters. All parents of students enrolled at school can and should vote in the election. Amanda Cole is our Returning Officer and she can be contacted at school for more information.

Cards & Pens We have school cards and pens for sale from the school office: \$12 for a pack of 8 cards PLUS a free Ngatimoti School Pen!!!

SCRAP METAL We are still pleased to receive your unwanted scrap metal. Drop it in the shed or call us if you need it collecting. Thank you!!

Peninsula Bridge Birthday Celebrations

As you will have already read in this newsletter, our beautiful Peninsula Bridge will be 100 years old this winter. She's worn the floods well and been of huge service to us all in the valley so we want to celebrate this occasion in fine form.

How shall we celebrate?

How can we involve all the community?

How can we include the majority of the users?

How can we show our respect for her?

There is the beginning of a "planning group" with some good ideas. It would be great to have a few more minds to bring this celebration to fruition. Planning is fun and there are already plenty of people willing to help carry out the plans for the actual event.

Give Jennifer or Mark a call and put yourself forward to join the planning group.

Jennifer 58 68 750

Mark 0220 780 180

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Family Service
21st April at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by
Rev. Ross Heyward

A.N.Z.A.C. Service
25th April at Church and Cenotaph
Motueka Brass Band in Attendance

All children welcome to Sunday School
Morning Tea to follow

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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General Content: Your contributions, ideas and community notices are welcome

Community Concerns: You can contact the MVA on local matters info@mva.org.nz

Advertisements: All ads can be emailed to Stefan at ads@mva.org.nz \$2.00 per column centimetre. Past advertisers please let Stefan know if you wish to continue your advertising by emailing at the above address or **Phone 526 8066**

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Acceptance of an advertisement is at the discretion of the editor. Cut off date for the next newsletter is the 31st or when full !

Nature Kids

Early Childhood Education Centre

New Nature Based Centre opening

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PH Mike Graham 526 8180

Annual Celebration

@ Mountain Valley Centre

Wednesday 1st May it's our birthday!

Come along for a shared dinner and the lighting of our new fireplace

Meet for alternative education opportunity
Thursday 2nd May.

Contact: MVC 5268034

mountainvalley@actrix.co.nz

66 Graham Valley Rd, Pokororo

Two pet rabbits free to a good home or \$80 with hutch.

Sanaan nanny goat in her prime, in milk. \$150

Open plan Bach to rent in pokororo. From mid April. On property with others. \$140 per week.

For all enquiries call River. 03 5268 722

Alkathene Low Density Water Pipe for Sale

Alkathene LD pipe 25mm – 500+ meters in various lengths (1x200m, 2x100m, 2x50m approx). \$1.25 per meter
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Ph Brian – 03 526 8065.

QUILT SHOW

At Motueka Recreation Centre
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MAY 18, 19, 20 10am - 4pm daily

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Canvass horse covers with neck rugs, wool lined - \$75.00.

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