

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

August 2013

The Rural Futures Project

Trevor Norriss informed the MVA that the TDC had been workshopping the plethora of rural issues including multiple dwellings and alternative buildings. The latest info regarding "Rural Futures" is that TDC staff will be bringing a discussion & options document to council on 15th August, This will be released publicly for everyone's comments by end of August. All comments and feedback will be analysed by TDC staff who will then present the TDC council with a 'rural futures' proposal. This plan will finally be released for your submissions hopefully around November. This means the public will actually get 2 opportunities to contribute so make sure you have your input into this planning process. The process will not be completed before the regional elections.

Volunteer Groups for the Environment

If you are part of a not-for-profit organisation concerned with the environment, please forward your details to :

Lindsay.Vaughan@tasman.govt.nz,

This will ensure that you are notified about the twice-yearly bio-diversity forums held at the TDC which are always incredibly interesting and informative. Also your group goes onto the Tasman Environmental Trust's master list which is useful for all sorts of information including funding.



HAVE YOU GOT A STORY TO TELL?

Living in the country is simple, eh? Yeah, right. If you can tell a good yarn about life in our valley, its ups and downs, then we want to hear from you. We're planning a story-telling evening for Saturday 14 September in the Pokororo Hall from 7.30 pm with a pot-luck supper. Your story needs to be:

- your own true experience
- spoken live, unscripted, and without notes
- only 7 minutes long

Interested? Please phone either Heather on 526-8736 or Bridget on 526-8277 before 19th August. And if you're not a story-teller, but enjoy a great evening's entertainment, mark the date in your diary now.

MVA monthly meeting AGM

will be on the 20th of August, 7.30pm in the community rooms adjacent to fire station

(please note : its not in the hall!)

agenda: AGM

meet the candidates dates

pokororo hall live story telling

come along and be part of the future committee ...have your say

after the meeting will be a screening of a couple of documentations from down south not to be missed.

murihiku - southern land (southland, catlins, fiordland, steward island) 30 mins

doc documentation: southern rocky coast wild-life/ southland underwater 15 mins, followed by tea and biscuits

Ngatimoti Rocks for the Animals

On Saturday 13th July the Ngatimoti Hall became very much alive. About 80 people came along to support the MOTUEKA SPCA. The local band 'Solroom' played for more than 4 hours, almost non stop, and got nearly everybody dancing.

A very big Thank you to everybody who attended and made the evening a wonderful success. Also a big Thanks to the Motueka Valley Association for their support with the use of the hall.

There was a strong interest in seeing this event repeated and with the great fun of the night I am sure this won't be last time.

Sylvia Arnold



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TERM DATES 2013:

Term 3: Mon 29 July – Fri 27 Sep
Term 4: Mon 14 Oct – Fri 20 Dec
Ngatimoti Festival Day Sun 27 Oct

We have lots of new faces to introduce this term as well as, of course, a big warm welcome back to all – we hope you enjoyed the holidays! Welcome to Mrs Cheryl Isles who will be teaching in Room 5 for the next two terms whilst Heather Reid is travelling. Also joining Room 5 are Riley and Hero. In Room 4 we welcome Ashleigh, Akeisha and James, in Room 3 Hayden and Trinity join us, in Room 2 we welcome Todd and Arnold, and in Room 1 welcome to Logan. We now have a healthy roll of 118 students and hope our 4 new families are settling in well.

We finished last term on a very successful note, with an excellent Science Fair and many family members coming along to share in this. Room 1 hosted a great sports afternoon of Ki O Rahi with Year 8 students from three local schools attending and our Miniball team won the finals of the Term 2 competition at the Rec Centre. Six of our students represented us at NMIT at an INSPIRE Day of learning, based largely around science and technology. Our ALiM maths groups have now come to an end; this programme ran for all of Term 2 and was well led by Miss Copping and supported by some very enthusiastic and focused students.

This term is shaping up to be a very full term too. All students will be involved with an enviro-group during the term and a visit to Te Awhina marae later in the term. Senior students have speech competitions coming up, and Room 2 is looking forward to their Ski Trip in Week 5. Student Council are organising a fun X-Factor extravaganza for our students and we also plan to have our Student Led Conferences, where our children talk about their learning, their achievements and their "next steps". This is scheduled for late September. As well, we will be farewelling our fabulous caretaker at the end of the month. Mr Grooby is retiring and will be greatly missed. We wish him well on his retirement.

TERM 3 WHAKATAUKI: He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata he tangata he tangata. What is the most important thing? It is people, it is people, it is people. All students have been introduced to this whakatau-

ki and we are looking at ways we can show this in action at school. Already whilst on duty I have seen many students actively caring about others. It has been particularly nice to see older students interacting with younger students. We all need to be considering ways to ensure our new students feel secure at school.

WOF Time? If you have your vehicle WOF done at Parkes Automotive in July, Aug or September they will donate \$5 per test to your chosen school. Choose Ngatimoti!

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Vandalism to Memorial Hall

About the 25th June five windows in the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall were broken with stones. There were between 30 and 50 stones from the car park used to throw at the Hall breaking the windows, spouting and chipping stucco and paint on the wall. It appears High School students waiting for the bus were responsible for the damage and it is being followed up by the Motueka Police to make repairs.

This mindless vandalism also desecrates a Hall built in memorial to those men and women who died in the World Wars so we can have freedom and democracy.

It is not only the direct cost to replace the windows but the disappointment that some would stoop to such acts of wilful damage to our public amenity. Ratepayers end up paying the bill unless those responsible are made to pay.

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On behalf of the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall Committee.

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Sunday, 18th Aug, at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by
Rev. Barry Doig

All children welcome to Sunday School
Morning tea and social time to follow
A very warm welcome to all

MVA Committee Members

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Stuart Granger	970 9004
Bernd Reiter	526 8544
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RURAL NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

Overall crime has been steady and due to the increasing fuel prices we are starting to get the following increase in fuel related thefts.

We have also have a significant increase in poaching related activity with a number of arrest for Unlawful Hunting throughout the District.

We have had some good success with locating some hunters in the Gowan Valley and the Waihopai - they are going through the courts at the moment.

The guys in Murchison have some strong leads in relation to the thefts and burglaries in the St Arnaud Area but would still like to hear from anybody with information.

The Takaka boys have asked me to pass on issues with their community not getting serial numbers from their property documented. They had issues trying to identify property taken from a thief they caught in Takaka.

One of my guys was hunting up in the Shaggery off the Westbank Road in Motueka and found a sheep carcass with an eartag labelled "PUNAWAI" - does anybody have any ideas where this may have come from?

Thanks again for all the information

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