

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

## September 2013

### Atamai Village to Hold Open Day

Here in the Motueka Valley, Hemon and Katie Dey are watching their house take shape in Atamai Village. This couple, with two young children, reassessed their Christchurch lives a few years ago. Realising the likelihood that future scarcity of fossil fuels would threaten industrial food production, they wanted greater control of that aspect of their family lives. Plus, they wanted their home-schooled children, Alysha, 5, and Jordan, 3, to have a more rural experience. Hemon and Katie considered a lifestyle block and judged that the isolation would be less favourable to the children. On Google they discovered Atamai, a community with the same goals they had created. Atamai Village, in the setting of the beautiful and bountiful Motueka Valley, drew them to the top of the south.

Hemon already worked from home as an electronics engineer for a Christchurch firm, so geographic transfer was little problem. Katie had interrupted her career as a data analyst to have children. Katie experiments with cheesemaking, knitting, sewing, crochet, flaxweaving, soapmaking and leatherwork. She found that people in Christchurch undervalued these skills, whereas here people are interested in sharing her moves towards self-reliance, especially growing food. Katie and the children help with the Atamai food box scheme one afternoon a week, delivering fresh fruit and vegies to villager's doors.

The family moves around on foot or bicycle whenever possible, with a trailer for the children. In a recent Atamai survey of fossil fuel use, this family was impressive for its low consumption. They look forward to the time when they can share the use of a car, rather than owning one. When Hemon and Katie were at the point of erecting the solar panels on their house, a village working bee was called. About a dozen helpers, ranging from children to grandparents, got the job done speedily. Working bees also help maintain the extensive Commons area of the village.

If you are curious or have been wondering what the earthworks and construction activity is about, come see for yourself. Atamai Village will have an Open Day on Sunday, October 6th, 11am to 3pm. The villagers welcome all of our Mot Valley neighbours. Tours of several eco-houses and Permaculture-planned gardens and orchards will be available, alongside a barbecue, nibbles and some activities for the children. The village is on Mytton Heights Road, off Motueka Valley Highway.

### Next MVA Meeting

Wednesday 18 Sept 2013 7.30pm

Come and meet the Mayoral candidates  
Ngatimoti Community Rooms All welcome

Dear Trevor

In the newsletter from the Motueka Valley Association you were reported as saying that Tasman District Council ("TDC") has been "work-shopping the plethora of rural issues" and will release a "discussion and options document" to Council on 15 August. See Attachment as reported in the Association's last edition of its Newsletter.

TDC has obligations as an administrator of statutes to embrace the principle of 'subsidiarity'[1] (i.e. bottom-up stewardship as part of people's \*rights in their property\*[2]) as one of a number of steps towards taking all possible steps to avoid the taking of regulatory powers. (Refer to LAC Guidelines[3] and constitutional and administrative law principles[4].)

Getting a community to define rural sectoral issues clearly and with appropriate weightings and priorities is at the core of considering the taking of any statutory powers or steps in that sector.

Therefore first garnering a community's views on definitions of those issues and ideas on how they might be most efficiently and economically addressed (desirably, without recourse to statutory interventions) is arguably an essential and first step towards effective communication between a statutory administrator and the people who that administrator is supposed to serve (also known as the bottom-up approach to administration).

It is arguably inappropriate for an administration to cook-up its 'top-down' listing of issues and proposed actions in secretive 'closed workshops' from the perspective of an administrator and then foist that result upon people as a *fait accompli* - then claim that such a 'process' is 'appropriate consultation' because people have been given one or two chances to react to the position already adopted by the administrator.

Federation for Advancement of Community Self-Sufficiency ("FACS") seeks to work with TDC to effect change of this 'top-down' approach; FACS sees this as beginning with a training for planners and Councillors in Constitutional and Administrative Law and the introduction at the core of the organisation of the principles and guidelines contained in the LAC Guidelines which were created to guide statutory processes undertaken by the whole of government.

If you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact FACS at PO Box 308, Takaka 7142

Yours sincerely

Antony Hodgson

Chair for Federation for Advancement of Community Self-Sufficiency

References:

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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

Trophy for their grade. This is for correct wearing of uniform and behaviour on court.

The **Ngatimoti Diamonds** brought home **THREE** trophies. They were also awarded the Department Trophy along with the Presidents Cup and the Championship Cup.

**Room 2 Ski Trip** Great skiing, clear blue skies and even time to build a snowman! Many thanks to Mrs Milnes for organising another fabulous opportunity for her class. The ski trip was an excellent outdoor education experience, with students taking responsibility for themselves and their classmates. Well done Mrs Milnes and the Room 2 students! Special thanks to the great parent helpers who willingly helped make this day a success.

**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!

**MASSIVE** Massive thanks to our wonderful teacher Debs who has made it possible for Ngatimoti students to shine on stage at Motueka High School! Debs has dedicated many hours to planning and organising our show, and has been helped by many fabulous parents too. Thanks to those who have sewed, painted, cut, hammered, shopped, paper machéd or had a part to play in this. All schools had to base their performance on the word BRIGHT. Ours was about the bright winners of a radio competition who travel to six countries of the world. The bright spotlight shows where their travels take them! All Year 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to be involved, and they worked particularly co-operatively to ensure a great show. Together they excelled!

**Admin/Sick bay renovations** The work on the admin area is on track, with the painters in already! This project started because the Ministry of Education expected us to have a sick bay, but would not allow us to increase our building footprint. It does mean that we will now have an insulated and modern office area too.



Madison, Payton, Ella, Rowena, Taylor & Jasmin celebrate another successful netball season!

**Netball** Our **Ngatimoti Ferns** finished off the season with a mini tournament in their pyjamas and had lots of fun!

Our **Ngatimoti Stars** brought home the Department

**LIVE VALLEY STORIES .... THIS SATURDAY (14th)**

We've got a great line-up of story-tellers for Saturday, and it's promising to be a hilarious evening. Here they are, in no particular order:

John Glasgow: 'Sexual Adventures up the Baton' (with a cow, that is)

Jan Eaton: 'The Rolling Apple'

Ed Stevens: 'Some Unusual Events'

Heather Lindsay: 'A Birthday Party Round the Fire'

Richard Lublow: 'That Joker on a Motorbike'

Katerina Selignan: 'On a Mission to Find a Cave'

Paul Bond: 'No Smoke Without Firewood' and maybe a wildcard story-teller or two.

Bring a cushion and koha. We'll provide supper, and all proceeds go to the Hall. Info from Heather 526-8736, or Bridget 526-8277

Saturday 14th September – 7.30 pm – Pokororo Hall

**Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti**

**Spring Service**

Sunday, 15th Sept at 10:30 a.m.



Conducted by  
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All children welcome to Sunday School  
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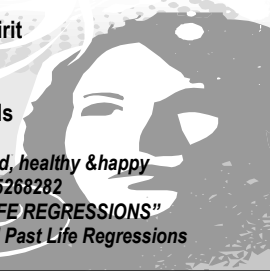
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**WEDNESDAY EVENING 2 OCTOBER 7.30 PM**

Non-members most welcome  
but definite numbers are required

If you wish to attend  
please ring Glen Davenport (5268740)  
BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER

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## OPEN DAY

Sunday  
Oct. 6th  
11am - 3pm

Mytton Heights Rd  
Off Motueka Valley Hwy  
See map on reverse

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

It's cannabis growing season and this could  
affect you and your neighbours...

- Cannabis is a harmful, illegal drug
- If you live in a rural area growers won't  
hesitate to use your property
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will likely be thefts and burglaries
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