

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

October 2013

VALLEY STORIES

When Heather and I were preparing the Pokororo Hall on the evening of 14th September, we wondered how many people might come. Twenty maybe? Whoever the speakers had managed to rope in among their family and friends. We'd both done a bit of baking, and we thought for sure we'd be taking plenty of it home to put in our freezers. Well ... how wrong can you be? You came in droves, packed onto benches and chairs, and the rest of you sat on the floor. Thank you for making the evening such a success, and for your generous donations. We were able to give nearly \$150 to the hall, and it was neat to remind ourselves just how precious that little building is. The biggest thank you goes to our speakers: Heather, Ed, John, Jan, Richard, Katerina, Paul, and wildcard Verena who stood up and entertained us off the cuff. Brook and Paul's music was the icing on the cake. To the many of you who've asked if we'll do it again you bet!

Bridget



Valley Song (Paul Bond 2012)

It's lovely and quiet in the Valley,
Except for the tractor next door.
And somewhere down on the far boundary
Is the rattle of the neighbour's chainsaw.
But you can still hear the call of the tui ,
The whoosh-whoosh of kereru wings.
You can sip from the stream , you're living the dream.
You're doing the lifestyle thing.
There's thistles to chip down the paddock.
Ragwort to pile up and burn.
And chores by the score that must wait 'til you're
Ready to sort them out in their turn.
There's compost to dig into the garden.
And pumpkins to store through to spring.
But you can sip from the stream , you're living the dream.
You're doing the lifestyle thing.
It's lonely and quiet in the Valley.
Not too many neighbours call in.
They're all working hard mucking out in the yard
Or trying to unblock some drain.
They're shoveling stones into wheel ruts.
There're fences they need to maintain.
But you can sip from the stream , you're living the dream.
You're doing the lifestyle thing.
It's either too dry or it's freezing .
Your plantings just seem to be doomed.
They're smothered of course by the 'beard' and the gorse
Competing with blackberry and broom.
Then you find a dead sheep in the culvert
Where the water runs in...to...the...stream.....
Now it's all a nightmare , you'd better drink bottled beer
You're doing the lifestyle thing.

Ngatimoti Bowling Club

Sunday October 13th at 1.30 will be the Opening Day of our new season.

Come and Have-a-Go

I know it has been rumoured that this club is closing, but we have a small group of very keen players who work hard to keep everything going, and the new season is being planned now!

This is mainly a social club but members are encouraged to play in tournaments held by other clubs - Riwaka, Motueka and Mapua are the nearest, although some of us have played in Murchison, Takaka, and Pohara as well as closer to home.

Last season we had some well supported tournaments on our club green, with people coming from different clubs to help us have a great day here in Ngatimoti.

We are a small club with about half our members coming from Dovedale. It would be great to see members from people in the Motueka valley as well.

If you would like to play bowls or just have a try to see what the game is about, come along on October 13th.

When daylight saving starts we will be bowling each tuesday evening at 5.30, followed by a pot luck tea. We also play on Saturday afternoons at 1.30.

It is fun and you can be as competitive, or not as you wish. There are plenty of experienced players to encourage you and help you learn the game.

Everyone is welcome.

Just turn up or contact Madeline ph: 5268884, or Di ph: 03 543 3644

Bonfire Night

on Saturday 9th November 6.30pm
at Thorns (near the Hop Gardens)

Come along again for a fun evening.
A great place to let off your fireworks so that others can enjoy them too.

- ▶ Entertainment for kids
- ▶ Sausage Sizzle
- ▶ Fireworks Area
- ▶ Bonfire
- ▶ Bring your fireworks or come and watch

Please remember: people enter the property at their own risk. Parents please supervise children at all times. Because of the danger to people and to grazing animals:

DO NOT DROP THE SPARKLER WIRES ON THE GROUND! DISPOSE OF THEM SAFELY IN THE CONTAINERS PROVIDED !

Next MVA Meeting

Tuesday 15th October 8pm
Ngatimoti Memorial Hall
All welcome



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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

It's that time of year again! Festival day is always a great atmosphere; a fantastic way to showcase our beautiful school and community and raise a serious amount of money for our children so let's get into a festive spirit and bring the valley alive with scarecrows and fun over the next week or two! Here are a few more ways you may be able to help our 12th Festival become another roaring success: please bring in any donations to school any time after the beginning of Term 4 on Monday 14 October.

- **SCARECROWS** You can make your scarecrow any shape and size – think outside the box! The only thing we ask is that you clearly display the date and time of our festival (**SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH 2013, 10am-4pm**) and generally point the way in the right direction! The scarecrows will be judged and there are prizes available. Please make sure your scarecrow is up, perky and smiling by the beginning of next term. Please also make it clear who the scarecrow belongs to in case you win a prize!



Last Year's Winning Scarecrow

- **ROOM 5** help wanted! We are making and selling delicious fresh lemonade and will need lots of empty, clean, plastic 2l juice bottles. Also LEMONS and SUGAR.
- **FLYERS** We have flyers in the office to distribute before the big day! If you are able and willing to take some to Nelson or to the markets or even further afield please come and grab some or give Amanda a call in the office on 03 526 8842.
- **FACEPAINTING** Do you have a skill in this area? This is always hugely popular and we need HELP!
- **PARENT/COMMUNITY ROSTER** Thank you to all of you who have put your hand up for a job on the day! We

especially need more people to 'man' the Silent Auction, White Elephant, Parking wardens and BBQ servers and sizzlers. Please give us a call or email. We couldn't do it without you!

- **PRE-LOVED ITEMS OF ALL SORTS!!** It's the perfect time for a spring clean out over the next couple of weeks! You can begin to bring your second hand clothes and books into school any time if you wish to make a donation.
 - **PRIZES** We are always looking for ideas and sources of small prizes for our kid zone activities.
 - **EGGS** If your chooks are celebrating spring and laying you surplus eggs we would be very grateful for your donations of these too!
 - **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS** We know that there are some wonderfully creative and clever craftspeople out there in our community and if you would be willing to donate an item or service that we could auction to raise funds for our school that would also be much appreciated.
- THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!** We know there are many of you out there working hard in preparation for this event and we do appreciate all your efforts.

Dear MVA Members

The Pokororo Hall Committee extend their sincere thanks to the MVA for initiating the recent story telling evening at the Pokororo Hall. The evening was a definite success with a capacity crowd of enthusiastic listeners and seven animated story tellers. By all accounts the stories were well received and the evening was enjoyed and appreciated by all - as was the delicious supper! Specific thanks go to Heather Lindsay and Bridget Musters for their organisation of the evening and for the very tasty cakes that they, and a couple of others baked for supper!

It was suggested that the evening should become an annual event and the \$144.40 that the evening raised for the Hall funds was a greatly appreciated surprise.

Many thanks to all
 Giselle Storer
 Secretary/Treasurer Pokororo Hall

Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti

Anniversary Service



Sunday 20th October at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by
 Rev. Wayne Thornton

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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