

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

## February 2014

### NGATIMOTI - TIME TO RAISE THE FLAGS

Recent practice has evolved to commemorate ANZAC day with the raising of both the New Zealand and the Australian flags (and singing both national anthems) at the annual services of remembrance.

Here at Ngatimoti, on the prominent hilltop, next to St James Church, is situated The Settlers Memorial to those fifteen young men of the valleys who gave their lives in WW1. Incorporated on the site is our one tired old flagpole which is somewhat past its use-by-date. A proposal has been presented to the MVA that the existing pole be replaced with two new poles of modern design, modern material and construction; such that we can proudly display our respects to the fallen of both nations.

Allen Brereton is a local precision engineer and grand nephew of Lt. Col. Cyprian Bridge Brereton who led the Nelson contingent during overseas service in WW1, and therefore has a personal interest in making his contribution with enthusiasm and pride toward the project. Allen has offered to design and complete this project. The total expected cost will not exceed three thousand dollars. The aim is to have the poles installed for the April 2014 service which marks 100 yrs since 1914.

The MVA have agreed in principal to contribute toward the fundraising for the construction of the poles and including the purchase of two good quality flags. We are now asking if any community individuals would also like to make a financial contribution to this project. Donations of any amount for the flag poles project would be very welcome;

Direct Credit: 03 1354 0257959 026 (please enter your name )  
Cheque: made out to Motueka Valley Assoc. and sent to:

B.Dyer 2035 Motueka Valley Highway

Cash: Ed Stevens

For further background information to this project read the full article on the MVA website [www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz)

### Pokororo Womens Club - Motueka Valley Defibrillator Fund Update

There have been some very generous donations by several local residents and businesses as well as a \$500 contribution from Richard Kempthorne's Mayoral discretionary fund.

\$400 was also raised at the Pokororo Fair .

Total now collected stands at \$5580.

Apart from the initial purchase of the machine, there will be installation costs as well as ongoing maintenance etc.

The Motueka Valley Association will be announcing a meeting to be held in the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall to update/familiarise everyone with this machine as well as finalise installation/site etc. There will also be a CPR demonstration by the Red Cross.

Any enquiries re further donations – PLEASE CONTACT any of the following:

Jocelyn Thorn 5268802

Glen Davenport 5268740

Gloria Anderson 5268644

### Breaking News

Our Rural Postie, Anne Marie has informed us that this Feb 2014 newsletter is the final free delivery. The extra sorting and delivery to each letterbox has become burdensome to her job and Anne Marie has decided it's time to stop delivering the MVA newsletter. Many thanks to Anne Marie for her many years of voluntary community work and now, where to with the newsletter and how?

This will be discussed at the next MVA meeting. If you have some ideas bring or send them along.

### MVA Monthly Meeting

8pm Tuesday

18 Feb 2014

at Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

### News from the Ngatimoti Reserve and Community Rooms

Spring and summer are one of the busiest times of year for everyone in the valley, though sometimes you wonder if there's ever a time when things get quiet! On the Ngatimoti Reserve, use of the Community Rooms continues to grow. This is wonderful, of course, as community events and use are exactly what the rooms were built for, but it does put pressure on the existing drainage system, which is based on holding tanks. These now have to be emptied twice a year and as the cost of this tends to increase, it makes sense to change to a more economical system. We have had the soil tested and it has been shown to be free draining and suitable for a new soak away system. We are hoping to replace the existing tanks in 2014 and are now waiting for go ahead from TDC.

Out on the reserve itself, the trees we planted last year are doing well. The pump track season is now underway. Riders from Nelson came over for a few weekends to help get the track up and running and some of the local children got involved too. The pump track is having regular working/biking days on Sundays and on Tuesday evenings too, from 6.30pm. Damian will be there to help with biking skills for any age group. For further information go to the website [pt@firepit.co.nz](http://pt@firepit.co.nz) or ring Damian on 021 1040007. He would also really appreciate it if kids didn't play or slide on the jumps as it is easy to damage them. Photos of the pump track have appeared in magazines in Australia and Europe. We are very lucky to have this facility at Ngatimoti.

During the spring, Damian and Marius also put in a small gate between the reserve and school grounds. This is situated next to the big school gate, to make it easier for children to get their bikes to the pump track, rather than riding down the road or trying to get them over the big gate. The gate is proving very popular with everyone.

We are hoping to hold a community bbq sometime in April, date to be confirmed.

*Pam Coleman, Treasurer, Ngatimoti Reserve Committee.*





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TERM DATES 2014:  
Term 1: Tues 4 Feb – Thurs 17 April  
Term 2: Mon 5 May – Fri 4 July  
Term 3: Mon 21 Jul – Friday 26 Sept  
Term 4: Mon 13 Oct – Wed 17 Dec

**WELCOME BACK** to a bright new year at Ngatimoti School! This year we welcome new teachers Mr Josh Leenhouders and Miss Kathy Stephens, and of course it is great to have Ms Reid back along with all other staff and students! We are delighted to have Jessie and Tawn return to us from their year in Australia, and we welcome new students Louie & Kalahn into Room 5. We hope you all have fun here at Ngatimoti!

**A PRECIOUS YEAR!** This year's theme is "PRECIOUS"; precious me, precious energy. Your children are precious to us too and we endeavour to make our school a precious place for them. Unfortunately during the summer break, some people did not treat our school grounds as the precious place we believe it to be. We had a window pane smashed, sand and a bike thrown into the pool, the fence damaged and picnic tables damaged. We are all sad and annoyed about this. If you know any more about any of this behaviour, please let us know. If the culprits would be honest enough to front up to us, we would appreciate talking with them.

**Swimming Pool** The pool is looking lovely and with this lovely settled weather we are hoping to keep the pool open for key holders and visitors for a few more weeks outside school hours. If you bring visitors to our pool we would appreciate them making a

donation in the box to help us to maintain this beautiful and precious resource. Thank you.



## WARNING - POISON

Please take care around the Community with your children and your animals.

On Friday 17 January we had the sad task of destroying our dog, Tui, after she ingested poison.

Enquiries of our nearest neighbours showed that they had not laid any poison that would be within reach of our dog. She was with Trevor on our property for the preceding three days.

We can only draw the conclusion that this was a deliberate act in retribution for our previous actions in connection with NZ Police who have been advised of this incident.

Having lived in harmony with Graham Downs Community since its inception we are disappointed in recent developments with, seemingly, a minority spoiling this good relationship.

**PLEASE TAKE CARE WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND ANIMALS** – we would be upset to think that this happened to you or your family.

Trevor & Kaye Painter  
22 January 2014

## Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti



Church Service  
Sunday, 9th February, 5P.M.  
Combined Service with St. David's  
and Barbeque  
Conducted by Rev. Neil Bowdler  
and Rev. John Parkes  
Sunday, 16th February, at 10.30A.M.  
Church Service and Baby Blessing

All children welcome to Sunday School  
Morning tea and social time to follow

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**

## Local Hall Bookings

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall - Paul Wielandt 5268047  
Reserve Community Room - Sarah Bradshaw 5268026  
Pokororo Hall - Brian or Giselle Storer 5268065  
Woodstock Hall - Kerry Hall 5433884

## MVA Committee Members

Fred Hickling	027 448 4430
Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Lesley Hadley	526 8047
Stuart Granger	970 9004
Bernd Reiter	526 8545

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Catharine 526 8116 or text 021 084 327 49

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A meeting is to be held on

**Thursday February 20 2014 at 7.15pm**

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