

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

March 2014

Pokororo Womens Club - Motueka Valley Defibrillator Fund Update

We Have Reached Our Target - \$6300 (so far)

First and foremost, a great big thank you to all of you in the community who put their hands in their pockets towards purchasing a defibrillator to be used in the Motueka Valley!!! We couldn't have done it without your very generous contributions. Aside from individual and local businesses donations, major contributions received include: \$500 from Mayor Richard Kempthorne's mayoral discretionary fund and \$1000 from the Ngatimoti Parent Group. The funds will be used to purchase the defibrillator machine and help with the installation and ongoing maintenance.

As we move forward, we need the community's input as to where we should put the defibrillator.

Tuesday, 18 March 2014 at 8:00 pm Motueka Valley Association (MVA) meeting at the Ngatimoti Hall

to cover this issue as well as having various representatives available to discuss the advantages of having this machine in the community.

There will be a CPR and defibrillator demonstration, by the Red Cross, to inform and educate those in attendance on how easy it is to use the machine and what a useful piece of equipment it is to have available in our community.

There will also be **representatives from the Ngatimoti Rural Fire Service**, Motueka Valley Association, Tapawera's Bruce Whyte, (the person who spearheaded the purchase of multiple defibrillator machines for his community), Pokororo Women's Club and Ngatimoti School.

Aside from the demonstration of the defibrillator, we will hold a discussion and decide where the machine should be located and how it will be monitored for use when an emergency arises.

Come to this meeting and learn how to use the machine. Your knowledge of the defibrillator and the location could possibly save a life.

Please mark your calendar and make an effort to attend this informative evening ... and bring your neighbour(s). Its important to get a good turnout for this evening (which is free!) so all residents of the valley have a chance to give us their input and voice their opinions.

MVA Newsletter Delivery

In future the MVA newsletter will not be delivered by the Rural Post. Many thanks to Annemarie for 9 years of free delivery of our monthly newsletter.

At the last MVA meeting various options for getting the newsletter to your household were discussed. It was agreed firstly to make the newsletter every 2 months.

Secondly we are seeking volunteers to deliver the 2-monthly newsletter to a part of the valley.

The MVA distribution area (of approx. 500 newsletters) covers the Motueka Valley from Macleans Picnic area and Baton Valley to Woodsman Corner and Shaggery Rd including side valleys. Broken into small areas would mean that the job is not too big for anyone. Ideally a local would be responsible for just their own local area.

Local areas include Baton Valley Rd, Pearse Valley Rd, Graham Valley Rd, Little & Big Pokororo Rds, Herring Stream Rd, Rocky River Rd, Waiwhero Rd to Waiwhero saddle, Rosedale Rd to Rosedale saddle, Lloyd Valley, Greenhill Rd and then sections of the east & west bank Motueka Valley roads. Some areas would be ideal for bicycle delivery and the smaller the section on the main highway the better for safety reasons. The newsletter does not need to arrive on a specific day.

The newsletter is printed at Ngatimoti School and would be picked up from there.

This March edition and the May newsletter will be the final copies to be delivered by Annemarie. We would hope to have the system organised for the July newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS - Please tel or email me with your proposed delivery area; Lesley 5268047
lesleyhadley@xtra.co.nz



MVA Monthly Meeting

8pm Tues 18 March

at Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

All welcome



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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

Our 'new' school logo is now 1 year old! Have you wondered what it means?

- The triangle shape is significant geographically, because Mt. Crusader is a focal point, historically as the cairn at the front of the school links us, and educationally as we believe that parents, students and teachers need to work together for the best outcomes.
 - The river flowing through symbolises our RIVER values which are a part of all that we do.
 - The green at the base represents us as an enviro-school.
 - The people are central because our school is about people. These people are not confined but are encouraged to grow.
 - The people show diversity and inclusion, and their arms reaching up symbolise our high expectations.
 - The people are linked, they work and grow together.

Our frieze is based on the concept of a kowhaiwhai, with the river flowing through as the lifeline and reinforcing the importance of our RIVER values. This frieze extends the thinking behind the logo to show our students actively participating in a range of learning opportunities.

We're well into Term 1 now and whilst the weather is still lovely, the nights are getting colder and so is our swimming pool! If you purchased a key

this year you can send or bring it into the office for your \$10 key deposit to be returned to you whenever you are ready.

Currently at school, all students except our seniors are planning for camp at the end of this month to Quinney's Bush and Marahau. Classes are planning our winter vege gardens and would be grateful for donations of winter seedlings and manure. This year we are even using some of our preserved school grown veges to prepare camp meals ahead of time and save money! We have recently been strongly represented at the Inter schools swimming sports day at the High School pool, well done to all our swimmers! We have 5 touch rugby teams entered in this term's competition in Motueka and many of our students are taking up the opportunity to learn a musical instrument; we now offer piano, ukulele, recorder, guitar and drum lessons thanks to our talented music tutors!

Here are some of our junior students with the carefully handmade RIVER they created for display in our new office!



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

Please have all ads and copy for the newsletter in by the end of the previous month

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**

Back copies of the newsletter are available for printout from the website mva.org.nz



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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 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 on Sat 5th April or, if wet, Sun 6th. Come at 11am and help with some community weeding.... We'll supply baked potatoes to go with the BBQ

*Pam Coleman, Treasurer,
Ngatimoti Reserve Committee.*

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

TRIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Ngatimoti Community Reserve Committee and the Ngatimoti Hall Committee are having a combined Triennial General Meeting on April 9th at 7.30pm at the Ngatimoti Community reserve rooms.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect two committies, so if you are interested in helping to run these two valuable local facilities please come along.

For further information please ring Ian Davey on 5268707 or Angela Strachan on 5268797



Friends of St James Church Ngatimoti

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, 16th March at 10.30am
Conducted by Rev. Pamela Soult

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



Annual General Meeting
Monday, March 24th at 7.30P.M.
In the Sunday School Hall

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

How can you live with yourself?

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Sylvia Arnold and Bruce Geddes

"Three Sad Farewells"

Recent weeks have seen the passing of three notable individuals from the Ngatimoti community. After a brief, sudden, and unexpected illness, Veronica and Alan Hall passed away within two weeks of one another on Dec 25th and Jan 7th. And Tony Whitaker's sudden death on Feb 20th has left many stunned by the swiftness and finality.

Although Alan and Veronica will forever come to mind as a pair, they most certainly were unique individuals. Veronica was vivacious, animated, outgoing and warm. She was always eager to engage and was simply a delightful person.

Alan was a quiet and private man, though he could also be direct and outspoken at times. He had a gruff exterior but was very generous with his help if asked. He was extremely capable and hard-working, and his focus, direct-action, and raw vitality were truly something to behold.

Tony Whitaker (The Lizard Man) was something of a legend in the NZ scientific community, and leaves behind a large body of work. Even more than that, he was well-loved and respected for his warmth and interest in people.

It can be fairly said that each of these people was a force of nature. Their passing leaves a huge hole. Perhaps the only saving grace is to reflect and cherish their traits which we admire and to try to bring some of those qualities to bear in our own lives and to remind ourselves frequently that for each of us the time is rather short.

David Davies

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;

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Accommodation wanted in May

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House - sit or rental and close to Ngatimoti School preferable. Please phone

Catharine 526 8116 or text 021 084 327 49

Thursday, March 27th at Pokororo Hall at 7pm.

Topic - Questions with TB Free.
Please come and support.
Contact: Jan Weiss 5268 606

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Email to the Editor:

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