

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

July 2014

## MVA June Meeting

Twenty-two residents turned out for this meeting which focused primarily on the TDC plan to realign and rebuild the Ngatimoti narrow bridge. There was much discussion and reviewing of the sequence of events leading to the public announcement of these works. Trevor Norriss told the meeting that the decision still remained dependent upon NZTA's agreement for the 59% subsidy. A motion was unanimously passed "the community supports the rebuilding of the narrow bridge at Ngatimoti".

Trevor also reported that the Rural Futures process was signed off by TDC on Tues 17th June and in 6-8 weeks would be out for submissions.

Ian Davey reported back from a Motueka meeting on Smart Meters. It was proposed to have a local evening (to be arranged) presenting both sides of the issue.

### Post meeting Trevor sent the following;

"we have received confirmation that the New Zealand Transport Agency Board have confirmed support and the 59% subsidy rate for the narrow bridge replacement and re alignment project. The design work and any other related issues will now commence and hopefully come up with a tender price that fits into councils allocated budget. Also the Pokororo swing bridge repairs are also on our contractors list of jobs to do".

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## Next MVA Monthly Meeting

7.30pm Wed 16th July

Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

*Two DVDs to be shown Photos taken from 1960 onwards of the Motueka Valley and Nelson District, put together with commentary by Ned Knowles.*

(MVA AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th August)

## Goodbye Mr. Rogers

"He was a cool old man," an ex-pupil's description of Trevor Rogers when she heard of his recent death.

Tributes flowed at the packed Ngatimoti Memorial Hall when Trevor's friends gathered to support the Rogers family at an emotional funeral service on Monday 30th June.

Born and bred into a pioneering Taranaki family, Trevor remained a proud and parochial Taranaki son with great knowledge and interest in all things Maori. He taught in the Taranaki, in Northland and had sole charge at Mangarakau. In the early 1980's Trevor and family shifted to Ngatimoti and through his involvement with our school and various clubs and interest groups he and his family became honorary Ngatimoti locals! Arriving as this tall dark-haired teacher (yes Trevor's hair and beard were once black), he soon became a well-known and respected and well-liked member of our local and wider community.

Along with his love of sharing his knowledge, story telling, dry wit, jokes (during a phase of bringing pet mice to the school Trevor said "yuk, mice smell" "No they don't Mr Rogers" "Yes they do. Mice have noses") and games (Trevor's Rounders), his many interests were his veg garden, hunting, fishing and a love of the great outdoors. Also beer brewing - water from the school's bore water supply made for a "better brew."

In later years lawn bowls became a passion for Trevor although claiming when he was a young fit man "You'll never see me on a bowling green". He was a member and great supporter of the "Morrie Minor" club as well as the pastel painting art group. Some of his wonderful still-life and landscape paintings were on display at his farewell. He had a love of animals and a great passion for collecting all sorts of memorabilia, especially early NZ items.

Above all else, Trevor was a family man and his and Madeline's lives were intertwined, always enquiring, learning and giving. He was a 'cool man', a fitting epitaph for an extraordinary man

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## LOCALS STANDING STRONGLY FOR RIGHTS TO 1080-FREE ENVIRONMENT

21 people attended the third public meeting of Friends of New Zealand (FONZ) at the Pokororo Hall on Wednesday 25 June. FONZ is a local group organised in response to the proposed aerial 1080 Poisoning in the Baton, Arthur, Pearse and Graham valleys.

Residents were updated on negotiations with the Medical Officer of Health and the Tasman District Council. Both need to sign approvals before 1080 poisons are used.

Golden Bay's Bill Wallace of the newly formed BAN 1080 political party told residents, "DoC have no baseline data on native bird populations in the previously unpoisoned 89,000 hectare Tasman Wilderness Area of Kahurangi National Park. They need to lead by example and adhere to the same strict rules they insist on for other Resource Consent applicants. In particular, before and after science on the poisoned impact site and an unpoisoned control site in conservation areas."

DoC's new code of practice for aerial 1080 in kea habitat (June 2014) has a series of standards for rat numbers and timing of the drops, but then has Code exemption: where the standards can be over-ridden at the discretion of the manager approving the permission.

A unanimous motion was carried for FONZ to affiliate with New Zealand Wildlife Biodiversity Management Society Inc (NZWBMS), an organisation that has been actively advising FONZ in regard to proper procedures to follow regarding 1080 aerial poison permit processes.

For further information on FONZ's activities, or to volunteer, email [FONZ@unseen.is](mailto:FONZ@unseen.is) or text Jim Hilton at 027 8248 112. Paws For a Cause NZ can be reached at [paws4acausenz@unseen.is](mailto:paws4acausenz@unseen.is).



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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
- Festival Day Sun 26 October

**Thanks to all the parents who have supported the teachers and the school this term.**

Thanks for the Friday cakes and for coming along to help sell them. Thanks to those of you who have popped in and offered help either on school trips or during school time. Thanks to you all for keeping up the open communication; letting us know when your child is sick or letting us know when homework is getting too much! Special thanks to those parents who have gone the extra mile, to take extension groups of children to cross country, or the library quiz, or supported other kids at the gymnastics.

BOT News As a part of our Health and Safety procedures, all classroom teachers, and Amanda, have current First Aid certificates. Every two years staff receive training to keep these updated.

A tribute to a very special teacher, a respected colleague and a precious neighbour.

Trevor Rogers passed away recently, and will be missed by many. Mr Rogers taught at Ngatimoti School for many years and instilled a love and understanding of nature and science in many students. He was a very loyal, kind hearted and clever teacher who took a real interest in his students. He will be sadly missed.

Wishing you all safe, happy and healthy holidays! Term 3 begins on Monday 21 July when we will look forward to our Rock Da House performance, winter sports, a book bonanza and lots more!

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Here's a sneaky preview of our new mural to be displayed at the office end of the hall. Thanks to parent Julie Edwards for all her hard work designing, drawing, painting, thinking, and for including the students in this latest bright & beautiful creation!

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**Please be on the lookout for a suspicious vehicle**

that has been in the areas of Upper Moutere, Motueka Valley but is known to travel as far as Murchison.

The single male occupant has been seen skulking around rural sheds and houses throughout the Nelson Bays area. Likely targetting chainsaws and tools.

Vehicle is a White Toyota Corona sedan registration number RW9026

I have heard that this vehicle has been seen on numerous occasions and that people have had items stolen but they haven't reported it to the police - if this is the case please call your local station

Thanks

Rob Crawford Sergeant RCD096 Public Safety Team 4 Nelson

**ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI**

**Family Service**

Sunday, 20th July at 10:30 am

Conducted by Rev. Murray McCaskey

Also Sunday 27th July at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by Canon David Moynan

*All children welcome to Sunday School*

***Morning tea and social time to follow***

**Local Hall Bookings**

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall - Paul Wielandt 5268047

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**RURAL POLICE UPDATE**

(dated 09/06)

Well winter is well and truly here but it has not stopped the crime with a number of incidents spread over a wide area.

Below is the list of offences which have been committed in the [Motueka Valley] rural area over the last few months. One of the trends which has been developing is the increase in the damage to forestry gates in the area. The access to most of the forest is by permit only and the only thing holding the criminals out are the gates which become targets to gain access. Some of these are just hunters who cant be bothered getting a permit, others are thieves and dope growers who target logging sites and can cause thousands of dollars worth of damage. The surrounding landowners are also targets with theft and damage to their properties

I am very keen to hear about any and all damage in the rural area - I don't care how insignificant you think it is it can build a bigger picture for me and I can put resources into the area to either catch the offenders or put them off coming back.

You may have seen the article in the paper the other week about the cannabis operation. Thanks to all those who supplied information. You are the eyes and ears for us and without your info we couldn't achieve the results we do.

I have been seconded to Nelson for the next 2 months to run a section over there. I am still available by e mail and will pass any issues onto the right people. I am hoping to be back in the rural sector in August.

Sorry for the spelling mistakes I am just starting nightshift!!

In the meantime stay safe.  
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15-Feb	Motueka Valley	Theft of diesel
11-Mar	Graham Valley	Burglary to three buildings
20-Mar	Motueka Valley	Burglary to shed
30-Mar	Pearse Valley	Gold mining equipment stolen from side of river bank
31-Mar	Graham Valley	Mountain Valley Community Centre broken into
8-Apr	Green Hill Forest	Hilux Surf no rego driving around forest - log skidder tampered with
10-Apr	Pearse Valley	Security gate cut off at Pearse Forest
14-May	Ngatimoti	Damage reported at Ngatimoti School - windows smashed
16-May	Motueka River	Digger batteries removed
30-May	Pearse Valley	Theft ex car in forestry block