

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

September 2014

MVA August 2014 AGM

Over 20 residents turned up for the AGM and the discussion that followed the formalities.

Two of those valley residents, Irma Jager and Nick Hancox were elected onto the MVA and the present committee was reinstated. This process was facilitated by Trevor Norriss.

A short MVA meeting was held before the guest speaker. Trevor reported that flashing frost lights are being trialled at Myttons Bluff and Macleans. TDC is interested in any residents' feedback on the effectiveness of these lights. He also informed the meeting that the Rural Futures Project will soon be out for submissions (Sept or Oct).

Those present supported a proposal by Bruce to arrange a local concert by the French Marahau pianist, Claire Roualt.

Andrew Stanton from Network Tasman gave a very informative presentation on Electric/Smart meters and outlined NT's reasons for planning to install these meters in our region. Healthy question time and discussion followed and was washed down with a cuppa.

**Next MVA meeting @ 7.30pm Tuesday September 16
at the Reserve Community Room All welcome**

Check this out!

I arrived to check out the family Check during the recent football World Cup event. and I was lucky to get their attention at that time as there are 3 soccer-mad boys in the family. Billy (11), Jamie (9) and Jordan (7) who were out playing soccer until it was too dark to see the ball. We could've just talked soccer all night but I managed to squeeze a bit of background information out of the relatively new Motueka Valley arrivals whose last abode was in Oban on Stewart Island. The boys arrived here in October 2013 with their parents, Al and Tanya Check.

On Stewart Island / Rakiura Al worked for the Department of Conservation and with DOC's restructuring and a possible move, the family asked themselves "Where to after Treasure Island? Their preferred choices were Wanaka or Motueka. The solution; Motueka (well Ngatimoti actually). Al and Tanya came looking for a home and bought Jude and Scott's home which suited a family of 5, a puppy, a boat and a few other toys. They timed the move to coincide with the Ngatimoti School Festival which they figured would give them a positive introduction to the community. It seems to have worked and they have a busy life fitting in all the activities, sports, clubs and friends.

Now at the Top of the South DOC, Al works negotiating Partnerships - with business, community and volunteers - involving a huge variety of areas and issues. His over-riding motivation seems to be education and utilising the opportunity to foster attitudes that value conservation for the future. "It starts with the young ones."

Tanya's a computer geek and has her own company 'Creative Technology' so employment was not a problem for her in the big move. The clients made a (virtual) move too. She develops data base systems and has trialled and developed many data bases for conservation - weed management, dotterel nesting etc and is presently working with Al in setting up a volunteer management data base for his work.

The biggest change for all 3 boys is the size of the school. Stewart Island school has 23 pupils. What they miss most are their friends. What they like about Ngatimoti is, "There are more friends to have."

Billy doesn't miss taking the ferry to Bluff each Saturday for soccer at Invercargill and returning Sunday. The weather often made the trip across Foveaux Strait an adventure in itself. He now plays for Upper Moutere Rangers. He does miss the RAIN and they all miss going to Masons Beach, especially in a helicopter. Jamie loves the grass soccer field here instead of the gravel one back there.

Jamie also misses the "a lot quieter and more space for hunting" island environment. But even though they live on a relatively busy road now, there is a quiet and alternative route to school. Jordan described his morning walk; "I leave at 8o'clock and go past Davina and John's, down their paddock, through a gate, across a river, up a steep hill, through another gate, through the bush, look at Ed's deer, through Coralie's sheep and chook paddock, down Grooby road then Greenhill road and arrive 8.30 at school. But at Stewart Island I used to see white-tailed deer on the walk to school!"





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TERM DATES 2014:
Term 3: Mon 21 Jul – Friday 26 Sept
Term 4: Mon 13 Oct – Wed 17 Dec
Festival Day Sun 26 October

Thanks for all your Daffodil Day donations– we raised \$75 this year for the Cancer Society.

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL Term 3 is Festival organising time and there is lots happening behind the scenes already. This year is our lucky 13th festival and is to be held on Sunday 26 October, the Sunday of Labour Weekend. Craft stall holders can call Lou on 526 8815 for a form or download one from our website at www.ngatimoti.school.nz. We are always looking for all offers of help from members of our community before, during and after festival day so give us a call or email office@ngatimoti.school.nz if you have any ideas, are willing to give a couple of hours of your time or if you have any services, crafts or donations of any kind to donate for our popular silent auction. We really do appreciate all the effort the whole community put into this day every year and hope this year will be just the same.

Time to spring clean! Remember that this is a great time to have festival in your mind! Although we don't want any broken toys, rubbish etc, we can now start to collect unwanted toys. Even tiny toys are useful for the Lucky Dip. You can bring suitable items in to the office any time now! School Greenhouse

We are looking for trestles/old tables to furnish our greenhouse. Please let us know if you think you have anything suitable. Thanks!

BOT NEWS The board of trustees is working with TDC and the Ministry of Education to make our entrance area safer for all. We hope to develop a new bus bay area, further down Greenhill Road, near the cairn, and to re-develop our car park area. TDC have asked us to survey the community to determine the need for change. If you regularly drive or park near school on Greenhill Road please contact us this week if you would like to help us by completing a survey and have not already done so. Thank you.

BOOK BONANZA During the week of 15-19 September we are planning a Book Celebration and hope to invite community members in to read or share a book with us. If you are an author or an illustrator, or you think you could contribute in some way to celebrating books, please contact Ali at school. Thanks

Some of our brave senior students along with teacher Mr. L brace themselves for our annual mid-winter swim in the school pool recently.



Bandquest Well done to Figure 8; Amy, Jade, Franziska, Jasmine, Rowena and Kea on their performance at the recent prestigious Bandquest competition in Nelson. Huge thanks to Glenn Bathgate for the effort put in to make this happen for our students.



Netball season has now finished for another year and we are again very proud of all our teams and coaches Lou Betts and Dianne Boyes. Our Ngatimoti Diamonds team won the final last Saturday and were awarded the Latimer Cup for the Primary Grade A Top Team!! One of our players, Rowena, was also awarded the Toby Clemenston Trophy for Most Promising Primary Umpire. Well done to Rowena! We'd like to say a huge thank you to coaches Dianne and Lou who tirelessly dedicate so much time and effort into our netball every year.

LIVE VALLEY STORIES FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Please note this will now be on Friday, not Saturday as previously advertised

Another great bunch of stories is lining up ... so far Richard, Heather, Marius and Pam have agreed to tell us a travel tale, plus more in the pipeline. There'll also be time for a wildcard or two – so if you've got a story, now's your chance.

Bring a cushion or folding chair, and koha. We'll provide free supper, and mulled wine for a small extra charge.

All proceeds go to the Hall. Info from Heather 526-8736, or Bridget 526-8277

Friday 26th September – 7.00 pm – Pokororo Hall

ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI
Family Service

Sunday, 21st Sept at 10:30 am
Conducted by Rev. Ross Heyward

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Morning tea and social time to follow

Local Hall Bookings

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall - Paul Wielandt 5268047
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Pokororo Hall - Brian or Giselle Storer 5268065
Woodstock Hall - Kerry Hall 5433884

MVA Committee Members

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LIVE STORY-TELLING

****CHANGE OF DATE****

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE
(19/08/2014)

Greetings

I have been away working in Nelson for last couple of months and have returned to the rural sector having enjoyed a week down in Murchison and covering Wakefield. Those of you living in Wakefield's area may have heard that Senior Constable Cobeldick aka "Cobbles" has retired and has left the police. He was a good bloke with a vast amount of local knowledge and will be sorely missed. Interviews are underway for selection for a new Wakefield Police officer. The vacancy is very popular and I am hoping it will be filled within the next month.

Fuel thefts are still occurring so please ensure your security is up to date.

We are also having an increase in Unlawful Hunting (poaching) incidents. We have identified and prosecuted a number of these individuals and with the new legislation change the penalty has gone from a \$500 fine to 2 years imprisonment and \$10000 fine. This gives us the ability to disqualify drivers and seize firearms and tracking gear.

Speaking of tracking gear - I understand that Garmin have responded to pig hunters requests to legalise GPS tracking collars. These are apparently coming online in October. This is a win for common sense as we will not have lost dogs causing problems for rural landowners. I will keep you updated on this matter.

DRUGS: Its already starting to get a bit warmer. I have had information about cultivation gear being located in bush areas and it appears the drug growers are starting to get their plots prepared - if you see any suspicious activity please let me or your local police know. You can also call Crime Stoppers which is completely anonymous 0800 555111
Regards

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MVA Newsletter by bike

This newsletter will have been delivered to you by a local biker or walker (maybe a car or 2 if wet). Many thanks for the response to the call for deliverers. Apart from the Baton and Graham valleys the areas have been covered by the following people;

Coralie Grooby - Greenhill Rd and Eastbank to Tinpot
Debs Godsiff - Eastbank Tinpot to Baton bridge and Westbank Baton bridge to Pearse Valley
Glen Bathgate - Westbank Pearse Valley to Graham Valley

Rachel & Martin Gorrill - Westbank Graham Valley to Peninsula Rd
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