# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter October 2014

## **September MVA Meeting**

A relaxed meeting welcomed Irma and Nick to the MVA. It was agreed to donate \$300 to the Flag Pole project at The Settlers' Memorial near St James church.

The MVA submission to the TDC Speed Limit Review supported a 80km limit for Westbank road.

Irma offered to work towards a 2015 revised edition of the MVA Business Directory.

Next MVA Meeting 8pm Wed 15 October 2014

@ Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room All welcome

Wednesday Table Tennis is happening each week at 7.30pm at Ngatimoti Memorial Hall Gold coin 'entrance' All welcome

#### **POKORORO STORYTELLING**

Despite a few dropouts because of sickness, amnesia and more seductive friends with tequila, we had another great storytelling evening in the Pokororo hall. Thanks so much to all of you who packed the place out, and especially to everyone who told a story, whether prepared or off the cuff. It's a really fun way for the valley to get together and we'd like to make it an annual event. Heather and I have organised it twice now, so we should give someone else the chance - would anyone like to step up and take this on for next year? Please phone either Heather (526-8736) or Bridget (526-8277)

#### News From Mountain Valley By Hilary Pedersen

Trustees of the Mountain Valley Centre, Pokororo are welcoming the use of the former school by two local playgroups. Thanks to some upgrading of facilities the groups, Aniwaniwa and Iti Kahurangi are each renting space which will extend to three days a week from next term. Longtime Trust members Kat Seligman, Rowan Boot, Monique Patterson, Verena Gruner and Yvonne Hammond have been joined now by new trustees Jane Coleman, Carl Chapman and Hilary Pedersen.

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting recently discussion centred on a future upgrading programme, fundraising sources for future projects and ideas for increased use of the property. High on the agenda is the extension and consolidation of water services. Bush maintenance of the QE11 covenanted natural area is an ongoing priority and a planting programme is already underway. Thanks go to Ngatimoti School for last term's assistance.

Trust chairman Rowan Boot said the renewed energy surrounding the centre and its future was very encouraging .



## **Atamai Village is Blossoming**

Atamai Village in the Motueka Valley is blossoming, both literally and figuratively. The fruit trees in the orchard, the cherry trees by the pond, and the community are blooming. In the year since our last Open Day Atamai has grown. We have welcomed new families and individuals, new houses, new gardens, new roads, new titles, new businesses, our new Internet connection and new projects — all in the short space of a year. And we have more on the way.

We're milking cows, making wine, and starting a medicinal herb garden. As the sunny days get longer and warmer we are trading seeds and vegetable starts for our home gardens. We're learning about soils from local experts. We're making kale chips before it all goes to seed – Yum!

As you may have noticed the Council has begun the work on the improvement of the Mytton Heights Road intersection with the Motueka Valley Highway. Watch this space for more.

The purchase of the vineyard was completed in July. The community joined together to harvest the grapes and the first Atamai wine has been bottled and is delicious.

The Motueka Steiner School is moving to Atamai (subject to costings and resource consent) and there is much excitement about that.

If you want to find out more, see the inside of several of the new houses, check out our orchard or just be curious, we are having an Open Day on October 19 from 1 to 4 PM. House tours will be at 1.30, 2.30 and 3.15pm and two grounds tours will be at 1.45 and 3pm. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.



## Bonfire Night on Saturday 8th 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! DIS-POSE OF THEM SAFELY IN THE CONTAINERS PROVIDED!

## Motueka Valley Business Directory 2015 FREE listing

The MVA is preparing the publication of the Motueka Valley Business Directory 2015. If you are interested to be named in this free directory, please send an email to irmajager@woosh. co.nz with your name, phone number, email address (optional) and the service or product you have got to offer.

If you have previously been listed in the directory, Irma Jager will give you a call in the next couple of months to check the details and if you still want to be mentioned in the listing.

For any questions, give Irma a ring on 526 8080.



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## Ngatimoti School Greenhill Rd Ngatimoti RD1 Motueka

Tel: 03 526 8842 Fax: 03 526 8872 Email: office@ngatimoti.school.nz

TERM DATES 2014:

Term 3: Mon 21 Jul - Friday 26 Sept Term 4: Mon 13 Oct - Wed 17 Dec Festival Day Sun 26 October

#### **COMING UP in TERM 4...**

The focus for Term 4 is on Precious Things, such as taonga, endangered animals, water and the environment.

During the first week back, a group of students has been selected to participate in a "Science Extravaganza" at Parklands School on Tuesday 14 October. On Wednesday 15 October, all of Room 1 will participate in the Science Roadshow at the High School. On both occasions, we will travel by bus, however parents are most welcome to join us! All costs will be covered by Festival. Week 2: The NZ Playhouse are bringing us a show of RAPunzel, and we have Michelle from ASB running Financial Literacy for each class. Again, all costs will be covered by last year"s Festival. THIS YEAR"S FESTIVAL IS AT THE END OF WEEK 2 – SUN 26 OCT. Later in the term, we have John Parsons working with each class on Digital Citizenship, which will include protecting ourselves when on the Internet as well as some discussion around cyber bullying. He will also be running a staff meeting and a Parent Information session in the evening (Tuesday 2 December)

BOT NEWS We would like to say a huge thank you to BRIDGIT who has resigned at the last board meeting. We are sorry to see Bridgit leave the board of trustees after 3 years in office and wish her all the best for her future endeavours. Thanks Bridgit!

Safe Journeys to School Survey We had a good number of responses to our road safety survey. Board member Jennifer has collated the results and you can see them in detail on the school notice board. In general it is clear that change is needed. We will submit our results to Tasman District Council and keep you informed of decisions and progress made. Thanks for all your feedback.

M.A.D. Club Well done to Kahu, Ari, Freja, Jessie and Inca from the MAD Club for making a difference to some of the residents at Woodlands Rest home the past two Thursday afternoons. This group's last session last term also involved helping one of our precious Greenhill Road neighbours with some gardening and firewood. Watch out for an article in The Guardian newspaper in the up and coming issues.

## St James 130th Anniversary



Sunday, 19th October at 10:30 am

Drive in and park on the lawn. Old church new people. Join the group. Enjoy the church on the hill with the people of the valley

#### **NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2014**

Our lucky 13th festival is on Sunday 26 October this year and there are heaps of ways you can help in the final weeks running up to the day:

WHITE ELEPHANT The school holidays are the perfect time for a spring clean! Our second hand shop is run from the community rooms on the reserve and we will accept donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc. Please make sure your donations are clean and in reasonably good saleable condition. You can bring in your items for sale anytime but on the day it is probably too late to sort and price items so please try to bring them in beforehand. We also need hanging rails etc to display our items so if you have any we could borrow we'd love to hear from you too. If you have items that need collecting please let

FESTIVAL CAFÉ For our very popular one-day café run in the school hall we are looking for more people to work on the day. The café is run by Jan Weiss and is extremely busy all day so it would be nice to break shifts for parents. We also require donations of good quality jam etc for our scones. On the Saturday 25 October we hold a cake competition in the Hall and even if you're not competitive we would like as many people as possible to bring along a cake to sell in the café on the day. Savoury items are also welcome.

**SILENT AUCTION** We have some fantastic parents gathering items from businesses far and wide to auction off on festival day. If you know anyone who may give a donation or if you have a service, skill or creation that people may want to bid for please consider a donation to our auction. Thank you.

**SCARECROWS** We would love to see some scarecrows popping up in the next few days to advertise our festival and point the way. Please make a sign to go with Your scarecrow declaring NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER. If you live off a main road please let us know and we will make sure we include you in our competition there are prizes to be won every year for best scarecrow! Can't wait to see this year's creations!

WANTED: Donations of craft making items for Room 3's festival stall, e.g. material scraps. PRIZES for Kidzone activities.. Please drop off to Debs or Amanda at school. Small gift items for our lucky dip. Closer to the day we will be needing donations of EGGS for our famous whitebait patties and things like hay bales for seating, volunteers for running around collecting things, signs setting out and flyers distributing! We are always grateful for help from the community in any way possible so give us a call at school if you are able to help.

BABY ANIMALS WANTED! If your chook is broody or you have any baby animals planned for the middle of October, please bear us in mind. We need all shapes and sizes of baby animals for our Animal Tent on festival day. They will be well looked after and closely supervised on the day. If you think you may have anything suitable please call Ron or Sue on 526 8234 to make a plan. Please note, there may be no animals sold on festival day.

### T. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI **130th Anniversary Service Family Service** Sunday, 19th October at 10:30 am (110)

Conducted by Rev. Wayne Thornton

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

#### **MVA Committee Members**

Fred Hickling 528 6794 Bruce Dyer 526 8288 Lesley Hadley 526 8047 Stuart Granger 970 9004 Bernd Reiter 526 8545 Irma Jager 5268080 Nick Hancox 5268869

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PH 526 8066

#### Pokororo Hall Fund Raiser

It's time to use our Pokororo Hall as in the old days by having fun socializing with people rather than electronic devices!

Modern Jive is a versatile, fun and easy to learn, dance style. Bruce and Sylvia started just 18 months ago and would like to share a few moves with you.

The fun starts on Sunday the 19th October.from7 pm to 8 ish (this will be the first of six Sundays)

Teaching is free, just a donation for the Hall Come along and experience the fun.

Singles or couples welcome, young in age or young in heart. Enquiries - Ph Sylvia or Bruce 526 8282

#### Application form for Pokororo Fair Sunday, 11th Jan. 2015

Site numbers are limited, so prompt applications are advised. Site fees are \$30 for art and craft. All fees payable with application. Cheques made payable to R. Brooks. All proceeds go to Pokororo Hall. All applications will be acknowledged by phone, email or letter. Buskers welcome. No animals on hall grounds. Stalls to be ready by 9.00 a.m.

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### Punk Rock!! (or is it?)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

8 bands - 4 from North Island!!

1st band on 7pm sharp! \$10, Ngatimoti Hall



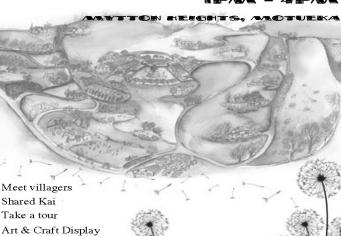


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