

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

August 2015

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The new date for the
Motueka Valley Association AGM
is
7.30pm Wednesday 2 Sept 2015
at
Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

TDC mayor, Richard Kempthorne (the guest speaker) was not able to make a MVA AGM in August, hence the new date.

Richard's talk will include issues that concern the valley;

- any developments in the TDC planning process regarding multiple dwellings on rural zone properties
- future management of the Graham Valley road
- progress on the cycle trail plans for the Motueka Valley

All welcome

Please come along, enjoy the warm comforts of our community room facility, listen, talk and have a cuppa with fellow residents



Community Profile

by Lesley

GROWING SEEDS

Pete's absolute wonder and enthusiasm as he sees the emerging little green tops of germinating seeds is indicative of his passion in growing healthy native plants. It is matched only by Hannah's vibrant descriptions of the single-seeded oyster spat that she tends and coaxes. There are naturally differences in their work – he grows his species in earth, she grows her species in water – but there are also similarities in the goals, systems, threats of virus, need to respond to markets etc and most of all in the appeal of the challenges and the stimulation to these two multi-taskers who have both had very varied paths to arrive at their present lifestyle on Westbank.

As a 15year old Pete did a horticulture and beekeeping cadetship in Motueka but moved quickly into hospitality and with the energy that sticks with him, he set up Redcliff Cafe and Bar in Te Anau (check it out – he sold it to the present owners and it's a multi award winning cafe). Continuing with hospitality, he worked for Real Journeys as a chef on their Fiordland cruise boats. He enjoyed being at sea but took on a different focus when he became the "oldest trainee lobster fisher" and worked inshore crayfishing. He moved from small boats to Sealords big fishing trawlers but with the downturn in hoki quotas, he altered direction again and became an observer on the super trawlers. This job took him to sea for up to 100 days at a time and from the tropics to the Antarctica. It also gave him plenty of time to get into his horticultural books and start dreaming of land life. So about 12 years ago he bought 10 acres with good water, 4-bay shed, 1 rolled out weedmat and the 'Spencer castle house' and started to develop his business "Westbank Natives."

With a basis of trial and error, observation and analysis Pete's pretty happy with his business today which has evolved out of 'growing native plants' (interesting to note the increasing difficulty in collecting true lines of seed due to the proliferation of nursery-introduced hybrids). Today he does project planting, landscaping, revegetation, erosion control, riparian and boundary plantings, commercial engineered housesites, community and group plantings, grows on contract but also still enjoys supplying the small town gardener. He has a small

Please note there will be no August MVA Meeting.

MVA POSITIONS STILL NEEDED to be FILLED

Interested in community issues? Contact one of the MVA members to put up your hand to join the MVA.

Interested in writing and coordinating a small community newsletter? Contact me (Lesley 5268047)

**This will be the last newsletter put together by
Lesley and Wendy**

Who will take over this wonderful community service???

MVA 2015 AGM

7.30pm Wednesday 2 September

@ Ngatimoti Reserve Community Room

Next MVA Meeting

There will be no meeting in August

team in planting season, "We get stuck in and don't muck around" because the window of opportunity is pretty small.

When Hannah left school, the range of careers for girls were teaching or nursing! Hannah chose nursing but after becoming a mother herself, she was inspired to become a midwife. She was involved in Homebirth for many years in Hamilton then came down to Nelson where she successfully set up a Homebirth group. When her daughter was studying at Nelson Polytechnic, she had a yearning to do more study too and did a Science Diploma and found part-time work at the Cawthron Institute. A BSc. later and many years experience in the hatchery, Hannah is now a major part of the team at the Cawthron Aquaculture centre at the Glen, the only Pacific Oyster hatchery in NZ. The spat goes from the hatchery to a nursery and then on to the oyster farms in N Auckland and the resulting oysters bear almost no resem-



blance to the ones you find on the rocks. For the oyster farmers, meat to shell ratio, meat size, disease resistance and visuals are important features (flavour is less genetic and more environment dependent). Hannah says, "I'm still involved in looking after broodstock – incubation, fertilisation, creating perfect conditions for embryo."

Pete and Hannah agree that their recreation, hobby, work and life interests all seem to roll into one and that suits them just fine . . . for now . . . but maybe with a little divergence somewhere



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TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 : Tues 4 Feb – Thurs 2 April

Term 2: 20 April – 3 July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

Term 4: 12 October – 16 December

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL SUNDAY 25 OCT

Welcome to August and Term 3 is well underway.

We are looking forward to the Interschool's Winter Sports Tournament, Massive, Speeches, Science Challenges, Student Led conferences, and the Indigo Room students get to go ski-ing to Rainbow Ski Field! Lucky!!

Recently a group of our Year 8 Students had a visit to The Cawthron Institute in Nelson to visit a number of stalls related to Science Careers. Plant and Food Research, SPATNZ, DOC, NIWA and Cawthron, were among the providers. It was great for our Senior Students to discuss and learn about the roles these providers and scientists play in our community and what is on offer out there in the big wide world.

On top of this, a small group of students will be exposed to some of these places during the term for our Challenge Group. They will visit SPATNZ at the Glen, spend some time at the Sports Science Department at NMIT, do some lab work at Nelson College for Girls, visit Plant and Food Research as well as spending some time with Mr. Science, who is literally mad about science and really adds another dimension to Science for Primary aged children!

A reminder of our Whakatauki for the year:

Kaua te toka e haere ki te paua = The rock cannot go to the paua

Ka haere te paua ki te toka = The paua must go to the rock.

and another one that is very relevant to us all....

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

Wanted for school - please phone the office on 526 8842 or drop into school – thank you!!

Newspapers and small boxes (e.g. cereal boxes). All classes are seeking these for our technology challenges this term.

We are putting together our MASSIVE production for later on in the term and we need:

MVA Committee Members

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Ngatimoti Festival – Sunday 25 October 2015

Term 3 is Festival organising time and there is lots happening behind the scenes already. This year is our 14th Festival and is to be held on Sunday 25 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. Please note no food is to be sold using this craft stall form as food stalls are by invitation only. We are always looking for local members of our community to help with festival 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. We rely on donations to maximise profits to benefit our students and appreciate offers of clothes, books, toys. Also good quality items, services, lessons, accommodation, firewood...anything you may be tempted to bid for yourself for the silent auction! Another really popular stall on Festival day is our plant stall; mostly consisting of vegetable seedlings as our festival coincides perfectly with planting time. Any donations of seedlings, compost and/or small pots are particularly sought after. Please drop any donations at school or give us a call on 526 8842 and we can come and collect! 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. THANK YOU!!

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Woodstock Hall - Kerry Hall 5433884

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Family Church Service

Sunday 16th August at 10:30 am

Conducted by Rev. Barry Doig

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



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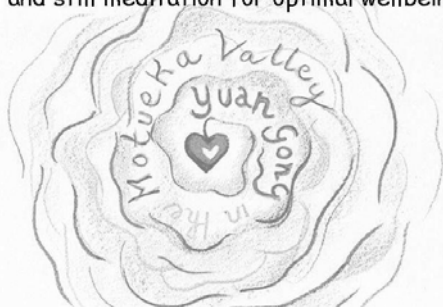
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