

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

APRIL 2016

Ready for Anzac Day: soldiers' memorial newly protected

Newly protected against rain and rust, the two German made field (or trench) mortars at the Ngatimoti War Memorial are ready for this year's Anzac Day memorial service being held at 10.30am on Monday April 25. The mortars were placed at either side of the obelisk in 1921. They were sent to Ngatimoti by the Defence Department in answer to a request for a war trophy from the committee of bereaved parents who were organising the memorial for the soldiers killed in World War One from this area.



Last year, a community push to get the mortars protected resulted in a grant of \$1500 from the TDC Community Rates Grant.

Last December, both mortars were taken to Stainless Solutions at Appleby where, for no cost, two stainless caps were fitted over the barrels.

Galbraiths took a proprietary interest in the project so after sand-blasting them back to bare metal, they were surprised to see that about half of the mortars were made of brass.

It was felt it would be a shame to arc spray them aluminium all over in the one colour, so they arc sprayed the brass parts in a colour similar to brass without charging any extra.

The mortars, known as Minenwerfer Trenches or "Minnes", fired a bomb packed with explosives causing damage physically and to the morale of Allied Troops.

Soldiers could see (and hear) the Minnes lobbing towards them. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the "refreshing" of the mortars. In this article I have referred to writings by Don Whelan about the Ngatimoti War Memorial and the mortars that have been there for almost 95 years. — *Ian Davey*

Getting rid of pesky vines



Project leader of Project De-Vine Chris Rowse will speak to the Motueka Valley Association on April 13 at 8pm. You'll learn about the success of this project in getting rid of around 170,000 pest vines in Golden Bay by manual methods and spraying. (Supper afterwards.)

Wasp product is trialled

You may have noticed some yellow bait stations in the valley at properties trialling a new product called Vespex®.

The bait in the stations is designed specifically for the control of *Vespula* wasp species (yellow jackets). The wasps gather the bait from Wasptek™

bait stations and carry it back to the nest. The wasps then share the bait around nest-mates, including the queen, quickly destroying the whole colony.

One of the winners of the 2015 WWF New Zealand Conservation Innovation Awards, Vespex® is not at all attractive to bees, and is of very low risk to birds, pets and people.

Approved Vespex® user Bob Roborgh has completed one application of the product at Te Manawa Eco Village and is considering doing another. He says there appears to be a definite decrease in wasp numbers, but "it's still early days. It's good that the protein-based poison doesn't attract bees."

To purchase Vespex® you must register with Merchento as an approved user. Go to www.merchento.com to find out more.



Marie Palzer (21) from Marahau, has been riding around the South Island as a fundraiser for Tearfund to help break the cycle of poverty. She is pictured taking a break at Annie's Park in Pangatotara. Follow Marie's journey at hoofingaroundfor-change.weebly.com and on Facebook.



MVA meeting • 8pm Wednesday April 13 @ Ngatimoti Community Room

Check out our website on www.mva.co.nz — Ask to join the Motueka Valley Community Facebook Page to swap goods and services



News from Ngatimoti School

Te Reo Until the end of term, we have Matua Maihi and Whaia Tania coming to Ngatimoti to help us with learning te reo and waiata. They have been really impressed with the pronunciation and the attitudes of our students.

Sports Events Many of our students are enjoying another term of touch rugby and have participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon as well as our own school triathlon event. Recently our senior students enjoyed inter-school "Swimming Sports", and also "Summer Sports" days where they played volleyball, touch and frisbee, with students from other Motueka schools. This was a day of working in a team, playing hard and playing fair, and the Ngatimoti teams rose to the occasion beautifully! It is great to see acceptance and tolerance in action, and competition and co-operation going hand in hand! All three of our teams had successes, and all students had moments when they did particularly well. A day of sports is a real day of learning, especially when it is hot and the participants have to dig deep to continue to perform, both on a skill level but also with a positive attitude.

Book-a-Hall

- Ngatimoti Memorial Hall:** Paul Wielandt 526 8047
- Reserve Comm'ity Room:** Sarah Bradshaw 526 8026
- Pokororo Hall:** Brian or Giselle Storer 526 8065
- Woodstock Hall:** Kerry Hall 543 3884

About your newsletter

- Your contributions, ideas and notices are very welcome for the Motueka Valley Association's monthly community newsletter
- Please send ads and unformatted copy by the 20th of each month for the following month's issue
- For community concerns please contact the MVA at info@mva.org.nz or contact committee members (numbers below)
- Send editorial of up to 400 words, photos and advertisements to: emj.stuttard@gmail.com
- Please include "MVA News" in the subject line
- Phone 021-749583 or 929 8509
- Advertisements cost \$2.00 a column cm
- See newsletter archives at www.mva.co.nz

Contact MVA Committee Members

- Bruce Dyer.....526 8288
- Irma Jager.....526 8080
- Nick Hancox.....526 8869
- Joanna Santa-Barbara ..022 459 0650
- Greg Mason.....526 8112

Ngatimoti School Parents Group At our recent AGM, important decisions were made:

- An impressive \$37,000 was donated to school funds following our 2015 Festival; thanks to all who contributed in so many ways!
- Parents Group Officers were elected: We welcome Rita as Chairperson, with Andrea and Amanda continuing as Treasurer and Secretary.
- A working bee is planned to clean the hall and make a plan for any further maintenance/upgrades.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Kirsten who stood down as Chairperson after three years in the role. Kirsten continues to work very hard at school, however in the last three years she has tirelessly organised, baked and volunteered so much of her time. So thank you Kirsten for your dedication, we appreciate all you have done and continue to do.

Swimming Pool Thank you for supporting our school pool this year; If you purchased a pool key please return it to the school office for your \$10 refund.

Making music

Do you enjoy singing?

The community choir Inakord has been singing for many years and a number of Motueka Valley people are part of it.

We come together every Monday evening, 7.30pm, at the Riverside Community Centre in Lower Moutere.

We sing mainly what is known as World Music, songs from around the world.

Anyone can sing, so come and try it out! At present we would especially love to hear from any men who would like to try singing the bass part.

We have a lot of fun together and enjoy singing beautiful harmonies.

For more information, ring Kris Kolff 526 8010

ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



Family Service
 Sunday 17th April at 10:30 a.m.
 Conducted by Canon David Moynan
 Morning tea and social time to follow
 Children's Sunday School Programme
 All Welcome

A.N.Z.A.C.
 R.S.A. Service & Wreath Laying
 25th April at 10:30 a.m.
 St James Church & War Memorial

Caught on camera

The owners of a roadside stall took video recordings to the police of people repeatedly stealing eggs and jam from their stall on West Bank Road. As a result, one Motueka man was convicted of theft and fined \$200.

The stall owners say the thefts are especially frustrating as their children help to make the jam.

Local Qualified Gardener

10 yrs experience in all aspects of garden maintenance. Starting own business and aiming to build local client base here in our valley. High standard and strong work ethic. Phone **Joel** for a quote on **021 028 47245**



A safe and effective therapy to release shock and trauma from impacted bones causing ill function to the body...A Commonsense Approach to Real Ease

Camille Nelson

526 8223 021 265 9423

www.epona.co.nz

Have your trees grown... ...beyond your expectations?

Talk to Bob Roborgh for:

- Innovative advice on all aspects of landscaping & tree care
- 35 years' experience in confined felling & dangerous trees

TREECARE

Ph. 027 247 8865 or 526 8803



**Do you want to feel good for the summer?
Run a marathon or even a triathlon!???**

Whatever your goal, I can help you achieve it. I have represented N.Z. at the World Triathlon

Champs, been selected for the N.Z. duathlon and long distance triathlon teams.

Glenn Bathgate 526 8723 blisteringtongues@yahoo.com



— PLAYING WITH WORDS —

- Editorial publicity • Articles
- Creative Copywriting
- Web Content • Editing

Liz Mahoney

Ph: 03 929 8509 M: 021 749 583

E: emj.stuttard@gmail.com www.playingwithwords.co.nz



CARAVAN FOR SALE

Great Sleepout no rego or wof
Kingbed, got electrical wof; 4m×2.3m \$ 2990.

Ph 021 1145374

FOR SALE — PEA STRAW

Medium Square Bales

13 Bale Equivalents \$100 each.

Call Marian on 03 543 3613 or txt 021 2400

WORK WANTED

No job too big or too small. Anything considered.
Full or part time. Reliable, honest, hardworking.
Rates neg. Phone Glen 0204 023 8695.

Glynn Martin, Painter & Decorator,
available locally, PH 027 236 4971



Motueka, Mapua and Richmond

FREE TRAVEL Day .. Every Thursday

Motueka River Valley, Dovedale, Upper & Lower Moutere.

Pets - Equine - Farm - Services & Supplies

Phone the Motueka Clinic on 5288459, or Richmond on 5445566 before 2pm on Wednesday to book an appointment with no travel charges.

With the recent merger of Motueka and Richmond clinics, we now have 5 vets with special interest skills in large animal work.

www.vetcentre.net.nz



FOR ALL YOUR EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS

9 years experience

1.5 to 20 TON DIGGERS AVAILABLE

Trucking: Gravel: Site Preparation: Development
Land Clearing: Root Raking
Drainage: Culverts: Ditch cleaning
Driveways & Tracks

CALL: BYRON MCENROE

0226593978

for a free quote.

BUILDER

Available for work NOW

Kitchens/ Bathrooms/ Decks/ Renovations/
Tiling/ Painting/ Decorating & General Property Maintenance.

Phone Neil, your local licensed building practitioner at
WILDWOOD BUILDING



027 201 8180 / 526 8798
edz@kinect.co.nz



Digger Hire with or without operator from \$35/ machine hour.
Tower scaffold for hire.

SMA

Stephan Meijer Architecture Ltd
Enhancing people and places...

820 west bank rd. RD1 Motueka 7196
ph.03-5268557 mob.021-2606780
e-mail:stephan@smal.co.nz

www.smal.co.nz



tasman tree fella
LIMITED

Do you have a tree problem?

Contact Matiu Noakes-
021 1058 359 or
03 526 8001.

- Specialising in confined space tree removal and tree reduction
- Large chipper available
- Fast and friendly service
- Free no obligation quotes.

felling, height reduction, trimming, chipping, firewood splitting



YOGA

with Mechthild Laufkotter

Ngatimoti, Community Rooms

Tuesday 9.15-10.45am, Thursday 5.30-7.00pm

Motueka, Laura Ingram Kindergarten

Friday 5.00 - 6.30pm

school terms only

03 526 8554

Timber for Sale

- Eucalyptus flooring and lining
- Poplar saking and lining
- Macrocarpa saking and lining
- Douglas Fir, cut to order
- **Firewood** (Eucalyptus & other)



PH Mike Graham 526 8180

THE LIFESTYLE BLOCK DOC

Having problems with running your lifestyle block?

Ask The Doc!

New fencing, yards, fence & gate repairs, welding, Land clearing,
mowing, rotary hoeing, discing, mulching, spraying

Stock work, General Handyman work

Lindsay Dennis

Phone 027 3262820



Alan King

Qualified Automotive Engineer



Oke Manga Services

NOW ISSUING WOFS

CARS ** TRAILERS ** MOTORBIKES

Petrol & Diesel Engines — Farm Machinery

* All Repair Work * Hay Contracting *

Phone 03 526 8624 Mobile 021 145 9325

Sound Choice Business Care

Motueka and Tasman area

We keep your business in order & accounts up to date

One-off & regular tasks — nothing too small

Office management • Data Entry • Administration

Bookkeeping • GST • PAYE

Financial Statements • Budgets • Cash flow

Data analysis • Systems

Carla Jehle — your local bookkeeper

Mobile 021 124 2050 or 021 075 3808



Bush CLAD

FENCING & FARM SERVICES

**FARM AND LIFESTYLE FENCING
HORTICULTURAL FENCING
SECURITY AND RESIDENTIAL FENCING
GENERAL FARM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS**

Contact Barry or Catherine on:

Ph 03 526 8891

Mobile 022 312 6992

email: barry@bushclad.co.nz

www.bushclad.co.nz

LOCALS - looking after locals!



"I offer you a wealth of travel industry knowledge, wrapped up with all the great prices and innovative travel products that House of Travel are famous for".

DIANNE BOYES Travel Consultant

Contact Dianne now
you'll be well looked after

House of Travel Motueka
193 High Street, Motueka
03 528 1122
dianneb@hot.co.nz

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

HOW **KIWIS** See
the **WORLD**