

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

MAY 2016

Great Ngatimoti turn out on hundredth Anzac Day



Get ready to take on strangling vines

The leader of Project DeVine, Chris Rowse inspired valley residents to begin progressive control of pest vines like old man's beard and banana passionfruit.

As a result of the meeting on April 13, the first working session to deal with old man's beard will be at **9.30am on Saturday May 14 at Lisa Hood's property at 2184 West Bank Rd.** This will be followed by a pot luck lunch and a meeting to form a core group to take the project forward.

Chris shared some the project's history and funding options. Speaking to 28 residents, he discussed the various funding streams. Organising pest management as a community endeavour enables funding, he said.

He suggested applying to the Motueka Community Board and other sources of grants. Project DeVine will sell Glyphosate at half the wholesale price to the valley group when it is formed.

He said it's important in this "endless work" with pest vines to keep records of vines killed on each property. Chris brought a spreadsheet and suggested that someone from DOC or Project DeVine guide the working bees. These should be publicised as widely as possible he said.

"Start a campaign – maybe with the Richmond folk to have old man's beard and banana passionfruit put on the control list for ALL the Tasman district – new process on the Regional Pest Management Plan," said Chris.

"Clean up the areas of higher botanical value, like QEII covenants and involve TDC – to clean up their reserves. Invite councillors and community board members to assist," he said.

Young and old members of the Ngatimoti community paid tribute to the fallen in overseas' wars on the 100th Anzac Day. The Motueka Returned Services Association's service and wreath laying ceremony was well supported by the Motueka Brass Band and members of the armed forces.

Squadron Leader Andy Anderson spoke of those who had left New Zealand for a big adventure, to see the world.

"Many of them are still there. Warfare had been industrialised on a never-before-seen scale. Most New Zealanders who returned did not want to talk about it. Today we remember those who came before us who gave us the comfortable life we have now," he said.

Valley newsbriefs...

Speed limits around Ngatimoti School

At the Motueka Valley Association's meeting on Wednesday May 11, there will be discussion about the 100km speed limit outside Ngatimoti School. Campaigners for a lower limit Jennifer Beatson and school principal Ali Turner want to increase awareness in the community and come up with some pragmatic solutions that are community owned and take these to the council.

A third defibrillator for the valley?

The Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group has already installed two in the valley and is considering a third, possibly for for the West Bank. Mark your calendar for Wednesday June 8 at 7.30pm at the Ngatimoti Community Room (by the Fire Station) to come and discuss this. Red Cross staff will demonstrate emergency CPR and use of a defibrillator. (See page 2 for background.)

Keep it local—remember, it's all here!

Don't forget the Motueka Valley Association's 2015 online business directory for accommodation, arts and crafts, entertainment, building and land services, non-profit organisations, health and well being and other services. (Go to www.mva.org.nz)

MVA meeting • 8pm Wednesday May 11 @ Ngatimoti Community Room

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



Ngatimoti School

"Together We Excel"

What's happening at Ngatimoti School

St John Annual Appeal Did you know that every hour 52 New Zealanders call 111 for an ambulance? The work that St John's officers do is only made possible by volunteers and donations. The school raised \$150 for the St John

Annual Appeal by wearing green for Team Green (pictured at right).

TDC Sign Competition Congratulations to Lily W, Josefin & Ashleigh whose artwork was judged by Tasman District Councillors. Watch out for these new signs popping up in the valley in the future.

Accepting, embracing and coping with change: change is a part of our lives and students have been able to talk about changes last term. They have been learning that there are some things that change that we have little control over and other things that we can take some responsibility for changing. Change means we often have to compromise and develop resilience, and these skills are best learned with guidance, which usually means lots of discussion. Thanks parents for your support with this

It is time for a change for principal Ali Turner. She will be on leave for Terms two, three and four to travel, firstly in NZ and then to Europe and India. Ngatimoti School will be in great hands, with a very capable staff and Board of Trustees, and Acting Principal Tony Draaijer. Ali plans to be back for Christmas.

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. Thanks also to Tasman District Council for providing a \$1000 subsidy this year to help our pool remain open to the public.



Hall Working Bee: HUGE Thanks to a few of our parents who worked really hard to clean the hall recently. The hall is looking in pretty good condition but with a fresh coat of paint inside it would be transformed. If any local people know of any way of getting sponsorship or donations of paint, equipment and/or time please let us know. All ideas and donations are gratefully received. Thanks!

In Term two we are planning units of work about early New Zealand, and will include a school visit to Te Awhina Marae. As well, we will be talking a lot about "standing in the shoes of others", relationships and differing perspectives.

Life is precious—your life or one of your loved ones' lives might be saved by an AED

After a year of fund raising by the Pokororo Women's Club, \$6300 was raised and two defibrillators (AED) purchased from the Red Cross. One is located at the Ngatimoti Fire Station and one at the entrance to Kerry Hall's Engineering Workshop at the Dovedale turnoff.

A Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group was formed as a registered charity in order to raise funds for ongoing maintenance of the AED which includes replacing specialised batteries, pads and ongoing training of community members in CPR. The group would also like to see an AED on the West Bank of the river so will be moving towards fundraising for another AED.

A group of local community members have volunteered to learn CPR and the use of the AED. On **Wednesday, June 8th at 7:30pm** at the Ngatimoti Community Rooms (at the Fire Station) the Red Cross will hold another CPR course which includes the use of the AED. Please call and reserve your space - contact Gloria Anderson 526 8644 or Glen Davenport 526 8740.

The Motueka Defibrillator Group will hold its AGM just prior to the course at 7:00pm.

ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



Attention—Change of Day
4th Sunday 22 May at 10:30 a.m.
Conducted by the Salvation Army
Morning tea and social time to follow.
Children's Sunday School Programme
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Book-a-Hall

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Reserve Community Room: Sarah Bradshaw 526 8026

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Rabbit Hill – New Café for the Motueka Valley

A new café at Ngatimoti is at the building stage and is likely to open late October. It's the project of John and Sheree Assen of 1469 Motueka Valley Highway where the old Mot Valley Café was run from several years ago. John says the new café will have a rustic, relaxed feel with an aim to serve the local community great food and coffee. The business incorporates the vineyard and lavender farm. Wine and lavender products will also be available in the café along with a plan in future to support local artists and artisans. They will be focusing on lunches to begin with and in the future the possibility of evenings in the weekend.

From Hokitika, John and Sheree bought the vineyard/lavender farm a couple of years ago. The new café will be sited in the former tobacco/shearing sheds. Email John and Sheree at john@rabbithill.co.nz

Motueka Winter Workshops

Motueka Valley resident and co-ordinator of the Motueka Arts Council's Winter Workshops Sarah Douglas has organised 17 new art workshops for the winter season. The workshops include self publishing, singing, watercolour painting, pottery, drama, Te Awhina Marae art tour, crafts and much more. Look for the yellow programme in the library, Potters' Patch, Westrupp Jewellers and local cafes.

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