

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

AUGUST 2016

Weedbusters are up and running in valley

The Motueka Valley Weedbusters Group is up and running!

Following our first successful weedbusting working bee to tackle pest vines in the valley, the Motueka Valley Weedbusters group is holding its second event on Saturday 27th August.

This will again be at Lisa Hood's property at 2184 West Bank Road, where we will ensure all mature vines in the stunning QEII protected Stride's Bush have been 'cut and pasted'. We will be starting at 9:30am sharp and morning tea will be provided. If possible, bring se-cateurs/loppers/pruning saw and gloves. If Saturday is raining we will postpone till Sunday 28th. ALL WELCOME! Further working bees will take place on the last Saturday of each month (except for December and January), with Sunday being a backup day if raining. Keep an eye on future MVA newsletters for the location of each event. For further details or to be added to the weedbusters' contact list email Greg Mason, greenjag@actrix.co.nz.

Donations wanted: A big thank you to the Motueka Valley Association for providing a grant of \$500 towards the cost of weed killer and application bottles to assist our efforts. We need to raise another \$500 to cover the total costs of our order. If this is something you would like to contribute to, you can make a donation via the MVA bank account – 03 1354 0257959 00. Please write your name in the particulars field and 'OMB' in the reference field. All donations very much appreciated!

Valley newsbriefs...

Time to shoulder tap

It's that time again when the public spirited among us stand up to be counted. If you know anyone who is suitable to represent Motueka's interests—and the valley in particular—this is the time to gently tap them on the shoulder and suggest they use their outstanding abilities for the good of all to stand for either the council or the Motueka Community Board.

They need to register at the Tasman District Council offices by August 12 for the local body election on October 8. The MVA hopes to have TDC candidates speaking at the September meeting.

Looks good on the C.V.

The Motueka Valley Association seeks new members to join the committee. The existing members, drawn from all walks of life, share an interest in the well-being of the valley and its residents. They like to keep the monthly meetings reasonably brief, friendly and informal, with as much humour as possible.

The MVA will hold its annual general meeting in September—perhaps you could persuade a worthy friend that being on the MVA committee will look good on the C.V.

New contact for Pokororo Fair

The Pokororo Fair is being organised by Stuart Green of the Pearse Valley, after Robert Brooks resigned the post he held for many years. Contact Stuart at stu-roz@gmail.com for an application form for next year's fair on January 8, 2017.

Ready for winter picnic



Over a hundred people brought food to share at the MVA's congenial pot luck dinner at the Ngatimoti Hall on July 22. Pictured is Syllas Hobi with his contribution of many loaves of home-made bread.

POKORORO WOMEN'S CLUB

A warm welcome to all women of the valley to our first Women's Club meeting after winter on Wednesday 3rd August 7.30pm at the Pokororo Hall.

The evening will be a presentation by Friends of Flora giving us an update of the resettlement of kiwi on Mt Arthur, followed by supper and raffles by a cosy fire and a small display of club memorabilia.

See you there,
Guruvati Dyer (President)
03 526 8288

Summer bowls at Ngatimoti

This coming summer why not consider playing bowls at the well-set up Ngatimoti Bowling Club? It's handy to home, inexpensive, and there is an opportunity to play at other clubs. It's a fun game for any age, primary school age to over 90. Each year, after Labour weekend we have Tuesday evening casual bowls, and Saturday afternoons.

There are a few full day tournaments here. These are always well attended by members from other clubs who enjoy our country events.

Some of our members enjoy playing at other clubs as well. These are competitive as well as social.

At the moment we are without a greenkeeper so if there is anyone in the valley who would be willing and able to spend time helping with this task please let us know. There are benefits, however, reduced membership and a free meal once a week!

At this time we have 10 members, three of whom live in the Ngatimoti valley, the others are from Dovedale and further away.

We'd love to hear from you: Call Di and Sean McBride 035433644, Chrissy Infield 03 5475892 or Madeline Rogers 5268884.

Next MVA meeting • 7:30pm Wednesday August 10 @ 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

Koha thrives in the valley



The practice of koha (offering or donation) is thriving in the Motueka Valley.

On the main highway alone there is the Koha campsite, a “veges by donation” stall at number 298 and then there is the marvellous stall on Greenhill Road that is a true example of the spirit of koha.

On the west bank, resident Nicki Smith is offering to foster lambs when the season starts. Phone her on 027-403 9892.

MVA’s winter picnic a treat for old and young alike



The MVA Pot Luck at the Ngatimoti Hall was a great night out for Motueka Valley families to meet each other and share a delicious meal. Entertainment was provided by Florian Pauls. Pictured at the end of the fun evening are, from left, Yiba Droppers, Lewis & Imogen Coleman-Mason, Alice Kitt and Cella Droppers.

ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



FAMILY SERVICE
 Sunday 21st Aug at 10:30 a.m.
 Conducted by Rev Murray McCaskey
 Morning tea and social
 time to follow.
 Children’s Sunday School Programme.
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Contact MVA Committee Members

Bruce Dyer.....526 8288
 Irma Jager.....526 8080
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with Mechthild Laufkotter

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