

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER 2016

Motueka Valley hums with spring activities

Glorious spring music for Ngatimoti



The La Vida String Quartet will play a spring concert at St James' Church, Ngatimoti at 7.30pm on Friday 4 November. Another community event presented by the Motueka Valley Association, the concert will feature four consummate musicians from Nelson. Concert goers will be treated to 70 minutes of sublime music. As with concerts held in previous years, the La Vida show will be one of the highlights of the Ngatimoti community's year. Supper will be provided afterwards. See next issue for ticket sales.

RESIDENTS OF MOTUEKA VALLEY!

You are invited to meet candidates for the Motueka and Moutere/Waimea Wards, and the Motueka Community Board, of Tasman District Council.

This is your opportunity to assess candidates' attitudes on issues important to the well-being of the Valley and surrounding areas.

**7.30pm Wednesday
7 September 2016**

Venue: Ngatimoti Community Room
Supper provided
Meeting facilitated by outgoing Moutere/Waimea councillor Trevor Norriss

• *Organised by the MVA, your volunteer community organisation*

This month

• Let's get the Fresh FM signal back into the Motueka Valley—can your elevated land be used? If so, the station would love to hear from you. See page 2



• Come and meet your local body candidates on Wednesday September 7 at 7.30pm at the Ngatimoti Community Room. The Motueka Valley Association AGM will be held the same night.

• Ngatimoti School is gearing up for its big fundraising event of the year. The fabulous Ngatimoti Festival will be held over Labour Weekend. See page 2 for how to apply for a stall.

• The next Weedbusters working bee is on Saturday September 24; postponed till Sun 25 if wet. 9.30am start. The location will be the river bank (west bank) where the Baton River flows into the Motueka River. This is alongside the paddocks of Sue Robb and Dion Maclean's farm. To reach the site drive up the Baton Valley Road for just under 3 kms. Turn left into the yards by the wool shed and park in front of the woodshed. The wool shed is the first and only building on the left hand side on that stretch of the road. Morning tea will be provided. For further details contact Greg Mason - greenjag@actrix.co.nz

Valley newsbriefs

• The Motueka Valley Facebook Page continues to serve the community. The network was alerted when a dog called Pippa from the Motueka Highway, seven kilometres from Ngatimoti, ran off in a thunderstorm. Pippa wasn't microchipped because of her skin condition but thanks to a keen-eyed page reader, Pippa was reunited with her owner. At the time of going to press the page has nearly 100 members and one spamming incident (dealt with firmly by webmeister Irma).

• There was some great feedback from the MVA's winter picnic held at the Ngatimoti Hall on 22 July. Thanks to all who helped make this annual event so much fun.

• WANTED Bee Swarms for removal. Please phone 022 312 6992 anytime. Thank you!

• In the light of the successful winter knees-up, the MVA is looking at holding an outdoor community event at the end of summer. It was suggested at the August meeting, that we consider holding a summer event, possibly in February, at the outdoor field beside the community room for the community to enjoy the BBQ, swimming pool and lots of games.

• Pokororo Fair: email Stuart Green stu-roz@gmail.com for an application form for the fair on January 8, 2017.

Next MVA meeting • 7:30pm Wednesday September 7 @ 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 Festival — Sunday 23 October

This year is our 15th Festival and it is to be held on Sunday 23 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 but be quick as time is running out and demand is high!

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 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 etc for our white elephant stall. 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 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. If you are a part of this wonderful community, would love to give us a hand and we haven't called you yet please be in touch! THANK YOU!!

Term Dates 2016
Term 3: 25 July – 23 September
Ngatimoti Festival: Sunday 23 October
Term 4: 10 Oct – 15 Dec

Can you help to bring the Fresh FM signal back into the valley?

You may have noticed that about a year ago the quality of reception for the Fresh FM community radio station changed drastically within the valley. Some of you may have chosen to stream it at home, but when you're in the car this is not really an option.

In the interests of business efficiencies, Fresh FM needed to explore an alternative main transmission site however unfortunately, and beyond their control, it seems that our area has become a casualty of this shift. The Trustees and management have been aware of this and also that residents of the valley comprise a valuable listener base.

"Fresh FM is in negotiation with a number of parties in regard to positioning a Low Power Transmitter in the area to resolve transmission issues to residents," says station manager Helen Reynolds.

"The discussions are contingent on agreement with all parties which includes agreement around funding. To progress this project it would be helpful to identify a landowner who would allow a low-power transmitter on their elevated land that could pick-up the signal and repeat it within the valley," she says.

The considerations for Fresh FM are around funding and resolution of technical issues.

There are a couple of ways to improve reception such as a FM ribbon aerial [some existing reception ideal as this is an enhancement] and also Fresh FM is a priority station via the mobile phone app, "Tune In Radio".

Let's get the Fresh FM signal back into the Motueka Valley - can your elevated land be used? Contact Helen on 03 546 9891.

ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 18th Sept at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by Rev Barry Doig

Morning tea and social time to follow.

Children's Sunday School Programme.

All Welcome

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Contact MVA Committee Members

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