

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

OCTOBER 2016

Crafts and cowpats at Ngatimoti Festival

The Ngatimoti Festival is the place to be on the Sunday of Labour Weekend—October 23. Wood chopping, sheep-shearing, spinning and pony rides will feature in the Ngatimoti School grounds and neighbouring reserve. Festival goers can enter the 'guess where the cow pat will land' competition, have a go on the Zorb balls or purchase plants for a spring garden.

There will be live music, car displays and quality craft stalls and lots of free things for the kids: free Noddy train, the free animal tent and a range of KidZone activities. Local firemen show their skills and art, crafts and second hand treasures will be on sale, along with an array of food and drink including spit lamb sandwiches,



curries and whitebait patties. There is also a silent auction with lots of excellent treats on offer. The festival runs from 10am to 4pm and entry is just \$2 per person. See page 2 for more about the Festival.

Welcome the Godwits to Motueka on Friday September 30 from 6.30am to 7.30am at the old wharf Motueka. Soup and buns provided free.

Vibrant La Vida spring concert

Hear the La Vida Quartet play glorious spring music at St James' Church, Ngatimoti on Friday 4 November. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 (unwaged/senior) available from Floral Affair or at the door. The concert starts at 7.30pm.

Organised by the Motueka Valley Association, the La Vida show is one of the highlights of the Motueka Valley community's social calendar. Supper will be provided.



Standing room only

There was a full turn out of those standing for the Motueka and Moutere/Waimea wards at the Motueka Valley Association's annual general meeting and meet-the-candidates night on September 7 at the Ngatimoti community room.

Around 30 valley residents heard councillor candidates from the Motueka Ward - Barry Dowler, Martin Lucas, Paul Hawkes, David Ogilvie and Peter Canton and from the Moutere/Waimea Ward hopefuls - Anne Turley, Dean McNamara, Andrew Gould, Richard Osmaston, Tim King, Graham Stradling and Gary Watson (report read in absentia).

Outgoing TDC councillor Trevor Norriss chaired the meeting.

The candidates responded to questions about how they would ensure the views of women, children, young people, Maori and ethnic minorities were reflected in council decisions. They were asked for a yes or no answer on the Waimea community dam.

At the AGM, committee member and secretary Nick Hancox's resignation was accepted and the remaining members, Bruce Dyer, Joanna Santa Barbara, Greg Mason and Irma Jager, were joined by Fran Deech and Liz Mahoney.

Committee member Joanna Santa Barbara gave a rundown of the year's events organised by the MVA: these included the brass band concert, Christmas lights on the Peninsula Bridge, Facebook exchanges of value, the newsletter, pest vines campaigner Chris Rowse's presentation, the new weedbusters group, the community potluck and the La Vida concert on November 4.

Treasurer Bruce Dyer said the MVA's good financial position is partly due to the continuing income from newsletter advertisers. He thanked Trevor Norriss for his contribution to Motueka Valley.



MVA Business Directory 2017 FREE listing before 31 October

It's time to put together an updated MVA Business Directory for 2017.

The directory is for anyone living in the wider Motueka Valley area who wants to offer goods and/or services.

If you have been listed in the current directory, please check your details on www.mva.org.nz (click on Business Directory) and confirm they are still correct.

If you have a new listing, please provide your details (max. 30 words) as well as the heading you'd like your ad under.

Get in touch with Irma through email irma@jager.co.nz or phone 526 8080 before 31st October.

Next MVA meeting • 7:30pm Wednesday October 12 @ 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 23rd October 2016
 10am - 4pm rain or shine!

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Don't miss the best day out in the country here in our beautiful Motueka Valley - Sunday 23 October 2016. Huge thanks to Julie Edwards for redesigning our flyers this year - and also to our sponsors Bush-clad Fencing, NatureKids, Carolin's Riding School and Vickie's Originals. Email office@ngatimoti.school.nz or call 03 526 8842 for any festival



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New communication course starts this month



The compassionate communication course run by Irma Jager has been much appreciated by the participants from the valley. Already a new course, starting early October is half full. Ring Irma on 526 8080 for more information.

Author talks about birds

Local writers are invited to come and hear former valley resident Faye Bolt discuss her books about the birds in her Orinoco garden and at the Motueka Sandspit at the next Writers at Lunchtime meeting in Nelson on Wednesday October 5.

Retired from a forty-year career teaching music in secondary schools, with more than thirty of those years as Head of Music at Motueka High School, Fay and her husband Derek made a large garden in the Orinoco Valley. There, Fay waited with her camera and watched the birds.

Faye began writing about the birds she had photographed, and with Derek's help, she self-published her first book, *The Bird Garden*. When all 2500 copies sold after its second print-run Fay adapted it to make two e-books - *In the Bird Garden* and *In the Bird Garden Again*. Her third e-book *The Bird Garden Kitchen* reflects her love of cooking for family and friends - as well as her love of food.

Writers at Lunchtime is held by the New Zealand Society of Authors' Top of the South branch on the first Wednesday of every month in the boardroom of the Prince Albert Hotel, 113 Nile Street, Nelson. Entry is by gold coin koha. Come at 11.30am and have lunch in time for the speaker at 12.30pm. www.topwriters.co.nz

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132nd Year Anniversary Service
 Sunday 16 th Oct at 10:30 a.m.
 Conducted by Rev Russell Pickersgill-Brown
 Morning tea and social time to follow.
 Children's Sunday School Programme.
All Welcome

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