

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

NOVEMBER 2016

Meeting on health of our rivers and streams



Valley residents interested in the health of rivers and streams of the Motueka catchment are invited to a meeting at Ngatimoti on Wednesday November 2 to discuss their interests and observations.

TDC Environmental scientist Trevor James has new information about our waterways that he's keen to share. "There are now more opportunities for funding to improve the state of waterways than ever before and for the benefit of our streams, we hope that the rate and scale of streamside planting and creation of wetlands can increase."

A thorough analysis of water quality across the district was completed late last year and presented in a 'state of the environment' report (<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/environment/water/rivers/river-water-quality/>).

There is good news for the larger rivers in the Motueka Catchment:

- They are suitable for swimming 97% of the time (in base flows this is over 98%) - this is slightly better than Tasman's other major rivers.
- Water clarity is moderately good and improving (Motueka at Woodstock median: 4m). Medians for Motueka Gorge 11.6m, Wangapeka at Walters Peak 7.9m.
- Invertebrate life in the Motueka is nearly always in an excellent ("A") or good ("B") condition
- Long stringy algae cover is low.

But there are concerns:

- Trout numbers still have not recovered since the 1980's
- Nitrate concentrations continue to rise (over the last 26 years at Woodstock), but still low.
- Water temperature was too high and dissolved oxygen too low in summer in some smaller streams eg Glenrae Stream

Wednesday November 2 at 7pm at Ngatimoti School, Indigo Room. A light supper will be provided afterwards.

First line of defence

Check your mailbox for the yellow list of volunteers willing to give up their time in an emergency where the **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is needed. Please put this list on your refrigerator or somewhere handy for use in case the AED is required.

Chairperson of the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group, Gloria Anderson says your first line of defence is to dial 111 if someone has collapsed, to get medical help. "The volunteers have been trained in the use of the AED and could uplift the device for you and assist with its use, if necessary," she says.

The AED's are at:

- The home of Kerry and Paula Hall, 982 Dovedale Road (Woodstock junction)
- Ngatimoti Community Rooms and Fire Station, Motueka Valley Highway (next to Ngatimoti School)

AED signs are posted at both locations for your assistance.

Gloria suggests that you familiarise yourself with these two locations so that in an emergency you will know where the closest location is to your home/workplace/school.

Information: Gloria Anderson 526 8644.



15th festival draws crowds
The 15th Ngatimoti Festival once again drew crowds from all over the country for the school's big annual fundraiser. Country style activities like sheep shearing, rural fire demonstration, wood chopping and pony rides combined with craft stalls, live music and delicious food guaranteed a fabulous day out.

Valley newsbriefs

☀ Motueka Valley Weedbusters will be clearing Old Man's Beard from ancient totara at Bridget Muster's property, 23 Lloyd Valley Rd, on Saturday 26th November (or Sunday 27th if wet), starting 9.30am. For more details contact Greg Mason – greenjag@actrix.co.nz.

☀ If you're thinking of having a stall at the next Pokororo Fair on January 8, 2017, contact Stuart at stu.roz@gmail.com for an application form.

☀ La Vida plays at St James Church on Friday November 4 at 7.30pm. If you're quick there may still be tickets at Floral Affair.

☀ The December issue of the MVA Newsletter is the last one until February 2017 so be sure to get your adverts and news items to Liz at enj.stuttard@gmail.com by November 21.

Next MVA meeting • 7:30pm Wednesday November 9 @ 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

What the newly elected councillors say

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter asked the newly elected and re-elected councillors of the Motueka and Moutere-Waimea Wards to write a message of 50 words to the people of the Motueka Valley. Here are their replies:

Motueka Councillor David Ogilvie

- (1) Management of the Motueka River and its tributaries, is vital and to provide flood protection, where practical.
- (2) Regular maintenance of Valley Rd, West Bank Rd. and those linking. (I would like to return to more frequent roadside mowing).
- (3) Monitor the Council's expenditures so that they don't impact too heavily on the rural ratepayer e.g the Waimea Dam, Richmond townscape.
- (4) Consider zoning issues relevant to the Valley & future development opportunities.

Motueka Councillor Peter Canton

I will represent the interests by keeping my eyes, ears and mind open to the needs of the community. As a TDC councillor I must take a global (TDC wide) view but am also elected to promote the needs of my ward. This is a shared responsibility. My phone is 03-5284911 email peter.canton@hotmail.com

Motueka Councillor Paul Hawkes

As an elected Motueka Ward Councillor, I wish to represent the area as well as advocate for local events and growth. I will support all local ideas and encourage any concept that enriches our area. I offer an open door policy to discuss any work or ideas your association may have for the good of "the valley" and our region.

Moutere-Waimea Councillor Anne Turley

On a recent school visit, Tony Draijer principal Ngatimoti school informed me of concerns over road safety outside the school. I am committed to addressing road safety issues affecting rural schools which definitely need attention. I will need the support and input of school communities if we are to make it happen.

Moutere-Waimea Councillor Dean McNamara

Firstly, a big thank you for your support. It is a little early to make promises, but I can say that I am available to hear your concerns, issues, and desires. I will do my best to give you a voice in council over the next three years. www.TDCME.nz

Moutere/Waimea Councillor Tim King

Thanks to all those who voted in the election. I look forward to representing the Motueka Valley alongside two new councillors. The Waimea ward is very diverse and people hold a range of views on most subjects. Working with my fellow ward councillors to attend meetings, listen to the communities' views, and represent those views to council is my role

POKORORO WOMEN'S CLUB 2ND NOVEMBER MEETING

Vegetarian 3 course dinner and small cooking demonstration.

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Cost will be \$10 per head with any surplus money going to club funds.

Come along and share a meal and social evening with all the girls.
6.30pm at Guravati's, 2035 Motueka Valley highway

RSVP by Friday 28th October please.

Many thanks

Look forward to seeing you all

Ngatimoti Bowling Club



Ngatimoti Bowling Club has gone into recess this season due to low membership and not having a regular greens-keeper

This club was started in 1954 but members hope things may be different in the 2017/18 season.

Club members will meet again next winter to discuss this. "If anyone is interested in playing bowls there are other clubs to join. please keep in mind we would like to hear from you if you are at all interested as it would be great to see Ngatimoti playing again," says Madeline Rogers.

Contact: Madeline on 5268884 madeline.rogers@xtra.co.nz or Di McBride 03 5433644 diseanmcb@xtra.co.nz

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Family Service

Sunday 20 th Nov at 10:30 a.m.

Conducted by Jeremy Classen

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social time to follow.

Children's Sunday School Programme.

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