

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

Delivered monthly to 500 homes in the Motueka Valley from February to December

THE RIVER, THE LAND, THE PEOPLE

FEBRUARY 2017

## MVA picnic is first 2017 event



MOTUEKA VALLEY MARIMBA BAND: The band, established in 2015, will entertain at the MVA community picnic on March 19.

## Grass roots association is Valley point of contact

In the Motueka Valley, your local residents' association is planning ahead for the 2017 year.

The first Motueka Valley Association event will be a family picnic held in and around the community room beside the Ngatimoti Fire Station on Sunday March 19 from 3pm to 7pm.

There will be games outside from 3pm and from 5pm, the Motueka Valley Marimba Band will play. Families, bring a picnic and enjoy a great day out! There will be gas barbeques available. You may also like to bring produce from your garden to sell or swap.

Your association is at the grass roots level of the Tasman political process. Local ward councillors come to the meetings to share

information about what's happening in the valley.

You can bring your community concerns to the monthly meeting (the next meeting is at 8pm at the Ngatimoti Community Room beside the fire station on February 8 - see bottom of page one or call any of the committee whose numbers are on page two). Or perhaps consider joining the committee yourself...

The MVA receives annual funding from the council to help produce this newsletter. That's why we can offer the lowest advertising rates around—still only \$2 a column centimetre.

Watch out for more of MVA's local events The mid-winter pot luck is an especially good opportunity to meet new neighbours and friends!

## Pokororo Fair raises \$3000 for Hall Trust

Stu Green, organiser of the Pokororo Fair says 'thanks to the locals' for helping make the 42nd fair a success on January 8. Approximately \$3000 was raised for the Pokororo Hall Trust for the upkeep of the hall. It turned out a nice day with a great variety of stalls.

Glen Davenport organised artists to display their artwork in the hall and the Women's Club had a busy day selling refreshments. Music was donated by Kruzin band, with two buskers to keep the crowd entertained. The Ray White Marquee was well used thanks to Bruce Geddes supplying hay bales to sit on.

Thanks to Alan Bensemann for his help in running this fair, Sylvia Arnold for organising stall holders on Sunday morning, the Women's Club for circulating flyers and Robert Brooks for passing on his knowledge of setting up the fair.

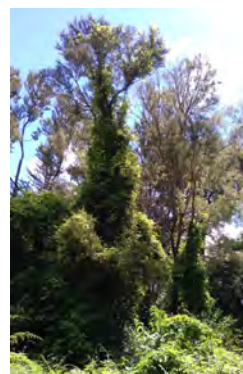
## Gourmets dine at Rabbit Hill

Local gourmets will host a special Friday night dinner and event on February 10. They will be spit roasting lamb at Ngatimoti's delightful Rabbit Hill cafe. (See advert on page three for booking details.)

## 2017 Business Directory is ready

Looking for a particular service? You may find it locally without having to travel too far. Check out the newly updated MVA Business Directory. It is online at [www.MVA.org.nz](http://www.MVA.org.nz).

## Weedbusters prepare to cut and paste



Motueka Valley Weedbusters' first working bee for the year will be held on Saturday February 25. They will be working at 1212 West Bank Road (WantooWantoo) tackling an infestation of old man's beard (pictured) along the margins of the Herring Stream and bordering a stunning area of QEII covenanted bush. Start time is 9.30am and morning tea will be provided. If wet it will be held the following day (Sun 26). Simply turn up, or for further details contact Kris Kolff on 0210 234-8950.

**Next MVA meeting • 8pm Wednesday February 8 @ Ngatimoti Community Room**

Check out the website on [www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz) • Ask to join the Motueka Valley Community Facebook Page to swap goods and services



## Ngatimoti School

“Together We Excel”

We are looking forward to seeing all Ngatimoti students back at school on Tuesday 7 February, and welcome new students and their families to our school.

Our school staff is all back on track this year, although Debbie Godsiff is handing over the reins of Room 3 to Amber Beech for Term 1, as she immerses herself in scientific studies. Tony Draaijer, our Acting Principal for most of last year, did a great job of ‘steering the ship’ during 2016. He was very complimentary of the learning, the opportunities, the staff, the children and the parent community of Ngatimoti School. I was lucky enough to spend a large part of last year travelling, but I am really enjoying being back again!

We will begin the year with our usual four classes. The modernization of Rooms 1 and 2 is in full swing, and is due to be finished in early April. The deck areas look fantastic already and will make a useful extended learning space.

Learning this term will include swimming lessons, local class trips and a theme of ‘explorers’. We will learn about how others have overcome challenges and how challenges can make a person stronger. This will include for some classes the triathlon, the riversafe programme with Whenua Iti, walking to White Rock, visiting the Motueka Museum and hopefully even doing some gold panning. If anybody in the community could help us with anything to do with gold panning or the history of gold in our area we would be most grateful. ☺

# Back to school at Ngatimoti

## 2017 school year starts 7 February

Of course this year Glenn will again offer music lessons, and we will continue some enviro work at Ian and Jocelyn’s Thorn’s property, as well as our stream project at the Hadley’s.

The BoT and staff work hard to ensure our students have a range of learning experiences, but a lot of learning is really about people. When we enroll a child we like to think that we are enrolling a family, welcoming parents and extended families in to our school. It is by having lots of interactions, varying perspectives and a mix of experiences that the adults at school also learn from one another, in order to provide the best possible learning experiences for the students. If you are interested in what is happening here at school, please don’t hesitate to make a time to come in. If you are interested in enrolling your child, we will be especially pleased to see you!

Please phone 526 8842 for an appointment.

—Ngatimoti School Principal Ali Turner

### Great Taste Trail—Motueka Valley


Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust is putting together an overall Top of the South proposal for funding. This includes the completion of the Great Taste Trail in Motueka Valley. The local route—east-bank Stanleybrook to Baton bridge, westbank from Baton bridge to Pokororo swingbridge, eastbank to Peninsular bridge and eastbank to Alexander Bluff bridge down to Woodmans Corner—is being given a final check by the MVA cycle trail sub-committee before the proposal goes forward.

### New editor for MVA Newsletter

From the March issue the editor of the MVA Newsletter will be writer Leigh Jukes Smart who lives at Ngatimoti. You can contact her on email at leigh.jukes.smart@gmail.com or phone 027 539 3656 for advertisements and editorial.

### Predator Free NZ praises Friends of Flora

The Predator Free NZ website posted a comprehensive article on Friends of Flora on January 15. The article says that FoF “must be one of the largest volunteer trapping programmes in New Zealand.” <http://predatorfreenz.org/friends-flora-volunteers-keen-trappers/>



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**Contact MVA Committee Members**

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A special Friday night dinner & event

### at Rabbit Hill Cafe

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- Please include "MVA News" in the subject line
- Phone Leigh on 027 539 3656
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