

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

the river, the land, the people

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Spring



NEXT MVA MEETING combined with AGM

Wednesday 13 September, 7.30pm
Fire Station Community Room

A 45 minute slideshow (prepared by Ned Knowles) covering the period 1844 to 2004 will be shown, followed by a light supper. **All welcome!**

Planting and weed control

Plantings in the past have not always been able to be maintained, so TDC have changed their strategy to put higher numbers of plants on fewer sites which makes maintenance easier and successful plant establishment more likely. TDC plant 15,000 plants per year and maintain these for the following 4 years.



Recent plantings across from Four Foot Lodge, West Bank Road
-photo supplied by Irma Jager

They have a team of 4 doing this work. The cost per plant could be \$10 each factoring in labour, spray, covers, bark with annual maintenance on top of that.

-from a talk by Giles Griffith, River & Coastal Engineer TDC



Committee members... anyone?

The MVA Committee would love to have a few extra members. Have you considered joining us? Please come to our AGM and put your hand up. We are especially interested in a **reporter** for our newsletter.

New editor

Jan-Albert Droppers has taken over the role of newsletter editor from Leigh Smart. For your stories, photos, advertisements and/or feedback you can contact him on newsletter@mva.org.nz.

New contact Pokororo Hall

Sylvia Arnold is the new contact for the Pokororo Hall • 526 8282.

Civil Defence Presentation

Roger Ball from Nelson Tasman Civil Defence will come to give a presentation on CD issues as they affect the valley; Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm. More info in next month's issue.

Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group AGM

There will be an AGM at the Fire Station Community Room on Thursday 7 September beginning promptly at 7.30pm. Public welcome.

On 21 July an estimated 100 people came to socialise at the annual Motueka Valley community potluck dinner at the Ngati-moti Memorial Hall.

-photo supplied by Ed Stevens





Ngatimoti School News - September

One of our school strategic goals is around creativity, and eight of our Year 8 students sure showed this by creating their very own band "LOST" and then performing at the Theatre Royal in Nelson for Bandquest. Well done to Teije, Naomi, Ari, Wolfgang, Ollie, Ashleigh, Jamie and Lili! Ashleigh was awarded best bass player of the competition, and Naomi won best keyboard player. Awesome effort everyone, and thanks to Glenn Bathgate for teaching and motivating our students!



150th Centenary Celebration Thank you to those who recently attended our initial meeting to discuss plans for our 150th centenary celebration in 2018. At this stage, we are intending to recognise this special occasion at the end of March 2018 (date to be confirmed). We will meet again towards the end of this year to make further arrangements. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or wish to be included in any way, please let Alison Turner know at school: 03 526 8842 or principal@ngatimoti.school.nz

Ngatimoti Festival – Sunday 22 October 2017

This year is our 16th Festival and is to be held on Sunday 22 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** (no electrical items, thank you). 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!! We are looking forward to this year's scarecrow characters popping up all around the valley in the first 2 weeks of October too!

If you are interested in what is happening here at school, or are looking at enrolling your child here, we will be pleased to see you! Please phone 526 8842 for an appointment.

Term Dates 2017

Term 3: 24 July – 29 September

Term 4: 16 October – 20 December

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUN 22 OCTOBER

MVA Committee update

Some of the topics discussed at the August meeting:

- the annual potluck dinner in July was evaluated as another successful community event; an estimated 100 people attended;
- the MVA newsletter keeps getting more advertisers; we want to make sure we focus on content and are adding an extra page to allow space for articles and ads;
- feedback received on a Motueka Valley entrance sign to be discussed during October's meeting;
- with upcoming proposed changes for Civil Defence, it was decided to support a meeting in the valley;
- Christmas lighting, used for the Peninsula Bridge, has been recharged and checked; a suggestion was made to tie in with Motueka Festival of Lights and the midwinter potluck in 2018. Extra money will be needed to replace some of the stolen lights.

Thank you from Dovedale

A warm shout out to all of those who attended the recent Lifestyle Blockers Hands-On Farm Skills Day held recently in Dovedale. Participants were so thrilled to learn how to build a fence from scratch, how to crutch/shear a sheep, how to manage their pasture, how to use and maintain a chainsaw, how to carve up their homekill, how to weld, just to mention a few! Others learnt how to make amazing compost and vege gardens. Not to mention the mass of information

gleaned from our local vet with regards to animal health and husbandry! If you missed out this time, Dovedale school PTA will be organising another fundraiser event on these and other topics in the not too distant future. If you wish to be kept in the loop please email your interest to dovedale.pta@gmail.com. We will also continue to advertise in/support this community newsletter.

-Odette Wards on behalf of the Dovedale School PTA

Pokororo Women's Club

For friendship, fun and service to our community. After our winter break we are back enjoying our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, usually in the evening. In August we had a reflexology evening. September will be stories around the fire and October a bus trip to Golden Bay. Big thanks to Moira McKay for knitting endless slippers that were donated to our local community. Our committee is President Guruvati Dyer 526 8288, secretary Marguerite Green and treasurer Jocelyn Thorne. A big welcome to any women who would like to join us.

-Guruvati Dyer

Zambuko Marimba @ Steiner Spring Fair

Our local marimba band will be performing at the Motueka Rudolf Steiner School Spring Fair, Sunday 10 September (around midday).

-Jan-Albert Droppers, Zambuko Marimba



AED Fundraiser

One of the goals of the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group has been to have an additional AED located on the West Bank of the Motueka Valley. Working towards that goal we have launched a campaign to purchase an additional AED to be located at the Pokororo Hall at the start of the Graham Valley Road.

The Pokororo Women's Club have generously donated \$500 as the seed money toward the purchase. We have requested grant money from Tasman District Council through their Community Grants fund and are awaiting the results of that request.

We are looking to the community to help purchase this very useful emergency device in order for residents on the West Bank to have easier and quicker access to the device. We are also considering the tourists who travel past the hall on their way to Kahurangi National Park and what a bonus it would be to have an AED located in such a rural area.

Why do I need an AED? (*Statistics Quoted from the St John Website*)

1. Each year more than **2,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest** outside of hospital
2. For **64% of cardiac arrests a bystander** will perform CPR
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and **15% survive** to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the **chance of survival by up to 40%**

We are seeking your help in purchasing this device. The funds are not only for the purchase of the device and the metal box to contain it, which together, cost \$2,605, but the ongoing costs to replace batteries, CPR training, and replacement patches which expire within approximately 2 years.

No donation is too small. Your donation can be made: 1) directly into our cheque account (please put your name and AED as a reference) Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group, ANZ Bank, Account # 01-0677-0162028-00 or 2) writing a cheque and mailing it to our Secretary/Treasurer Glen Davenport, Doone Cottage, Motueka Valley Highway, RD 1, Motueka. A receipt can be mailed to you upon request.

Let's hope we never need to use it but remember this can save your life, your loved ones life or your neighbour. Let's play it safe and get that AED located at the Pokororo Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Gloria Anderson, Chairperson, 03 526 8644 or Glen, Secretary/Treasurer 03 526 8740.

Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group. A registered charitable trust, MOT48985



Important information regarding the location of your local Defibrillator (AED)

As a reminder to all Motueka Valley residents. We currently have two AED's located in the Motueka Valley. They are outside for easy access. There is one at the Rural Communi-

ty Rooms (Ngatimoti Rural Fire Station), next to the entrance to the Community Room. An AED sign is posted on the roadside of the Community Rooms. The second one is located at a private residence/business, Kerry and Paula Hall, 1982 Dovedale Road, Woodstock. You will find the AED in a white box mounted to a shed wall at the end of the driveway at their property. It has red paint surrounding the box. There is an AED sign on the fence at the front of the property.

In order to retrieve the AED from the box you need to pull open the latch that is secured with a plastic ziptie, an alarm will sound but don't worry about that. It will reset itself. Your main concern is to get the AED to the person in need as soon as possible while ambulance crew is on their way.

We recommend you all become familiar with these locations in case you need it in an emergency. Remember your first action is to dial 111. The Mot Valley Defibrillator Group has distributed a list of available volunteer community members who will assist you with the AED if you need assistance. Please refer to that list if you are alone and cannot go and retrieve the AED. Do not leave the patient alone.

We are currently conducting a new campaign to purchase an AED to be placed at the Pokororo Hall on the West Bank of the river. More information under a separate article in this newsletter.



*-Gloria Anderson, Chairperson,
Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group*

Motueka Valley Association

Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm (7.30pm in winter) in the Fire Station Community Room.
Everyone welcome!

For community concerns email the MVA at info@mva.org.nz or contact any of the following **committee members**:

Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Irma Jager	526 8080
Fran Deech	021 02260191
Joanna Santa-Barbara	022 459 0650
Greg Mason	526 8112

local halls/facilities

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall • Paul Wielandt • 526 8047
Fire Station Community Room • Sarah Bradshaw • 526 8026
Pokororo Hall • Sylvia Arnold • 526 8282
Woodstock Hall • Kerry Hall • 543 3884

about your newsletter

- delivered on the 1st Thursday of the month to 500 homes in the Motueka Valley from February to December
- send stories, photos & ads by the 20th of the month to the editor, Jan-Albert Droppers: newsletter@mva.org.nz
- advertising rate: \$2.00 per column cm
- online newsletter + archives: www.mva.org.nz

Facebook: Motueka Valley Community

This is a closed group with over 300 members supporting the exchange of goods, services and information within the valley. It can also serve as a place for connection during calamities (e.g. fire, accidents, earthquakes).

www.mva.org.nz

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