

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

OCTOBER 2017



See ya at the Festival!

* 2 weeks from Sunday

Motueka Valley Business Profile

La Niche Hair Studio

Neisha Woodward was born and bred in the Baton Valley and has recently returned to the area with her family. She lives with her husband Ben and their two children Pyper and Ethan at 915 Waiwhero Road, Ngatimoti.

Neisha started training as a hairdresser in 2001 and has been fully qualified for over 10 years now. After the birth of their second child she decided to open her hair studio. With the support of her husband she has created a beautiful small studio at home.

Neisha has already welcomed a steady number of clients, who keep coming back for her service. She offers mainly cuts and blow-waves, but also blond highlights and full-colour by consultation. As a stay-at-home mother she is working around the needs of her family. Her opening hours are Tuesdays 3-8.30pm, Wednesdays 10am-3pm and every other Saturday 10am-2pm. She offers affordable prices for the whole family.

On Wednesdays mothers can bring along their young children, who can be looked after by Neisha's Mum, a qualified early childhood teacher. Once a month on a Wednesday she also offers a mobile service.

When asked about the name of her studio, 'Neish' explains that the word 'niche' is French for a small nook or nest. She is offering a professional service with a difference for her community. Aren't we lucky to have such a wonderful business in our valley!

Check her out on Facebook at La Niche Hair Studio.

email la.niche@icloud.com • txt 021 0820 7573 • phone 526 8342

-interview by Irma Jager



NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 11 October, 8pm
Fire Station Community Room

All welcome!

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, 7.30pm,
Fire Station Community Room.

More info on next page.

Ngatimoti Festival

Labour Weekend

Sunday 22 October, 10am-4pm



Guitar maestro concert

Graham Wardrop, regarded by many to be New Zealand's finest finger-style guitarist, singer-songwriter, will play a concert at Ngatimoti's 132 year-old St James Church. Friday 10 November, 7.30pm
Entry \$15, unwaged & seniors \$10
Tickets from Floral Affaire, 166 High St, Motueka or Ngatimoti School. More info: www.grahamwardrop.com

-organised by Motueka Valley Association

MVA Committee update

The September MVA meeting was our AGM. Moutere-Waimea Councillor Dean McNamara chaired the meeting. All previous committee members were re-elected. Chris Tait offered to step in as a reporter for the newsletter. Both the annual and treasurer's report were read out.

The meeting was followed by a well-received slideshow presentation from Ned Knowles on the History of the Motueka Valley.



Ngatimoti Community Playgroup

The Ngatimoti Community Playgroup had a fantastic Friday 15th September when the Twisty Twinz (www.twistytwinz.com) twirled in to delight and excite our happy tamariki. Their stilt work and acrobatics ignited the interest in the littlies and Ngatimoti School's Room One. When it came to the workshop section, the Mums and Nanas also got to join in, much fun and hilarity resulted. It was such a special morning and we were extremely pleased to have this talented team entertain and inspire our group.

The Ngatimoti Community Playgroup meets every term time Friday in the School Hall on Greenhill road. It is free and we extend a warm welcome to all. Next term we are also planning a story day and trip to the beach, so if you have a youngster in your home, (or can borrow one!) come along and have a play and a cuppa. To find out more call or text Annie Simpson on 021 064 3232.

-Annie Simpson

Civil Defence looking for feedback on revised draft

Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) has reviewed its Group Plan and is now calling for public feedback. The key questions Nelson Tasman CDEM are looking for feedback on are:

- Have we got the right emphasis in our plans?
- Are you aware of the natural hazards in your community?
- What information do you need during large emergency events (such as floods and earthquake)?
- How would you access this information?
- Is there one thing we could be doing differently?

You can find the revised draft at:

www.nelsontasmancivildefence.co.nz/plans-publications/group-plan/

The vision of the Group is a resilient Nelson Tasman community, and they are keen to engage our communities around the region in understanding our hazards and considering how we will respond to them.

CDEM Group Controller, Roger Ball, will give a presentation on CD issues as they affect the valley on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in the Fire Station Community Room.



Civil Defence
and Emergency Management
Te Rakau Whakamarumarua

Zambuko Marimba

After a successful performance at the Steiner Spring Fair last month, our local marimba band is now looking forward to play for you at the Ngatimoti Festival.

-Jan-Albert Droppers, Zambuko Marimba



A Hundred Years On: New Zealand's "Blackest Day" of WWI, 12 October 1917

"Hell on Earth" was what they called Passchendaele in Flanders (today Belgium), and its name has long been a byword for the horrors of the First World War on the Western Front. For New Zealanders, though, it has also become synonymous with New Zealand's worst military disaster in terms of the number of lives lost in a single day.

As part of a failed attempt by II ANZAC Corps on 12 October 1917 to capture Bellevue Spur during the First Battle of Passchendaele, the advancing Kiwis soon found themselves in trouble as they faced fierce enemy resistance and swampy terrain transformed by heavy rain and hundreds of trampling feet into a churned-up quagmire. They struggled to make headway in the deep, clinging mud, unable to stabilise their field artillery or bring forward heavy guns for support. Trapped by barbed wire and exposed to raking fire from German machine-guns positioned above, they had no cover but water-filled shell craters. By mid-afternoon the extent of the failure was clear and the Allied offensive called off.



Trying to shift a field gun at Passchendaele

Although the Germans refrained from firing on stretcher parties, conditions were so difficult that it took two days to retrieve the wounded lying in the sodden mire between the lines. The toll was horrendous. There were about 3700 New Zealand casualties. These included about 950 men who were either dead or mortally wounded; 842 men are officially listed as dying on 12 October, and the rest succumbed to their wounds in field ambulances and hospitals behind the lines in Belgium, France and England, some many weeks later.

Among those casualties are two commemorated at the Ngatimoti War Memorial. Both were grandsons of English settlers who came in the early days to live at Motueka. Their fathers had taken up land at Ngatimoti, and both worked on their parents' farms. They went to local schools, hunted in the hills, mucked around on the river. They worked hard but were always up for a bit of fun, and trained together with their local Territorials' unit - the 12th (Nelson & Marlborough) Infantry Regiment - captained by Ngatimoti man Cyprian Brereton.

Both jumped to enlist in August 1914, when hostilities with Germany broke out. Now members of the 12th (Nelson) Company, Canterbury Infantry Battalion, commanded by Major Brereton, on 16 October 1914 they were among the

group of Ngatimoti 's first volunteers who sailed off to the war from Wellington on the troopship "Athenic", with the Main Body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

A hundred years on, let's spare a thought for these two high-spirited young men who would never return to their friends and families in our peaceful Motueka Valley, but remained among the countless lost dead whose names are recorded at the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing at Zonnebeke in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.



2nd LIEUTENANT JAMES L. GREEN
of Pokororo,
Killed in action.



C.-SERGT.-MAJOR A. H.
GUY, of Ngatimoti,
Killed in action.

"Lest we Forget"

For more of my historical writings please visit:
www.rustlingsinthewind.blogspot.co.nz

-Anne McFadgen

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

Have your say; Motueka Valley to be included in the Council's Regional Pest Management Strategy?

Old Man's Beard (OMB) is already in the TDC's Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS) as a progressive control pest in the areas where community groups are actively undertaking OMB control (viz Golden Bay and Kaiteriteri). OMB being included in the Strategy gives the Council the ability to require property access for control purposes. However there is an expectation that the actual control will be undertaken by community groups or trusts and that the landowner contribution will only be a partial. With groups in the Motueka Valley actively undertaking OMB control, the MVA suggests that it would be helpful to have the Motueka Valley included in the Regional Pest Management Strategy. Public submissions for a new Regional Pest Management plan will be called for from late October this year and will be received up until mid December. The MVA would like to encourage you to make submissions calling for the Motueka Valley to be included in the Council's Regional Pest Management Strategy and to attend hearings to provide information in support of your request for changes. It is likely that for the Council to agree to include the Motueka Valley in the RPM Strategy, they will need evidence of strong community support and a community group prepared to deliver on much of the work.



ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



Family Service

Sunday 15th October - 10.30am

Conducted by Rev. Russell Pickersgill-Brown

Children's Sunday School

Morning tea and social time to follow

All Welcome

Local business owners



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