

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

JULY 2018

Once again, the MVA committee has organised the yearly midwinter potluck. Going by the numbers from the last few years, this event is much appreciated by the wider Motueka Valley community.

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 11 July, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!



MIDWINTER COMMUNITY



**Friday 13 July, 6.30pm
Ngatimoti Hall**

Join us at 6.30pm; soup will be simmering, Syllas' freshly baked bread, there'll be mulled wine and warm apple juice. Bring the following:

- your family :-)
- a dish to share
- plates, bowls, cups & cutlery ~ it's kind of a winter-picnic!

See you there!



Last year an estimated 100 people came to socialise at the annual midwinter community potluck.

-photo supplied by Ed Stevens



2018 TERM DATES

TERM 2: Mon 30 April – Fri 6 July
TERM 3: Mon 23 July – Fri 28 September
TERM 4: Mon 15 October – Thu 20 Dec

As Term 2 draws to a close we reflect on a busy term of winter sports and achievements at school. Students have immersed themselves in learning about inspiring New Zealanders, including class visits to Hort Research, Abel Tasman Sea Shuttles and Coppins Sea Anchors. As well, our science and technology learning has been based around the properties of harakeke. For one class this has resulted in the making of swings to test the strength of fibres.

In Term 3, our plans include dance lessons with Dean, drama lessons with Damara and a special focus on “Changes”, which will incorporate learning more about the history of our school and our Ngatimoti district.

Ngatimoti School was officially opened on 17 August 1868, at a site on Waiwhero Road close to St. James Church. Our plan to celebrate our 150th year of schooling at Ngatimoti is:

Saturday 20 October

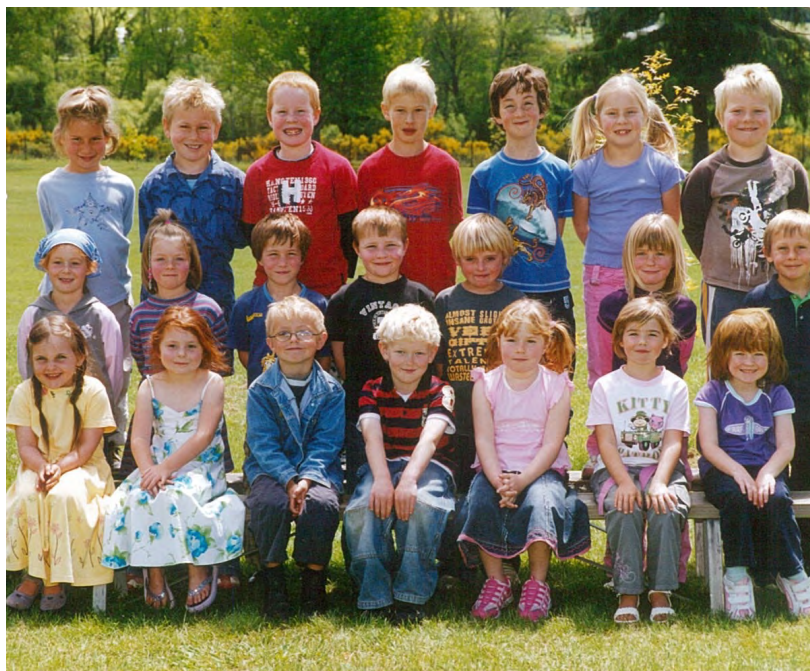
10:30am - Bus tour with Ed Stevens (LIMITED NUMBERS, PRIOR REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL)

1pm - All welcome at Ngatimoti School for a walk around and to see a display of photos in Room 5

2pm - Official Welcome, cutting of the cake and afternoon tea in the School Library

Sunday 21 October: 10am - 4pm On Sunday 21 October the celebrations continue with our annual Ngatimoti Festival on the school grounds and neighbouring reserve; 10am-4pm rain or shine, gold coin entry.

If you have any stories, photos or other contributions for our memorial booklet and/or celebrations, please send them through to Ngatimoti School office@ngatimoti.school.nz



Down memory lane we found this class photo from 2006. We know a few of you will recognise these little cuties who are all now turning 18 years old!



Letter to the editor

In response to Chris Tait’s article, “The freedom to camp” which appeared in the June edition of the MVA Newsletter.

Whilst I applaud the positive tone of Chris’s piece a couple of ‘qualifications’ seem necessary to provide balance.

Tourism, of which ‘freedom camping’ may, or may not, be a part, is unquestionably important to the local economy. It is however worth noting that: some things which ‘contribute to the local economy’ are of little or no benefit to the local community. And, where there are discernible benefits, they are not necessarily distributed equally or in proportion to costs. I have yet to see convincing evidence that the majority of ratepayers derive any material benefit from the presence of freedom campers. They do however share the burden of costs. Both in terms of environmental degradation and the financial costs of servicing and/or cleaning up.

Secondly: It’s not surprising that local people are using the roadside rubbish dump/collection point near the Alexander

Bluff bridge. They are, after all, paying for it. Is it reasonable to expect people to pay for a facility they are prohibited from using?

Finally, I absolutely agree with the sentiment that we should welcome and care for our visitors. However, two points: There is, I believe, a reciprocal obligation on visitors not to become an undue burden on their hosts and to act responsibly and with respect. And secondly, I think it is hard to argue that the facilities offered at the Alexander Bluff bridge ‘campsite’ show either care or welcome. Squalid and reminiscent of a refugee camp seem more accurate/appropriate descriptions.

I firmly believe that freedom campers can, and in most cases do, add to the vibrancy of our community and I certainly do not want to see freedom camping banned. That said, I believe that we urgently need a meaningful review of our approach to freedom camping. Present arrangements and facilities seem, at best, barely adequate and, in the worst examples, are little short of deplorable. The Alexander Bluff camp, especially when wet, as it appears to be much of the time, falls firmly into the latter category.

I think it’s time that we (all of us with a care or an interest) cleaned up our act.

-Yours respectfully, Pat Shortley



Motueka Valley Business Profile

Epona ConTact C.A.R.E. Equine Centre

Camille Nelson brings over 25 years of experience in and around the horse industry to her work as a ConTact C.A.R.E. practitioner. She divides her time between working with horses and riders to enhance performance and relieve injury pressures, and working with people at the ConTact C.A.R.E. clinic in Motueka, where she works to effectively relieve pain, stress and tension in the body that may be caused by impact injury pressures.

ConTact C.A.R.E. and the Flinchlock Release method was founded in Ngatea by Dale Speedy. Dale brought a combination of his skills and knowledge as a 6th dan Blackbelt Kiaido-Ryu and 4th generation New Zealand farmer to develop this unique modality. ConTact C.A.R.E. is based on practical observations of animals and how an injured animal will compensate for an injury pressure. A practitioner of the ConTact C.A.R.E. discipline learns to locate and release the hidden causes of what is being felt by the client. Dale wanted to remove any chance of “mind over matter” so he developed his theory on cows, horses and dogs for their purely reactive natures, then watched as sustained injuries unravelled and resolved.

Camille’s pathway into this field came through her observations of the effectiveness of treatments with her horses at the riding school she previously ran at her property on Waiwhero Road, Hooves in Motion. The school emphasised good horsemanship and the formation of a true relationship between horse and rider. When one of the horses started refusing to do the work, Camille looked to what was the cause and employed the services of Scott Baker, a ConTact C.A.R.E. practitioner in the area. After witnessing the excellent results using ConTact C.A.R.E. with her horses, Camille decided to do an Equine Foundation Course being held locally. This led to Camille becoming passionate about ConTact C.A.R.E. and the parallels it drew with her own teachings of horsemanship. Camille is now a Senior Advanced Practitioner and the Equine Coordinator for ConTact C.A.R.E. She enjoys working with horses and humans to



Camille with a happy horse.

help free them from their injury pressures, and is always amazed at the results obtained.

Camille offered to show me the type of treatment a client might experience. I willingly offered up an old injury to my thumb which had been aggravated by my latest sewing obsession. While necessarily brief, the treatment assured me that it is non-intrusive and gentle, and that the techniques are safe and effective.

Further details about Camille and her business can be found at www.epona.co.nz, while more information about ConTact C.A.R.E. and the Flinchlock Release method can be found at www.contactcare.co.nz

Camille is joined by another ConTact C.A.R.E. practitioner, Rita Miller, at the Motueka clinic at 96 High Street, which includes ‘The Little Shop’, a retail outlet full of wholesome gifts made with love and passion from the local area.

Camille’s contacts: 021 265 9423 & info@epona.co.nz

-interview by Chris Tait, reporter



Letter to the editor

I would like to share the following email I sent to Richard Kempthorne, mayor of TDC, on 30 June.

There is a real problem in the Motueka Valley, while we have these cold frosty conditions, with the frequency and timing of the application of grit on our roads.

With a new road maintenance contractor we no longer have preventative grit applications based on frost risk. Instead locals in the historically known high risk areas have to now ring council and request grit to be applied, and then ring again when grit needs to be reapplied, usually after another vehicle has gone through their fence or over a bank close to their homes.

Twice recently Ngatimoti FENZ volunteers have attended motor vehicle accidents where the lack of grit has been a significant factor. It can be a very long wait in very cold

conditions keeping these sites safe, while we wait for the grit truck to travel from Richmond/Nelson to remedy the problem. There have been numerous other unreported non-injury accidents due to black ice locally in recent weeks.

I accept that not driving to the conditions may be a contributing factor, but I wonder why the new road maintenance contractor does not take a more preventative approach to keeping our roads safe when consecutive and compounding frosts are known to be occurring and forecast to continue.

Our community deserves a better standard of service when lives and property are at risk.

Your personal intervention to help return to a more proactive approach and prevent the current reactive process continuing would be greatly appreciated.

-Kind regards, Gavin O'Donnell

Update from the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group

A reminder to all Motueka Valley residents. We currently have three AED's located in the Motueka Valley. They are outside for easy access. There is one at the Rural Community Rooms (Ngatimoti Rural Fire Station), next to the entrance to the Community Room. An AED sign is posted on the roadside of the Fire Station/Community Rooms. The second one is located at a private residence/business of 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. The third AED is located on the West Bank at the Pokororo Hall. It is in a yellow box that is locked and has a "breakable red box" with a key in it to access the AED. There is an AED sign on the side of the Hall.

In order to retrieve the AEDs from the first two boxes (Community Rooms & Kerry Hall property) 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 an ambulance crew is on their way. The third AED at the Pokororo Hall has a different type of box. You need to break the glass in the red box with the key in it to unlock the yellow box holding the AED. An alarm should sound but again if it does don't worry about it as it should reset itself.

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 Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group are currently undertaking a fundraising campaign in order to raise the funds necessary to maintain the 3 AEDs we have. This is an ongoing process. Keep a lookout in your mailbox for a flyer we are distributing for our fundraising campaign. On the opposite side of the fundraising flyer there will be a list of available volunteer community members who will assist you with the AED and CPR if you need assistance before the ambulance arrives. Please refer to that list if you are alone and cannot go and retrieve the AED. Do not leave the patient alone.

We plan on having a CPR refresher course for Motueka Valley residents in the Spring. Notification will be posted in the MVA newsletter for interested community members.

The Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group is a registered not-for-profit charity (CC50792) which has been formed to maintain the existing AEDs. The emergency equipment needs to be checked, batteries replaced and contact pads replaced at regular intervals or they will not be viable in an emergency. Contributions to the fund are always welcome. You can contact me at 03 526 8644 or 021 179 7005 for information on how you can make a contribution.

Aside from the many anonymous donations from community members I would like to acknowledge some of our larger donors: Pokororo Women's Club, Tasman District Council, Motueka Valley Association, and the Ngatimoti Parent Group. Without these generous donations we would not have been able to purchase our 3 defibrillators and maintain them in working order! Thank you to all who have reached into their pockets in the past and are willing to continue donating to the upkeep of this life saving equipment.

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



Access to the Pokororo swing bridge

As you may know, the Pokororo swing bridge that was first constructed in 1894, is accessed from the Motueka Valley Highway by a lane that goes through Heath's blueberry farm. Heath's blueberry farm has recently been sold to Steve Malcolm.

The new owner is negotiating with the TDC to limit access to the bridge to pedestrians and cyclists with room to park vehicles being provided at the Motueka Valley Highway entrance to the property. The reason given for limiting access is that the development of the property will involve machinery crossing the lane reasonably frequently.

The intention is to create an easement from the Highway to the bridge that will establish the right of access to the bridge.

-Bruce Dyer



Pokororo swing bridge



MVA Committee update

From the June MVA meeting:

- ▶ Update about Motueka Valley Sign; discussion about involving iwi; to be followed up.
- ▶ Preparation for upcoming midwinter community potluck; tasks were divided.
- ▶ A concerned community member raised the subject of vehicle access to Pokororo Swing Bridge; MVA will ask TDC for an update.
- ▶ Discussion about MVA's position in paying the ongoing cost for replacement batteries of the defibrillators in the valley.

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Motueka Valley Association

Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm
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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 0226 0191
Joanna Santa-Barbara	022 459 0650
Greg Mason	526 8112
Chris Tait	027 315 7815

local halls/facilities

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- delivered on the 1st Thursday of the month to 500 homes in the Motueka Valley from February to December
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