

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

AUGUST 2018

## Better opportunities to build small or second dwellings

Building a small home or second dwelling has been made easier and less costly through recent changes to our planning rules and Development Contributions policy. The changes apply to both urban residential and rural areas.

### Rural areas

Changes to the rules for Tasman's rural zones provide landowners with a new opportunity to build a second minor free-standing dwelling, as an alternative to a second housekeeping unit attached to the main house.

The level of resource consent you need for a second minor dwelling is lower than the consent you would need to build a second principal dwelling. You don't need to subdivide to do this (in fact, the rules discourage it). The size of your minor dwelling must be less than 80 square metres – or 120 sqm if the garage is attached.

The opportunity to build a second housekeeping unit attached to your main house has also become more flexible. The unit can now be any size, where previously the floor area was limited to 60 sqm.

The changes also allow for two sleepouts for every main house on a property. Plan Change 60, Rural Land Use and Subdivision introduced these provisions into the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

*-source: TDC's Newline 6 July 2018*

## Motueka Valley Business Profile

### Hahn Decorators: a family affair

Father and daughter, Tony and Chantel Hahn, make up the Hahn Decorators team. Tony began his foray into the world of home decorating in Palmerston North at 16 years old, and at 21 ventured into self-employment. Tony brought his skills to the area in the family's move to Tasman six years ago, and into the valley two years ago.

Initially it was the need for pocket money that saw Chantel picking up a paintbrush. Over time she developed a passion for the work and has recently begun an apprenticeship.

Tony and Chantel supported the establishment of the business in the South Island by undertaking work in Christchurch following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. Their skills with wallpaper was in particular demand as EQC and insurance companies replaced 'like with like'. If the room had wallpaper prior to the damage requiring repair, it would need to be wallpapered in order to return it to its original condition.

Services offered by Hahn Decorators include internal and external painting, including roof painting, water blasting, wallpapering, and spray painting, redecorating and new builds. Their talents are available to landlords for repairs and redecoration of rental properties.

Tony and Chantel's skills complement each other. They work closely together, usually on the same job. Chantel lives in Stoke and may attend to small jobs in that area, while Tony may undertake this type of work in the valley and Motueka area. At times a client may prefer a female working in their home for cultural reasons and Chantel is able to meet these needs.

Following the weather event in February they undertook some work to repair damage to houses from the storm. Flood and fire damage often require their skills.

Hahn Decorators offer free quotes for their services and work closely with the client to ensure satisfaction. They pride themselves on their work and ensure that they leave the site clean when the work is complete. Any leftover paint purchased for the job will be left with the client for future touch-ups.

A pamphlet type website ([www.hahndecorators.co.nz](http://www.hahndecorators.co.nz)) is available for contact information or Tony can be contacted at [tony@hahndecorators.co.nz](mailto:tony@hahndecorators.co.nz) or 0800 733 326.

*-interview by Chris Tait, reporter*

## NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 8 August, 7.30pm  
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

**All welcome!**

On request of Ngatimoti School two pages have been added to the back of this issue. This to promote the upcoming celebration of their 150<sup>th</sup> year of schooling in Ngatimoti as well as their Ngatimoti Festival.

In return Ngatimoti School has printed this issue free of charge.



Tony Hahn and his daughter Chantel.

# Gita smashes the South Island

## Six months on

It's been close to six months since the weather event that was ex-cyclone Gita blew through our district. Most in the valley have been affected in some way, some more than others. While a lot has been done to repair the damage wrought in February, much still remains to be done.

The road repair crews that were a feature of our travels now seem to have gone, but the roads have not been returned to their pre-event state. Road cones have been left in some places, so we slow down to negotiate the rutted surfaces. Paddocks are still peppered with boulders that defy the notion that water could move them to their resting places. Grass struggles its way towards the light through silt. Houses await repair, or at least a decision on what will happen in the future. We wonder about the hillsides that are littered with what remains when the trees have been harvested. For some, Gita is distant and only remembered when travelling through the valley. For others, their lives have been forever changed: their loved house has gone, their land has been changed, and possibly their love of the river has altered. Perhaps worst of all, are those who now live in limbo as they wait for decisions about what will happen as they attempt to return to a semblance of normal life. Many of these things are familiar to anyone who experienced the South Island earthquakes since 2010.

Disasters affect people in different ways, and the type of disaster affects communities differently.

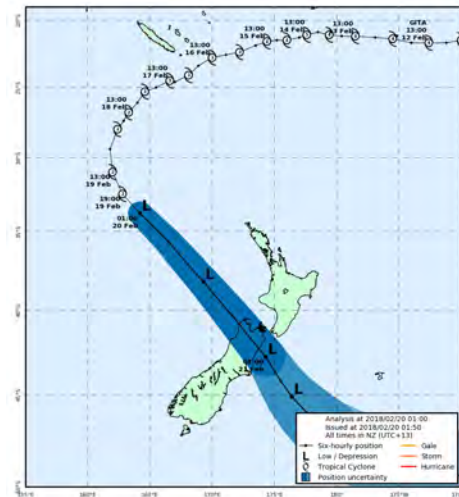
A death in a car accident will have an enormous impact on the immediate family and friends of the deceased. It is a personal tragedy that a community may be aware of because they know someone who knows the family, they heard the sirens, they are a member of the first response team, their fences have been smashed, they drove past the wrecked car, or they read about it in the ghoulish reporting of the latest road accident statistics.

A weather event, like ex-cyclone Gita affects everyone while it is raging through the district. The worry about the combination of wind, and rain as we watch and wait are experienced by most in the community. Proximity to streams and rivers, knowledge of the past, heights of floor levels, and other factual information increase or decrease individual's concerns.

Since moving into the district I have met many fellow Cantabrians who also moved following the earthquakes. Conversation still turns to our experiences. We all have stories to tell because we all felt the earth move. I have only heard of one person who wasn't woken by the first big shake. Many of us tell horror stories about dealing with EQC or insurance companies. Nearly eight years later, some are still waiting for someone to decide their fate.

There is nothing that communities can do to prevent earthquakes and heavy rain and high wind. Our strength as communities is in our ability to rally to support each other in times of disaster and to share our stories. We can also look at the things that made the disaster worse than it needed to be and work towards putting those things right so that the next time a tropical cyclone is headed our way we have less to be concerned about.

-Chris Tait, reporter



## Fresh from the oven... and smiling away!



Sylas once again baked the bread for the MVA midwinter community potluck.

Last month an estimated 100 locals turned up in the Ngatimoti Hall to chat over mulled wine, hot soup, fresh bread and an abundance of homemade goodies with Harmony's tunes in the background.

Appreciations from the MVA Committee for everyone's contributions, be it organising, decorating, cleaning or just showing up.



## MVA Committee update

From the July MVA meeting:

- The documentary "A Close Shave" (about Gita) doesn't appear to be available for screening at the moment.
- Vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle access to Pokororo Swing Bridge.
- Trust members from the Motueka Valley Defibrillator group presented a letter with a request for (possibly ongoing) financial help from the MVA.
- Discussion about the viability of having our newsletter printed in colour. Several options are being explored. It was decided that only having an online newsletter is not preferred at this stage.
- Sharing of jobs for midwinter community potluck.

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### AGM

Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group  
Thursday, 16 August 2018, 7:30pm  
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### Motueka Valley Association

**Meetings** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8pm  
(7.30pm in winter) in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms.  
**Everyone welcome!**

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

Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Irma Jager	526 8080
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### about your newsletter

- delivered on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:newsletter@mva.org.nz)
- advertising rate: \$2.00 per column cm
- online newsletter + archives: [www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz)

### Facebook: Motueka Valley Community



This is a closed group with over 600 members supporting the exchange of goods, services and information within the valley. It can also serve as a place for connection during calamities.

[www.mva.org.nz](http://www.mva.org.nz)

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Tel: 03 526 8842



### 2018 TERM DATES

**TERM 3: Mon 23 July - Fri 28 September**

**TERM 4: Mon 15 October - Thurs 20 Dec**

150<sup>th</sup> celebration/reunion Saturday 20 Oct

Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 21 October

Labour Day Monday 22 October

**Welcome back to Term 3!** This term a lot of our learning will be based on a Then and Now theme, which will incorporate the 150th anniversary. We are hoping to have a dress-up and games day. If you have any other ideas, artifacts, memories or ideas to share, we would love to hear from you!

**Our Room 3 students** have been busy creating a beautiful piece of work to enter into the Motueka Arts Council competition, based on 'CELEBRATE'. The theme of our entry is Celebrating 150 years of Ngatimoti School.

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.

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

There will also be a photographer here at school on the day to take reunion photos.

Please contact [office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz) or call 03 526 8842 to confirm your attendance.

### 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.

**Help!** If any of you wonderful community minded people would like to help out on Festival day please contact the office. Thank you!

**Craftstalls** Please use the form on the reverse of this page to book your craftstall at Ngatimoti Festival.

Please do not submit a craft stall form if you wish to sell food. Stalls selling food are by invitation only.



Ngatimoti School Room 4 1982. Any familiar faces? Let us know! Thanks to Lisa Furness for the photo.



# **NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL 2018**

**Labour Weekend SUNDAY 21 October 2018**



## **INVITATION TO CRAFT STALL HOLDERS**

### **Annual fundraiser - 10 am to 4 pm**

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There will be live music, activities, demonstrations, food, sideshow rides, animals and more. It will be advertised in newspapers, the school website, radio and signs. This event has become a popular day out in the country with thousands of visitors in previous years. It goes ahead rain or shine. As required under section 16 Health and Safety Act 2014 (HSE) we inform visitors to the fair that rides and amusement activities, farm equipment both moving and stationary can cause harm or injury. All persons should exercise caution.

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