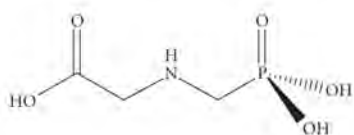


Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

SEPTEMBER 2018



Is the end of Roundup/glyphosate in sight?

A few weeks ago Bayer, the new owner of the agrochemical company Monsanto, was ordered to pay 289 million US dollars in damages to a U.S. school groundskeeper for not warning him about the potential cancer risks of using the Roundup spray. Since then the number of U.S. lawsuits against the Roundup maker has risen to about 8,000.

Twenty-five countries have issued outright bans on glyphosate, imposed restrictions or have issued statements of intention to ban or restrict glyphosate-based herbicides, including Roundup, over health concerns and the ongoing Roundup cancer litigation.

Here in New Zealand, the cities of Auckland and Christchurch passed resolutions to reduce the usage of chemicals for weed and pest control in public places. The Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility, a New Zealand charitable trust, called for a glyphosate ban in 2015.

I asked our councillor Dean McNamara about TDC's weed control practices on the Motueka River banks. He sent me this reply from Council staff:

"The Roundup we use on riverbeds is specially approved for use around waterways. We tend to use cut and paste gel on woody pest weeds growing on riverbanks (Vigilant gel), or if for example, it was willow control, drilling and then filling with glyphosate or Metsulfuron-methyl 600 would be the technique used. Our biosecurity team don't generally do much spraying in river beds at all, but we do spray wetland areas (ponds) to control reed sweet grass. I have one reed sweet grass site in Forest Creek Road and one farm pond I do in the Motueka Valley for entire marshwort. This is obviously over water, so I use glyphosate only and the surfactant I use is Aquakynde.

The main work Council do on the Motueka River terraces is riparian restoration work carried out by Giles Griffith (Rivers and Coastal Engineer). Pest weeds such as blackberry, old man's beard, wattle and crack willow are sprayed out prior to planting in native species - these should then dominate the river banks once established. The contractors working for Giles use glyphosate 360, Metsulfuron-methyl 600 and Grazon. Unfortunately, as Paul has suggested, glyphosate is very effective on some pest species, but on woody weeds and blackberry, it is relatively ineffective, hence the need to use other types of herbicide."

Right across from where I live (West Bank Road, between the two bridges) a significant area of restoration work is being carried out. Willow, blackberry, gorse and old man's beard have been taken out with a digger. The ground is now bare and I'm expecting a contractor any moment to start spraying this area. And come back with more spray after initial planting. Then come back the next year and maybe even the next.

My heart sinks when I think about the amount of spray an area like this needs. How much will end up in our waterways? But my main concern is actually for the people applying the spray. Do they realise the potential effect on their health? Just when I had this question on my mind, I happened to see some of the TDC contractors and after talking with them I felt reassured that they wear protective gear and take this poison serious. They pointed out their concern for the general public, who potentially use Roundup in a careless manner, wearing shorts and no protective gear.

What remains is my concern for the environment, so I urge TDC, their contractors as well as the general public to rethink the use of glyphosate.

-Irma Jager

NEXT MVA MEETING combined with AGM

Wednesday 12 September, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

AGM

7.30pm

Welcome and **AGM**;
committee elections facilitated
by councillor Dean McNamara,
treasurer's report

8pm

Ali Turner (principal) will share some of the history and passion that has gone into the evolving story of **Ngatimoti School** in light of the upcoming sesquicentennial celebrations.

→ ??? just Google!

8.20pm

Q & A session with

Mayor Richard Kempthorne

→ here's your chance!

followed by supper

See you there!

Do you want to consider joining the MVA Committee?

Meet up once a month (2 hours),
have a say in valley matters,
create connections and
contribute to our community.

At the moment we have 5 committee members, but we would really like a few more people to come on board.

info@mva.org.nz

Stick Insect and Takahe, two documentaries

On Saturday 22 September there will be a showing of two documentaries made by Asher Flatt.

Asher is the son of Fran Deech, who is on the committee of the Motueka Valley Association. Asher is currently living in Melbourne - over the last 2½ years he has been working on making a documentary called *Stuck on a Rock*, about the nearly extinct Stick Insect of Lord Howe Island, (situated off the southeast coast of Australia). It has taken him a long time as he has made the whole doco independently, and funded himself through unrelated work while at the same time paying off a huge student loan debt amassed while overseas.

The other documentary called *Trials of the Takahe*, was made to complete his Masters in Science Communication at Otago University in 2011. His focus at Otago was Natural History Filmmaking.

Here are Asher's perspectives on the documentaries:

Stuck on a Rock

A documentary about adventuring into the unknown, extinction, conservation and our fragile connection with nature. It is also the story of an insect that managed to cling onto existence in one of the most unlikely and isolated spots imaginable. I'm both excited and relieved to be sharing this documentary with you, which I've put so much of myself into over the last few years. It indelibly bears my stylistic stamp and gave me a chance to explore one of my main interests - making a documentary that examines our relationships with nature and also our place in the world, while also poking fun at it.

Trials of the Takahe

What does it take to save a species from extinction? This film started with the simple turn of a page - a chapter from a book by the British Wildlife legend Gerald Durrell had caught my eye. He described his journey into one of the most remote and beautiful places in New Zealand, the Murchison Mountains of Fiordland. In this wilderness of trees and tussock he'd had an encounter with one of the rarest birds in New Zealand - the takahe. 60 years ago the takahe was rediscovered by a curious ophthalmologist. Today, the takahe, found in no other country in the world, still fights for survival in a landscape crowded with foreign pests, a fight it would have lost without a helping human hand. *Trials of the Takahe* chronicles the history of the conservation of this fragile species from the time of its rediscovery to the present day.

Saturday 22 September, 7.30pm

Ngatimoti Community Rooms

The funds from showing these two documentaries will be used to assist Asher in coming back to Nelson for a much needed break. He would love to be able to come back to Aotearoa to live, were there to be work available...

Cost: \$10 or a koha if that works better for you.

Contact Fran on 021 0226 0191 if you have any questions.

-Fran Deech



Well-known expert in Maori language looks to deep cultural values



Our valley is home to many remarkable and interesting people, one of whom is Christine Piper, of Te Ora Farm, Graham Valley. Christine has lived in the valley for thirty years, nearly half her life. Her pathway, not so much determined by her aspirations as by her being beckoned constantly onward, has led to her becoming a well-known kaiako in Aotearoa of Te Reo Māori.

The guiding themes of Christine's life have been an interest in living cooperatively alongside others, with an emphasis on 'us' rather than 'me', and a belief in the importance of learning in a way that transforms the whole person and the whole family. It was these deeply held values that led to her coming to live in Graham Valley to join the Mountain Valley School community, which flourished there for many years. For Christine, living out these values included being able to speak to Maori on their own terms, in their own language. In 1993, Christine attended her first class in Te Reo, the Māori language, in Motueka.

This led her to become part of the Te Ataarangi movement, which promotes both Māori language and culture, and has always been warmly inclusive of pakeha (non-Maori) learners. Christine was strongly attracted to the values of this movement, "ngakau mahaki", inclusive of truth, peace, harmony, right and proper conduct, nonviolence, love, kindness and goodwill. She believes that the more understanding that can be fostered between the two cultures of this bicultural nation, the more we will live well with each other, enjoying the riches of both cultures. Language is a major means of understanding.

Christine is eager to encourage other pakeha to go beyond 'dabbling' in Te Reo, to work at gaining fluency in using the language. It is important to her to implement her guiding values in working them out in real life and helping others do so.

Currently Christine leads a team coordinating Te Reo learning activities across the Top of the South, and trains kaiako (teachers). Asked about the present status of the language, she said that it needs further consolidation in our society. 'However, there's a consistent increasing demand from all sectors of the community to uplift the mana (dignity) of Te Reo. I'm extremely honoured to participate in that.'

Anyone interested in learning Te Reo can contact the organisation at ataarangi@gmail.com. New classes begin in February 2019.

Maori Language Week is September 10-16.

-Joanna Santa Barbara,
a happy learner in Māori language and culture.

MVA Committee update

From the August MVA meeting:

- It was decided that the Motueka Defibrillator Group will receive a \$250 one-off donation to assist in ongoing maintenance.
- Options to receive funding for the Motueka Valley sign will be explored. After consultation with iwi, a design for carving was proposed. To be followed up.
- Agenda for AGM was discussed.
- A date was set for the MVA's yearly concert at St James. A suggestion will be followed up to see if musicians are available.

Friday 23 November at St. James Church:

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Motueka Valley Association

Meetings every 2nd 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
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

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- online newsletter + archives: 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

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2018 TERM DATES

TERM 3: Mon 23 July - Fri 28 September TERM 4: Mon 15 October - Thurs 20 December
150th reunion Saturday 20 October Ngatimoti Festival Sunday 21 October Labour Day Monday 22 October



Ngatimoti School teachers and pupils, 17th August 2018. 150 years of schooling at Ngatimoti.

We celebrated this date by dressing up, playing old games, learning and eating food as students and teachers used to in the past.

What's happening at Ngatimoti School this term? The senior classes have been learning winter sports such as netball, football or rugby. The junior classes have been learning touch rugby skills. All students are having a series of tennis lessons too. Within the arts programme, all students had a series of ten dance lessons, and are now having a series of drama lessons with Damara. We have two bands entered in BandQuest at the Theatre Royal later this term. Our Environmental Education programme continues this term with all students choosing to work at an activity over four weeks. These include further development at Thorn's property, learning about eco-systems at Hadley's stream, finding solutions to the plastics problem and creating cycling safety signs. And perhaps most importantly of all, our term will be filled with learning related to our 150th anniversary. We have visits to the Nelson Museum, Bishops School and local sites. We will be considering the past and the impact of changes on learning.

Saturday 20 October REUNION CELEBRATIONS Please contact office@ngatimoti.school.nz or call 03 526 8842 to confirm your attendance.

10:30am - Bus tour departing from Ngatimoti Community Rooms (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.

6pm - Reunion Dinner at Dunbar Estates Café & Winery - \$50pp. Tickets are now available from the school office. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please spread the word and contact the office or check our school website for more details. There will also be a photographer here at school on Saturday to take reunion photos.

Sunday 21 October: 10am - 4pm FESTIVAL DAY

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. We look forward to everybody supporting this great day!

Help! If any of you wonderful community minded people would like to help out on Festival day please contact the office. We would love to hear from you and appreciate all offers of help! 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 FESTIVAL 2018

Labour Weekend SUNDAY 21 October 2018



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- Please set up by 9.30am.
- Sites are limited; inclusion is at the discretion of Festival organisers
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