

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



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Motueka Valley Business Profile

Dunbar Estates: keeping it local

When it comes to coffee I know what I like. My Melbourne based daughter taught me to look at the cups when we enter a café. According to her, if a customer has walked away leaving coffee in the cup, don't waste your money. There's no chance of that happening at Dunbar Estates on the Motueka Valley Highway. Jennifer Dunbar greeted me with a perfect flat white when I visited recently which met my exacting standards.

Nearly a year ago Jennifer and John Dunbar purchased the property, consisting of a cellar door, vineyard and café, just up the valley from the Ngatimoti School. They wished to begin planning for an active retirement close to their holiday home in Kaiteriteri and sought to buy a local business. With experience in owning a vineyard in Central Otago, the property was a good match. John's work as an orthopaedic surgeon keeps him in Otago in the meantime, but Jennifer visits monthly to oversee developments. Those lucky enough to visit at the right time of the month may be treated to Jennifer's piano playing.

The recent appointment of Jarod Santana from Upper Moutere to run the cellar door and café means that they are now open over the spring and summer from Wednesday to Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their Friday night quizzes will continue on the third Friday of the month. Food, wine and coffee are well catered for as Jarod brings to the position chef training and many years as a barista and sommelier in Auckland, Australia and Europe. Jarod is excited about possibilities for the future. He hopes to pickle locally grown vegetables and include them on the menu. A basic brunch menu is available, as well as cabinet food. A speciality is wine matching, where Jarod can utilise his knowledge to assist guests in the selection of their wines.

Locals will notice that some recent landscaping has opened the estate up. The removal of a large tree allows light to flood in and the winding gravel path leads the visitor from the car park to the building. A house on the property basks in the sun and has been converted for accommodation. Plans are well underway to develop this area further for guests' enjoyment.

Jarod's passion for wine means that the cellar door is well served for those wishing to sample and purchase the wines and to learn more about those offered under the Dunbar Estates label. The grapes for some varieties are grown on site and produced in Richmond; some varieties are grown at the Dunbar's Shine Basin Vineyard in Central Otago and produced there in a similar arrangement.

The café can cater for small groups. Prior bookings can allow for various dietary requirements, or food for late arrivals for the holiday accommodation. The reunion dinner for the Ngatimoti School 150 year celebrations will be held at Dunbar Estates.

In addition to Jarod, Jennifer and John employ a property manager, James and Nick, a part-time vineyard adviser, so that while they are in Dunedin, the property flourishes and their ideas become reality.

Even though I have a coffee machine at home, I have no doubt that I'll return for more. Dunbar Estates will be on the list of local recommendations for our summer visitors.

www.dunbarestates.co.nz, 1469 Motueka Valley Highway, 03 526 8598

-interview by Chris Tait, reporter

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 10 October, 8pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

2018 TERM DATES TERM 4: Mon 15 October - Thurs 20 December



There are only a couple of weeks to go until our biggest weekend of the year! Thanks to all students, parents and community members who have contributed towards the mammoth task of organising our 150 Centenary and reunion celebrations, along with our 17th Festival.

Saturday 20 October REUNION CELEBRATIONS

10:30am - Bus tour from Ngatimoti Community Rooms
(Prior registration essential)

1pm - Photo display and tour of Ngatimoti School

2pm - Welcome and afternoon tea in the School Library.

6pm - Reunion Dinner at Dunbar Estates Café & Winery
(\$50pp. Tickets available from the school office)

Sunday 21 October: 10am - 4pm FESTIVAL DAY

Rain or shine, koha gold coin entry. No dogs allowed.

Please take home your own rubbish. Recycling stations will be available. We look forward to everybody supporting this great day! All stalls and entertainment should be booked and paid for by now - any queries please email Annie at ngatimotifestival@gmail.com

The past few weeks have been filled with learning about life in the past. This has included some local visits and some local visitors! Many thanks to those members in the community who have helped add to the learning experiences, especially Madeline Rogers, Jill Tran, Phoebe Quinlivan, John Crick, Peter Laufkotter and Ed Stevens.

Next term we begin with some learning about wool and its journey from farm to finished product. We will be finding out why wool is an important fibre, and some of the ways it is used. For example, did you know that wool is used at the core of a softball to give it bounce and resilience? Members of the public will also be able to learn about wool at the Festival because we have a fantastic resource known as The Wool Shed, which is a container full of knowledge and activities that travels the South Island educating people and promoting wool as a resource. This will be open and FREE for visitors at the Festival.

As well as this year's Festival, we plan to have a penny farthing rider, a sticky fly wall and a photo display of past school days. This year's Festival is a chance to celebrate the past and the present, and is an integral part of our 150th reunion celebrations. Of course at the Festival there is also live music, an amazing silent auction, fabulous food and all sorts of free attractions such as the animal tent, woodchoppers, sheep shearers and the Emergency Services personnel in action. Follow the scarecrows along the valley on Sunday 21 October. This is a great day and we thank all of our local community in advance for their support!



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Annual General Meeting 2018

The Motueka Valley Association held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12 September in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms. The well-attended meeting heard the annual report, the financial report and the election of committee members.

The annual report updated the community on current projects, notably the planned sign at the entrance to the Motueka Valley, and occasions held during the year. The annual concert, summer picnic and mid-winter potluck have proven popular and will continue. Other events were organised by the MVA in response to events in our community.

Bruce presented the financial report and was commended for his work on the committee.

Dean McNamara, TDC councillor for the Moutere-Waimea Ward, facilitated the election of committee members. He thanked the committee for the work done over the past year and introduced the committee members, noting that Joanna Santa-Barbara was standing down. Bruce Dyer (treasurer), Greg Mason, Irma Jager (secretary), Fran Deech and Chris Tait (reporter) were re-elected onto the committee. Jan-Albert Droppers will continue editing the newsletter, but is not a committee member. Peter Laufkotter was nominated as a new committee member and accepted the nomination.

Other topics mentioned during the AGM were a call for a replacement voluntary grounds person to keep the area around the war memorial and the church tidy, an open invitation to valley residents to attend MVA meetings, and the effectiveness of the Motueka Valley Facebook page for communication within the community, especially in times of crisis as was evident during ex-tropical cyclone Gita.

For many the highlights of the evening were the guest speakers. Ali Turner, principal Ngatimoti School, gave an interesting talk about the school's history and philosophy, and the upcoming 150th celebrations. She included many interesting snippets of information that have been gathered in preparation for the celebrations in October.

The MVA invited Richard Kempthorne, the TDC Mayor, to synchronise his annual visit with the AGM. Richard chose to open the floor immediately for questions. The complex controversial Waimea Dam and its decision-making process were hot topics for many residents, dominating much of the question and answer session. Other topics covered included the council's Waste Minimisation Policy, implementation of the National Environmental Standard (NES) for Plantation Forestry, and concerns about the use of glyphosate near waterways and the council's role in this matter.

The evening was concluded with supper and informal discussions between attendees.

-Chris Tait, reporter

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Letter to the editor

The big advantages of Roundup

I wish to present an opposing view of last month's leading article. I appreciate that everyone has their own view on topics and their freedom to express it.

I am fast approaching pensionable age and my body certainly feels it at times. Roundup, Tordon and Escort are among my meagre arsenal for dealing with woody and soft woods. I live on a hillside with the slopes and gulleys covered in brambles, gorse, broom, old man's beard, Himalayan honeysuckle, etc, etc. It's my goal, like many other conservationists, to leave the land in a better state than I bought it, when my time is up. I have just spent several weeks clearing a fence line on my hands and knees with secateurs of mainly 3 years growth of brambles. I intend to follow it up with regular spraying so that my hands and back don't have to endure that again. The land is steep and dangerous for any mechanical clearing so would be interested to hear if last month's writer would either like to do the job or would have alternative suggestions.

With regards to health matters there are a few more toxic chemicals in everyday use eg petrol, diesel, smoke (fires), tobacco, alcohol (a recent British report suggested zero tolerance due to liver damage), pollen (allergic reactions), insects (bites and stings), muscle and back strain and RSI when I'm cutting and pulling up these weeds manually, microwaves and mobile phones (leading to brain disorders). The list is endless - I suggest we live for the day in the real world rather than suffocate by the one enclosed by cotton wool. Maybe rugby and pig hunting should be outlawed first being far more dangerous activities!

Long live Roundup.

-John Clarke

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
Peter Laufkotter	526 8554
Greg Mason	526 8112
Chris Tait	027 315 7815

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- advertising rate: \$2.00 per column cm
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