

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

AUGUST 2019

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 14 August, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

The Motueka Valley Association wants you!

Three of our long-term committee members are standing down at the upcoming AGM in September and we would LOVE to have new members join us.

We are a residents' association that has been active in the valley for many years. We do fun stuff like organising the mid-winter potluck dinner, the annual concert in Ngatimoti's St James Church, and putting together the monthly valley newsletter. We also do some serious stuff like liaising with TDC and organising public talks on matters that affect the valley. But actually, it's ALL fun stuff!

Being on the committee is not a big commitment. We meet one evening a month for about 1.5 hours and we may do another 2-4 hours each month depending on the sorts of things we are organising. It's a great way to stay in touch with valley life and to get to know other locals.

If you are interested in finding out more please get in touch with one of the committee members. Our numbers are included in the newsletter.

Come and Meet the Tasman District Council Candidates

The MVA is hosting an evening with the TDC candidates standing in the Motueka and Moutere/Waimea wards.

This is an opportunity to meet the people who wish to represent us on council and to ask those burning questions to help decide who to vote for.

Supper will be provided.

Wednesday 18 September, 7.30-9.00pm

Ngatimoti Community Rooms

AGM

&

Talk on Pest Control

TDC's biosecurity officer Lindsay Barber will give a presentation focussed on the regional pest management plan and strategies for pest control (flora and fauna) in the valley. And he will try to answer your questions.

Wednesday 11 September, 7.30pm

Ngatimoti Community Rooms

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL 2019

Labour Weekend SUNDAY 27 October 2019

10am - 4pm

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There will be live music, activities, demonstrations, food, sideshow rides, animals and more.

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David Gorrill, 17 May 1929 - 11 May 2019

Dave was born on the 17th of May, 1929 at Lancaster in North West England. That was 90 years ago. He was one of two boys born to Nora and George Gorrill. Younger brother Bill was born when David was 5 years old. His father was a leather merchant and cobbler. Dave grew up and attended school around Lancaster, and later on was to help his father with the cows on some land that they leased for a period.

In 1955, with two friends, Harry and Dave, David came out to New Zealand on a two year working holiday, as one of the “ten pound pommies”. He spent some time herd testing around Pukekohe and Tauranga, and he also spent time deer culling and hut building in the area in what was then known as North West Nelson State Forest Park. Interestingly Dave never picked up his gun again after that time. By the end of his five years stay in New Zealand, Dave was working as a leading hand for Coz Newman on his tobacco farm in the Motueka Valley.

He returned to England for a year to catch up with family and friends, including an old friend from his earlier school days, Dorothy Ayrton. At the end of this year he said farewell to them all and returned to New Zealand.

He eventually sat down and wrote a letter to Dorothy inviting her to come over to New Zealand and marry him. An invitation she duly accepted, and they were married in Motueka on the 15th January, 1961, which was right in the middle of the busy part of the tobacco season, so there was no time for a honeymoon, they were straight back into work, after the wedding! At first they settled into life at the Baches up at Coz’ farm, but when an opportunity came to purchase a farm from Ted McGaviston - just across the road - they grabbed it and in 1964 they became the proud owners of their farm. David farmed tobacco, pigs, goats, sheep, cattle, kiwifruit. He was a hard working, salt of the earth, reliable kind of guy. And he enjoyed keeping active on the farm as long as he was able, he enjoyed being able to grow old on his property.

After Dorothy died in 2011, David managed to cope ok. He was a resilient man, and he tried cooking, and had to learn about strange new concepts, like shopping in a supermarket, and making scones and soups. But he took it all in his stride.

In 2014 he had his leg amputated, which slowed him down a little. But he managed to get himself organised with his quad bike and a ramp, and he was still able to get around with great mobility to walk the dog or check out various aspects of the farm work.

About a month ago Dave went for a short stay in Nelson Hospital. He never liked hospitals much! From there he was transferred to Jack Inglis Friendship Hospital, and he was settling slowly into the routines and the pace of things there. He was enjoying the company, and the activities. His heart and mind were so strong till the end, but the body was certainly having its ups and downs.

Dave’s family remember he was an intelligent and well read man. He enjoyed keeping up with current affairs, and people and events from local and global news. He was always there to lend a hand if anyone had a need. His family said he enjoyed using sayings, like: “TTFN”(Ta Ta For Now) or “That’d come in handy if you never use it”.

David was peacefully taken from this life at Jack Inglis, Saturday the 11th of May, 2019. He was just a week from 90 years of age. “It was a good Innings” said his family.

Tribute from Martin:

Dave the one legged man with a one eyed dog

I don’t have a lot of memories of Dad from when I was young. I think because he spent a lot of time working, which is probably why I was close to Mum and maybe because of her skills making delicious food.

Dad was a giant of a man. I used to be in awe of the size of his physique, in particular, the size of his legs. (You don’t get legs that size sitting on your ass!), and maybe Mum’s cooking played a part.

Dad liked his food, he would cook porridge every morning and share it with his dog Bo. The last couple of Dad’s days in hospital were quite hard for him. He hadn’t eaten much, but on the morning of his last day, when the staff asked him if he wanted any breakfast, he said “Yes”, and sat on the edge of his bed and ate a bowl of porridge.

Dad knew a lot of people, which annoyed the hell out of me as a kid, especially when we were in the car on the way back from town and he would see one of the neighbours, like Gordon Brown, working near the road and stop and talk to him for what seemed like hours and all I wanted to do was get home.

He loved to talk, right up till his last couple of days and as much as he didn’t want to end his life in hospital, it was the perfect place for him to get a captive audience. Even though he had many acquaintances, he only had a handful of good friends. These people know who they are and to them I’d just like to say “Thank You” for making his time at Jack Inglis as nice as it could be. I’d also like to thank the nurses that looked after him and his sometimes grumpy behaviour. I’m sure it was triggered by the frustration of losing his independence. I told him one night, on one of his many nights in hospital, that there’s a lot of things in life to get annoyed about, but don’t ever get annoyed at a nurse, “believe me” I said. Also to the people that lent him books to read which he could still do without glasses. If you lent him a book and it wasn’t returned, please come and get it, but also if he lent you one, please keep it and remember Dad next time you read it.

TTFN Dad



-Martin Gorrill

OPEN MIC

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THURSDAY 1st AUG 7.30 - 10.30pm

Ngatimoti Hall

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MVA Committee update

From the July MVA meeting:

- The Open Mic night at the Ngatimoti Hall is going ahead, every 1st Thursday of the month (see announcement above), with an initial support of \$50 per evening from MVA and the understanding that it aims to be financially independent within a few months.
- Two locals came and expressed their concern about the recent tree removal on a paper road (public land) by an individual and the lack of TDC's action on that. It was suggested that natives would be planted and this paper road could be used for public access to the river. MVA to support by writing to TDC.
- A local noticed that another culvert has been incorrectly named; it is now called Knowles Culvert and the family was not consulted about this. MVA to contact TDC to find out how they are coming up with the names, how to make sure they are historically accurate, and whether there are any others that have been incorrectly named.
- Two locals expressed that the suggestion at last month's meeting to lower the speed limit in the valley to 80km/h does not get their support. They shared their reasoning behind this.

Midwinter potluck a success

Over 100 locals attended last Friday's community midwinter potluck at the Ngatimoti Hall. It started off with an opportunity for all to say a few words about themselves and how long they've been in the valley. It appeared to be an eclectic mix of relative newcomers and some who've been here for decades, if not their whole lives. Then it was socialising over food and drinks. Connections were made or maintained.

A real community vibe!

Location of AEDs in Motueka Valley

- **Woodstock Automotive (Kerry Hall)**
982 Dovedale Road, Woodstock Junction.
- **Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station**
Motueka Valley Highway next to Ngatimoti School
- **Pokororo Hall**
West Bank Road at corner of Graham Valley Road



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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**:

Irma Jager	526 8080
Peter Laufkötter	526 8554
Greg Mason	526 8112
Chris Tait	027 315 7815

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