

# Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



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DECEMBER 2019



## NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 11 December, 8pm  
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

**All welcome!**



## Wonderful mix at St James Church

Last Sunday night the St James Church at Ngatimoti was once again filled up with locals from in and around the valley to enjoy music in a very intimate setting.

It was the 5<sup>th</sup> time this annual event was organised by the Motueka Valley Association and it would not have happened without the organising (and musical) skills from long-time valley resident, Bernd Reiter.

I personally really liked how the evening was laid out. "Men in Accord" started off with 20 minutes of barbershop singing, followed by 20 minutes of performances by "Avid Opera Singers". After a short interval this was repeated and it provided a wonderful, balanced entertainment for me.

I found the barbershop singing very heart-warming and inclusive... yes, even audience participation was part of it. The repertoire was a mix of traditional barbershop and musical songs as well as some Christmas carols.

I don't think I've ever been this close to opera singing and it gave me goosebumps on several occasions to be so close to the performers.

After the concert, supper was provided and appreciated by all. There is nothing like spinning a good yarn with locals over a cuppa!

Much appreciation to Bernd and the MVA for the efforts they've put into making this happen again.

*-review by Irma Jager*

## MVA Committee update

From the November MVA meeting:

- Planning for the St James Concert.
- TDC Update:
  - Five new TDC councillors have been elected; committees have been re-gigged to enable better integration within the council.
  - Currently undertaking Reserve Management planning for Waimea-Moutere and will be calling for public input soon.
  - Currently consulting on a draft Responsible Camping Strategy and possible reductions in speed limits on District roads, including in the valley.
- Update on the future use of a paper road adjoining the Motueka Valley Highway, to be used to provide access to the Motueka River.



## Obituary

Guruvati Dyer of Vistara passed away on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

She died at home surrounded by family after a year-long struggle with motor neuron disease.

Guruvati served as president of the Pokoro Women's Group over a number of years. Tributes consistently drew attention to her being a lovingly beautiful and warm being, full of light.

Survived by her husband Harideva/Bruce and her children Tejas, Amrita, Kamala, Jacob and their families.

*-Harideva Dyer*

## NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

Students will finish this year at school with a final assembly at Ngatimoti Memorial Hall on Thursday 19 December. Friday 20 Dec is a Teacher Only Day.



### TERM DATES 2020

TERM 1: Tues 4 Feb - Thu 9 April  
TERM 2: Tues 28 April - Fri 3 July  
TERM 3: Mon 20 July - Fri 25 Sept  
TERM 4: Mon 12 Oct - Fri 18 Dec

**Pool Keys** The school swimming pool is OPEN! Pool keys are for sale from the school office at a cost of \$70 (\$40 if you have a child currently enrolled at Ngatimoti School), with \$10 refunded on return of your key - BE QUICK as school closes on Friday 20 December. You may pay by cash or cheque at the office (open 8.30am - 3pm daily) or you may also pay directly online to account 03 1354 0359568 00 (please reference swim pool key). There is an agreement to sign before you purchase a key so please request one from the office. The pool is open to the public between the hours of 12 noon - 6pm during the school holidays and after school, except when swimming lessons are in progress - times and dates for these will be displayed at the poolside (not yet confirmed). Thanks to TDC for their annual subsidy for the running of the pool. Thanks also to Festival funds for enabling us to keep our pool open to the public once again.

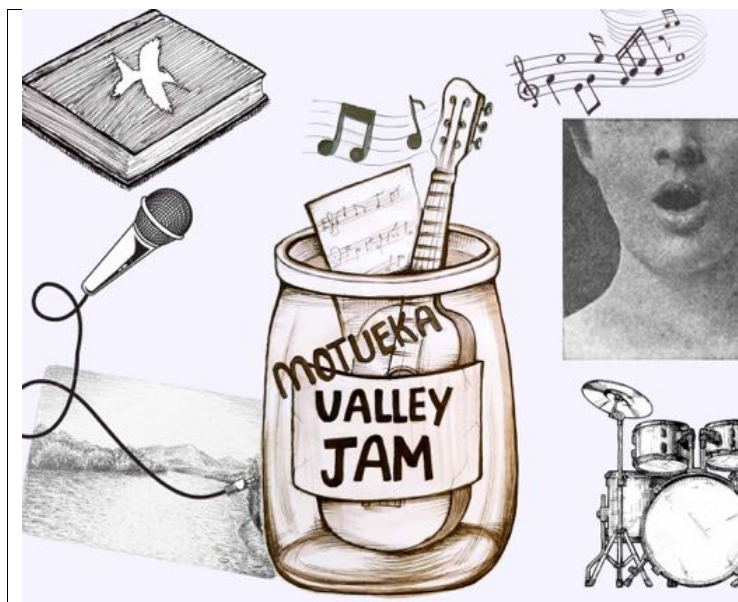


**Plans for 2020** We say goodbye to ten Year 8 students who move on to High School at the end of the year - good luck to our wonderful RIVER students! We have a significant number of junior students expected to enrol at the beginning of 2020. The renovation of two of our classrooms is expected to be completed by Term 2 2020, thank you for keeping clear of the build site throughout the summer.

Ngatimoti School welcomes all students back to school on Tuesday 4 February 2020. New enrolments welcome. For more information about Ngatimoti School please contact Ali Turner, Principal Tel: 03 526 8842.

[office@ngatimoti.school.nz](mailto:office@ngatimoti.school.nz) [www.ngatimoti.school.nz](http://www.ngatimoti.school.nz)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Have a safe and happy holiday, from everyone here at school!



## Motueka Valley Open Mic

Come and check out our awesome valley's local musicians, storytellers, comedians and diverse folk for a night of whatever goes on the mic.

All are welcome to participate or just come and enjoy.

**The date has changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.**

Proudly supported by Ngatimoti Hall Committee and the MVA.

Koha Appreciated

### Companion/Carer available

Are you elderly or struggling with tasks around the home?

Would you prefer to stay in your own home?

I am a reliable, trustworthy and responsible local valley woman available to assist with household chores, odd jobs around house and yard, errands, transport, gardening, lawns, companionship, meal preparation, safety issues, support or simply just to talk.

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If this sounds like you, get in touch with Annika:

ackorsten@gmail.com or 021 343 260

### ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI



*Family Service*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am**

**conducted by Rev Neil Bowdler**

**Children's Sunday School**

**Morning tea and social time to follow**

*All Welcome*

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*Christmas Carol Service*

**Tuesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**  
**in the church with the Motueka Brass Band**

### 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



Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group is a registered charity (CC50792). Donations towards the maintenance of the AEDs can be made to: Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group, NBS acc # 03-1354-0474291-00 or contact Gloria Anderson, chairperson, on 526 8644 for more information.

### 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**:

Greg Mason	526 8112
Peter Laufkotter	526 8554
Fiona Nelson	020 4160 1968

#### local halls/facilities

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall

• Bex Douglas • 021 173 1279 • [ngatimoti.hall@gmail.com](mailto:ngatimoti.hall@gmail.com)

Ngatimoti Community Rooms • Sarah Bradshaw • 526 8026

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



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