

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



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MOTUEKA VALLEY BUSINESS PROFILE

Sound Choice Business Support

Support Far Beyond the Numbers

Before Christmas I popped in to visit Carla Jehle in her cosy little work space at Mytton Heights. With an inspiring view of the valley as a backdrop to her work, Carla runs her business, Sound Choice Business Support which offers a range of services to support small businesses in the district to manage their finances so that they are free to do the work that they know best.

Carla moved to the valley six years ago after 16 years on Waiheke Island. Her interest in sustainable living was challenged by living on an island with its reliance on fossil fuels to connect with the outside world, and prompted a search for a place where the ideals of those on the island were more easily attained. She wished to live and work with like-minded people who were interested in using resources carefully. The Motueka Valley seemed to have what she was looking for in the form of Atamai Village.

Her desire to earn money, minimise travel and use the skills she had developed over her prior work life led Carla to setting up Sound Choice Business Support. Carla was steeped in small business from an early age, growing up in a family of self-employed shoemakers in Germany. She trained in business administration, including bookkeeping, and worked in the corporate world in a large company before moving to New Zealand.

While on Waiheke Island she began using her business administration skills informally, but has now developed this into her main business. Work in the area can be seasonal with ebbs and flows that come with it. Carla can respond to changing needs as she contracts Lenise Mazzucchelli, a local whose family has been in horticulture all her life, when required.

Many small businesses start with a great idea and skills in a specific area, but often struggle with the required paperwork. Carla is able to support at whatever level is needed. Businesses needing help to set up systems to

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 13 February, 8pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

MVA family picnic in March

Socialise over games, music, BBQ... not to be missed!

Sunday 17 March, 3-7pm

Jot down now, more info to follow.

Resignation

Tinamarie is moving out of the valley for a while and has thus resigned from the MVA Committee. We wish her well!

manage cash flow, payroll, GST, financial reports, track expenses, and other aspects that are difficult to manage manually, or those planning for development, could benefit from having Carla work with them. As members of the Institute of Certified New Zealand Bookkeepers Carla and Lenise are experienced outsiders who can bring ideas and a fresh perspective to the small business owner.

Much of the work that Carla does with clients can be done remotely. Most of her work is completed online from the valley. Carla is able to teach people to use the software often required by their accountant. Her ability to customise a one-on-one service to meet the business owner's specific needs is an asset.

Carla has brought her life experience and philosophies to develop the core values of Sound Choice Business Support which are well-being & health for all involved, relationships, time freedom, caring and commitment. These are supplemented by the values of collaboration, transparency and kindness.

As a former business owner I know that the dreaded trip to the accountant would have been less daunting if Carla had been involved, supporting us to make the best decisions for our business, lessening stress, saving money and reducing family conflict. You can contact Carla by email or look for her advertisement in the valley newsletter.

carla.jehle@soundchoice.nz

www.facebook.com/soundchoicebusiness

-interview by Chris Tait, reporter



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 1: THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY – FRI 12 APRIL

TERM 2: Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July

TERM 3: Mon 22 July – Fri 27 September

TERM 4: Mon 14 October – Friday 20 December



NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER ☺

Welcome back to school to all our students, teachers and families; particularly to our new students. We welcome teacher Esther Kiddle who joins us as extra support for Term One in the junior school.

School re-opens for learning on Thursday 7 February. On the evening of **Thursday 14 February** we will hold our popular 'Infomingle'; a fun evening giving parents, students and teachers a chance to mingle and receive information for the year's learning. We would like to express our thanks to Lou Betts for her work as Teacher Aide over the past 3 years, and welcome Jacqui Jenkins to the team as a new Teacher Aide this year.

Many thanks to Lou and Ian once again for the fabulous job they do cleaning and looking after the school grounds. Special thanks to those members of our community too, who have used the school facilities with great respect over the summer break.

The hall refurbishment is on track for completion in March and it is looking great! At the end of 2018, our junior students sent cards and pictures to the Prime Minister, about looking after our waterways. It was great to receive a lovely letter back, reassuring us all that restoring and protecting our freshwater is a major focus for this government.

Swimming Pool Thank you for supporting our school swimming pool once again this season. The pool has been very popular over the school holidays and will continue to be open for community key holders outside school hours during February and March. Key holders; if you no longer need your pool key please return it to the school office for your \$10 refund at any time.



Creative Opportunities for Good

The Motueka Valley seems to attract creative people. A recent arrival to our valley is Ali Brown, renowned flax weaver and tutor. Author of several instructional books on flax weaving, which can be purchased through her website, she brings with her a wealth of experience in this field. Her website is packed with information for anyone wishing to explore weaving with harakeke.

Prior to moving to the valley Ali managed an organisation in Christchurch whose vision was for people living with a disability or health issue to gain paid employment. During this time she also attained a Graduate Diploma in Not-For-Profit Management. As a continuation of the philosophy that had been a cornerstone of this employment, Ali and her family have set up a registered charitable trust, the Tutoring for Charity Trust.

The trust aims to generate funds to donate to charities of the trust's choice, which are those working to decrease inequalities in society. It does this by providing workshops, lectures, and seminars to the community. Tutors donate by giving time free of charge. Attendees donate by paying fees for the class.

Under the auspices of the trust, Ali has run some flax weaving workshops at the Ngatimoti community rooms. Funds raised were donated to her former workplace, Catapult Employment Services, and to KidsCan, which provides Kiwi kids in

need with items that enable them to get into the classroom ready to learn. Her next workshop is planned for Saturday 16th of March in the community rooms. Contact Ali if you wish to attend, or see how a workshop runs.

The trust hopes to further its aims by assisting local artists, craftspeople, or anyone with a useful idea to develop their own workshop, talk, or lecture. They provide support with the selection of a suitable venue, advertising, structure and content of the workshop, as well as being available on the day to help the workshop run smoothly. As an experienced tutor, Ali knows what is required to make the day a success. Attracting participants can seem daunting when planning workshops. This burden is eased as the trust manages that aspect.

Many creatives are looking for ways to add to their income. While money generated by workshops run through the trust are not kept by the tutor, the support and experience gained by working alongside Ali to set up, organise and run the workshop could see the creative ready to continue independently.

The flax weaving workshops are full day ones, but other times can be accommodated. Lectures and seminars will often be shorter. If you are interested in being involved in tutoring, presenting or assisting, please contact Ali through her email or website.

When Ali departed I was brimming with ideas for developing writing and other workshops, and using the trust's resources to help them become a reality. She also gave me tips on how to care for the flax on our property. In return, she left with a boot full of harakeke ready for her next experimentation session.

www.alibrown.co.nz

alibrownweaving@gmail.com

www.catapultemployment.org.nz

www.kidscan.org.nz

-interview by Chris Tait, reporter



Casual Staff required for 2019 Hop Harvest

We are looking for people to help with the harvest on our family Hop Farm.

Positions include:

- cutting hops down in gardens
- hanging vines onto hop machine
- branch picker operator on hop machine

Start: 7.30am for 7-11hr shifts.

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Starting 18th February - end March

Call Richard Davies for details on 021 264 1287.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH NGATIMOTI

Family Service

Sunday 17th February - 10.30am

Conducted by Rev Pamela Soult

Children's Sunday School

Morning tea and social time to follow

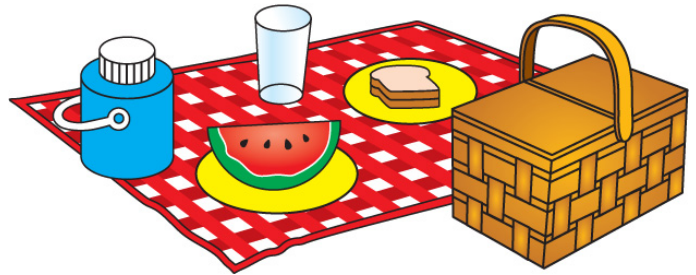
All Welcome



MVA Committee update

From the December MVA meeting:

- Committee members are going to look into MVA becoming a member of a recently established, nationwide Ratepayers and Residents Group.
- The concert at St James Church was once again a success. Ticket sales were good and the total event gave a surplus of \$47.
- TDC will be approached if they are able to do the ongoing lawn mowing at the War Memorial.
- The Motueka Valley Sign has been taken off the table by the committee after it could not come to an agreement around its wording and design. Since the plan was originally proposed by Bruce Dyer, it has been given back to him to progress.
- The Family Picnic is planned for Sunday 17 March.



Gardening and property maintenance work
on Saturdays for student with transportation
to Graham Valley Road. Call 526 8508

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

local halls/facilities

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- delivered on the 1st 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
- advertising rate: \$2.00 per column cm
- online newsletter + archives: www.mva.org.nz

Facebook: Motueka Valley Community

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One-day Flax Weaving Workshop

Saturday 16 March 2019

Ngatimoti Community Rooms

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