

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

JULY 2019

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 10 July, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

Once again, the MVA committee has organised the yearly midwinter potluck. Going by the numbers from the last few years, this event is much appreciated by the wider Motueka Valley community.



MIDWINTER COMMUNITY



**Friday 26 July, 6.30pm
Ngatimoti Hall**

Join us at 6.30pm.

Soup will be simmering.

Sylas' freshly baked bread.

There'll be mulled wine and warm apple juice.

Bring a dish to share and plates, bowls, cups & cutlery.

See you there!



The opening of Rathgar House 7 June 2019

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 September

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

TERM 4: Mon 14 October - Friday 20 December



The story of Rathgar House (previously known as our school hall)
This building was originally a farmhouse on what was once a farm called Rathgar Farm. Rathgar is a village close to Dublin in Ireland. An Irish widow called Margaret emigrated from Ireland to Nelson with her two sons. On the journey she fell in love and went on to have more children. Sadly, after settling in Nelson, her husband died. She then met Mr McGaveston, the man she would spend the rest of her life with. They had eight children together and they farmed in various places around the Motueka Valley. This farm they named Rathgar Farm, after Margaret's home town. They built this as their house around 1909.

This building has been used as a school Hall and occasionally as a classroom in previous years. It belongs to the school community and is not maintained by the Ministry of Education. In 2018 the Board of Trustees decided to upgrade it. The whole building has been earthquake strengthened, insulated, re-piled and a new verandah and deck have been built.

The Ngatimoti School Student Council are really grateful to everyone who helped give this building a new life. Special thanks to the Board of Trustees and everyone who has worked on the Ngatimoti Festival for a number of years to help pay for the renovations. Thanks also to Mr. Ed Stevens who helped research the history of Rathgar Farm before it was a school and thanks to our local signwriter, Mr Peter Laufkotter who is making new signs for the building. The Student Council have enjoyed being a part of this learning journey, finding out local stories and helping with some of the design. They asked for suggestions for a new name. Mr Guthrie Beatson suggested Rathgar House because of the history. *Written by 2019 Student Council; Max, Chico, Ara, Willow, Ada, Sophie, Madi M and Finnian*

In other news from Ngatimoti School, our students have celebrated recent successes in local and interschool Cross Country Championships, we have had a focus on astronomy along with our Matariki celebrations, students have enjoyed drama lessons with Damara, te reo with River, a show with El Gregoe the magician and all classes have been on environmentally focussed trips to Bark Bay. Our new Board of Trustees have now taken office; congratulations to Andy McFarland, Chops Prouting, Sophie Jackson, Heather Reid and Chairperson Andrea Goodman.

In Term 3 we look forward to learning more about other countries and cultures, technology challenges, Art Week and Pet Day!



MVA Committee update

From the June MVA meeting:

- The possibility of organising an Open Mic Night at Ngatimoti Hall was discussed. MVA is interested in helping to get this funded initially with the expectation that the event will become self-funded. A member of the public suggested including non-musical items like poetry and telling local yarns.
- Notice was received from TDC that Pokororo Bridge pedestrian and bicycle access has been granted, but not vehicle access.
- TDC sent letter with their position on the application to the LG for a Golden Bay Local Board. TDC does not support the application; it has concerns that other boards will be established in other wards of Tasman on the back of this application. For more information visit www.tasman.govt.nz and search for 'golden-bay-local-board'.
- A member of the public raised concern about the abundance of rats and possums in the valley. Cnr Dean McNamara said that pest work has to be budgeted for and to get money this way, takes a long time. It was suggested a TDC Pest Management person could be invited to a public meeting.
- The topic of road speed in the valley was brought to attention. Those present at the meeting had general consensus that it should be lowered to 80km/h throughout the valley. How can we engage residents and encourage them to have their say?
- The cycle trail has received funding for construction to Tapawera this year. Land owner negotiations in the valley are ongoing for this part of the trail.

Location of AEDs in Motueka Valley

- **Woodstock Automotive (Kerry Hall)**
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- **Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station**
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- **Pokororo Hall**
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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 Laufkotter	526 8554
Greg Mason	526 8112
Chris Tait	027 315 7815

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Ngatimoti Community Rooms • Sarah Bradshaw • 526 8026

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