

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

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JUNE 2019



NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 12 June, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

Midwinter Community



Friday 26 July, 6.30pm
Ngatimoti Hall

The Slippery Slope Waterslide

A BIG thanks to all those that came and enjoyed the waterslide this summer and put money in the bucket.

Last year it raised \$250, which went to the local defibrillator group.

This year it was a whopping \$864.10.

\$300 went to the fire relief fund to feed animals.

\$100 went to the defibrillator group.

\$464.10 went to St John's fundraiser for their new First Response Units, which are specially designed for rural situations.

Some new records have been set: 22 people at once, 15 adults all sitting backwards at once, the oldest slider is 78.

I'll be doing some repairs and improvements over the winter months and look forward to more fun next summer.

For enquiries ring 526 8736 or email kb-trout@gmail.com.

-Heather Lindsay and David (Dood) Davies



Ngatimoti children have a message for drivers

A series of road safety signs designed by Ngatimoti School pupils have a strong message for drivers – you're not alone on country roads.

In late 2018 teacher Lauren Milnes contacted us with an idea for raising awareness about the different users on country roads after a school parent was injured while cycling.

Many of the local roads around Ngatimoti are narrow and winding. Drivers need to be aware there could be a cyclist around the corner, someone walking their dog or riding a horse.

Council road safety liaison officer Megan Bell headed out to the school to meet the children, who said they wanted to create colourful signs with a point of difference. Working with local sign-writer Peter Laufkotter, the students designed signs to help keep their roads safer.

Megan helped them identify good locations for the signs, and organised their installation.

Lauren says: "The students led this project and were grateful to see that their voices were heard. We really hope these signs make a difference to those that live on and use the roads in the Motueka Valley. We hope no one else gets hurt!"

We think they're a great reminder we all need to 'share the road'.

-from TDC's Newslines, 17 May 2019



NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July (Monday 3 June - Queen's Birthday holiday)

TERM 3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 September

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER ☺

TERM 4: Mon 14 October - Friday 20 December



Two teams of Ngatimoti School students have recently had great success at the Nelson-Tasman Sustainability Challenge. A variety of environmentally-based challenges tested knowledge, understanding and teamwork. Competing against 20 schools from Golden Bay, Tasman and Nelson, we placed first and third!

Our school swimming pool is now closed; if you have not yet done so, please return your key to the school office to receive your \$10 refund.

Board of Trustees Election. Results will be declared in the local newspaper and on our website.



Sayla, Lexus, Hannah, Arabella and Kalahni at the Sustainability Challenge prize giving.



Pedro, Bella, Ella, Maggie, Ziah and Jayda learning how to protect their precious ears.

This term our students have also been learning to express themselves, and understand others, through a series of drama lessons with Damara. As well, we have all been learning te reo with River and all students are having an opportunity to immerse themselves in Environmental Education at Bark Bay, thanks to Project Janszoon. Special thanks to Sea Shuttle for making this possible too! Another visitor to our school was Tracy from Hearing Nelson. Tracy delivered lessons about the science of hearing, and hearing loss and how to prevent it, which were well received by young and old.



MVA Committee update

From the May MVA meeting:

- Strategies for finding new committee members were being discussed. A post on Facebook, an article in the newsletter and some direct 'shoulder-tapping' will be organised by the current committee.
- Ideas for the newsletter were discussed to support Chris, the reporter.
- With the resignation of Harideva and imminent departure of Irma, new signatories for the bank account need to be organised.
- The midwinter potluck date was set for Friday 26 July.



Come and join us!

MVA is looking for new committee members

Do you have an interest in the well-being of the Motueka Valley?

Do you have a couple of hours every month to attend meetings at Ngatimoti Community Rooms?

Do you enjoy meeting new people?

If you're interested or have questions, contact one of the committee members or email info@mva.org.nz.

Ngatimoti Recreation Reserve and Community Rooms

The musings and articles that I write each month for the MVA newsletter are part of my exploration of the place we have chosen to call our home. I had what I thought was a simple idea: to find out what the community rooms were used for and who could use them. I was curious about the existence of two community facilities in Ngatimoti and endeavoured to find out more. A meeting with two members of the Ngatimoti Recreation Reserve Committee, Lesley Hadley and Sarah Bradshaw, sparked my curiosity and led to me perusing the internet to check the facts, making me realise that this was a more complicated story than I had initially thought. With a looming deadline I could not dive as deep as I might wish to find the detailed history of the establishment of these facilities. This is what I found out, with apologies if some of the details are inaccurate.

In 1952 the Ngatimoti Memorial Hall was built to commemorate the men and women from the District who served in WWII. Many rural communities used funds available for public memorial projects to build similar halls. In the 1950s and 1960s these halls were the meeting places for the district and many gatherings were held. Apparently the Ngatimoti Hall boasts a sprung floor which must have made the dances of those years a pleasure. As times have changed and entertainment is found elsewhere these halls are no longer the central gathering place they once were. With a rated capacity of 250 persons it is still the only facility in Ngatimoti able to cater for large groups.

A series of events led to the Ngatimoti Recreation Reserve and Community Rooms coming into existence. Regulations needed to be satisfied to provide for recreation areas to be set aside as determined by the population. In 2005 the Tasman District Council passed a resolution to deem that 1.2ha of the land beside the school be a recreation reserve. Along with the land, the community rooms and a fire station were proposed.

The fire station needed to be moved from its previous site beside the Orinoco, variously called Stream, Creek and River, when it became inadequate to house the new fire engine and the proximity of the Orinoco made it susceptible to flooding. Not a good idea to have the fire service hampered in the event of flooding.

The new buildings were constructed by the Tasman District Council at no cost to the community. There was a proposal at one stage to move the Memorial Hall, but investigations found that this would be too costly. They were officially opened in 2006.

The community rooms are a smaller, more easily heated facility that are used for different purposes than the hall. It has a capacity of 40 people and has well-appointed kitchen facilities, a data projector, as well as the usual tables and chairs. The barbecues just outside the front door are available to the public. If you wish to use these for your function,



you cannot book them for your exclusive use. The reserve is open to the public and can be used by all.

While there are regular bookings, there are slots available for small groups to hold meetings and functions. On the second Wednesday of each month the Motueka Valley Association holds its meetings. Yoga, Yuan Qigong, and other groups use the rooms regularly. Ali Brown, through her Tutoring for Charities Trust, recently hosted an art workshop run by Ariadne Verner. The Motueka Valley Association is looking at hosting a monthly women's craft group in the near future. Look for notification of this in the weeks to come. The rooms are also a great place to host a birthday party.

Groups where the participants pay to attend incur a fee of \$1 per head per hour. A koha is an acceptable contribution from other groups.

The Ngatimoti Recreation Reserve Committee is looking for interested valley residents to join them in their work. The next project they will be undertaking is to plant the south-west fence line. The Fire pit Pump Track and Dirt Jump Park opened in 2011 and is in need of some maintenance by someone with the enthusiasm for the sport.

Contact Sarah Bradshaw on 526 8026 for bookings or to offer your time to the committee.

-Chris Tait, reporter



Nelson Tasman Community Speed Survey

Central government has placed a focus on reducing serious injuries and deaths associated with crashes on our roads, not only by investing in road safety improvements, but also ensuring 'safe and appropriate' travel speeds.

Of course the 'safe and appropriate' speed will vary for different types of roads, depending on their main use and characteristics.

Both Nelson City and Tasman District are starting work on reviewing the current speed limits. For speed limits to be effective, they need to be underpinned by community support and understanding.

That's why we want to hear from you.

Please take the time to complete this online survey. It's your chance to tell us what speed limits you think are safe and appropriate on the different types of roads we have across our region. Share with your family, community groups and neighbours.

Speed limits - tell us what you think

Head to tasman.govt.nz/feedback to complete the survey.

This feedback will help us as we review our speed limits. There will be a formal consultation process to follow if speed limit changes are proposed for specific roads.

Please complete the survey by Friday 14 June 2019.

-Megan Bell,

Technical Officer - Transportation (Road Safety Liaison)

Defibrillators in the valley

Like many people I thought that heart attack and cardiac arrest were the same thing. It was only when a friend suffered a cardiac arrest that I understood the difference. A heart attack is when blood flow to the heart is blocked, and sudden cardiac arrest is when the heart malfunctions and suddenly stops beating unexpectedly. A heart attack is a “circulation” problem and sudden cardiac arrest is an “electrical” problem.

My friend had been feeling unwell and, not wanting to bother her family, had called an ambulance. This was indeed fortunate as upon arriving in hospital she went into cardiac arrest and was saved by the staff with their defibrillator. She was also fortunate that she lived within 10 minutes of the hospital. Things could have been very different had she lived further away, as we do.

It was following this type of event that prompted Glen Davenport, formerly of Doone Cottage, to gather interested people to form the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group. Glen had hosted many visitors at her B&B since 1980. In 2013, one of her guests suddenly collapsed over breakfast. Glen vividly recalls the fear of that moment and the feeling of helplessness. She knew after calling emergency services no one would be arriving for at least 20 minutes. As most country folk do, she called on a neighbour for help. Between them they tried to care for the man. When St Johns eventually arrived they worked on the man for two and a half hours. As they left, having stabilised the man sufficiently for him to be transported, they suggested that the valley needed to look at getting an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

Glen was the instigator and driving force behind setting up the Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group. They have creatively raised the funds for three AEDs in the Valley, which are located at:

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

There are ongoing costs for replacement batteries, for which the group continues to raise funds. Now that the AEDs are in place, their locations are available publicly, making it imperative that they are maintained, not only for those who live in the community, but for the many visitors to our district.

The Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group wish to convey the importance of the following information:

- If someone collapses while with you the first thing is to dial 111.
- Follow the instructions of the 111 dispatcher,
- If they say a defibrillator (AED) is needed then send someone for it. If you are alone, call a neighbour or friend to uplift the AED while you attend to the patient.
- If the patient is not breathing you will need to start CPR immediately.
- The AED will TALK to you and tell you what to do. There is also a picture of where to place the pads.
- Keep going with CPR & AED until the ambulance comes. This could save a life.

Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, no matter how fit or healthy you are, and kills five times the national road toll. AEDs can be used by people with minimal or no training and can dramatically increase a patient’s chance of survival.

As well as raising funds for the equipment, the group also organises education in CPR and use of the AED. A list of

people trained in using the AED has been distributed around the community. If you have misplaced yours contact Gloria at the email address below for a new one.

The Defibrillator Group has met its initial goals and several members are now moving from the valley. They wish to ensure that this important work carries on, that the AEDs are maintained, and the training that could save lives continues. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Gloria by email.

My friend now celebrates two birthdays. The one from the day of her birth and the other from the day of her near death. If it weren’t for a defibrillator, I would be remembering that day quite differently.

Contact Gloria Anderson at ja.ga.kiwi@gmail.com.

-Chris Tait, reporter



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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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