

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

the river, the land, the people

MAY 2019

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 8 May, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

MOTUEKA VALLEY BUSINESS PROFILE

Water Filtration and Pumps

Solving Your Water Problems

Frans van de Loo, of Water Filtration and Pumps, is a problem solver when it comes to water supply and filtration. Attracted by the great outdoors, Frans moved to the Motueka area in 2000, bringing with him a background of 14 years as a fitter and turner in North Canterbury, a role which included the installation of milking machines in the winter months. His first year in the district was spent with Trinders Engineering working with pumps and filters, before spending the next 16 years with Think Water, formerly Irrigation Connection, in Motueka. For the past year Frans has taken his vast knowledge of water filtration and pumps and ventured into his own enterprise.

Urban dwellers with water supplied by their local council rarely think about the source and cleanliness of their water. Supplying water to our stock, land, and houses is something that is not taken for granted in rural and semi-rural areas. It is reassuring to know that there is an expert with such extensive technical knowledge who has lived in the valley and understands this environment.

Frans is able to attend to both domestic and commercial water supply systems, and contracts with Downers and the Tasman District Council on larger commercial supply schemes. He is able to arrange the necessary tanks and to carry out water tank installation for domestic or stock water supply. He can work with gravity water systems, has installed water rams to pump water uphill where there is no electricity supply, and has worked with micro-hydro schemes to generate power from creeks.

While these tasks may be the challenging and interesting ones, Frans is also available for the more mundane tasks that are necessary to ensure an ongoing supply of fresh water. He can clean out bores, service and repair water pumps, install UV Filters, Water Softeners & Neutralising Filters, and attend to the intricacies of harnessing water from rain or from the ground.

Frans generally works alone from his ute, but is able to bring other experts in when necessary. Through his contacts he is able to support the landowner to ascertain if there is a source of water below ground, and to organise for a bore to be drilled, before completing the connections from the bore to where the water needs to be.

Frans can be contacted by phone or email. He is currently working with another valley resident on the creation of a website. Future advertisements in the Motueka Valley Newsletter will include his website address.

0275 281 366, frans.wfp@gmail.com

-interview by Chris Tait, reporter

MVA Committee update

From the April MVA meeting:

- The low attendance of the Family Picnic was discussed; how can MVA determine what the community wants.
- At the last AGM Harideva indicated he would resign from the MVA in September - having been treasurer since 2010. However the situation with Guruvati his wife's health, has seen him having to resign early.
- Irma will not return to the committee after the next AGM. She has been part of the MVA for five years and wants to put her energy in other community work.
- This means the MVA will need both a new treasurer and a secretary. MVA members will approach people in the community with the question to join. The newsletter and Facebook will also support this process.
- Dean McNamara outlined a list of topics that the TDC is currently consulting on. He also gave updates on things happening in our council.



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

Term 2 means more of the world-class education we provide at Ngatimoti School, with a fresh focus on our enviro learning. Our four Abel Tasman Youth Ambassadors plan to introduce each class to our adopted area of the Abel Tasman National Park, Bark Bay, during the term. Also this term we will be grounded with cross country running and then go out-of-this world with studying astronomy. This will tie in well with commemorating James Cook observing the Transit of Venus (3 June 1769) as well as a celebration of Matariki.

Board of Trustees Election. Nominations are invited for the election of 4 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on Friday 24 May and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June 2019 - *Amanda Cole, Returning Officer*

Our school swimming pool is now closed; many thanks to those who purchased a season key and have treated the pool and our pool safety rules with great respect. Please return your key to the school office to receive your \$10 deposit back.



To Autumn

Few of the poems we were required to learn at school have remained with me. The words from one of them jump into my mind whenever I see autumn colours. Admittedly it's only the first two lines that I can recall, and research shows that I haven't remembered them quite right, but there is something about those two lines that capture the mood of the season.

*"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;"*

John Keats wrote the words in 1820 in a land far from here, but when the river is cloaked in mist in the morning, the last of the fruit awaits harvest, the trees are dressed in their most glorious attire, and the nights are beginning to draw in, it's my version of these words that come to mind.

It's been a bumper year for fruit for most people I've spoken with. Many theories have been posited: a wet spring, a dry summer, no late frosts, or part of a cycle. Whatever the reason, many of us have spent the last few weeks adding the processing of the harvest to our list of chores. Back in the day, I made jams and bottled fruit. Now that we avoid an excess of sugar the freezer has replaced the stack of bottles in the pantry. Nowhere near as pretty, but just as delicious.

Our move to the valley has introduced us to fruit not found in our Canterbury past, raising questions of what to do with figs, or persimmon, and how to know when the almonds are ready to harvest. We're working it out with the help of friends and family. Thanks for the loan of the walnut picking device, Karyn. Such a clever design making short work of a laborious task.

Cheese making has taken a back seat while the kitchen has been taken over with the pots and pans that go with preparing fruit for the freezer. Now that the quince paste has been made, cheese making will be back on the list. I mean, we need to have something to go with all that quince paste.

We surely are blessed in this valley. To paraphrase Keats the fruit has indeed been filled with ripeness to the core, the

gourd has swelled, and the hazel nuts are plump with sweet kernels. The warm days will soon cease; long evenings around the fire will come soon enough and the bountiful harvest will feed us through the days ahead.

-Chris Tait, reporter



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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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about your newsletter

- 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

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