

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

OCTOBER 2019



NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 9 October, 8pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!



Pest management in the valley

While Auckland may be considered the weediest city in the world, pest plants and animals are a problem also in the Tasman district.

Lindsay Barber, Tasman District Council's (TDC) Biosecurity Officer, gave a comprehensive and informative talk on the current pests in the valley and TDC's management of them. Lindsay's responsibility is to make sure people are doing the right thing with pest plants so they don't get out of control. A plant is considered a pest when it displaces or competes with native vegetation through habitat modification, it negatively impacts on indigenous flora and fauna and it presents an invasion risk because of the enormous amount of seed the pest plant produces and how easy it is spread.

Weed seeds get dispersed by birds, water, wind and transported to other areas, for example on animals, boots, and tyre treads. Disturbed land, and roadside garden rubbish are easy places where weeds can establish and flourish. Some of the weeds of concern in the valley are: Old Man's Beard, Climbing Spindleberry, and Asian knotweed in the river.

The new Tasman Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029 has just been released and is the first Pest Management Plan for the Tasman-Nelson Region prepared under the revised Biosecurity Act 2012. The plan covers 15,222 sq. km (land) and 5513 sq. km (sea) within Tasman District and Nelson City Council. 84 Organisms have been classified as pests which includes plants, birds, animals and fish.

A cost-benefit analysis was used to decide which pest species to include. More pest species have been included than before, and only two have been dropped because they are too problematic – Argentine Ants and Purple Pampas. The plan can be viewed at TDC libraries and purchased at TDC offices, or viewed online. A summary brochure of the plan is available also from TDC offices as well as other brochures – Controlling Shrub Invaders, Controlling Vine Invaders, Controlling Aquatic and Wetland Invaders.

There are a variety of methods for eradication of the pest plants. Non-herbicide methods and herbicides - drill and fill, cut and paint, and aerial spraying. Lindsay assured the meeting that targeted aerial spraying is much more efficient now with the help of GPS, so there is less spray drift. While many countries have banned the use of glyphosate as a herbicide, TDC use Glyphosate Green which Lindsay considers "safer" to use as it doesn't have the same type of surfactant that is carcinogenic as in RoundUp. However, it is still a poison.

Drones or satellites are used to monitor pest plants and detect outbreaks or new weeds in the forest, and even in marijuana crops. Lindsay uses his drone for detecting Climbing Spindleberry on the West Bank of Motueka River. Climbing Spindleberry is listed for eradication by Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in the National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA). NPPA lists 130 plant species, such as Gorse, Broom, Banana Passion Vine that are prohibited to be propagated, sold or distributed throughout the country.

As a TDC employee, Lindsay can use his drone on public land and over road reserves enabling him to find pest species in forested areas which he can't reach easily. He can monitor the success of treatment and poisoning. He is legally required to seek permission of the owner to use the drone on private land.

If landowners suspect they have a weed, they can contact TDC and Lindsay can visit to identify the species. If it is one of the weeds listed for eradication, TDC will take responsibility. It is the landowner's responsibility to control other weeds on their property. This is the same for forestry companies who Lindsay checks to ensure they are upholding their responsibility for weed control on plantations.

With climate change, Lindsay noted that there will be more extreme weather events causing land disturbance, slips and flooding, as with ex-cyclone Gita. This will exacerbate the spread of weed seed.

Lindsay also discussed the importance of Weedbusters, a national group who provide a good resource on their website for how to control weeds on your land. Motueka Valley has its own Old Mans's Beard (OMB) Group who are not affiliated with Weedbusters. They have a working bee on the last Saturday of each month. Contact Bruce Stare for more information. bruce.stare@xtra.co.nz

-Fiona Nelson, reporter

Ngatimoti Festival

Sunday 27th October 2019

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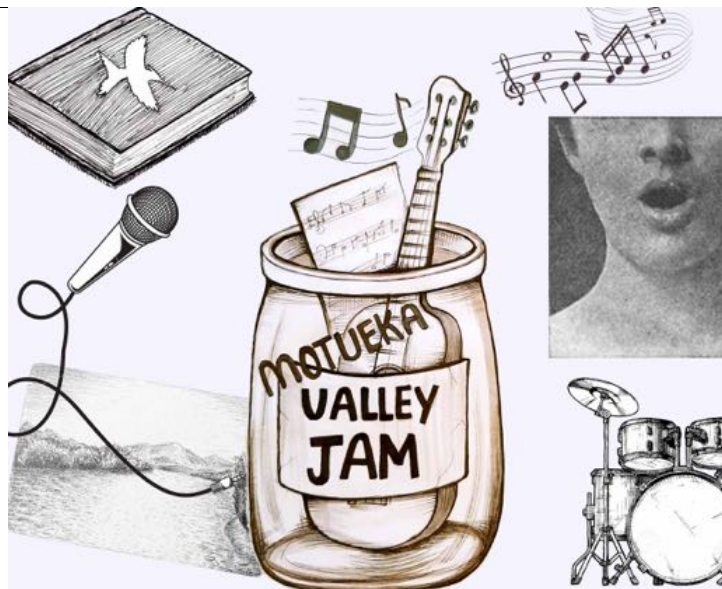
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What is your priority for the Motueka Valley?

MOUTERE-WAIMEA WARD CANDIDATES



Anne Turley

To provide open transparent governance, with community consultation for better decision making processes for ratepayers. I do not support council conducting business in committee with the public excluded, except for legitimate legal reasons. I want to play a positive role in addressing critical issues to achieve better outcomes for everyone.

Elisabeth Siegmund

It is somewhat difficult to answer hypothetical questions as they may never become reality. At this stage, my background on issues concerning your eclectic community is resembling more a piece of Swiss cheese than a folder of hard facts. This deficiency however, can be quickly overcome if elected.

Dean McNamara

If re-elected I promise to continue the dialogue that I have had with you over the past three years. I am prepared to front up when you have concerns and to advocate on your behalf. Honest representation working toward a resilient future is the way forward for a better Tasman.

Christeen Mackenzie

My priorities for the Motueka Valley would be to ensure that roads (particularly gravel) are kept to standard. Access is so important for our rural communities. Secondly, monitoring and enforcing the sedimentation rules of the Forestry Environmental Management Plan. Thirdly, building connections in the community.

Richard Johns

My first priority is for all Tasman residents and that is to restore trust in the Council. Motueka valley specific is to stop degradation of the valley and river by unsustainable forestry and production practices. We need to work together in trust to achieve this.

Don Everett

Participation by ratepayers young and old is essential so candidates should listen first. My hope is that council forms a consensus view of what voters need and work in unity to make those things happen.

Jennifer Beatson

I am standing for the Tasman District Council to ensure that the decision making is inclusive. Our region is rich in diversity and I want to ensure that all views are represented. All communities deserve equal consideration. Our decision making needs to include the entire region. Long term strategies must aim for prosperity for everyone regardless of where they live.

Julie Nevin

Building resilience in the Motueka Valley communities to the wide-ranging impacts of climate change, including: restoring the health of land and water ecosystems, like the Motueka River; supporting the growth of a diverse, sustainable local economy; and developing active and public transport options.

Hayden Stevenson

As a Councillor I have to balance increase costs with services provided and currently from what I see the two don't match. The new water bill coming is going to add costs to the Motueka Valley residents through extra compliance costs. As a Councillor I will fight central government against implementing unnecessary costs on rate payers. I will be a strong advocate for fair implementation of policy and costs. I will take a common sense approach to protection of property from clearing spillage as homes must be protected first.

Julian Eggers

I'll help listen to residents and take on board what concerns them. One key concern was having more control and watch over camping sites especially freedom camping and doing more regular check ups and services like emptying rubbish bins and maintaining the beautification on the environment around these sites.

MOTUEKA WARD CANDIDATES

Paul Dixon-Didier

The Motueka Valley is a very special place, featuring an internationally important trout fishery, fertile, highly productive soils, an important highway and significant plantings of exotic forestry. I would like to see the valley continue to prosper but with increased emphasis on environmentally sustainable farming and forestry practices, especially on vulnerable landscapes prone to slope failure.

Barry Dowler

My main priority for the Motueka Valley is to try and tidy up the Responsible (freedom) Campers in the area with the possible pending new Government Regulations and funding. Any other work is guided by the Long Term Plan which will be reviewed next year. Consultation will be important.

David Ogilvie

Three issues have priority. First, various roading matters including speed restrictions, road markings, additional passing bays, frequent road-side mowing, and especially much-improved gravel roads. Secondly, involves rivers, the Motueka and tributaries. Willow protection, erosion concerns, and being pro-active with flood controls. Ranking high is the eradication of Old Man's Beard.

Claire Hutt

As an active volunteer helping after Cyclone Gita, my priority for the Motueka Valley would be the stormwater systems and monitoring the levels of service as stated in the Stormwater Activity Management Plan 2018 and working with TDC and Forestry to reduce the effects when another extreme weather disaster happens.

Trindi Walker

My background and experiences propel me to seek quality of life and material improvements for all of us including the people in the Motueka Valley. I seek an upbeat culture to challenge the status quo but to make sure all benefit from the precepts of a 'fair go'.

Trevor Norris

If elected I will do as I did as a valley resident and Councillor for eighteen years, be available to help resolve issues that are raised by the community or individuals and achieve positive outcomes as I did for the valley before. Together we achieved plenty of good outcomes.

What is your priority for the Motueka Valley?

MAYORAL CANDIDATES



Maxwell Clark

I would meet with the locals to find out what's important to them. Improve roading, especially some corners. River protection (rock-work) to prevent flooding. Change zoning regulations, permit more housing per title. Clean up the slips. As pine forestry is harvested, on vulnerable areas, promote replanting in natives. Communication... is the KEY.

Tim King

Improving council's communication and engagement. Working with landowners and residents as council implements Government direction on water quality and biodiversity. Advocating for simplifying the Building Act and enabling a variety of housing options while protecting the right of rural businesses to operate. Working on resilience and adaptation to weather events and changing climate.

Brent Maru

Attending your meeting, I heard you stating your feeling of distrust and disengagement with Council. I commit to re-engaging with our communities. You asked for consultation following ex-cyclone Gita, you stated that has not occurred. I am a person of honour and integrity and commit to re-establishing engagement with you.

Dean McNamara

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-compiled by Fiona Nelson, reporter



Last month's 'Meet the Candidates' at the Ngatimoti Community Rooms. "Hands up who believes climate change is human-induced?"

"Tasman Deserves Better"

Dean
McNamara
for Mayor

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Authorised by Dean McNamara at 22a Edward Street, Wakefield.



I would like to thank the residents of the Motueka Valley for their support and encouragement over the past three years serving as your Ward Councillor. It has been a trying period with cyclones, droughts and forest fires, but I have enjoyed working with the MVA, the Reserve Committee and the Hall Committee as well as a number of individuals. One of the highlights was attending the Anzac Service at the Ngatimoti Memorial this year, a truly moving experience.

I look forward to your continued support as I stand for Mayor this election.

- Dean McNamara

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for
DHB

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Authorised by John Hutton, 204 Motueka River West Bank Road, Motueka

Navigating Our Changing World

Bringing global ideas into our local communities

"...In the face of disaster it will be a lot easier here than other places; We work together; in times of crisis or need; Transport in and out of the valley is a problem; Adaptability; Lots of people in the valley grow their own food and are very skilled at it; This land here should be used to grow food for our wide community; We need to establish resilience, local resilience; We need to shift away from being a mining culture; I'm in the best possible place because there's such a feeling of support..."

These were some of the comments made by Motueka Valley residents who attended Julie Nevin's workshop Navigating Our Changing World at Ngatimoti Community Rooms on 24th September. Julie has been studying social policy and environmental studies at Massey University and she facilitated the well-attended and interactive evening.

The workshop provided an opportunity for residents to express their fears, angers and hopes about a climate-changing world and to express what is valued in our community. We considered the global risks of environmental pressures such as changing weather patterns, changing rainfall patterns, flooding and droughts; energy scarcity and rising inequity. Then we discussed how these would impact our community.

With the concepts of Sustainability - meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of tomorrow, and Community Resilience – our community's capacity to encounter disruption and still maintain its basic structure and function, some of our assets were identified. Also, the vulnerabilities of our community were explored.

The workshop concluded with discussion on what changes we can make now for the future. How we can keep what we really want to keep – resilience; what we need to let go of not to make matters worse – relinquishment; what we could bring back to help us with the coming difficulties- restoration; and with who or what do we need to make peace as we face these challenges – reconciliation.

Julie has held four other Navigating Our Changing World workshops – at Mapua, Brightwater, Wakefield and Upper Moutere, adding what people have said at each workshops. Julie is standing as a candidate for Moutere-Waimea ward in the upcoming local government elections and whether she is elected as a councillor or not, she will create a report and present it to Tasman District Council to say: "We've had these conversations and these are the sorts of things people in the ward are thinking about." She intends to do the same workshops in Richmond, in Motueka, the Lakes and in Golden Bay and get a bigger picture for the whole of the Tasman district.

As Julie says: "Having these community conversations is the beginning of something that I hope can make a difference to the resilience and outcomes this region will have... We need to talk about it because if we're not talking about it we're not planning for it, and if we're not planning for it we're not leaving ourselves the best chance to deal with the changes and challenges ahead..."

The conversation about the ways we, as a community, can be responding to climate change, its risks and challenges, started well. Now, those who participated at the workshop are looking to build on from the evening and continue the community discussion at a later date.



Fiona Nelson, reporter

For your diaries:

Motueka Green's 'Local Matters' Event

Following a successful presentation last year on the state of NZ's freshwater, well-known ecologist Mike Joy is returning to talk about 'Food and Energy'.

Thursday 7th November, 7:30pm, Mapua Hall

Keep an eye out for further details.

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- **Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station**
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- **Pokororo Hall**
West Bank Road at corner of Graham Valley Road



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MVA AGM report

The MVA's 2019 AGM was held on 11 September. Highlights of the year were noted and include:

- The well attended concert at St James Church in November;
- The less-well attended Family Picnic in March;
- The ever-popular Potluck gathering in the Ngatimoti Hall;
- The success of the Motueka Valley Community Group on Facebook (with well over 1,300 members);
- The range of topics discussed at MVA meetings including the Waimea Dam, access to Pokororo Swing Bridge, Golden Bay Local Board proposal, Open Mic Night at Ngatimoti Hall, freedom camping, road speed in the valley, and naming of bridges and culverts by TDC.

The MVA extended its appreciation to councillor Dean McNamara who attended 8 out of 11 meetings.

The MVA farewelled three committee members - Bruce Dyer (treasurer) who has been a long serving member for around 10 years, Irma Jager (secretary) who has been involved for 5 years, and Chris Tait who worked diligently as the newsletter reporter for the past 2 years.

Greg Mason and Peter Laufkotter were voted back on the committee as secretary and co-treasurers. Jan-Albert Droppers will continue as newsletter editor and new committee member Fiona Nelson will take on the role of newsletter reporter.

Joel Briffault will continue to support the committee through attendance at meetings and Fay Knight offered to be included on the MVA email list and to help with committee events. Irma will remain the moderator of the Motueka Valley Facebook Group.

The AGM concluded with an interesting presentation by Lindsay Barber, Biosecurity Manager at TDC (see related article).

-Greg Mason, secretary

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All Welcome

Motueka Valley Association

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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**:

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

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