

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

The River, The Land, The People

June 2025

Pipiri 2025

Kia ora koutou katoa. Greetings everyone and welcome to winter in the beautiful Motueka Valley. Winter has started off quite mild, with generally warmer temperatures, a couple of modest rain events, and only a few light frosts. Hopefully, your gardens are tucked up for the quieter growing season, allowing time for other maintenance or even a break!

This month's newsletter offers plenty of exciting content. If you have any questions or want to contribute, our contact details are on the last page. You can also find older newsletters and learn more about MVA at our website, www.mva.org.nz.

Enjoy.

Matariki / Midwinter Social

Friday 11th July at Ngātimoti Memorial Hall

A chance to meet, catch up, and share some winter cheer. Bring a plate (finger food) and your choice of beverage. Doors open at 6PM. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Marguerite's favourite Apple Cake



CAKE RECIPE

1 + 1/2 cups self-rising flour (210g)
3/4 cup sugar (150g)
2 cups peeled and chopped apples
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup Greek yoghurt
1/2 cup mild vegetable oil (120ml)

TOPPING

1/4 cup sugar (50g)
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tbsp melted butter

METHOD

Oven to 180 degrees. Fan bake for 35 min, check for doneness, it may need a bit longer.

8 or 9" tin lined with baking paper

Mix together the wet ingredients and sugar, fold in the flour, then apples, spoon batter into the tin, sprinkle the topping over the batter.

When cooked, put tin on a wire rack to cool completely.

Optional: make a glaze of icing sugar mixed with a tbsp of milk and spoon over the cooled cake.

Delicious by itself or with cream or ice cream.

LOCAL COMMUNITY HALLS AND AEDs

Ngātimoti Community Rooms - AED

Next to Fire Station
Sarah Bradshaw 526 8026

Ngātimoti Memorial Hall – no AED

Corner of Valley Highway and Waiwhero Rd
Bex Douglas 021 173 1279 / ngatimoti.hall@gmail.com

Pokororo Hall – AED

Corner of West Bank Road and Graham Valley
Sylvia Arnold 526 8282

Woodstock Automotive - AED

982 Dovedale Road Woodstock Junction
Kerry Hall 543 3884

MVA MEETINGS ARE AT 7PM ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (Excl. January)
PLEASE COME ALONG - 12th June, 11th July, 14th August 2025

Ngatimoti School News



We have been appreciating how lucky we are to live and be able to come to school in such a beautiful place as Ngatimoti. Our small school is able to provide many opportunities for our students such as rugby skills training from the Tasman Mako team (pictured below), cross country at Ed Steven's farm and bike maintenance lessons with My Ride Motueka.

2025 School Terms and Holidays	
TERM 2	
Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June	
Public holidays	King's Birthday Mon 2 June (Tues 3 June Teacher Only Day) Matariki Fri 20 June
School holidays	Sat 28 June - Sun 13 July



Last year's successful Ngatimoti Festival resulted in generous donations from our Parents Group for our school and other community organisations such as the Rotary Club and Farmers for Whio. We thank the wider community for your continued support with our Festival. These extra funds enable us to provide free stationery, class photos, and a variety of trips outside of the classroom. E.g. Last week our enviro-leaders enjoyed a trip to the movies to see the David Attenborough film "Ocean".

Learning at school this term is focussing on themes such as heroes, Matariki, and of course lots of maths and literacy learning! We are planning a hāngi here at school on 13 June and have the Nelson Provincial Museum Outreach programme coming to teach us more about Matariki the following week.

This year is board election year (September). Board members are usually school parents, however if anybody from the wider community is interested, please contact Ali Turner, Principal, here at school for further information.

If you have a pool key to return after the swimming season, please do so within school hours in term time to receive your \$10 deposit refund. We appreciate you returning these keys at the end of the season to help us keep this facility open to the public in the future. Thank you!



Experienced runner Rua buddies up with Magnus for his first cross country race at school.

We welcome new enrolments at Ngatimoti School.

***Contact Principal Ali Turner at 03 526 8842 or
office@ngatimoti.school.nz***

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NGĀTIMOTI

Family services are held on the 3rd Sunday each month and everyone is welcome.

Next services:

Sunday 15th June at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday 20th July at 10:30 a.m.

Both services include Children's SundaySchool.

Morning tea and social time to follow.



Things to look out for...

Some current and/or impending things you may, or may not, be aware of.

- From 1st July NZTA are to take over responsibility for mobile speed cameras from NZ Police. Cameras will be mounted in SUV's (the vans currently used by Police will be withdrawn). They may also be installed in trailers. SUVs and trailers containing speed cameras will be unmarked however both are to be visible to drivers.
NZ police will continue to issue infringement notices for offences they detect.
- Hopefully all those who wanted to make submissions on the TDC's Draft Annual Plan for 2025/26 were able to do so. Unfortunately submissions have now closed however, you may still wish to contact your Councillor if you are concerned about proposed Rate rises (that are well above the current rate of inflation) affecting many ratepayers; or about proposed reductions in Council services including: library services, roadside mowing and litter bins.
- Expect to see changes to road speeds in and around the Motueka Valley in the near future.
- Watch out for details of an upcoming 'Meet the Candidates evening'.



ANZAC Service 2025

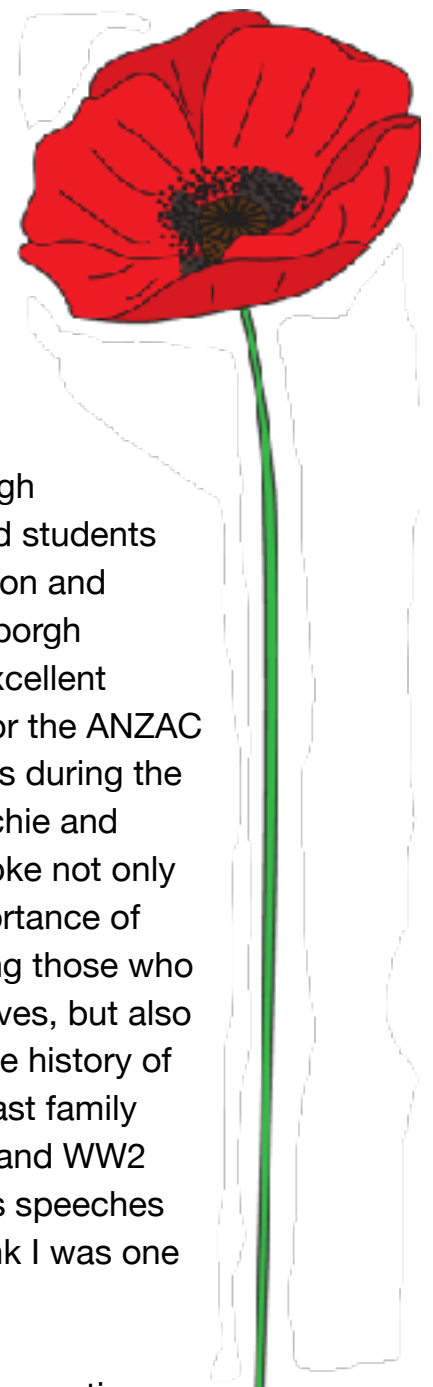
Welcome sunshine beamed down for the Ngātimoti ANZAC Service starting outdoors in front of St James Church. Reverend Neil Bowdler conducted the well-attended service reminding us that the ANZAC service was to remember those who served in times of conflict and not to glorify war. Hymns were accompanied by the Motueka District Brass Band, whose attendance each year is always appreciated.



Motueka High School head students Lochie Easton and Hannah Roborgh delivered excellent speeches for the ANZAC Day Address during the service. Lochie and Hannah spoke not only on the importance of remembering those who gave their lives, but also shared some history of their own past family

members affected by war. As a direct descendant myself of WWI and WW2 family members, I found the personal part of Lochie and Hannah's speeches very touching as did others hearing their well-spoken words. I think I was one of many to express appreciation to these outstanding young folk.

Following the service, all moved down to the cenotaph for commemorations, the laying of wreaths and poppies and the flag ceremony. Senior Constable and President of the RSA Motueka Kyle Abbott gave the opening commemorative address and mentioned that the Ngātimoti service was his favourite. The Vice President of the RSA Motueka Graeme Price read the tribute to Private William Ham of Ngātimoti, the first New Zealand soldier to give his life in WW1 aged 22. His name along with 14 other young men of the district are inscribed on the cenotaph. Motueka Ward Councillor Trindy Walker gave the ANZAC dedication and the Ode of Remembrance was given firstly in Maori by Air Force personnel and then in English. Guitarist/Songwriter Linda Bartlett sang a moving song before the laying of wreaths and poppies. Visiting personnel from the Air Force and Councillor Trindy Walker each laid wreaths at the memorial and the community poppy wreath was also laid. Members of the Naval Volunteer Reserve were also present and many individuals young and old paid their respects by laying a poppy on the cenotaph steps.



The New Zealand and Australian Flags are flown at half mast during the service, the Rouse was played with the raising of the flags, which are returned to half-mast until noon as a sign of mourning. At noon flags are raised to full mast until sunset.



Both National Anthems of Australia and then New Zealand were sung, accompanied by the Motueka District Brass Band. An Anthem of a foreign country is always sung first.

Kyle gave his closing address and invited all back up to the Church for refreshments of tea, coffee, sandwiches, savouries and cakes set out under the gazebo and served by parishioners of St James. Many thanks go to all those who helped out in various ways to mark an important day for our community.



A Winter checklist



For a warmer, dryer winter:

- ☐ Gutters and downpipes - Are they clear of debris and leaf litter and free to drain normally?
- ☐ Chimneys and flues - Clear and clean?
- ☐ Smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors - Do the batteries need replacing?
- ☐ Tyres and antifreeze - Check, replace and top up as necessary.
- ☐ Heating systems - Check/clean filters.
- ☐ Insulate - Lag exposed pipes. Insulate windows. Eliminate drafts.
- ☐ Mould - Usually requires moisture. It's unhealthy and prevention is better than cure. Improve ventilation/air circulation in areas prone to condensation/damp. Get expert advice if necessary.
- ☐ Plan for the possibility of power outages - Torches, batteries, candles, matches, etc.

A little time and attention now could make a big difference down the line. Stay safe!

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MOTUEKA VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Meetings are in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month and all Valley residents are very

The Association is managed by an elected Committee which can be contacted on info@mva.org.nz.

Current members are:

Pat Shortley	Maria Ware
Daniel Bulman	Linda Sillery
Nelly Willetts	Trevor Knowles

We publish a newsletter (bi-monthly) and encourage residents to submit any stories, photos, recipes, feedback, and advertisements (at \$3 per column cm) to newsletter@mva.org.nz