The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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40 Years of Fun



Upper Moutere's Playgroup is currently getting an influx of new members. Some families have recently arrived in the area, while others are returning locals who are enjoying meeting up with friends both new and old, on a regular basis. With free run of the Community Centre's gym and a stack of awesome ride on toys, local preschoolers are in heaven at our playgroup.

Playgroup meets every Friday morning from 10am – 12pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, and is a great network for parents with young ones. It offers a chance for parents to have cuppa in a relaxed environment. A place where their kids can freely socialize while parents share stories, farming tips, gardening advice, birth stories, recipes and everything in between!

"Upper Moutere playgroup is a great bunch of likeminded mothers, they're like a tribe of aunties! As so many people have said, it takes a village, and playgroups been a great way for me to find mine" says our current playgroup president.

Playgroup's numbers have ebbed and flowed since its early days in the late 70's, where it began in the

Lutheran Church Hall and then soon moved to the old Neudorf Hall. During a recent clear-out, we found a photo album from the playgroup 1987 Christmas party. What a lot of gems and excellent hairdos! Three of our current playgroup parents were in these photos - talk about full circle!

The early 2000's saw record numbers attending and in 2004 playgroup moved from the Neudorf Hall to become part of the newly built MHCC. As an 'existing user', playgroup has continued to enjoy great access to the community center's gym and Rangers room. In more recent times it has gone from strength to strength. Several years back some dedicated parents took the time to become affiliated with the Ministry of Education (thanks for that!), and since then we gratefully receive biannual financial support, to fund the buying of toys and other educational equipment. We're now very well equipped and have been able to do-away with any fees. "It's such a great resource for local parents", says Melody, "it's a wonderful space for freedom of play".

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Mapua Playcentre

We've had many beautiful crisp mornings where our tamariki have enjoyed playing in the leaves and exploring the outdoor area. The coming month will no doubt see the children begin to explore the various indoor areas, which they often ignore on sunny days! The music and book corners, craft, discovery and family areas are all calling to get rediscovered and greatly enjoyed! Upcoming events we're all looking forward to include: our Matariki celebration on Saturday 25th June and a gym trip to Nelson Gymnastics on Monday 3rd July.

As something a little different, we thought we would run a series of family profiles over the coming months to introduce some of our playcentre families and what they love about playcentre.

This month we showcase Kathryn Alborough and her three daughters: "My three daughters (Ellen, 5 and now at school, Grace, 3, and Pippa, 1) and I have been going to Playcentre for three years and we love it. It's a chance to do some of the messy stuff that I frankly don't do at home. The children also have the opportunity to choose to do what they want to at each visit - whether it's rolling balls down slides or climbing ladders (and jumping off) or eating paint. With the differing ages and interests, that is great for them. It's a wonderful environment to encourage playing with your kids (rather than at home where there are always chores to be done). Plus, it's an easy place to wrangle two or three children who might go off in different directions but you know they can't get up to any trouble and there are plenty of adults around to help".

Playcentres are Ministry of Education-registered, the difference being parents' input into their child's learning, development and fun. At Playcentre, we follow the Early Childhood Curriculum 'Te Whariki' which is unique to New Zealand with an emphasis on child-initiated play and parent education. It's a great way to really have hands-on play with your child, while you also get the benefits of having social interaction with other adults.

Mapua Playcentre has been a prominent place for families in the Mapua community for over 60 years. We have a qualified supervisor on each session and we love having visitors so please feel welcome to drop in at any time and find out what kiwi families have been embracing for generations.

We offer a term of free sessions for first time families and all children under two are free. Session times are Mondays and Fridays 9.30 am—12 noon during school terms. You can find us at 84 Aranui Road (behind the tennis courts by the scout den). Alternatively, please contact us with any questions you have either by phone: Liz on 021 998899, email: mapuaplaycentre@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.





Kathryn's children enjoying playcentre. Courtesy of Kathryn Alborough

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Our long serving Coordinator, Janet Taylor, is moving on to new projects and we wish her well for her future. We are taking this opportunity to redefine the job and create the new role of Administrator.

This part time role (approx.12 hrs/pw) requires a wide range of skills and is an exciting opportunity for a self motivated person to be the lynchpin of the Association.

One day you will be talking to new businesses and existing Members, and the next you could be organising our next social event. You will work with our elected Committee to manage the Association and also be responsible for day to day administration and book keeping.

Proven interpersonal and computer skills are essential, along with a head for figures and a sense of humour. A business background would be useful for understanding the needs of our Members.

You must reside permanently in Mapua or Upper Moutere, have your own car, and be available for some evening work. This is a self employed, equal opportunities contract.

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CVs to be received at the above email address by 15 July

Continued from front page

Josi, our current playgroup treasurer says for her "playgroup has been a great way to connect with other parents and kids in the community". However, this isn't a new concept, parents in the Moutere Valley have been forming networks and lasting friendships through the Upper Moutere playgroup for 40 years and it's an asset the current members feel very fortunate to have inherited! We certainly wouldn't be enjoying such a 'sweet' set-up, if it wasn't for the many years of hard work local parents have put in to our playgroup.

"An amazing venue, full of down-to-earth mums, complete with a stockpile of great toys, it's just so nice to be able to offer this free to local parents" says Karen our current playgroup secretary. With the great support of the staff at the Moutere Hills Community Centre and the use of the large gymnasium and adjacent Rangers room, playgroup is very lucky! As most of our kids are off farms without many sealed tracks, the flat space to 'hoon' around on, is such an asset!

Megan, another playgroup regular, loves that playgroup offers a chance for kids to form relationships and interact, while also offering mums the time and space to share a cuppa and chat. She says for her it's such a supportive group that provides a comfortable and fun environment.

Anyone with a preschooler is welcome to pop in anytime. For more info, visit us on facebook.com/uppermoutereplaygroup

Upper Moutere Volunteer Fire Brigade

Callouts from 16 May to 15 June:

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COASTAL GARDEN CLUB



Meets the 1st Thursday of every month @ 1 pm, Tasman Bible Hall (opposite Jesters Cafe).

Visitors and new members most welcome. Phone: 03 5285405

Dear Members and Community.

Recently we performed a survey among local residents to see if there is concern about the traffic and safety situation at the intersection of Gardner Valley Road and the Moutere Highway.

Thanks to all who participated. We have received around 20 detailed responses overall. Of these:

• 50% of respondents consider the intersection to be a significant problem;

• 30% of respondents do not see problems or do not see the issue as high priority.

All results are an approximation only. We have collected resident statements for both sides, followed by a section of suggestions for improvement and a section of general thoughts on the issue. Responses have been published anonymously.

Please follow this link to our website to read the full feedback: http://www.mhra.org.nz/news/news-speedlimits/97
gardner-valley-road-intersection-community-feedback

Of the respondents who are MHRA members, two were clearly in favour of the association pursuing the matter further, while two were against.

This does not validate raising this as a matter of high priority for the association but the issue could still be further discussed with TDC at upcoming meetings.

We will forward the collected feedback to the transportation department to see if there is an official response on the current situation.

Best regards,

Matthes Bender
Secretary
Moutere Hills Residents Association
http://www.mhra.org.nz



Sarau Winter Sale

Second-Hand Books

Pre-Loved Women's Clothing Fabric & Wool Cosy Cafe



29th & 30th July 11am - 3pm

Moutere Hills Community Centre

An annual fundraiser for the Sarau Trust and Country Kids Child Care Book donations gratefully accepted on the 28th of July at the MHCC. Kind donations of women's clothing, fabric & wool to Country Kids, anytime. Thank you!

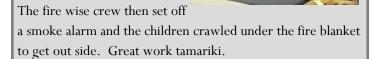
Firewise Comes to Country Kids

On Tuesday the 13th of June the children at Country kids

were very excited to welcome the Fire wise team and their fire truck to Country kids.

The children enjoyed a fire wise session. We started with a discussion about fire alarms who has one and who has changed the batteries.

The Fire wise team shared the Get! Out! Stay Out! Book which talked about what to do in a fire.



Then the best time was had looking at the fire engine, sitting inside and squirting water.

The children not only had an amazing time they learnt so much to take home to share with their families. A good reminder to all to fit smoke alarms, change batteries on those alarms and have an evacuation procedure that the whole family knows and has practiced.

Thank you to the fire wise team it was great to see you all again. This year all the team were parents who have had children attend Country Kids in the past.





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<u>Method</u>

Mix all the above together. Form into 2 long loaves. Wrap in bacon. Oil 2 loaf tins and place in each. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Can also use beef.

MANY GOOD MINCE RECIPES

600gm mince. Fry with onion. Add herbs and jar of tomato pasta sauce. Serve with pasta.

Make up as lasagne or add a can of kidney beans and pour over a plate of nacho chips. Grate over cheese and grill.

Add 500gm potatoes. Grease dish. Add one third mince mixture and one third peeled and sliced potatoes. Repeat layers, finishing with potatoes. Grate over cheese or cottage cheese. Bake at 180° or until potatoes are cooked.



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Never a Dull Moment in the Moutere

June was a busy month for many in the Moutere, The Moore family shifting sheep on Roses Road.

Fiona and Alistair from Lancewood Villa were busy picking the last of their olives which will supply them with a year's worth of cold pressed oil.

Miles, Carol and Diane had a sunny spot at The Old Post Office Saturday market.









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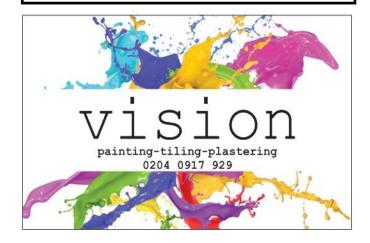
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Look out for the bright yellow programmes around town, at the Motueka Library, Potters Patch and Westrupp Jewellers or email Sarah Douglas at woolweaving@gmail.com 0277213991. There are some programs available from the Upper Moutere store if your quick.





MAPUA CRAFT GROUP

Pulling out all the stops

Winter is definitely drawing in isn't it. As I sit here typing away I can see snow has once again arrived on Mt Arthur and firmly consigns our recent blustery summer to the memories in our mind.

I don't know about anyone else but I found myself moving around the property some days ensuring windows and doors did not bang themselves shut under the onslaught. Not something I remember needing to do in summers past.

What was needed during those months for the front door, which is actually the side door or perhaps a back door depending on which way you are facing and is, in fact, the only door, was a nice heavy handy doorstop. Lucky there, as I have one such Sphinx-shaped item that was given to us in Egypt. That solved the main door but not the bedroom door so I remained one doorstop short and took to using a random solid heavyish item instead. No. Not the cat. He wouldn't stay put!

What better activity then, in case next year's summer proves equally gusty, than craft group's creative, attractive doorstop project.

Each Friday morning for the past month, after a quick pit stop for a bit of morning tea, the Mapua Craft Group has been unstoppable in pulling out all the stops to create some really wonderful, fun but practical fabric and felt doorstops.

Our next stop? A Bust Stop.

If you'd like to join in , you'll find us in the Hills Community Church supper room between 10am and noon of a Friday term time. You are welcome to pop in . Morning tea is always on hand.

MB & RL.





July 2017 Newsletter

Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

Yes, I admit it is hard to get out into the cold on a frosty morning, however, when it is for the purpose of meeting up at the Mapua Hall for a morning of pastel painting it's worth it. Yes the room is warm and cosy ... just right for conjuring up inspiration to paint. So put on an extra layer and come along and join us to discover your hidden talents and see if pastel painting is for you.

I love this quote from an artist who wrote the book "Brave Intuitive Painting. Let go. Be bold. Unfold." "Often the fear of not knowing what to do or the fear of doing something wrong stops us in our tracks and keeps us from starting. If we can let go of this fear, we open ourselves up to a much larger world of expression, a world where anything is possible." Flora Bowley, artist.

We all start at a certain level. Some at the very beginning ... I called mine the Kindergarten stage, but fear not, we do develop as we go along. We use each other to help grow in our skills and techniques with our pastel painting. You may surprise yourself as to what your ability is.

Recently feeling extremely "blocked" for ideas and even doubting my ability, I brought my unfinished painting to our Tuesday morning group and received some very well placed advise and am now further along with my painting and feeling more confident about the end result.

You are welcome to come on a Tuesday morning from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Mapua Community Hall on Aranui Road, Mapua to chat with our members and see what they are creating. Who knows you may even get inspired and decide to join our active group of pastel artists.

For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540 3388 or by email gmforbes@ts.co.nz.

Gloria Anderson



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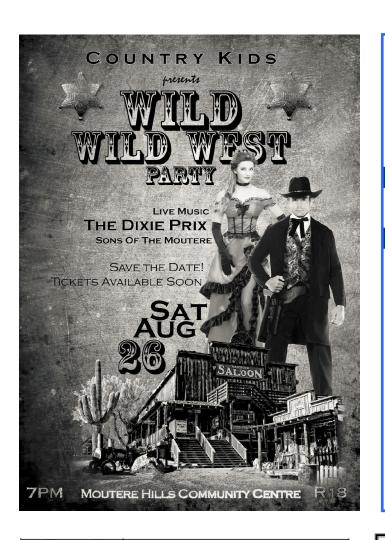
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Closure Information

Our landlord, Tasman District Council has to undertake repairs and general maintenance to the wharf and our building.

CLOSURE DATES:

The work is going to take approximately 8 weeks, so we will be closed from the $6^{\rm th}$ of June 2017.

What does this mean for you?

We will be closed to the Public from Tuesday 6th June. It is our intention to reopen the business for normal trading within the second week of August 2017.

Alongside working with the council, we will also be using this opportunity to make the building and business more modern in terms of its equipment and facilities, and give it a fresh new look.

Although this is a major disruption to our business, it is also an exciting time.

We are very conscious of the disruption, however we are trying to minimise this at all levels as we work through this necessary work.

We will be keeping you posted on progress towards our planned reopening in mid-August through facebook, email and radio.

It is our aim to continue to have the best restaurant and service in the region and the best building and facilities to match. The new "refreshed" Jellyfish will be something we can all be proud of.

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Cigars and Whisky 7pm Thursday 27th

A small group of whisky and cigar lovers have started a regular meeting on the last Thursday of each month. A new whisky will be introduced each month and a cigar available at cost.

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Fine Dining Evening 7pm Saturday 29th

We will be offering a relaxing evening, of fine dining, over five courses. Bookings essential check our website for menu details. \$55 per head.

Don't Forget

 $\begin{array}{lll} 1^{st} \ \ Thurs \ Folk \ Night & This \ month \ the \ 6^{th} \\ 2^{nd} \ Thurs \ Quiz \ Night & This \ month \ the \ 13^{th} \\ 4^{th} \ \ Thurs \ Cigars \ and \ Whisky & This \ month \ the \ 27^{th} \\ \end{array}$

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SPONSORS MAKE LODESTONE CLASSIC A SUCCESS

Upper Moutere Tennis Club

The Upper Moutere Tennis Club was, once again, overwhelmed with the generous support of their local sponsors who donated products and services for prizes or to be part of the scrumptious spread of local food served on the day. Seven clubs from around the Nelson region participated at the eighth Lodestone Classic mixed doubles tournament, held on Sunday 21st May 2017. The Club would like to thank all their sponsors, who continue to make the Lodestone Classic a prominent event on the Nelson Bays Tennis Calendar:

Brambleby Orchards; Lodestone Wines & Seeds; Moutere Gold; Moutere Inn; Moutere Motors; Neudorf Olives; Owen Bartlett Pottery; Patisserie Royale; Peckham's Cider; Pomeroy's; Proper Crisps; Thorvald; Upper Moutere On the Spot Store; and the Upper Moutere Takeaways.

The initial rounds of pool play within the Social and Competitive Divisions were fiercely contested, with two clear winners surfacing from the four pools. Off court, players were delighted to see the return of sheep milk cheeses by Thorvald to the nibbles table, along with Proper Crisps, Neudorf Olive oil/bread, and Moutere fruit and chutneys.

The players refuelled with a delicious lunch, prepared by Upper Moutere Tennis Club members and Patisserie Royale sausage rolls. They were also warmed up by hot soup, Pomeroy's coffee, and Lodestone mulled wine. Play resumed after lunch with some closely fought semi-finals.

In Division 2 (Social), Glenn Roberts and Irene Hickmott from the Tahunanui Club came through undefeated from pool play to have a decisive win 12-0 over Mapua pair Tony Jemmett and Kim Francis in their semi-final. The second semi-final, in this division, was much closer with Martin Fergusson and Denise Marshall from the Stoke Club beating Al Bridgland and Linda Bridgland from the Mapua Club 6-4. Fergusson and Marshall were the stronger pair winning 9-5 over Roberts and Hickmott in the Social Division final.

In Division 1 (Competitive), Claus Reichhardt and Sue Rooney from the Tahunanui Club came through strongly in pool play to win their semi-final 7-4 from last year's champions, Ian Newton and Bree Arnott from the Upper Moutere Club. Their opponents in the final, Motueka's Scott Cameron and Heidi Mayer had a decisive win 9-2 win over Stoke's Koro Awarangi and Pauline Smith, in their semi-final. Initially the final appeared to be going all the way of the Motueka pair, with a lead of 3-0 in the first set. However, Reichhardt and Rooney came back strongly with some impressive volleys, to take the first set 6-3. Their dominance continued into the second set with a 6-4 win over Cameron and Mayer; securing them the Lodestone Classic Trophy for 2017.

The afternoon was finished off with a prize giving to the division winners and runners up, followed by some

generously donated spot prizes.

Results

Division 1 Competitive: Score 6-3, 6-4

Winners: Claus Reichhardt & Sue Rooney — Tahunanui Tennis Club

Runners Up: Scott Cameron & Heidi Mayer — Motueka Tennis

Division 2 Social: Score 9-5

Winners: Martin Fergusson & Denise Marshall – Stoke Tennis Club

Runners Up: Glenn Roberts & Irene Hickmott $\,-\,$ Tahunanui Tennis Club



MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Dear Community

It is with disappointment that we must inform the community that Vanessa Mairs is stepping down from her position of Fitness Centre Manager at Moutere Hills Community Centre to concentrate her time on her tennis coaching commitments. Vanessa has been an integral member of our team and a valuable asset to the Centre. She has been involved with the Centre since it began, approximately 12 years ago, and has been a key player in the development of the Community Fitness Centre. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Vanessa for her time, energy and commitment to the MHCC; she will bet greatly missed. We wish her well in her future endeavors and know that she will continue to offer valuable support to us.

A new Fitness Centre Manager has been employed, Adele Cotton. Adele will take up the position on the 17th July and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome her on board.

Katrina and Cindus

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Painting and mixed media creations on canvas

Wednesday 12th July

9:30am-12:30pm For Ages 8 years +

Cost: \$30 (includes all materials and morning tea)

Parent and Child Art Session

10:30am-11:30am

Thursday 13th July

\$5 per session

For 2-7 year olds 11:45am-12:45pm For 6-9 year olds

1:30pm-2:30pm For 9 vrs +

Have a go sessions

Tumbling Workshop \$10 for the session

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL From 2:45pm—3:34pm

Cost: \$45 for both (includes all materials and morning tea) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL / NUMBERS LIMITED



10:00am-11:00am

1:00pm-4:00pm

Basketballs and Drills with Vanessa and Nicole

Friday 13th July

and

For Ages 6—9 years old

11:15am-12:15pm

For Ages 10 Years +

Cost \$ 10 per session **Bookings** essential



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MAPUA BOWLING CLUB THE WRITE BIAS

The summer bowling season has drawn to a close but the Mapua Bowling Club has not gone into hibernation over the winter. Members are getting together to play at outdoor competitions at other Nelson clubs who have artificial turfs available.

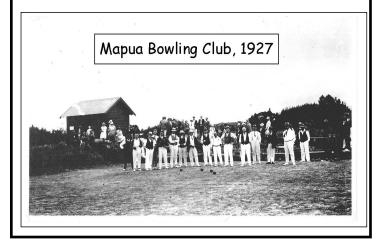
There was a very good turnout at the recent Mapua Bowling Club AGM. Dave England was re-elected as Club President. Two new members, Di Blanchet and Denzil Stephensen will join six returning committee members. A special thank-you was given to Michael Busby who was standing down this year from the committee. During the past 10 years he has served the club in a variety of roles, including Club President, bar manager and member of the green-keeping team. His contribution to the club has been much appreciated by the members.

Throughout the winter months, the renovation work on our green will continue so that it is at its best when the new season begins. In the meantime, Mapua Bowling Club members will be getting together twice a month (first and third Fridays) at the club rooms for social evenings.

A very special social event is on the calendar for Sunday, the 16th of July. The Mapua Bowling Club will be celebrating its 90th birthday! The Club was established in 1927 and was first located at the corner of Toru and Iwa Streets, Mapua. A delicious celebration lunch is planned and members are encouraged to dress in the style of the 1920's. Members and partners are invited. Cost is \$25 per person. Members are asked to contact Chris Green (5402419) to make a reservation.

For information about the bowling club or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call President, Dave England (540 2934)

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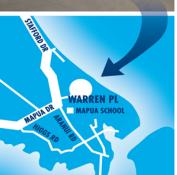












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Week 2

19 Wed Snow Day or Tunnel Geocaching \$10 (a torch

may be handy)

20 Thurs Waka Ama or Crafty Day \$15

21 Fri Snow Day or Tunnel Geocaching \$10 (did you

remember that torch...?)

This program is for those in year 5 to year 13. Bring your lunch and appropriate gear for cold/rain/sun. We obviously don't know the weather situation for this week so have back up days for certain events, and may switch some around. 8.30am - 3pm, drop off and pick up at UMO church hall, 7 Supplejack Valley Road. Limited numbers so if you're keen let us know!

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Most people keep their dog near or in their home. Often without thought as to a suitable breed but more due to how the dog looks. So many dogs are working breeds who desire to run many kilometres and do a job, if this does not happen they can develop boredom and aggressive habits and will often bark and whine all day if the owner is away. They also very protective of their environment and this can lead to biting or attacks. So all dogs need regular exercise, socialisation with other people and dogs and training. So often sadly it is children who get attacked as they are not adequately supervised around dogs and can do things to trigger aggression. Children generally have a lot of energy and often run around with raised voices and waving their arms around, all of which triggers a hunting response in Most commonly however it is due to inappropriate behaviour around food that can be an attack trigger. It is never ok to tease dogs with food or wave food around them when owner is eating. Again children are most vulnerable as they are smaller and often excitable around food. All of this can be sensed by any dog whether it is owned by a family or is a strange dog. All dogs pick up on energy, in fact all animals pick up on energy so it is very important to stay calm around them.

I have written about this before but it is worth repeating. Dog owners should establish a routine around food. The owner should eat before the dog and never let a dog share their titbits at the table or beg for food when they are eating. Dogs have a pack mentality and it is the pack leader that eats first, all others have to wait their turn. So it is a good practice to get your dog used to waiting until you give them permission to eat. This can get more complicated if more than one dog is involved as they will be competitive.

All dog owners should be responsible and properly train and socialise their dogs when they are young. Not expect them to be locked up all day then sleep on the owners bed! Alas this happens all too often and sends the wrong signal to the dog. All children should be supervised around dogs and it should not be assumed that an attack will never happen.

Hope this gives you a little more information and helps to reduce the incidents of bites and attacks.

I am available to help any time with animal behaviour situations but am changing my contact details, so any questions can be submitted to umograpevine@hotmail.com this month.

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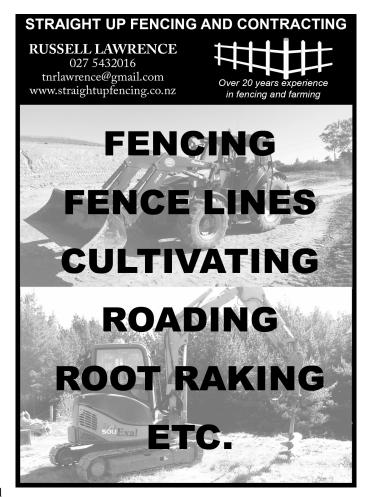
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