

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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MUSIC MAN



Recycled materials are a perfect basis for Lawrie Feely's stringed instruments

LOCAL LIVES

Eight-string island ukuleles, strum sticks and mountain dulcimers are everywhere to be seen in Lawrie Feely's workshop. Created from recycled venetian blinds, fruit bowls, tabletops and bedheads, each one looks and sounds unique.

Lawrie has been making instruments since going to a 70th birthday party down South and playing along with a group of ladies from the marae on the ukulele. "Next day, I took some photos and measurements and made my own, but it was a disaster. It looked all right and sounded all right but it didn't make the right notes because it was fretted differently."

Not to be deterred, Lawrie searched the internet until he discovered how to fret his ukulele properly. "A couple of people saw it and asked for one, and away I went," he says.

For the past few months, Lawrie has been selling his improvised creations at the Motueka market on a Sunday morning. He trawls recycling yards for different materials—old tambourines included—and he reuses tuning pegs from retired guitars, plus all kinds of hardwoods for the bodies and stems. "Someone in the community gave me a block of elm that had been milled

and stored for 30 years, and I've used it in a lot of my instruments. Each wood has a different sound."

His favourite is the strum stick—a portable version of the dulcimer that can be played like a guitar instead of on a table. "Backpackers love them," he says. Also popular is a stringed instrument that can be played by anyone who's capable of a single finger tune on the piano. "You can make music out of anything," says Lawrie, pulling out a 'tin-canjo' with a decorative biscuit-tin body to prove his point.

When he's not making instruments, Lawrie can be found repairing horse gear, such as covers, bridles and saddle strapping. He and his wife Sarah also keep a veritable menagerie on their Upper Moutere six hectare block, including mini horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, chooks, ducks, a yak and a couple of 17-year-old deer. They used to run a petting zoo at their previous home but these days the animals are just "like family".

They still breed kune kune and Flemish Giant rabbits for pets, and they've been known to rehome the odd farm animal, including Elvis the kune kune boar who's not the least bit interested in the ladies. Plus, of course, there's Lawrie's "good buddy" Emma—a huntaway greyhound cross who came from the SPCA four years ago.

See Lawrie Feely's instruments at the Motueka market on Sunday mornings, or call him on 03 543 2234.

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WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM

The Tasman District Council has agreed to consult the public on proposals for funding and governance of the Waimea Community Dam (Dam). The consultation, to be held before end of the year, will be focused on the benefits and costs of the project on ratepayers and water users throughout the District, and how the dam will be managed.

The current proposal will see the Council fund \$26.8 million of the Dam's remaining \$75.9 million cost (of the total \$82.5m project cost, \$6.6 million has already been spent by the Council and Waimea Irrigators Ltd).

The Council's share includes an interest-free \$10m loan from Crown Irrigation Investments Ltd, reducing the ongoing interest costs to ratepayers to the tune of about \$500,000 a year.

The proposal sees a proportion of the Council's share attributed to environmental/wider community benefit, because of the improvements to river health, recreation and cultural values that will come from increasing flows in the Waimea River, as well as the project's benefits to the regional economy.

The Council is yet to make a decision on how the costs could be apportioned across the District. That decision will be subject to public consultation. Under the Local Government Act the Council is required to consider how it will allocate the costs and the effect on the community.

One approach being considered is to;

1. Not charge the urban water account for the environmental /community benefit costs,
2. Recover the costs of augmenting the urban water supply through the current urban water account using the current cost recovery regime (fixed annual service charge and a volumetric charge)
3. Meet the environmental/community benefit costs by a combination of District wide fixed charges per property, and a targeted rate based on capital value for all properties within the zone of benefit.
 - To provide an indication of the environmental/community benefit costs of the project, if Council were to recover this solely by a District-wide fixed charge, this would be approximately \$45 per property per year.

For example:

1. A Richmond urban rate payer would be charged the District wide rate, the zone of benefit rate and pay an increase in water charges.
2. An unaffiliated Waimea irrigator would pay the District wide rate and the zone of benefit rate.
3. An affiliated Waimea irrigator would pay the WIL irrigator charges, the District wide rate and the zone of benefit rate.
4. Ratepayers across the District, (approx. 23,000 rateable units), would pay a district wide fixed charge per property.

The physical boundaries for the "zone of benefit" are yet to be fully determined. At this stage it is envisaged the 'zone' would include those properties on the Waimea Plains within the 2014 designated zone of effect, as well as properties whose water is supplied from the Waimea Plains and aquifer and urban areas including Richmond, Brightwater, and Mapua.

The consultation will also outline the proposed governance model for the Dam. The proposal is for the Dam to be operated as a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO), with the Council holding the majority of shares (51%) to secure the public interest.

Tasman Mayor Richard Kempthorne said the consultation would give residents the full picture of how the project would affect them financially.

"I hope that a lot of the concerns people have about the cost of the project will be relieved by the funding model that has been developed. There are no planned large rate increases for either residents outside the Waimea area who draw less benefit from the scheme or for those within the zone. Those within the area of greatest benefit will pay a little more through their rates and water charges, but the payoff for them is a secure water supply with no need for summer restrictions except in the most severe droughts – a one-in-60 year event.

"Council is preparing a Statement of Proposal (SOP) which will be available to everyone in the district through the consultation and submission process. Residents will be encouraged to send responses to Council for consideration. There's still some details to be developed, but residents can expect to have all the numbers and impacts available for them to think about. A final decision can be expected early 2018."

[Waimea Community Dam Joint Funding and Governance Proposal Report](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/document/serve/Waimea%20Community%20Dam%20Joint%20Funding%20and%20Governance%20Proposal%20Report%20.pdf?path=/EDMS/Public/Other/Council/Publications/Releases/000000785709)

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The Social Group

Meets at the Sunday School Hall (Upper Moutere Lutheran Church) on **Thursday afternoons at 1.30pm each fortnight.**

Join in games and cards. Enjoy our afternoon of fun and fellowship. All welcome.

Contact Brian or Lois Eggers

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Would you use this

NEW FOOTPATH?

from the Moutere Hills Community Centre to 'Country Kids'



- ➔ The Moutere Hills Residents Association is proposing the construction of a formed path for pedestrian and bicycle use along the Moutere Highway between the Moutere Hills Community Centre and the Country Kids Preschool.
- ➔ We want to create better access to the Community Centre for anybody travelling to the centre by foot or bike from the direction of Kelling Road.
- ➔ This short section of footpath can also be connected to other possible footpaths or bike paths in the future.

We invite you to have your say on this proposal:

- *Do you support the construction of footpaths like this one?*
- *Do you have any concerns to raise or suggestions to make?*

Contact us at:

Moutere Hills Residents Association

Website: www.mhra.org.nz Email: pathway@mhra.org.nz

Mapua Playcentre

We're running a series of family profiles over the coming months to introduce some of our playcentre families and what they love about playcentre. This is from Niki who comes with her daughter Caroline, 3 (Niki's husband Lawson also comes once a week with Caroline).

As a playcentre kid myself I had such fond memories so it made sense to try this out when our daughter Caroline was young. We began Caroline's playcentre journey when she was just 3 months old when we joined the SPACE programme at the Atawhai Playcentre. This was a wonderful year to re-learn the philosophies and teachings of playcentre and confirmed this was a journey we wished our pre-schooler to take. After moving to Mahana a year later and not knowing people in the area it was an easy decision for many reasons to join the Mapua playcentre.

After 2.5 years at Mapua, Caroline has a strong sense of belonging to playcentre and moves comfortably between the areas of play either with or without a parent by her side. Her first year at Mapua had mum on Mondays and dad on Fridays so she seemed to experience different play areas with each parent. Also at times she attends with grandparents so playcentre has become something she can talk about with all her family. The early days were largely about simple motion (swings) and water play while these days she can spend much of her time at the craft table cutting, gluing and experimenting with colours.

The highlights of playcentre for us as a parent are we get to share our child's interests and see her develop in so many areas and its all first hand. Also playcentre is a dedicated 2.5 hours a week of play together which isn't always easy to get at home with interruptions and jobs to do. The children become so familiar and comfortable with the place, supervisors and the other children that parents get many chances to chat and develop friendships as do the children. After each session, I leave with a strong sense of where I need to extend or support my child. Generally the activities taken place on the day are a conversation piece for days with all family members.

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 of 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

benefit 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 9:30am - 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.



Upper Moutere Volunteer Fire Brigade

Call-outs from 16th Aug - 15th Sep

- * 18/8 Car fire, Upper Moutere Highway
- * 28/8 Code purple, Medical, fainting/
unconscious, Apple Valley Road
- * 31/8 House fire, Umukuri Road Riwaka





MEN IN ACCORD

Men in Accord, are a Silver Medal winning small chorus that represented the Nelson/Tasman region in the National 4 Part Harmony Convention last year.

We'd like to invite all you guys out there to our Open Evening Workshop.

Come along and learn the art of 4 Part Harmony Singing in a friendly, relaxed and fun environment on Tuesday 14th November 7pm at Club Waimea in the Waimea Room.

Men in Accord are lucky to have a number of experienced and musically knowledgeable members, who will guide you through some easy exercises and have you singing 4 part harmony by the end of the evening.

Our song arrangements are structured with four separate notes with the intention to make most chords "ring". These ringing chords are the ultimate in harmony and create a truly wonderful sound which both singers and audiences find irresistible. Few people can resist the sound once they hear it. Beware – it is addictive!

Why not come along and give it a try? This is a cost free event, so just you and your voice required!

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The Little Yellow Digger

*Rosenthal at Neudorf
by Ruth Russ*

In place of the school foundations, a dense grove of silver birches and broom had grown up. Isaac suddenly found himself working several weekends in a row, which halted any significant progress, so lopping the wild growth off at ankle height by hand was something I felt I could do. I spent a number of hours over the span of two weeks doggedly determined not to become demoralised by the fact that a digger could do a much more thorough job in about ten minutes. Still, the kids enjoyed being outdoors, and I felt a sense of superficial helpfulness.

But we all got far more excited when a large yellow visitor arrived onsite. In just one hour, Isaac and one of our friends had cleared the gorse and broom from the slope above the swimming pool, and had knocked down the utility shed and changing rooms. As you might have guessed, I'm far too impatient to be content as a spectator, so I was very chuffed when they gave me the job of pulling down and rolling up the wire netting that had served as the swimming pool fence.

The digger did several helpful tasks (as well as a few unhelpful ones) during its stay at the School Block. The most satisfying moment was seeing it push over the enormous conifer, an eyesore in the middle of the section. The digger's worst legacy is the segment of mangled fence around the tennis court. It also uncovered several treasures we hadn't known about: an old soak pit that the pool drains into, and a section of well-laid bricks near the eastern boundary fence. The gorse roots have made it very difficult to excavate the bricks, so whether they were laid over something important is yet to be discovered.

The boys were disappointed to see the digger leave, but it is soon to be replaced with an army of tree-felling machines when the Forest Block becomes an empty one.



Sarau Festival 2018 is coming up!!

To make this another fantastic Moutere event we need your help and support

Please let us know if:

- you have an idea to include in the Sarau Festival
- you think we do something well, and could expand it
- you have (a little) time to help with organisation before the Sarau Festival

To make this another truly amazing Moutere event, and help raise funds for the Moutere Community - join the crew and have good fun!

Please contact Jenny at:

jenny@saraufestival.co.nz or phone: 9700 715

Come along to our first meeting on **Monday 30 October at 7.15pm** at the wonderful Moutere Inn - our first generous sponsor every year!

I need to also let you know that I would like to hand over co-ordination of this event for 2018...but if no one is available then I will do it this year, but it will definitely be my last! If someone is interested, please let me know - I am happy to walk beside you

SARAU FESTIVAL:

Sunday 28 January 2018

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our Quiz Night Fundraiser for the Upper Moutere School Year 7/8 Wellington Camp and a huge thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Ruby Bay Takeaways, Moutere Honey, Moutere Gold, The Grapevine, Neudorf Olives, Moutere Hills Vineyards, Fleur Woods Art, Dove Peonies, Proper Crisps, Frank's Trees, Chia Drinks, Neudorf Mushrooms, Neudorf Vineyards, Peckhams Cider, Thorvald Cheese, Kris Wilson Yoga, Riverside Café, Bush Botanica, Pics Peanut Butter, Cam and Charlies Garlic, Kimi Ora Retreat, Rimu Grove, Wilsons Travel, Cartridge World, Jester House, Whitwells Menswear, Himmelsfeld Vineyard, Kahurangi Vineyards, Upper Moutere Fish n Chips, Kim Quedley Cleaning, Harakeke Farm, JOCO cups, The Old Post Office, Miles of Food, The Stables and the Mapua Trading Store.

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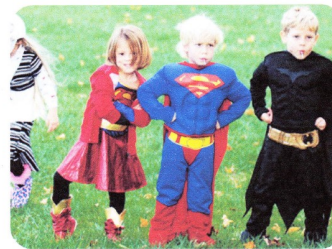
Mapua Community Costume Carnival

Hills Community Church is holding its annual Costume Carnival at Aranui Park, Mapua on Monday 31st of October. The carnival has been running for more than ten years and is a highlight in the calendar for families in Mapua and the surrounding districts. It is run as a free gift to the community, a positive trick-or-treating alternative at Halloween. Children, (and adults too if they like) are encouraged to come dressed as fairies, superheroes, princesses, animals, All Blacks, etc. (No scary costumes please). Prizes are given for the most creative costume to boys and girls in each age group (preschool, primary and teenagers, and adults). There will be a range of fun-filled games and activities to participate in. Bring your children for a fabulous, fright-free evening of old fashioned games, sled rides, jumping on the bouncy castle, and a free sausage sizzle. Each time you have a go; earn a silver token to swap at the prize tent. <http://www.hillscommunitychurch.org.nz/>



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Thanks Katrina

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday 10th October Gymnastics Fun \$5 per person per session

Free time on the equipment, coaches will be on hand to help you flip, tumble and learn new tricks. Bring your friends, make new ones, learn some new skills, have fun and stay active!

11:00am—12:00pm 2—7 yr olds (pre-schoolers need an adult to actively supervise)

12:30pm—1:30pm 6—9 yr olds

2:00pm—3:00pm 9 yrs + (includes some tumbling coaching with Sam)

Thursday 12th October Indoor Games \$5 per person

We will set out a huge array of games for you to enjoy with giant Jenga, table tennis, indoor hockey, foosball, air hockey, plus lots more. Bring your friends, bring the family.

11:00am—3:00pm All ages. No booking needed.



JINGO IS MUSICAL BINGO
Friday 20TH October
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Picture old school bingo with the numbers replaced with snippets of your favourite tunes & the song titles. Bring a team or come on your own

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Richie and Rosie 7pm Thursday 26th

Upstate New York musicians Richie Stearns and Rosie Newton mix traditional and contemporary sounds. Outrageous punk banjo, powerful evocative fiddle blended with beautiful vocal harmonies. Richie, is a legendary innovator of the 5-string banjo and is much loved for his "mantra-groove-spooky-banjo style". Rosie is a ferocious fiddle player who's work spans many musical styles.



Fine Dining Evening 7pm Saturday 28th

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

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| 2 nd | Thurs Quiz Night | This month the 12 th |
| Last | Thurs Cigars and Whisky | This month the 26 th |

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ARTS ON TOUR NZ PRESENTS

The Andrew London Trio



Carrying on the tradition of *Hot Club Sandwich*, **The Andrew London Trio** offers songs about the trivia and minutiae of daily life from the point of view of a middle-aged, middle-class, Middle Earther, delivered in a deceptively innocuous 1940s swing style with occasional forays into folk, blues, country and hip-hop.

The obvious opportunity for humour is eagerly seized upon and exploited mercilessly, but occasional poignancy and pathos are never far away.

Beatle-esque vocal harmonies are added by **Kirsten London** on bass, and ex-HCS sax/clarinetist **Nils Olsen**.

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MAPUA BOWLING CLUB THE WRITE BIAS

The club green-keeper, Glenn Saunderson, and his team of volunteers have been hard at work over the winter months. The wet weather has been a challenge but work has proceeded well on the green renovation and the green should be ready for play at the beginning of November.

A non-playing Opening Day is planned for Saturday, 7th of October beginning at 3:00pm. There will be a general meeting, an update on the bowling schedule for the season and a chance to catch-up with the other members at an afternoon tea.

Although the Club's green will not be ready until November, our members will not miss out on playing bowls during the month of October. The bowling clubs at Richmond, Motueka, Riwaka and Wakefield have kindly invited our members to join in on their roll-ups for the price of a green fee.

Have you been looking for a new pastime? Why not consider bowls? You are most welcome to come along to the Opening Day on the 7th of October or you might like to stop by the Club on Thursday evening, the 19th of October. The Mapua Bowling Club will be participating in the Mapua's annual Spring Fling. The club will be open from 5 to 7pm for visitors to have a look at the club's facilities and chat with members about the bowling club.

New members are warmly welcomed.

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

Barbara Brown



Chris Lusty and Martin Trickett—winners of the Ferrick Cup, which was held during the Opening Day at Upper Moutere Tennis Club recently.

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October 2017 Newsletter

Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

"Spring has sprung and this is the time when our inspiration starts to blossom!! *Oh no was that a pun?* This is a beautiful time of year when our gardens come alive, the little lambs are frolicking in the paddocks and *it never seems to STOP RAINING!*" No really ... it hasn't stopped raining since the 1st of September ... really, I checked the Tasman District statistics and it has rained, even a fraction, every day, somewhere in the Tasman/Nelson Region. That's spring for you!"

Colour, colour everywhere ... Diane Rappisi, currently living in Texas, tutored an extremely successful weekend workshop for our group. There was a full class of 15 people who were taken right out of their comfort zone on the Saturday and blossomed on the Sunday and are still talking about it. Shadows and reflections suddenly became clearer and full of colour. We also learned about the nuances of colour itself, such as how to grey things down and make a colour that we did not have in our box of pastels. Diane is one of the many international and New Zealand pastel artists we have had conduct workshops for us in the past.

We are getting excited about creating our schedule of mini-workshops, plein air painting (for those who don't know that is outdoor painting, I for one didn't know until I joined the group), as well as more outstanding artists workshops. Some of us will venture outside to capture the new growth and exciting scenery and some will find their inspiration from their travels, from ordinary life and from their imagination. Our many members, new and seasoned artists, bring their many skills to our group every Tuesday. I am in awe of their talent.

We welcome you to come on a Tuesday morning between 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Mapua Community Hall on Aranui Road, Mapua to chat with our members. Don't let yourself be fooled that you have no artistic talent. I am sure that many renowned artists around the world such as Picasso, Renoir, Mondrian, Rita Angus, Grahame Sydney, etc. didn't realise their talent until they picked up their pastel or paint brush and applied it to their canvas. You won't know until you give it a go!

For additional information please contact our Area Rep, Glenys Forbes at 03 540 3388 or by email gmforbes@ts.co.nz. You can visit our **FACEBOOK page**: PANZ Pastel Artists of New Zealand to see what our pastel artists are creating.

A reminder of coming events - Mark your calendar! Impressions National Art Awards 2017 is coming to the Mapua Community Hall from 7 October to 15 October.

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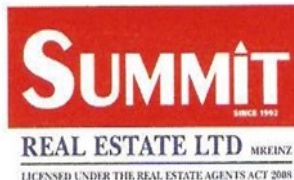


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20 Baking for a Cause

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27 Inflatable World

Senior Youth

*1st & 3rd Fridays/6:30-8:30pm-ish/Year 9 -
Year 13/\$2/meet at UMO church hall*

20 Bonfire (it's still there, waiting...)

27 Inflatable World

Questions?

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Facebook - Moutere Community Youth

Adventure Camp - we are planning another north island adventure camp for senior youth (14-17 year olds). 22nd-28th January. This being a camp in the summer time means it won't be so cold when you fall out of the raft and into the Tongariro River. We have already started fundraising for this trip but if you would like to be involved please contact Billy - 021 027 28825

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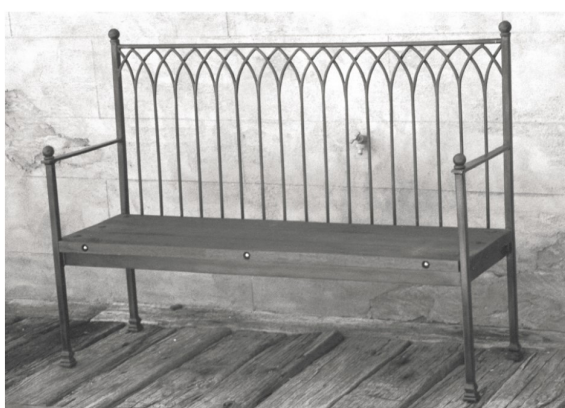
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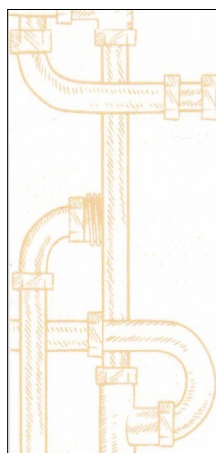
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Facial Eczema is caused by the spores of a fungus, *Pithomyces chartarum*, which lives in the base of the pasture. Once swallowed by sheep or cattle, the spores release a toxin which can cause severe injury to the liver and bile ducts. In some animals the bile ducts may become partly or completely blocked. When this happens bile and other waste products will build up in the blood stream causing sensitivity to light.

The fungus is very common. It is found all around the world, but nowhere does it cause such severe problems as in New Zealand.

It is always in the pasture, and sheep are always ingesting it in small quantities. Then, when temperatures and moisture levels are high, and soil night temperatures remain over 12 to 13 deg C, the conditions are right. The fungus suddenly goes on the rampage, growing rapidly and producing vast amounts of toxic spores.

Each rise in spore numbers provides the starting point for the next period of rapid growth and after two or three "danger" period's spore numbers are high enough to threaten animal health.

While spore counts of 80,000—100,000 are often spoken of as the "danger level", stock grazing pasture with 40,000 spores per gram of grass for long periods are likely to develop facial eczema.

The symptoms of FE are distressing: Restlessness followed by shaking and rubbing heads against posts and gates, avoiding sunlight, then drooping and reddened ears and swollen eyes. These and other exposed areas develop a weeping dermatitis and scabby skin, affected areas may become infected or fly blown.

Not all animals with FE damaged livers show the clinical symptoms—in fact, except in very severe outbreaks, most animals with FE liver damage will show no outward signs at all.

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THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF FACIAL ECZEMA.

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- Reduced growth rates in affected lambs and hoggets
- Increased culling. The proportion of ewes culled or empty can be 12 per cent higher in affected ewes than in unaffected ewes

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"Farmers judge a bad FE year by the number of "clinicals" or animals with visible symptoms. But the greater concern is the number of sub-clinicals, since this is liver damage that is not visible.

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This month I want to focus on animals as therapy. Many dogs help guide the sight impaired owners and there are assistant dogs for people who physically cannot do certain actions. Dogs are used as hearing assistants so they can alert their owner if the phone rings or there is someone at the door. There are even dogs that can sense if their owners are going to have a seizure and will stay with them until help comes. These dogs have been specially trained but there are many others who can sense something is wrong and alert their owners. Dogs sense of smell is quite extraordinary and they can detect drugs but also other smells which humans cannot. There have been dogs that have smelled cancer in their owners and still others that can track down people even if they are underwater. So dogs are pretty amazing when it comes to helping with therapy. However many people understand the same abilities in cats. There have been cases where a cat will awaken its human family because there is a gas leak or a fire. They can also perceive if their owner is unwell.

Horses have been and are being used for therapy. It is a known fact that horses can sense and adjust to people with disabilities. Horses are extensively used throughout the world in Riding for the Disabled which helps so much with physically impaired children. However horses have an extra ability to heal people through their sensitivity and breath. It is as though they can relate on a spiritual level and can at the very least calm people but also heal them.

It is very likely that most animals have these abilities but if they are wild or not living in close proximity to humans it is harder to sense their gifts. There have been instances for example of dolphins helping people in a coma or paralysed.

So when we have an animal it is important to realise just how can communicate and help. It is up to us to be open to that communication.

Pet tip for the month: When you have your special animal around you, try to be still sometimes and not always physically reacting, you may be surprised what happens.

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| Real Estate | Doug Smith, PGG Wrightson | Mob: 027 543 2280 AH: 03 543 2280 |
| Real Estate | Debbie Watson, Tall Poppy | Mob: 021 462 629 AH: 03 543 2629 |
| Recreation Centre | Moutere Hills Community Centre | 03 543 2516 |
| Restaurant | Jellyfish Cafe and Wine Bar | 03 540 2028 |
| Play Group | Anna / Josi | 021 262 6675 / 027 374 8223 |
| Shearing | Sue | 021 533 350 |
| Social Club | Brian or Lois Eggers | 03 543 2871 |
| Tai Chi | Taoist Tai Chi | 03 545 8375 |
| Tennis Club | Vanessa Mairs | claybrookeestate@xtra.co.nz |
| Tiling | Tile it (Tom) | Mob: 021 048 5649 AH: 03 5432644 |
| Tree care | Abel Tasman Tree Solutions | 022 3276 164 |
| Trekking | High Places | 03 540 3208 |
| Vet | Town & Country Vet | 03 544 1200 |
| Water tanks | CWS Complete Water Solutions | 03 528 0040 |
| Window Cleaning | Phillip Ridder, Top of the South | Mob: 022 029 1793 |
| Yoga | Jane | Mob: 027 263 5211 |
| Yoga | Jo Wilcox (kids yoga) | Mob: 021 1709495 |