

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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LAVENDERS BLUE



At his Upper Moutere lavender farm, Murray Gott makes fragrant oil for use in a range of products.

LOCAL LIVES

Six years ago, Murray Gott started growing vivid Pacific Blue and Grosso lavender on the five acres directly in front of his Upper Moutere home.

Originally from Oamaru, Murray had worked for many years in hospitality—a job that had taken him all around the world—before settling here 15 years ago. “I had seen lavender growing in countries like South Africa, Argentina, France, Japan and Italy, and decided to create a lavender farm, as I was looking for a lifestyle change.”

In the first year, his 12,000 plants provided flowers but no oil, and in the second the oil hadn't yet hit the right notes. “The first real production harvest wasn't until the third year,” he says.

Harvest time is around Christmas time for the Pacific Blue, with Grosso following in mid-January. The oil is extracted from the flowers through a steam distillation process. For every 100kg of Pacific Blue flowers, Murray makes 1.5 to 2 liters of oil, with 100kg of the larger Grosso flower making 3 to 3.5 liters.

The oil is then bottled and cellared at a constant temperature for at least six months until the fragrance is just right. From there, it can be transferred to small bottles of essential oil or turned into other products.

Murray says he makes a wide range of different products under the Moutere Lavender Company brand. These include lavender soy candles, massage oil, room spray, linen spray, bath oil, hand cream, bath salts and lavender honey. He also works with Nelson's Global Soaps to produce a range of lavender soaps, lip balms and shampoo bars.

Most of these he sells at the weekly Nelson and Motueka markets, and at seasonal fairs, such as the Founders Christmas Market and Mapua Easter Fair. The next step is online sales, with a website currently in development.

When he's not handcrafting his lavender products, Murray is busy tending to his plants, weeding and mowing between the rows. Lavender loves hot summers and cold winters, when it lies dormant, he says. This is the season to fertilise the lavender with seaweed, in preparation for the first bright shoots of spring.

You can find the Moutere Lavender Company on Facebook.

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We warmly welcome editorial contributions to the Grapevine from all residents in the Moutere and Tasman regions. You make the newsletter an interesting read!

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Call outs for March 2018

**3/3 Car upside down in ditch,
Drummond**

**4/3 Mva, car vs tree, Flaxmore
Rd/Moutere highway**

**11/3 Building fire, Talbot/Bennett St
Motueka**

**13/3 Reported house fire (actual rubbish
fire) Ruby Bay**

22/3 Choking, Gardner

**23/3 House fire, Whakarewa St
Motueka.**

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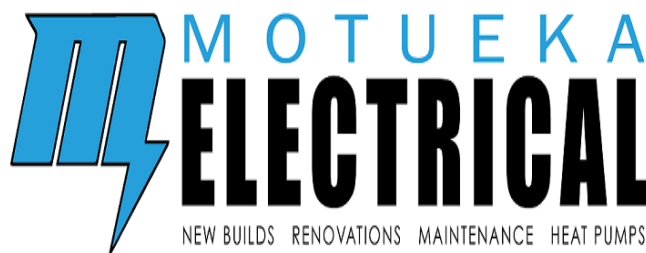
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THANK YOU

Avril Stephens has been a vital part of the Grapevine team for eight years, making sure each edition is printed and delivered on time to around 1,300 mail boxes in our region. Having lived in the Moutere for 23 years, Avril is about to make the move with husband Chris to Golden Bay—not for retirement, but for "rewirement", she says. This, of course, means she will be stepping down from the Grapevine and we shall really miss having her on the team. Avril says she originally volunteered because she likes to help out in the community and she's always had an interest in English language, so the magazine was a perfect fit.

We wish Avril and Chris well for their new ventures, and thank you Avril for being a wonderful team member. We look forward to seeing you when you pop back over the hill to catch up with friends and family.

With Avril leaving, we are looking to fill the role. If you are interested in helping out, please e-mail
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It has been great to see so many community members enjoying the facilities and activities we have on offer here at Moutere Hills Community Centre. With the winter months just beginning have you considered joining the fitness centre to keep active in the colder weather? What about playing winter sport or getting involved in one of our social sports? Rangers Netball Club run teams for adults while Rangers Rugby Club have a senior team and junior teams. Rangers Football Club run junior teams in the weekend competition and are also going to be running Adult Futsal on a Tuesday evening at the centre. Why not have a go, get involved and Be Active!

Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Cindy, Cindus and Joan.



YOUTH NIGHT

Come and hang out in the Moutere

We'll be kicking back, taking it easy, and chilling with our mates

Every 2nd & 4th Friday Night - 11^h & 25th May

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2018 Sarau Winter Sale SAVE THE DATES!

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Competition and Exhibition

The Motueka Arts Council are holding their competition and exhibition again in 2018 with this year's theme 'Create to Celebrate.' This can include any item that is used for a celebration, festival, parade, or any other event that is important to you. There are classes for fibre and or yarn, fabric and materials or combinations from the earth and a class for persons aged 16 years or under. This is a good opportunity for crafts people to let their creative imagination run wild, try things they have only dreamed of but most importantly have fun. There will be a 2 day exhibition on in August 17th and 18th where all entries will be displayed so this will give you, the entrant, a platform to show your work. This competition is free to enter.

Funding support for this event is from Creative Communities Tasman.

Entry form are available now at Potters Patch Motueka, Cushla's Village Fabrics Mapua or Cruella's Natural Fibre Boutique Nelson or email

motuekaartscouncil@gmail.com

Shirley Wallace
Competition Convenor



May 2018
Newsletter



Pastel Artists of New Zealand, Nelson Region

It gives me great pleasure to start out the newsletter article with accolades for our Nelson Region Pastel group. Several members of our regional group just returned from the 2018 Purely Pastel Convention & National Exhibition held in Timaru. Seven of our pastel artists artwork were accepted into this juried show and they were: Bill Burke, Anny de Groot, Glen Davenport, Glenys Forbes, Judith March, Sharon Platt and Nicola Reif. Of these entries, Bill Burke won a Merit for his work entitled, *Maria of Eclectic Antiques*. The three judges of the artwork spoke of how difficult it was to choose the winners due to the quality of all the work presented. Congratulations to Bill Burke for his Merit award and to all the members who had their artwork accepted into the Exhibition. Well done!

Those members who attended the exhibition and conference enjoyed the weekend of art, a day out in Oamaru, workshops, and camaraderie with our fellow artists from throughout New Zealand.

By the time this article is published about 15 of our members will have attended a 2-day workshop tutored by Leoni Duff of Tasmania, Australia. The workshop "Silver and Lace" was a study in still life. We are always learning and improving our painting skills. It is never too late to learn new things!

PANZ Nelson meets every Tuesday morning 9am to noon at the Mapua Hall. We welcome visitors so do call in and see what we are doing. You may even decide to join us. We learn with laughter.

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

Gloria Anderson

Interlude *Rosenthal at Neudorf* by Ruth Russ

Having a new baby in the house is not conducive to side projects, like clearing land and restoring old toilet blocks. Instead, I have found myself sitting down a lot, recovering and reading. Merlene Benemann and Clive Perry's history of the Neudorf Valley caught my interest, particularly their impressive history and photographs of the old school and I have poured over those pages several times.

Later, when I considered how much research must have gone into writing such a book, it made me think of the family history research I have conducted over the years and how people often shake their head at me when I tell them I've spent the day paging through digitised parish records, squinting at hundreds of scrawled, monotonous entries for baptisms, marriages and burials.

What some people may not know, however, is that these records are often not monotonous at all. Put aside even the thrill of the chase - the hope as you turn every page that you might find one of your ancestors in the data. Some of these tomes also offer surprising insights into not only the lives of the individuals whose names are written on the pages but also into events that affected the wider parish.

I found this was particularly so for the record books kept in Wells-next-the-Sea, a coastal town in Norfolk, England. *'The 1 yere of Quene Mary'* stretches in large, bold calligraphy across the column of scrawled entries for 1554, marking the beginning of Mary I's bloody reign. In 1620 *'a gwrait tempest of wind'* is described: a terrible storm that sank a ship and claimed the lives of several sailors of Wells. Tallies are given of the dead to calculate the increase or decrease in burials from year to year, the finding of which was a shocking increase of 117 in 1758 due to a smallpox epidemic.

A rather astonishing and grisly occurrence in the Wells records is the habitual arrival of corpses that washed up on the shores of the Wells area and were, unavoidably, buried with no identification. All that could be listed on the burial records were distinguishing marks, if a body still bore any, such as this one in 1821: *'Corpse from the Shore. Name not known. JB. marked on left arm.'*

The parish record-keepers also added a surprising sense of cheerfulness and humour to their volumes. The bottom of the page in one such volume reads, *'Vide Hy leaf, for some Marriages in 1750, the Register of which wd seem to have been cut out here!'*. Another example appears near the end of a volume beneath a list of burials. The rector noted, *'See 2 pages Back for Burials 1754'*, and tongue-in-cheek added the Bible verse, *'For He who seeketh shall find'*. Another record-keeper later added to the side note, *'He will [rather] find them in pag. 1 Vol. 6th'*.

So, all this to say, there are many things occupying my life and mind at present and unfortunately the lowest on the priority list is our little plot of land at Neudorf, but I'm hopeful we will get up there for a working bee or two before winter sets in.

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Mapua Playcentre

Another successful Mapua fair took place on Sunday the 1st of March. The 36th year of the fair saw 13,000 people through the gates to enjoy the wide selection of stalls, food, rides and local music. Visitors to Mapua commented on the impressive variety of things on offer for all age groups, and also the relaxed and positive nature of the crowd. The fair is one of the many reminders of all this region has to offer.

The parents of Mapua Playcentre and school joined forces, with other volunteers from the surrounding community, to bring the fair to life and continue the tradition of this important fundraiser for the tamariki of Mapua. Our strong community spirit was evident in many aspects of this event; including the planning and organisation leading up to the fair, the skills and talent contributed by locals on the day, and the consistent family focus throughout. This year the fair managed to raise even more money than last year and both Mapua school and Playcentre were very happy with the amount they will receive from it.

Mapua Playcentre was open to the public during the event and this provided a pleasant chill out spot for many families to enjoy. The biggest hits of the day there were the playdough table, the swings and the sandpit. It was notable also that it provided a welcoming place for the whole family to relax and play together. The Playcentre space was able to add to the atmosphere of the day and the team members present really enjoyed meeting new families..

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: Kathryn on 021 2534264, email: mapuaplaycentre@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

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BY FIANNA LYNCH, AGE 9

Waves like mountains upon
the ocean view

Clouds covering the misty
sky.

I take a deep breath under
the clouds above.

I can feel hail dropping
from the sky.

MOUTERE COMMUNITY YOUTH

MAY 2018

JUNIOR YOUTH is for kids in **years 5 - 7**, we meet at the **Upper Moutere Church hall** (Supplejack Valley) on **Fridays** during the school term, time - **3:30-5pm**, but can come over earlier after school for afternoon tea snack (a gold coin donation). Generally the **cost is \$2** each week, but more if we go to Wave Rave or similar activity.

May 4th May the Fourth be with You!
 11th Gigantic Games
 18th Bored Games?
 25th Win IT, Minute

INTERMEDIATE YOUTH is for those in **years 7-8-9**, a **fortnightly** program meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the **UMO church hall. 5:30-7pm** with some food to keep growly tummies at bay, cost is **\$5**.

May 11th Dusk Geocaching
 25th Minute to Win It

SENIOR YOUTH is for **years 9-13**, also meeting **fortnightly** on the 1st and 3rd Fri/Sat, meeting at UMO church hall at **7.30pm**. We can drop youth off to home after activities in the youth van if required.

May Friday 4th - Sports Night at Moutere Hills Community Centre
 May Saturday 19th - To Be Confirmed....

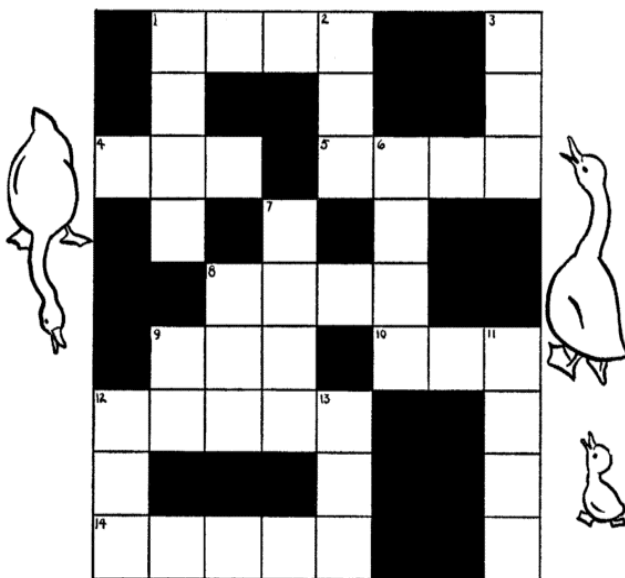
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A FARM CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Across:**

1. Yield of a planted field
4. A kind of tree, like oak
5. This machine digs up fields
8. A place where animals and crops are raised
9. Opposite of stand
10. Sack to carry feed in
12. An animal to ride on
14. A long-necked bird which honks

Down: 1. crop, 4. elm, 5. plow, 8. farm, 9. sit, 10. bag, 12. horse, 14. goose
 12. hog, 13. eye

Down:

1. A baby horse
2. A baby dog
3. An animal that gives milk
6. A baby sheep
7. Animals that chase mice
8. A kind of evergreen tree
9. Word that rhymes with go
11. Animal with horns
12. Another word for pig
13. What we see with

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Recipe by Soo Gee

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Wash quince and dry. Cut into 3 cm chunks. Put in large pot with water, just covered. Bring to boil and simmer for 1 hr or until quinces are soft. Puree in food processor and pass through sieve. Discard skin, seed and cores. Weigh the puree. Allow equal amounts of sugar. Return to pot. Heat, stirring in sugar. Cook over moderate heat for 40 min, stirring frequently. Remove scum with slotted spoon as it forms. When ready, it will form gloppy bubbles and become dark. Test for setting. Pour into hot, dry jam jars and seal with hot lids.

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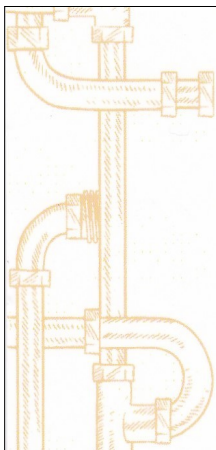
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Mycoplasma bovis



You may have heard about Mycoplasma bovis on the news.

Mycoplasma bovis is a bacterium that causes illness in cattle, including udder infection (mastitis), abortion, pneumonia and arthritis. It was first detected in New Zealand in July 2017 on a dairy farm in the South Island. It is not a disease that can be passed on to people including through milk and milk products.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) developed a nationwide surveillance programme and testing shows that Mycoplasma bovis is confined to about 22,000 cows in localised areas of the South Island and Hawkes Bay. Mycoplasma bovis has not been detected in the Nelson/Tasman region.

MPI are now planning to eradicate Mycoplasma bovis. Unfortunately this means culling all the confirmed cases. This will be a planned process that will take weeks or months to complete. For some farmers and vets it will be a challenging time – some farmers will know their cows individually, others will be losing genetics they have developed for generations. Ongoing screening will be necessary to ensure the disease is completely eradicated.

This disease outbreak has been a useful test run for New Zealand's biosecurity systems particularly NAIT (National Animal Identification and Tracing) which links animals, people and property. Farmer compliance with NAIT is imperative to provide fast, reliable and accurate information about stock location and movement whenever necessary – whether it's for managing an existing disease in NZ such as bovine tuberculosis or an introduced disease such as Foot and Mouth Disease.

If you own livestock particularly cattle or deer and want more information, the website is: www.nait.co.nz

Tail docking

A reminder that as of 1 October 2018, tail docking in dogs will be illegal in New Zealand. From October, it will be an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to remove a dog's tail unless it's done by a vet using general anaesthetic for therapeutic reasons to manage an existing injury or disease. Dew claw removal is currently under discussion but as this also involves unnecessary cosmetic removal of healthy body parts, it is also likely to be banned unless done by a vet using anaesthetic for the treatment of injury or disease.

Rabbit vaccinations

Only a few days after writing last month's article about the new strain of rabbit calicivirus, we were given information that the virus would be released in the Nelson area. Therefore it is even more prudent to have your rabbits vaccinated as soon as possible, as well as implementing the other methods suggested for minimizing the risk of exposure to calicivirus. Phone the clinic for more information or if you want to book in for our Rabbit Vaccination Days.



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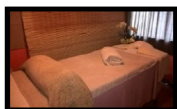
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