

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Special points of interest:

Sarau Festival at the Moutere Hills Community Centre on 2 February from 3 pm.

Riverside Music Festival at the Riverside Community on 16 February from noon until 11 pm.

Get ready for the hops & apples harvest. Tractors will be running so take it easy on the roads.

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Local Lives



Quality not quantity is the aim at Upper Moutere's St Pauli Vineyard, run by Robyn and Gareth Evans.

Upper Moutere residents will be familiar with the sight of the historic, tumbledown hop kiln on the outskirts of the village centre. It sits on a 10ha vineyard, bought three years ago by Robyn and Gareth Evans in a joint venture with Robyn's mum Victoria Reid. The couple, who live with their two-year-old daughter Florence on the property, were completely new to viticulture when they took on the vineyard, which they have named St Pauli in recognition of the region's earliest German settlers.

Robyn came to Nelson from the UK as a child. She met Gareth on a return to the UK for her midwifery training, and together they made the move to Upper Moutere, with Gareth wanting to change tack from his roofing career. "Running a vineyard has been a huge learning curve for us," says Robyn, who now juggles her work as a midwife in Motueka and Nelson with the business accounts, online sales and deliveries.

The pair are hugely grateful to the community that has embraced them and particularly to the vineyard's former manager Steve Fox, who supported them every step of the way. "He was sensational," says Robyn. "At every new stage in the process he would come back in his own spare time to help us. We couldn't have done it that first year without him."

Now in their third vintage, Gareth is getting to grips with managing each stage on his own, with a little help from friends and relations when they come to stay. "It's hard work but we love it," says Robyn. "Gareth gets six weeks off a year after a busy season working 10- to 12-hour days on pruning and bud rubbing, leaf shooting, wire lifting, putting on the nets and harvesting. He's a perfectionist and we wanted quality not quantity, so all our vines are two-cane and we harvest the grapes by hand, not machine."

The result is about 2,000 bottles each per year of chardonnay, sauvignon, pinot gris and pinot noir. "Along with our online sales, we sell to our favourite restaurants—the Jellyfish in Mapua and Ford's in Nelson—and to Connings Food Market in Appleby."

The St Pauli label is based on a vibrant painting of the vineyard, which Robyn and Gareth commissioned from Nelson artist Marilyn Andrews, and which takes centre stage in their own living room.

Now they are more accustomed to the yearly routine of running a vineyard, the couple are putting some new plans in place for the year ahead. These include planting up the entrance and transforming the old hop kiln into a cellar door. "The concrete foundation is sound, and Gareth has plenty of contacts in the construction trade for us to rebuild the weatherboard structure," says Robyn.

If those plans come to fruition, Upper Moutere residents can expect the historic hop kiln to become even more of a village icon in the not too distant future.



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and sparkly this Christmas!

Billy & Tessa Werner

The Grapevine Says.....

Happy New Year to you!

This is the time of year when we think about our resolutions for the months ahead and this edition of the *Grapevine* has plenty of good ideas if you 're planning to join a new club, start a new activity or just knock the garden into shape. With so much on offer in our wonderful, welcoming community, this could be your opportunity to seize the day and try something new!

The **Sarau Festival** is always a highlight on the local calendar and the 2020 event is coming up on Sunday 2 February. Head along to the Moutere Hills Community Centre for some summer fun, with heaps of stalls selling food and drink made in the Moutere and beyond.

There 'll also be live music, a kids ' zone, cooking demos and a book fair. Proceeds raised from the Festival go back into deserving local community causes – how special is that?

The event is run by volunteers – if you want to be part of the team for the first few days in February, contact jenny@saraufestival.co.nz or call Jenny on 021 231 3947. **Your spare books are also welcome** for the popular book stall. You can bring along your donations on the day or call Sharon on 027 432 8145 to arrange drop off and pick up.

February is also a busy month in the local hop fields, apple and pear orchards, and the community expands as people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures arrive to help out with the work. With the Wakefield Apple Fair coming up in April, there 'll be a chance to enjoy some of the fruits of the harvest – and tasty local craft beer is always on tap at the Moutere Inn!

Enjoy the summer days ahead, however you choose to spend them.

Got Books to spare?

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2nd Feb 2020



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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Dear Community

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday period and were able to make the most of the summer weather.

Make 2020 your year by taking charge of your health and wellbeing. This could be in the form of joining the Fitness Centre, coming along to one of our fantastic Fitness Classes, trying a new social sport or hanging out at our Country Café for a catch up with friends. There's something for everyone here at Moutere Hills Community Centre, so come on down and get involved.

Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Marv, Cindy, Cindus and Keith

Fitness Centre Classes Term 1

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Mondays: Marv's Bootcamp | 6:00am-6:45am |
| Re-Activate with Marv | 9:30am-10:15am |
| Tuesdays: Stretch & Flex with Viki | 9:30am-10:15am |
| Box'n Burn with Adele | 6:00pm-6:45pm |
| Wednesdays: Metafit with Cindus | 6:00pm-6:30pm |
| Core Foundations | 6:30pm-7:15pm |
| Thursdays: Re-Activate with Adele | 9:30am-10:15am |
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| Core Foundations | 9:30am-10:00am |

Community Social Sports Start Dates 2020

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Volleyball | 2 January |
| Qi-Gong Yoga | 7 January |
| Energise Group Fitness | 14 January |
| Powerhooping | 15 January |
| Gymnastics | 3 February |
| Table Tennis | 5 February |
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Country Café

Starts Tuesday 11th February



Every Tuesday morning, between 10:30am - 12:30pm, Moutere Hills Community Centre will be open for coffee, cake and a chat.



A great way to catch up with friends and neighbours!

On the First Tuesday of each month we will offer a kids zone, with a wide variety of interactive play equipment and toys (including a bouncy castle \$2 entry per child).

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Social Group

Our Social Group will start again on the 30th January 2020.

The Social Group meets together fortnightly on Thursday afternoons in the Church Hall in Upper Mouere from 1:30pm.

Join us for fun games like euchre, scrabble, bingo or anything you might like to bring along.

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REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, ROT

Remember the Sarau Festival is coming up on Sunday 2nd February. Moutere Youth will be there alongside John V to help with the all important rubbish. Giving guidance on how to dispose of it, working out what is recyclable and what is not. Better still, bring along your own reusable cup/plate/cutlery and put us out of a job! All youth and families are welcome to join in the fun. Let me know if you're keen to help out.

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Holiday Programmes are in Full Swing!

After a short break, our site is buzzing again with the comings and goings of our holiday programmes. A record 112 students are taking part in Whenua Iti Experiential Learning Programmes across January...wahoo!! The first programme of the year was run for a group of Duke of Edinburgh Award participants from the North Island, who ventured into the Abel Tasman National Park for a 4-day Adventurous Journey. Our office staff have been enjoying laughter from children on the first of three 'Go Wild' Programmes for 7-10yr olds - so far they have been exploring caves on Takaka Hill, discovering marine-life at Split Apple Rock and finding out how much fun the Flying Kiore is! You can find out more about our next holiday & award programmes for the school breaks at www.wio.org.nz.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Get your team skilled up for Emergencies!

We have had such a great uptake of our emergency response programmes for youth, that we are keen to offer these programmes to the wider community. We can design a day or multi-day programme for your team that focuses on being safe in an emergency situation, as well as having a great day out of the office and doing a healthy bit of team building! Learn first aid response skills and take part in simulated emergency situations. Equip your team with practical knowledge of civil defence operations. If you're interested in finding out more you can email us at info@wio.org.nz

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An instructor's perspective: The Learnings of Joni Tomsett

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award Students discover the Abel Tasman on the first journey for 2020.



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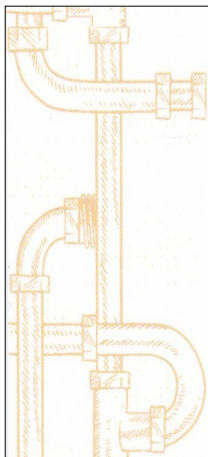
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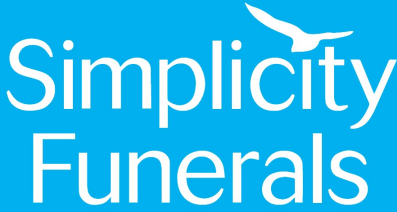


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Two pictures were chosen before our season ended. These are intended to stimulate the creative juices and inspire an original piece of art. I have a plan! I also have my paper lined up ready and my pastels on standby. I just haven't brought all three things together yet ... but I will (New Year resolution, don't dally, get on with life) and my painting will join all the others in the big reveal on the 11th.

There is plenty planned for 2020. Workshops, challenges, discussions and as always, some of our members will attend the Annual National Exhibition and

Convention to be held in Dunedin from 20th - 22nd March. Dawn Emerson from USA will be giving a 3-day workshop masterclass at the Convention followed later by regional 2-day workshops. Mapua will be one of the lucky hosts.

2020, a new year and a new decade; maybe this is the perfect moment for you to come along to meet our group and give pastels a try? We love having visitors and we love to help new members. You will be made very welcome; any time from 9 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Bill Maris Room of Mapua Community Hall.

For any information about our pastel group please contact our Area Representative, Glenys Forbes on 03 540 3388 or by email gmforbes@ts.co.nz. You can visit our Facebook page: PANZ Pastel Artists of New Zealand to see national and international pastel artwork.

Sue England

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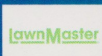
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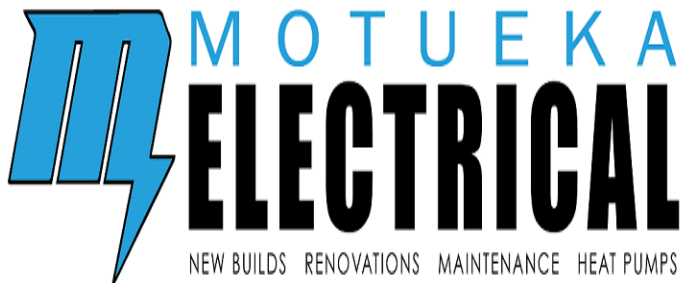
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