

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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A Taste of Holland



Gerry Oudhoff is putting his Dutch roots to good use, making snacks popular in Holland from his family's new Moutere base.

Born in Invercargill to Dutch parents, Gerry Oudhoff learned how to make *kroketten*, or croquettes, at a very young age. In Holland, these breadcrumb snacks are a hugely popular tradition, usually eaten with a beer or as party food.

So, when Gerry saw the Upper Moutere A&A Snacks business for sale, he saw a great chance for his family to make the move to the Nelson region and enjoy a change of lifestyle. "My wife Sharon and I are both from Invercargill, but for the past four years we had been living in Queenstown, where I was working on various property development projects," he says.

They bought the company six months ago, renaming it Go Snack, and Gerry says it's turned out to be a nice small family business that they can all be involved in—with their two children, who are 13 and 12, also joining in to help out with the product packing.

Gerry has thrown himself into the new project with gusto, buying new freezers and chillers and ordering new state-of-the-art machinery from Holland with the aim of making the production process easier and more efficient, which will eventually free up more of

their time to get out and enjoy all the region has to offer.

"We love fishing and boating and the beach, and we've got some serious exploring to do once the factory is set up, the house alterations finished, and the family settled," he says. "We're planning to do a tikki tour of the province in our motorhome."

For now, though, Gerry is flat out with the new factory, making beef, chicken, vegetable and salmon croquettes to sell to cafés and catering companies throughout New Zealand—including Fresh Choice in Richmond. He also makes and sells a traditional Dutch sausage called *frikadel*: a skinless pork and beef deep-fried sausage, which he says is best served with raw onions, mustard and mayo.

"Every batch of snacks I produce, I sample," he says. "The whole family loves them too, and a tasting session has become our Friday event!"

The new venture has been a big change for the whole family, but Gerry says they're already feeling quite at home, thanks to the community spirit of the Moutere. "The people we've met have been fantastic," he says.



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Archived coloured copies of the Grapevine are available at www.mouterehills.org.nz/community/the-grapevine courtesy of the Moutere Hills Community Centre Staff.

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There's plenty of small jobs if the following doesn't float your boat - just let us know what you're available for. We've something for everyone!

- Making food to replenish our hard working volunteers on the three days around the event
- Sparring an hour to help on the day with parking & security on the day, kid's zone, bbq
- Set up on Saturday 30 Jan and pack down Monday 1 Feb
- On the festival day, running food & drinks from the kitchen to volunteers in the field. Responsible kids/teens welcome to help out on this one!

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NEWS FROM MAPUA BOWLS CLUB



Rain continues to interrupt many of our regular roll-up days but fortunately both the scheduled tournaments, one in November and the other December, went ahead with very successful outcomes. You might have believed that the December fixture was being played in the Northern Hemisphere as coats, woolly hats and scarves were the order of the day. But all eight rinks were in action and the visitors from around the Nelson area all enjoyed the bowling and the famous Mapua Hospitality.

Four more open tournaments are planned before the season closes in April and it is hoped that summer will finally arrive so that coats, hats and scarves can be left where they belong, at home.

Nelson Centre requisitioned our green for a men's Pairs event on Saturday 12th December, which meant a hasty reshuffling of the Club Memorial Day and also the Christmas party. The party went ahead a week later but Santa still managed to check in along with several other crazy dudes in mind blowing outfits. I can report that the hippie has now returned to his commune!

Memorial Day will take place on 1st February where we will remember fellow bowlers who are no longer with us. One of these will be Sylvia Peter, a stalwart of the Club, who sadly died in December just prior to being honoured with a life membership. The award, dedicated to Sylvia, has been presented to her grandson.

Leisure bowls on Monday evenings has also been affected by rain but as long as it is dry, these sessions are underway again starting at 6 p.m. It is bowling for fun and beginners and experienced bowlers alike are very welcome to come along for a game. Spare sets of bowls are available to borrow.

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ONE HAIL OF A DAY

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We watched in surprise as the storm clouds gathered and the first hailstones fell. Surprise which turned to awe, and then to horror as the storm intensified and continued on, and on, and on.... There was nothing to be done as the maelstrom thundered through. The scene was reminiscent of a Central Otago snow storm, though these were not softly falling snowflakes, these were hard marble sized balls of ice being flung from the skies as if determined to cause destruction, and they did! We watched in disbelief and couldn't help but shed tears for our neighbours and their devastated crops.

Then it subsided and in its wake was an eerie blanket of white as far as the eye could see, with drifts of ice piled by the dining room door.

The next day dawned fine and calm, a mask for the feelings of disappointment and despair that floated in the air, as growers were out counting the cost of just how much havoc had been wreaked in such a short space of time, some had fared better than others. But none of us like to work for nothing, and that is now the reality for some – a years' worth of work gone in one afternoon. It's heartbreaking. As one local said 'Mother Nature gave us a White Christmas, with a cruel hand'.

We all thought that 2020 had given us her worst, but not so....and the sad irony of it all – some growers who were worried about not having enough staff to harvest their crops now have little or no crops to harvest.



Restoring the Moutere

Update for January 2021

Elliot Easton has been employed by Tasman Environmental Trust to project manage both planting and fencing funding. Elliot was raised and resides in the Moutere Catchment.

We have developed a planting list and have more than 130,000 plants sourced for next year from 6 local nurseries for planting next year that are free to Moutere Landowners.

We have sent out a survey of landowners, for which we have contacts in the Moutere Catchment in order to find out what plants they would like for next season. Currently 63 landowners have requested 62,000 trees. We can allocate up to 130,000 plants to landowners in the Moutere Catchment for the upcoming season. We also provide stakes and covers and where needed labour to assist with site preparation, planting and releasing plants. If you have riparian strips, wetlands, forestry stream set-backs or tree blocks that you want to plant from autumn 2021 please urgently answer the following survey to book in how many plants you want (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ5YCTP>) or email annette.litherland@landcare.org.nz.

We also have funding for fencing riparian areas. Fencing is now underway by local fencing contractors on some properties and is booked in for others. We would like to get fencing complete before the planting season. We are still looking for more fences to build so if you have riparian areas that still need fencing off from stock please contact Elliot Easton ellioteaston@tet.org.nz

We had a great turnout of 57 people to hear Roger Dalrymple, chairman, of the Rangitikei River collective, talk about landowner led catchment groups. Notes from his talk will shortly feature on the Moutere catchment website.

TDC has contracted Tonkin and Taylor to carry out on the Fluvial Geomorphology Approaches (physical shape of the river, sediment flows and flooding) to River Management in the Moutere. The full report and a summary will be shortly available on our Moutere Catchment website.

A governance meeting will be held on 20 January.

We are hoping to host Jim Salinger to talk to us about likely climate change in the district on 13 February.

We will be running a healthy soil workshop in late April.

Our neighbouring Motueka River Collective has been running practical demonstrations of how to measure the water quality using the SHMK kits for landowners in subcatchments.

Denis ("Den") Gerish

The front page article of the June 1917 edition of *The Grapevine* was entitled *A life on the Land*. It told the story of Dennis ("Den") Gerish, who was born in 1938, and who lived the first 74 years of his life in Kelling Road, before moving to Richmond with his wife, Joan.

Den's recent death towards the end of 2020 is a personal loss for his family and friends, but it also represents the end of a treasure trove of memories of life on the land before the age of increased mechanisation, the internet and the subdivision of many farms in the district.

I had the privilege of attending Den's funeral, and of learning more about him. For example, his voluntary community work, his patient tutoring of young farm cadets and his enthusiasm for introducing young people to tramping in the nearby mountains. A slide show showed the quintessential Den - gardening, tramping and sitting with his back against some wool bales with his dogs nearby. Other photos showed Den with his beloved family at various ages and stages of their lives.

It is fitting that Den was interred at Gardner Valley, a place that he had helped care for over a 20 year period.

Den will long be remembered in the Moutere and Neudorf areas as a man of integrity, kindness and a love of the land.

Sharon Beuke

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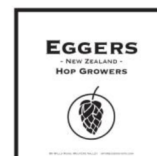
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<p>Aquarius Jan. 22-Feb. 21 Air • Fixed • Uranus "The Water Bearer"</p> <p>You like to set trends, are innovative and admired by many; however, you need to tread lightly. You're very earthy, which may mean you need to shower more often. Don't eat it, don't even touch it. You know exactly what I'm talking about. You had enough over the holidays.</p>	<p>Gemini May 22-Jun. 21 Air • Mutable • Mercury "The Twins"</p> <p>Many people say Geminis are two-faced; however, this just means you are dynamic and have many talents. Good things will come to you in small packages this month, which will keep the posties happy, because around here, they have a large area to cover and the trucks are only so big.</p>	<p>Libra Sep. 22-Oct. 21 Air • Cardinal • Venus "The Scales"</p> <p>You are irresistible and adventurous, although very indecisive. Quit trying to make that one relationship happen. It is a balloon that simply won't fly. Even if it did, it would probably crash into a power pylon and blow out the electricity in the whole of the Moutere Hills. We are all better off without it.</p>
<p>Pisces Feb. 22-Mar. 21 Water • Mutable • Neptune "The Fish"</p> <p>You are free spirit but you can't function alone. Not a good combination, I'm afraid, so I'm guessing you have a complicated love life. Those whispers you hear at night aren't in your head. You should probably install an alarm in your house, but don't worry, if you don't die by Saturday, your chances of living improve by 62%.</p>	<p>Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 21 Water • Cardinal • The Moon "The Crab"</p> <p>You are sensitive and friend orientated. You're practical and hate arguments. You'll forgive but you won't forget. At the upcoming Sarau Festival, you will be mistaken for a celebrity that you don't like and you will forgive that too but you won't forget it.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct. 22-Nov. 21 Water • Fixed • Pluto "The Scorpion"</p> <p>You are wise and secretive and hide your feelings, which feels a bit like sticking an ice cube down your pants. It's cold and awkward but after a while, you get used to it. Pull out those emotions and let them run wild, but maybe put them through the dishwasher before you share.</p>
<p>Aries Mar. 22-Apr. 21 Fire • Cardinal • Mars "The Ram"</p> <p>You are a brave and independent soul. Venus is making itself felt this month, which means you'll be clumsier than usual. You'll slip on a banana peel and throw your back out, so it's good you're brave because your back is going to hurt a lot. Go back to bed; absolutely nothing of interest is going to happen to you this month.</p>	<p>Leo Jul. 22-Aug. 21 Fire • Fixed • The Sun "The Lion"</p> <p>There has been an awakening in a distant galaxy. The dark side and the light side are locked in an eternal conflict. As such, you will experience an overwhelming urge to see a <i>Star Wars</i> movie. Don't even think about it. You have more important things to be doing.</p>	<p>Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Fire • Mutable • Jupiter "The Archer"</p> <p>You are open-minded and loving. You should join a local club and you will no doubt be elected president. Stop being a wuss and ask out the hottie at the Old Post Office. Ya never know, they might put some extra cream in your recyclable coffee cup for you.</p>

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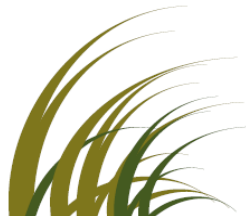
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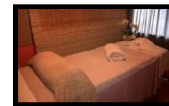
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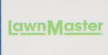
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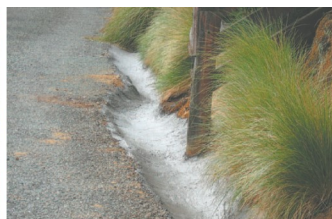
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