

# The Grapevine

## MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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## One Million Trees for the Moutere?

*How do we get to be so lucky to have been one of 10 regions in New Zealand chosen to get funding to establish and develop the Moutere Catchment Revegetation Project?* Largely through the energy and foresight of Annette Litherland – a focused and knowledgeable woman who was born in Motueka yet grew up and lived most of her adult life in the North Island before choosing to return to this area.

Annette returned to the Top of the South for a position as the New Zealand Landcare Trust coordinator 3 days a week. This work is about helping farmers and landowners to work within their environment and continue to develop healthy and sustainable methods of farming. The work grew when it included working with East Coast farmers following the devastating Kaikoura Earthquake of 2016; and working with the Chilean Needle Farmer Action Group. It was through this NZ Landcare Trust work that Annette met and began to work with (the late) Bernard Simmons from TDC, and Sky Davies from the Tasman Environment Trust. Together they hatched a plan to put forward a proposal for a Moutere Catchment group to become part of the Government's One Billion Trees Catchment project. They began with 30 – 40 folk on an email list and surveyed these. The group now comprises 165 landowners in the district, and interest is growing.

In 2020 the Moutere Catchment Group received funding for 21,000 trees and in 2021 this has grown to 140,000 trees with more trees anticipated over next 2 years from the One Billion Trees project. This will include some management funding to help the Tasman Environment Trust with the administration of the project including employing Elliot Easton for 3 days a week to manage the Moutere catchment project. Further developments and applications by Bernard led to funding from Kānoa – the Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit to assist with riparian fencing. We were granted funds for 35km of fencing and with the contributions received from some of the landowners involved, this has grown to 50km of riparian fencing in the district. This was all part of the covid-19 funding with a focus on job creation.

Now the Moutere Catchment Group has its own 3 community nurseries dedicated to propagating and growing plants for future plantings – these are sited at Whenua Iiti Outdoors, at Upper Moutere School and at MoTec (Parklands School). The group have forged relationships with forestry contractors to work to reduce the sediment flowing through the valley and into the inlets thereby harming birds and estuary wildlife. Te Rahi o Tane (Trees that Count) have become involved providing trees in the initial stages of the project and to allow the project to grow.

But back to Annette – who is this amazing woman? Annette spent most of her growing years in a market garden in North Auckland but spent her school holidays with her grandmother and Aunts in the Motueka area. When she left school, she ventured back here and worked a tobacco season before completing an Agricultural Science degree at Massey University followed by a PhD in the seasonality of wool growth, and then 2 years of post-doctorate work in the United States studying ruminant nutrition. A period of applied science, farm systems, 2 children, extension projects and much more. Eventually Annette decided it



was time to get some practical knowledge and she spent time on 6 different sheep and beef farms working for food and board, developing skills as a shepherd and running her own team of dogs. She studied farming systems and methods and ended up on Lockinvar Station in the central North Island for 4 years as a farm technician focusing on pasture cover and animal health issues. From there to Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre in Masterton where she helped to set up and teach the Massey Diploma of Agriculture. This background in applied science and in teaching has helped Annette as she has offered us in the Moutere workshops on environmental planning and planting, seed collection, preparing environmental plans and holding zoom trainings on how to map our properties

And what is next for Annette – she has now stepped back (at the end of May 2021) and passed over the Moutere Project management to Elliot but she remains willing and able to help. Annette still has her work 3 days a week with NZ Landcare Trust and is focusing on building her new home in the Motueka Valley, planting out her land, and thinking about how she can develop skills, start more catchment groups and help farmers through this tough time with pressures coming on around water quality and greenhouse gases.

Watch this space and keep an eye on what is happening in this region by googling Moutere Catchment Group. In years to come generations of Moutere folk will be grateful to the work and energy of Annette in helping to re-establish the bush and wetlands which once before filled the valley - providing home to myriad wildlife.

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#### Speakers

Rod Oram, award winning business journalist and author. Climate change speaker.

Guy Salmon, Ecologic Foundation (Nelson). Officer of the NZ order of Merit for services to the environment. Climate change

Annette Litherland, NZ Landcare Trust regional coordinator Nelson/Marlborough. Farm systems Scientist.

#### Topics covered.

Why methane is an important driver of the climate crisis?

Are there opportunities for catchment zero carbon certification?

Can we work with nature and restore ecosystems and help the climate crisis?

Can we find win-win farm systems changes, that make more profit and reduce methane?

**From the Editors:** As always, things move on in our community – it is with grateful thanks that we farewell Miriam and Annabel from the editorial Team – they have both done an amazing job in the last few years to keep this monthly newsletter going to print, and reaching your households.

URGENTLY we need someone to take over the monthly accounts – this is a great voluntary job for someone – lots of responsibility and no pay!

We would also like someone to consider compiling the Grapevine each month – if you have good computer skills this can be a fun task. Saree would like to step away from this in the next few months so needs to share her experience with a replacement.

Finally -we would like others to join the writing team from time to time – new ideas and new energy. Please get in touch at [umograpevine@hotmail.com](mailto:umograpevine@hotmail.com)

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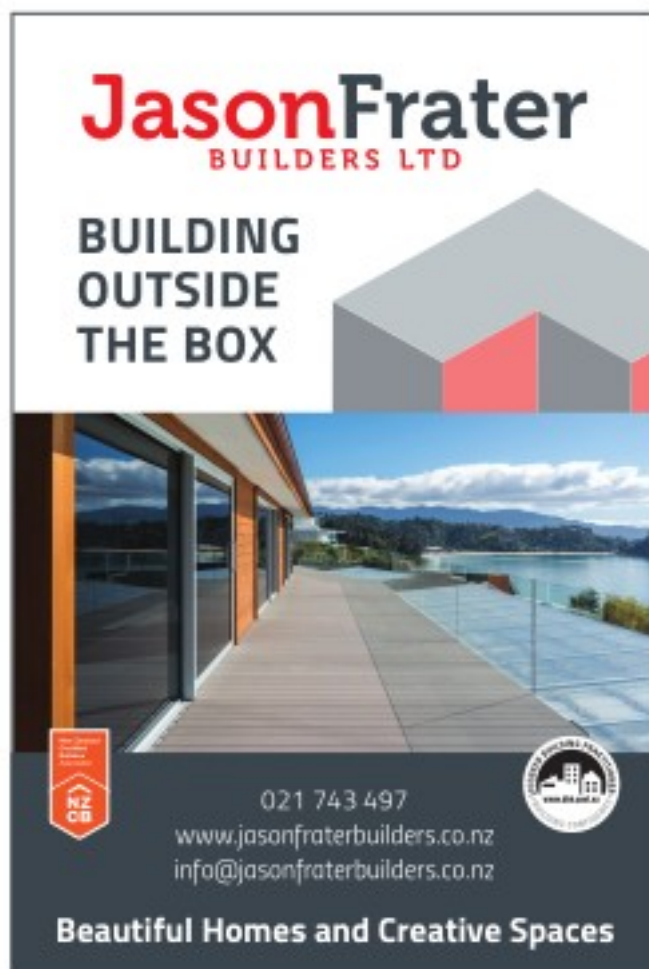


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Finding out the finer details of investments can be hard and time consuming and some providers may also use 'greenwashing' techniques to mask certain practices. Barry will discuss how easy it is to select the right provider and also how simple it is to change providers.

Barry will also explain some of the changes recently made by our government and the changing landscape related to green investments around the world and how public/private action has contributed to this. He will also provide his view on the broader changes that can be put in place to shift the financial system as a whole towards more sustainable practice. Trends overseas already show that companies that move towards more ethical and non-fossil fuel investments are gaining momentum and do better than those who do not move with the times.

Barry Coates is the former CEO of Oxfam New Zealand and a former Green Party MP. He is passionate about climate justice, sustainability and social equity. He received the Sustainable Business Network award as Sustainability Champion in 2016.

"Money Matters" is a Local Matters event, organised by the Motueka Branch of the Green Party of Aotearoa.

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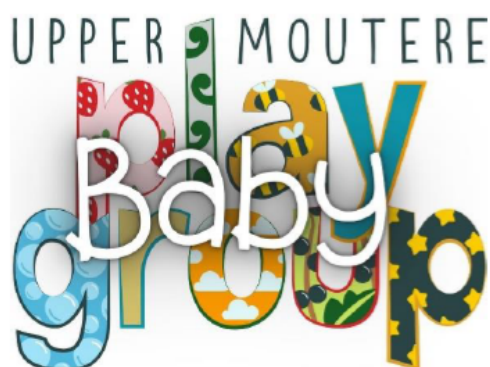
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From July 28<sup>th</sup>, Upper Moutere Playgroup is expanding its hours of operation to incorporate a new Wednesday session between 10am and 12pm catering specifically for parents and babies.

Early this year, leaders of the playgroup identified a need in the Moutere community for somewhere that could hold a space for new parents to feel nurtured, valued and supported during this time of great physical and emotional transition.

In 2020, mothers birthed their babies in various stages of lockdown, social distancing and closed borders, which presented new challenges for rural families who may already have felt isolated from the opportunities available in Richmond and Motueka. The baby play sessions aim to provide the missing 'village' of support that is often said to be needed to raise a child.

We have engaged Sophie Jackson, who has many years' experience working with babies and mothers in early childhood settings. She will support families by inviting them to share their birthing, parenting and breastfeeding experiences with others. The baby sessions aim to enrich the life and development of infants by providing high quality, age-appropriate toys and activities. It is a safe place where everything is provided for free, where families will be encouraged to connect with others and relax in a trusted space.

"Support to mothers in the first 1000 days (after birth) gives families better capability to raise secure, resilient and adaptable children" \*

Playgroup believes that healthy families are the foundation for our future and we are committed to investing time and money into improving the wellbeing of our local community.

\*'Who Hold our Mothers?' Booklet released by Mothers Matter NZ

Upper Moutere Playgroup also holds regular Friday sessions, which enjoy newly upgraded toys and furniture and have use of the community centre's sports hall. Pre-schoolers are offered a range of opportunities to explore in their own way and at their own pace and of course, to have fun with others.



## All the Fun of the Ford



Floating fifty-dollar notes, a dramatic flower delivery and a kick start for a career change.....

Stories abound about folks who have run aground in the Wills Road ford over the years. A lot of the time the Moutere River is a peaceful little stream, but it can be deceptively dangerous, especially after heavy rain. The water rises and subsides quickly but leaves lots of soft silt and loose stones, and is always changing. We talked to some nearby residents – and here are some of their tales....

A bunch of flowers sent by a local lad living in London to his Mum for her birthday were being delivered by a TNL truck and trailer. A big enough rig for a flower delivery, and a big enough rig to remove when it didn't make it through the river! When the farmer who towed it out with his tractor found the flowers were for his wife, he was unamused, commenting "Bloomin' big effort for a bunch of birthday flowers."

Then a salesman from Southland in his half-submerged car refused to contribute to the cost of his rescue. The tractor driver helped himself to one of the fifty-dollar notes that were clearly visible floating in the water inside the car, towed it out and drove away. He chose not to wait until the driver discovered that his car would not start due to water in the distributor.

Following one flood there was so much sand in the ford that it was treacherous for a tractor, but one determined van driver ventured in anyway. At that time the sign said, 'Ford not suitable for light vans' - he decided his van was 'heavy'! With water up to the windscreen he had to dive down into the river to attach a tow hook. Then, after being hauled out he ignored advice not to try to start the van, promptly blew up the motor and split oil all over the road. During a chance meeting a few weeks later with the farmer who had rescued him, he said it was the best thing that ever happened - his furious boss fired him, so he joined a band, something he had always wanted to do, and was loving his new life!

Neighbours alerted by loud yelling in the middle of the night found a young woman who had driven her boyfriend's low-slung boy racer down the river, believing it to be the road. Ouch! The car was in bad shape and stuck fast and it's not known if the relationship survived....

An English tourist who had total trust in his GPS flew down the road, past the warning sign and straight into the water. He managed to slither out a window and arrived soaking wet to ask for

help to retrieve his elderly father from the submerged car. Safely wrapped in blankets, with hot drinks in hand, clothes in the dryer and cash drying in the sun, he remained terrified of calling his wife. They had opted not to take out insurance on the brand-new rental car.

Another time it was an embarrassing date for a sugar daddy in a Jag – some very wet expensive clothing and a very wet bedraggled girl mopping mascara off her face.

One resident invited a friend who needed some R & R for a peaceful stay in the country, only to be woken before dawn by a loud expletive echoing through the still morning air. Soon followed by shouting and loud banging on every door as a very disgruntled truckie circled the house demanding help. The two women chose to be 'not at home', it was enough for the lady to console her terrified friend. The out of town truckie had driven his truck and trailer load of hop poles into the river and the wheels were embedded on the bottom – 'I was just following the GPS!'

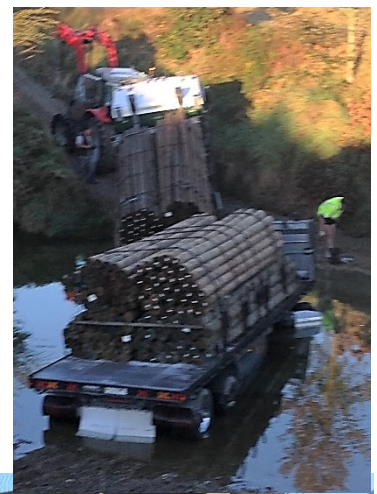
A confident character in a flash 4WD, who chose to ignore the sign and the flooded river, quickly found himself mired in the murky water. His angry and demanding attitude didn't wash with the locals, who opted not to retrieve his stuck truck. The local bush telegraph meant that there were soon several amused observers on the swing bridge above, while he refused to call a tow truck and one of his friends tried, but failed, to pull him out. He shouted to the watchers on the bridge "It's not funny", to which came the wry reply, "Actually it is!!"

And a local had seen Dad take a tractor through high water several times with his feet resting up high to stop the gumboots filling. He decided 'if he can do it I can' and in he went. With water coming up over the cab, he put his head under to change the hydraulics from rear to front to lift the front end loader out of the water, was swept 100 meters downstream, lost the load of hay, and had gumboots very full of water! Luckily the back tires grabbed onto some terra firma and he crawled back up to the ford with the pressure of the water keeping the tractor upright. He calmed his nerves by smoking two cigarettes in quick succession, which, by some miracle, were still dry.

Of late such fun in the ford has become less common, thanks in part to the sign being shifted to a more 'in your face' spot on the road, and the blacking out of one word. It did read 'Ford usually unfit for cars,' now it's minus the 'usually' and simply states 'unfit for cars.' But is that enough to stop folks running risks with the river, overestimating vehicles, underestimating floodwaters, waving away the warning, and blindly following GPS.









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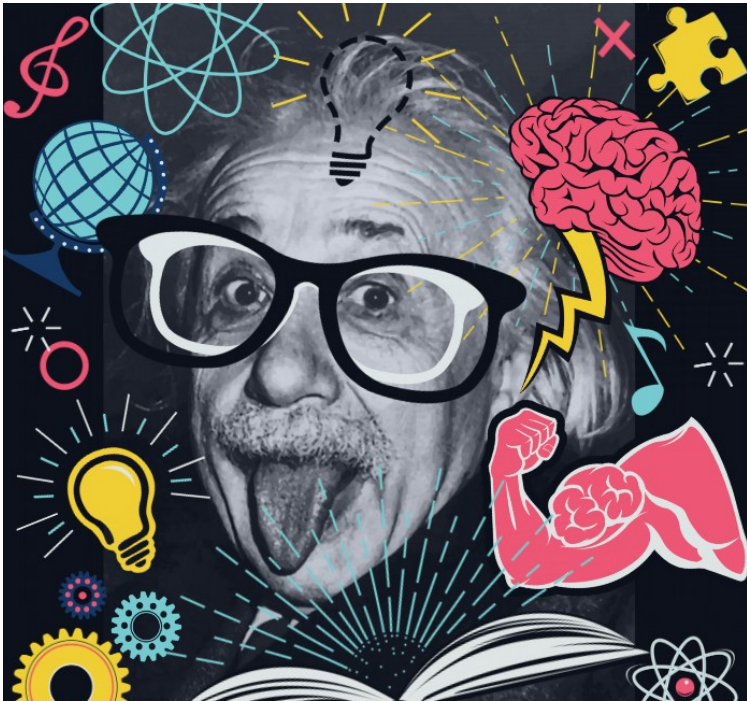
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## The Making of a Garden



In the late 1970s Michael Edwardes bought 5 acres (2ha) of land up Flaxmore Valley from his brother – he bought the flat area because of its wet paddocks, its streams, gorse and its reeds – a veritable wasteland! Although at that time Michael knew little about gardening - with his brother Lance, they created a lake surrounded by a garden of beautiful trees.

The first hole Michael dug to plant a tree filled with water, and was still full of water 3 weeks later. Eventually he planted a rhododendron in the hole and 40 years later it is still flourishing in that same spot.

Michael purchased and moved onto the site a 1920's school house and had it converted into a home with the help of talented local builders – now known as Quail Cottage. It is this beautiful cottage which remains at the centre of what is now an extensive country garden. Michael's philosophy was always to start with /at the house and work outwards. In all his many plantings he has considered the view from the house, and despite the many many mature trees, he has retained a wonderful view down the valley to the (currently) snow-capped Mt Arthur range.

Initially of course, there was no shade, but those days are long gone. Today it is a winter oasis - with twisting paths, arched bridges, dense plantings and generous vistas.

The big thing about living in the Moutere Michael says, is that we get 4 seasons so he has always planted with that in mind and the garden has its features in all seasons – he sees autumn as the most spectacular, but the succession cycle really begins in winter with the hellebores in mid-winter; moving to

drifts of daffodils by September; then bluebells in the woodland area and in early summer – rhododendrons, viburnums; then roses and perennials and then into the spectacular succession of autumn colours .

The toughest part these days is mid-summer when it is so dry – he says it is amazing how the garden revives at the end of February leading to those autumn colours. Over the years Michael says he has lost many trees and plants – lots of them drowned - he says it is ok for them to have their roots in the water, but not their ankles! With the wisdom of hindsight Michael says what is important in the Moutere is to put the tough trees in first – Liquid Ambers, Pin-oaks, weeping willow and Silver Birch to give a framework and protection - as they begin to grow and give shade it is possible to think about the other plantings such as swamp cypress, iris, dawn redwood, maples, maples and more maples all of which enjoy the Moutere clays.



For more than 20 years Michael owned and managed Copperfield's giftware and kitchenware shop in the middle of Nelson, followed for a time by The Green-ginger Company selling similar beautiful wares, but these days his time is filled with the joy of planning and constantly developing his extensive garden and focussing on the wildlife the lake and garden bring- he now has breeding black swans, ducks, and scaup.







### Lumps and bumps

We quite often discover lumps on our animals especially as they get older. Some lumps are temporary such as abscesses and enlarged glands. But some lumps are permanent and may remain the same or may change over time.

Any of these permanent lumps are considered to be tumours but not all of them need to cause concern. A benign tumour tends to grow slowly by pushing other types of cells out of the way and doesn't damage other parts of the body. Malignant tumours are the ones we worry about as they can invade nearby organs and spread to other parts of the body. Malignant tumours are what we refer to as cancer.

Sometimes we can identify a lump just by looking at it but if not, the first step is to do a simple needle biopsy. This gives us a sample of cells which we identify using a microscope. We can usually tell which sort of cells they are and whether they are cancerous. This helps us decide whether it's necessary to surgically remove the lump or not, and how to do the surgery if we need to.

A lump should definitely be checked out if:

- It is growing rapidly
- It suddenly gets bigger after being the same size for a long time, or goes up and down in size
- It changes in appearance e.g. was smooth but is now knobbly, or was soft and is now hard
- It starts to bleed or annoy the animal.

We sometimes surgically remove benign tumours too. The main reasons would be if the tumour is in an awkward place such as on an eyelid, in the 'armpit', under a collar, or it's getting knocked about by the animal. We don't remove benign tumours if they simply don't look very nice.

If we do need to remove a lump for whatever reason, sooner is better. The longer it is left, the bigger the surgery.



### Canine cough

The Canine Cough outbreak that occurred around NZ during summer and autumn seems to be easing – in our area anyway. We are still seeing cases but only a few per week rather than many per day.

This outbreak was a reminder that dogs don't need to be going to boarding kennels to get Canine Cough. It can be spread anywhere dogs come into contact with other dogs.

So vaccination is still our best bet for all social dogs. It's a similar situation to our human Flu vaccines in that they don't give 100% protection against the many possible microbes that can cause Canine Cough but some protection is better than nothing. There are several different vaccines available that we can tailor to your dog's vaccination program.





## Upper Moutere Nursery

Our seeds from this years seed gathering have sprouted and we now have our fingers crossed they will continue to thrive so we we can prick them out into root trainers whe they are strong enough. We are hoping to have around 2000 plants ready to plant out next year.



Last years seedlings have flourished and are now ready for the Moutere Catchment team to direct us to where we can help plant them .

We hope that we can repeat the success of last year.

After our first year of growing the natives from seed we realised we needed to extend our shade house, especially to provide an appropriate hardening off area. We have plans for this and have given the green light for this to be built. Once this is done we can have irrigation installed. This will help us keep the water up to our plants, especially over the summer when we are not here.

We have been lucky to receive a grant of \$1200 from The Sarau Trust to help us fund the purchase of potting mix for our planting on and also to go some way to funding the irrigation costs.

We are also lucky to have parents with the skills we need who we can ask to help us....and they do!



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July. We are pleased to announce, and welcome on board our new committee members that were nominated at the AGM last month. Some familiar locals, Tracey Cleary from Hamish's Café, Taryn McFadden from Mapua Four Square, Stefan Wernli from Gravity Winery, Teena Jelsma from Neudorf Black. Our new chair is Richard Aitken, from Scott Construction and Debbie Lavery remains as vice chair. Patrick Stowe from Rimu Bar, Mark Stuart from Good Media and Roger Waddell from Gates Accommodation remain on as committee members. Kirsten Ammann has held the admin position since mid-March. The MDBA Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

## **LUNCH & LEARN—AUG 4, 12.15-1.30pm**

We are excited to welcome Frank Witowski who is the founder and CEO of Stoke based Hybrid Bikes. Frank is a serial start-up entrepreneur. Hybrid Bikes is his third start-up. The German engineer who describes himself as a strategic thinker will talk to us about clever marketing. Join us for a lunchtime of great networking, inspiration and support with Frank Witowski.

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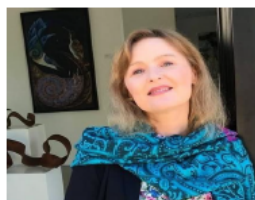


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## **NEW MEMBER UPDATE— NEW MEMBER UPDATE**



A warm welcome to Roisin King and Stu Fleming who are the new owners of Purpose Gallery which use to be known as Kereru Gallery by the Wharf, in Mapua. Make sure you pop in and view their first stunning exhibition, but a warning, you do need time and it will be hard to walk away with out a stunning piece of art work or jewelry following you home. The idea for Purpose Gallery came out of facing the challenges of living in a rapidly changing world. How do you find purpose in what you do that is more than just a job, or the place you live? We experimented with a variety of ideas and settled on one for our new direction - finding beauty in art and taking that to the world, from Mapua, New Zealand.

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# Journeys of Discovery

JUNE / JULY 2021



## The first 1,000 native plants from our Nursery have been dispatched

The first order of over 1,000 plants has been dispatched from our community nursery! The nursery has been established to provide native plants to local landowners who are part of the Moutere Catchment Group which was set up to improve biodiversity outcomes in our local catchment as part of the Billion Trees Project. The nursery has been supported by NZ Landcare Trust and Tasman Environment Trust, with the added volunteer time from Moutere Catchment members who have helped look after the plants. Helen, from the WIO team, has done an amazing job of looking after these babies over the last year. Students who were on site for our Motueka Vocational Pathways Programme (as part of an MSD funded programme to create opportunities for employment) did an amazing job of organising the order. Incidentally, the plants have gone to Philip Leith's property. Philip has been a long-standing supporter of WIO and it's a lovely circle to see him receive the first order.

## Only a few spots left on our Holiday Programmes in July!

If you have an 11-13yr old who is keen to take part in the **new Kaitiaki Kids Holiday Programme** or a 7-10 yr old who would love to **Go Wild (in Nature!)** for a week, then head to our website to book: [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz).

## Nature Connection on Mini Adventurers Programmes

WIO's Mini Adventurers Programmes have already been re-designed to weave in elements of nature connection learning and are proving a great hit with local primary school tamariki. The programmes provide a day of learning outside the classroom, where younger children from Years 1-4 get to participate in nature-based or adventure activities on site. We have extended these programmes to run across Terms 2 & 3 with the help of sponsorship from Pic's Peanut Butter and NBS. Staff love hearing the squeals of delight drift into the offices. We are expecting to have at least 1,000 local children involved in these programmes for 2021. Thank you also to the support of the Department of Conservation Community Fund and funding from the Motueka Community Store to enable these programmes to be subsidised for schools & get more tamariki connecting to nature!

## New members of the Whenua Iti whānau

Just recently we have welcomed four new instructors/kaiako to our team - haere mai to Catherine, Scott, Rosie & Kegan! They have joined Dana Carter, our Project Lead, to help with the development of our Nature Connection Programmes. We also welcome Gali who is helping Helen feed all our programme participants with decent kai that will keep them going in the outdoors. Sadly, we said goodbye to Fay who has been lured by NMIT as a Trainee Ranger tutor - an awesome role for her & we will do our best to send her lots of students.

## Outdoor Wanderings: It's Snowman Building Time of Year!

One of the joys of winter is playing in the snow. If you're not a skier or snowboarder don't let it stop you from heading up to Rainbow Ski Area for some fun. You can hire a toboggan, build snow(wo)men & enjoy being up in the mountains. On a fine day the drive up is breathtaking (and an adventure in itself!) - the field is due to open on Sat 10th July for their 40th season! Head up & support your local field.



Students on our MVP Programme get the plants ready for our first dispatch.



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2	Sports Night at MHCC		NZ Garden
9	Taskmaster	Banana Flips	Bird Survey

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

30	Movie For those in year 9 and above. We meet EVERY Friday 7pm. Cost is \$2 or more.	For those in years 7, 8 or 9. We meet FORTNIGHTLY on 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, at UMO church hall. 4.30 - 6.30pm. \$5	Make Bagpipes! For those in years 5, 6, or 7. We meet FORTNIGHTLY on 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at the UMO church hall (Supplejack Valley Rd), 3.30 - 5pm but come over for afternoon tea beforehand if you like.
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### JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

- 14th - Sew PJs - bring some material or recycle a sheet, 9-4pm, \$10  
 15th - City Geocaching and movie in Nelson, 9-4pm, \$20  
 16th - Skate Park/Pump Track Tour - bring you skate board/scooter/bike, 9-4pm, \$10  
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### QUESTIONS?

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This is for all our youth group ages: going into year 5 to year 13. You will need to provide lunch and appropriate gear (hats/rain jacket/walking shoes etc). Drop off and pick up at UMO church hall, 7 Supplejack Valley Road. Limited numbers so if you're keen let us know!



## THE WRITE BIAS

### News from Māpua Bowling Club

The new committee, now technically called a board, was elected in at the well-supported Annual General Meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Winter might be quiet out on the green but planning and maintenance continue apace in readiness for the new season. The green keeper has announced that Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September and it will be wonderful if the sun could shine.

Several Māpua members continue to play on artificial surfaces away from home at Wakefield, Richmond, Motueka and Tahunanui. These four clubs all offer winter programmes of tournaments and roll-ups.

The new Catering Team of Di McBride and Margie Dillon have set a high benchmark with delicious suppers at our Friday evening socials. Worth coming along to meet us just for the soup, pasties and wedges; the Club is open on the first and third Fridays of every month starting around 5 p.m. Pool, darts, cribbage, carpet bowls and conversation are always on the go and of course, the bar is open.

For any information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities, please contact the secretary, Di Blanchet on 03 540 2627 or check out our website, [sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls](http://sporty.co.nz/māpuabowls)

Sue England

### TASMAN ART FOCUS GROUP (TAFG)

The prestigious Tasman National Art Awards, which last showed in 2019, is back in force for 2021 after the covid interruption of 2020.

Entries are already coming in and the Awards are open to all artists living within New Zealand. Initial applications are made via email to Glenys Forbes and all the details are available on the website along with a downloadable application form. [www.tasmannationalartawards.nz](http://www.tasmannationalartawards.nz)

It is important to read the application form carefully and follow the guidelines for the email entry.

The closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> August but there is no payment at this preliminary stage.

The prize pool has recently increased to a total of \$10,000 allocated as: -

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This exhibition is a real coup for our community and I encourage you all to check us out on our website or alternatively the Tasman National Art Awards Facebook page. The members of the committee look forward to welcoming you all.

If you would like to be involved in any way, please make contact with team leader, Glenys Forbes on 03 540 3388 or by email [gmforbes@ts.co.nz](mailto:gmforbes@ts.co.nz)

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It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. It has been an incredibly busy 6 months but we are grateful for all the support we have received and it is wonderful to have so many local businesses and community members utilizing the facility. Don't forget to check out our schedule of events on our website [www.mouterehills.org.nz](http://www.mouterehills.org.nz).

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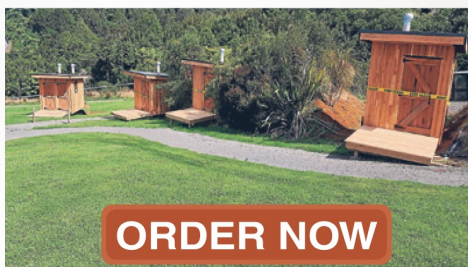
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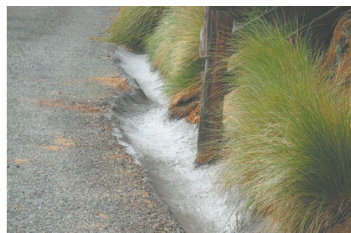
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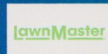
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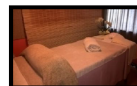
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