

The Grapevine

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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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*The Sarau Winter Sale is on **Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August** 11am - 3pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere.*

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Rural delivery

They swapped a small house in big city suburbia for a rural retreat in Upper Moutere and have not looked back. When Lorraine and Brendon McBride offered Cara, their daughter, and her partner Bevan Williams the chance to take over their mail run and live in the family home, it seemed a long shot. Bevan, a professional painter/plasterer a postie? For him the epiphany moment came while sitting, yet again, in and Auckland traffic jam. He thought 'Let's go!' Cara was reluctant – she had just completed her Nanny training and was keen to use it - but she became convinced and now, four years later, they have no regrets.

Together they run the RD1 mail service, and a typical day begins at 6:00am when Bevan heads to the sorting room on the Heine's property (Jan Heine and her daughter Shara Higgins

are the RD2 contractors featured in the Grapevine May issue). The sorting process takes several hours and is followed by several more hours out on the road delivering. Although the volume of letters has decreased dramatically in recent times, due mainly to the convenience of computers, the explosion in the quantity of parcels which occurred during lockdown has, surprisingly, not diminished. Bevan estimates that parcel volume is triple pre-Covid levels. To cope with this the delivery run is split into two, and with a van each Bevan and Cara head out, one to the Tasman side, one to the Moutere side.

While the necessary local knowledge came easily for Cara, it was a steep learning curve for Bevan, who hails from Gisborne. After an introductory few months with Brendon help-

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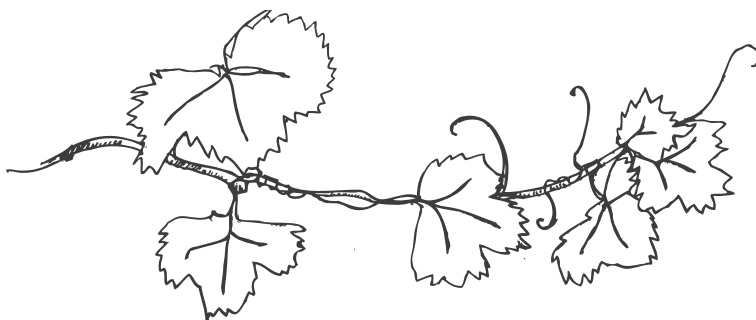
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Grapevine Says...

Don't forget the Sarau Winter Book Sale is on Saturday 31st July & Sunday 1st August

11am - 3pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere.

Please join us to help set up and pack up at the Community Centre, Friday 29th July at 4.45pm and Sunday 1st Aug at 3pm. Approx 1hr – many hands make light work!

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Lastly, don't forget to read your horoscope on page 4, you may just find what you've been searching for, and if not, a wee laugh.

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ing Bevan to know the people and the places, he took over the reins and soon stamped his own personality on the run. He has a big friendly smile, exudes enthusiasm and believes in going the extra mile – literally. A postie is only required to go within a 500 metre return trip from the road in their van, but Bevan and Cara will often deliver parcels to the residents' doorsteps to add a personal touch and have a chat. With four children it is a busy life, so Cara shares her run with Mapua local Michelle Perry. This enables her to be more 'hands on' with schooling, the two eldest, Xaviyah and Delilah attend Mahana School, Augustus goes to Harakeke pre-school and 2-year-old Dixie will start there soon. Cara is Chair of the Home and School Association which organizes fun activities and fundraising for the school and is actively involved with the Mapua playcentre. Her parents, who still live on the property, pitch in and help with the childcare on the days when

she is working, and they have a local student, Natalie who helps with the time-consuming task of folding the junk mail.

Are there any downsides? The family can't plan holidays together, as the job is six days a week, every week. They have just two extra days off a year – Easter Friday and Christmas Day, and during the build up to Christmas Bevan is lucky to get home before the children are in bed. Even on public holidays when there is no mail delivery the paper run takes 2.5 hours, and Bevan looks forward to the day when he has time to pursue his passion for hunting.

But Bevan and Cara have a happy go lucky approach to life, they love living in the country, and the chance to grow their children in a more natural and holistic environment, and they love their job. They can drive through a beautiful area with the music up loud, enjoy the physicality and the social interaction with people, and are far

away from the comparative madness of city life. A bonus is that their children can tag along, and sometimes get rewarded by offerings from a happy customer's lolly jar! ♦

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<p>Aquarius Jan. 22-Feb. 21 Air • Fixed • Uranus "The Water Bearer"</p> <p>Your inhibitions abandoned you in June, and you now feel like a free-spirited animal, who has just been unleashed into the world. Use your newfound energy to find love this month. Be an animal, if you know what I mean!</p> <p>I recommend you learn everything there is to know about the migration habits of the North African Yellowstone Frog. It has to do with you winning a lot of money, so just do it.</p>	<p>Gemini May 22-Jun. 21 Air • Mutable • Mercury "The Twins"</p> <p>You think you're outgoing, but unfortunately everyone else thinks you're nuts. This month, you should work on leaving some of the crazy at home in a locked drawer, and then throw the key away.</p> <p>You are so close to becoming the new you you've been promising yourself for so long, but you're still a bit away. Keep up the therapy, it's working, but maybe stop hooking up with that particular someone – that is not working.</p>	<p>Libra Sep. 22-Oct. 21 Air • Cardinal • Venus "The Scales"</p> <p>Good news this month, Libra – you are starting to get more adventurous. You always want to order that other dish at the pub, but then you're like, "What if I don't like it and I waste all this money when I could have just ordered pizza, which I already know I like?" Well, this month, you take the plunge and you order the arancini balls, and you won't regret it.</p> <p>Self-reflection is key for progression. It's what you desperately need, and a lot of therapy. Maybe you and Gemini can get a group discount.</p>
<p>Pisces Feb. 22-Mar. 21 Water • Mutable • Neptune "The Fish"</p> <p>There's much to say, but you already know what I'm going to say because Pisces know everything.</p> <p>You will encounter frustration this month when you come across an Aquarius trying to research an animal that I made up. Just remember snitches get stitches. Bet you didn't know I was going to say that, did ya?!</p>	<p>Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 21 Water • Cardinal • The Moon "The Crab"</p> <p>You're an adventurous spirit, but not adventurous enough. You need to widen your horizons, break some barriers and release yourself from the box you have put yourself into. Maybe take a Libra out for dinner. You'll thank me later. Your welcome, in advance.</p> <p>The equilibrium of Saturn's seventh moon alignment with Pluto puts the sun in your water axis this week. That could go either way, so try not to do too much speaking or walking.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct. 22-Nov. 21 Water • Fixed • Pluto "The Scorpion"</p> <p>You are the natural leader of the pack. You are the innovator. You can do anything. You also don't understand when someone is being facetious just to make you feel better about yourself.</p> <p>Something black and white looms in your future. Either you are being invited to a formal dinner event or pulled over for speeding. Either way, shine up your most debonair smile and practise batting your eyelashes.</p>
<p>Aries Mar. 22-Apr. 21 Fire • Cardinal • Mars "The Ram"</p> <p>You're probably wishing The Grapevine committee had hired a professional to write these horoscopes, but the professionals are all too busy winning the lottery and helping policemen almost solve crimes, so you're stuck with me.</p> <p>Last night, I spent the evening knee-deep in star charts, connecting with the universe. I understood none of it. I am merely the vessel, but for you Aries, I am certain that the rising room on the tipped axis of Uranus says you were once born, and at some point this month, you will meet someone else who was once born. You will exchange words that may or may not be interesting. Now, a professional horoscope writer couldn't have told you that! You're welcome.</p>	<p>Leo Jul. 22-Aug. 21 Fire • Fixed • The Sun "The Lion"</p> <p>You will find your soulmate this month. Look to your left. You will be passionately kissing that person by the end of the month. If there's nobody sitting there, well, it sucks to be you, I guess, but the moral of story is if you are in the right place, you will eventually find your soulmate.</p> <p>Resist the urge to drape yourself in a colourful scarf and parade about in stone-washed jeans. You think you are trying on the hipster look, everyone else thinks you are just homeless.</p>	<p>Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Fire • Mutable • Jupiter "The Archer"</p> <p>Remember how that movie <i>Inception</i> ended really ambiguously and the director was all, "I want the audience to decide if the thingy stops spinning," and we were all "Um no, you're the director, it's your job to make a decision?" I totally get why Christopher Nolan did that now. It takes away heaps of the work and makes you seem really insightful. Watch, I'm going to do it now to you!</p> <p>Your week will be determined by how you interpret the spinning top. There's no right or wrong answer. Don't get it wrong.</p>



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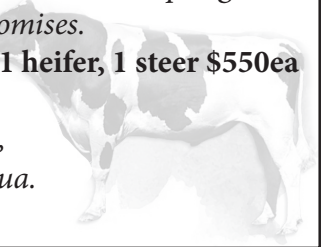
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Planting project brings generations together at Waimeha Inlet

As part of the July Holiday Programmes, tamariki spent the afternoon planting with members of Rotary at the Waimeha Inlet. The holiday programme aimed to weave nature connection activities throughout a week of fun outdoor adventures for 7-12yr olds, as part of the wider Kaimahi for Nature Project at WIO funded through Jobs for Nature. "When tamariki enjoy getting their hands in the whenua (land), and can see that their mahi for the environment is valued by our local community, they are developing into strong citizens who will love and care for nature into the future", says project lead, Dana Carter. Thanks to the Waimeha Inlet Resoration Group for their help, and to the Tasman Environment Trust for their support in making this special day happen. It was a highlight for many of the tamariki & the instructors too!

Fun Adventures had on July Holiday Programmes!

We had lots of fun with the tamariki who attended our July Holiday Programmes. There were days caving, exploring the beach, kayaking on the inlet at high tide, collecting of kai moana, story-telling, damper-making & tower climbing! The clear days meant for crispy cold mornings but beautiful fine days. A big thank you to the Rātā Foundation, Sport Tasman, Department of Internal Affairs, McKee Charitable Trust & the Ruby Bay Community Trust for supporting these opportunities for our local tamariki!

Thanks to UMO Fire Brigade for helping our Trades students

It is fantastic to have the support of the local volunteer fire brigade on our Uniformed Services Programme. They welcomed students along to their training nights which included making portable dams, running pumps & waterways. It's a real highlight for our students that they get to connect with volunteers & active members of the community to develop real skills that can be used towards Civil Defence, Police Force, Fire & Emergency & Paramedic/First Aid pathways. If you're keen to find out what other Trades Programmes are on offer through WIO, check out our website: www.wio.org.nz or chat to your Trades Coordinator at school.

Our Gear Shed is getting a Makeover

Oddly enough, there's nothing that excites our instructors quite like fresh concrete! Thanks to the **Tasman District Council** we now have another section of our gear shed tidied up with a brand new concrete floor - it makes the world of difference! Not only to instructors, but also to students, as the shed allows us to store outdoors equipment and personal gear needed on our programmes. We often provide packs, jackets, boots & thermals to ensure there are no barriers to participation. We are incredibly grateful to the **Grapevine Community Trust** & **Sarau Trust** who have donated funds with a flexible tag - this means we can choose where the money is spent, and it's going towards much needed gear shed upgrades! Watch this space.

Outdoor Wanderings: Mt Arthur Hut

Often overlooked as a winter trip, this is such a neat walk to do on a clear winter's day. Starting from the high elevation of Flora car park, you are quickly in the mountains and not far from snow! The uphill walk will quickly warm you up, and if you're lucky there might be icicles to snap off on the way. For those prepared for a winter adventure you could even overnight at Mt Arthur Hut.



Tamariki on our holiday programmes planting with Rotary club members



Having fun abseiling the tower on the Kaitiaki Kids Holiday Programme

We'll see you out there!



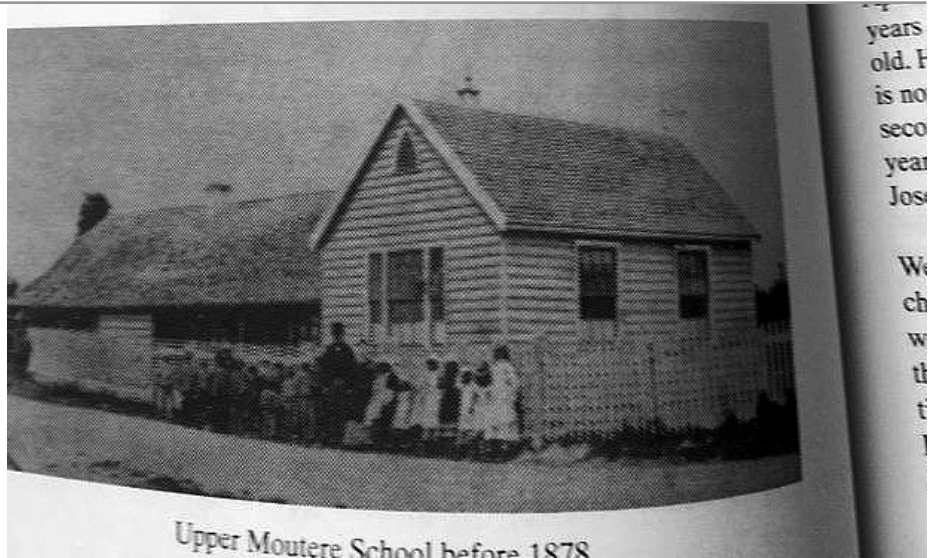
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Experiential Learning Inspiring Positive Change

Book launch of "Moutere Pioneers"

at the Moutere Hills Community Centre

Many people attended the book launch of "Moutere Pioneers" organised by the Moutere Historical Society on June 24. Picking up on the traditional Maori custom of stating their ancestry and local environment when first introducing themselves, the author Graeme Tyree, started out by describing his own family connections and eight generations of German settlement in the Upper Moutere and Sunrise Valley. He related in detail the connections between the eight families who had come with high hopes from Mecklenburg and other rural areas of Northern Germany in the early 1800s to settle in the Moutere Valley. However, they found that their trust in British agents and the NZ company, responsible for land sales, had often been sadly compromised. Their new settlements had not been prepared as promised; there were no houses waiting for them; the land, allocated by lottery, was often difficult to access, infertile, difficult to work (because it was clay) and was located in separate, far apart, allotments. Thus, the new immigrants, who often came with large families, had to struggle for survival and use their skills in agriculture and artisanship to make ends meet together. They had to build on their own culture to see what could be incorporated into the new settings. Many came with strong religious beliefs and built a close community in Upper Moutere, maintaining a village social structure with mutual help and solidarity. Basic schooling for their children was established early on, improvised in the beginning, of course.



Upper Moutere School before 1878

'Upper Moutere School before 1878'

Taken from:
George McMurtry. *The Extended Community*. McMurtry 2001.

A church, cemetery, store and pub were built in a concerted effort later on. They used the resources the land offered with wood, green meadows and water to make a living. They started with raising cattle, sheep and horses, and later grew hops and fruit trees. They traded with each other and the wider community.

He was followed by Joy Fowler, who told many stories of her own childhood in Sarau: her school experiences and other anecdotes of life in the early 20th century, including a view on the food she ate for breakfast, compared to food eaten by soldiers in the Anglo-Boer war in South Africa, to where many of the local horse were shipped

but, sadly, with only a short life expectancy. Her stories, were lively and well told, and led people in the large audience to share their memories too. Afternoon tea provided an opportunity for people to chat and get their newly bought books signed by the author. The event gave an insight into the still close-knit local community of Sarau, Upper Moutere.

Edith Bulle

Secure internet passwords

We've been thinking of our internet security lately... With so much of our life conducted on the internet it is important that we take care of protecting our accounts. If a hacker gains access then they can steal our personal information and identity, access our email and social media accounts as well as hurting us financially.

There are a range of methods that hackers can use to gain access to your online accounts. The most basic way is for them to simply enter passwords manually, relying on easily available information that is often shared online, like a pet's name or a birthday, to guess a password. A more advanced method is what is called a 'bruteforce attack' in which the hacker uses a computer program to automatically cycle through all the possible combinations of letters and symbols to crack a password. This type of attack can crack a simple seven letter password that is found in the dictionary in less than a second.

Bearing all this in mind, there are some simple ways to ensure that your passwords are more secure.

1. **Do not use personal information, such as a pet's name, when making a password. This is true even if you change this by adding numbers or symbols.**
2. **Do not use simple passwords. Using passwords such as 'password' or 'bankpassword' is not a good idea.**
3. **Do not use sequential combinations of letters or numbers like 45678, qwerty etc.**



4. **Longer passwords are better. You should aim for 10 characters or more.**
5. **Your password should not be in the dictionary.**
6. **Passwords that contain a mixture of capitals, lowercase letters, symbols and numbers are more secure.**
7. **NEVER USE THE SAME PASSWORD TWICE. This is the golden rule and the one that is most commonly broken. If you break this rule then a hacker can access multiple accounts if they do crack your password. This goes for the same password, with the ending changed.**

All of this is great in theory, but a complete pain in the neck in practice. It seems that every website that you go on these days requires a password.

Unfortunately this is just a facet of modern life that we have to adjust to. However, there are a couple of things that you can do to make remembering different passwords easier.

Choose a short phrase such as 'iced tea is great for summer' then change some of the letters to capitals, numbers and symbols. You can also misspell and abbreviate. The password could then become '!cedTisgre@t4smmer'

Alternatively you can choose a memorable quote and use only the first letters from each word. Change some of these to capitals and replace others with symbols and numbers. For instance 'Do you expect me to talk? No Mr Bond, I expect you to die.' could become DYem2t?NMB1ey2d

If all of this still seems like hard work, then you can use a password manager such as lastpass or dashlane. This will store and remember all of your passwords, and can even generate secure passwords for you. If you choose to use a password manager you will just need to remember one very secure password. ♦



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August. EVENTS TO LOCK IN

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BUDDY UP BUSINESS —AUG 18, 6pm – 7.30pm, The Playhouse

MDBA, Nelson Tasman Business Trust, Nelson Chamber of Commerce, NRDA, Our Town Motueka and Richmond Unlimited are co-hosting a superb networking event to for like minded business people to network, share stories and work together in these unprecedented times so we can become a strong, healthy business region that flourishes for years to come. Book your space to this great FREE event by Friday 13th August.

If you would like your business profile showcased contact Kirsten today by email at mdba@mapua.co.nz.

Till next month, keep warm and see you at our at the Lunch & Learn event on the 4th.

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News from Mapua Bowls Club

THE WRITE BIAS

Along with grants and sponsorship, fund raising is essential for the continued existence of our bowling club. We are fortunate to have one member dedicated to organising raffles and quiz nights at the Sprig & Fern are always popular and help to boost the coffers. We are now looking forward to a movie night and possibly some Bingo or Beetle sessions during the daytime. The members are very grateful to Carol English who has offered to assist with all of our grant applications; her experience will be invaluable.

Our new green keeper, Ian Benbow and his assistant, Murray Blanchet are on steep learning curves but given that this is the middle of winter, the green is in excellent condition and we are all itching to get back out there in the middle of September; well done to the pair of them. Advice from the green keepers at United Bowling Club

is very welcome as Ian and Murray develop their skills.

A group of Māpuā members has been undertaking umpire training organised by Nelson Centre. Knowledge required by bowls umpires is highly technical and detailed; it will be excellent to have some new umpires in the Club.

Patience is needed as we wait for the outdoor season but there is plenty to occupy us indoors including the annual mid-winter lunch; the roast

dinner and selection of very naughty pud's always goes down a treat and is a good opportunity for members to socialise together.

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

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Tasman Art Focus Group (TGFA)

Plenty of entries have arrived for the 2021 Tasman National Art Awards and Exhibition and for anyone living locally who would still like to enter, there is not much time left. The closing date for applications is 6th August and there is no payment at this preliminary stage. Full details and an application form can be found on the website: -

www.tasmannationalartawards.nz

After the disappointment of cancelling in 2020, this promises to be an excellent year and the committee is working very hard as the opening day draws near.

As a tempter, a reminder of the prize pool: -

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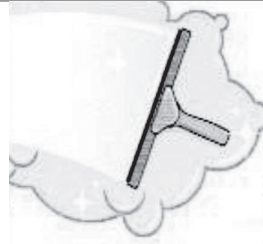
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The making of a garden



Back in 1989 Heather and Andrew Eggers decided to build a new home and move their family from Harakeke to a bare 10 acre pasture block up Martin Road. 30 years later their home is now amidst a well established garden – looking rather wintry when I visited one wet weekend in June, but already there is the promise of a spring ahead as bulbs peek through the ground and magnolia buds swell.

As a child Andrew loved to garden and contributed to the household vegetable supply – he cannot believe that he could grow carrots as a child up Sunrise Valley, but can't seem to grow them in abundance up Martin Road! When Heather and Andrew first met up in England during the 1970s they often spent their weekends visiting stately homes and gardens – developing the ideas of what they liked, and how a garden could be structured.

With a new 10 acre block they built a family home and established a couple of forestry blocks – trying douglas fir, macrocarpa and redwood – together with trees and a perennial garden around the house. There was a time when their sons were bmx bike riding mad and had humps and hollows out beyond the house. Once the boys left home, it was not long before a digger was brought in to flatten those humps and hollows, and the garden began to push out with hedges, edges, pergolas

and structures developing into what is now around a nearly 4 acre garden. As a builder Andrew likes the order of straight lines and formal structures and it is Heather who pored over catalogues and brought in the perennials and colour and fitted the plants in around the extensive tree plantings. They have a passion for trees, and an oak which was once 'not much bigger than a pencil' now towers out from the house. Like all of us they underestimated how time would pass and how big the trees would grow with the need to keep large ones back from the house. With reluctance they have had to cut a few out and clear spaces back...but this is the way of gardens and gardeners.

Most of their design ideas were theirs, but there were also hours spent poring over gardening books and magazines and those 2am inspirations which have led to the garden as it is now. There are also plants gleaned from other established gardens in the area and they recall being given acanthus by Pearl Beuke – not far down the valley – and fighting repeatedly to get it to establish there. New hybridised rhododendrons struggle, but the old varieties grown from cuttings flourish. If they have learned one very important lesson with gardening in the Moutere its: don't keep struggling to try and grow something which does not want to live in your garden – some things will – grow them. Other things won't – forget them!



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Unusually Andrew and Heather describe agapanthus as their good friend – it doesn't complain, it covers the ground, it doesn't need watering and it survives their winters! As a result it abounds up their steep driveway giving a lush year-round verge. They also have thick and lush irises, watsonias and renga renga lilies once these have established ahead of the rabbit population. On this count their loyal 4 legged friend Dusty is a good rabbit, but somehow she can't keep up with the ever replenishing population.

As the garden has developed they have made decisions and choices to make the garden easier to live with – most of the thorny roses have gone, nothing needs spraying, and plants have

been moved to locations where they thrive. A favourite rose which would cover the house if it was allowed to is Souvenir de Mme Leonie Viennot – vigorous and repeat flowering with no thorns and not needing water – what more could you ask? They have a vigorous vegetable garden, and plentiful fruit supply and have learned to live with what grows.

Perhaps it is not surprising that their sons who grew up during this garden development time - being dragged around garden centres and taking part in family discussions about garden layout have ended up – one on Vancouver Island developing an amazing garden, and the other in Melbourne as a landscaper.

Below the garden to the west is a steep bank which they have left alone. It has progressed from pasture, to gorse, to natives and is now firmly established as a self-sown forest. Who would have thought? ♦

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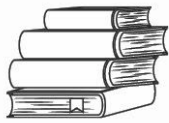
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Hot Shots awarded grant

The Lower Moutere Hot Shots can step onto the court with confidence this season after being awarded an ANZ Netball Grant. ANZ gives netball clubs and teams throughout Aotearoa a chance to apply for a grant to help them advance their training and put their best foot forward on game day.

The Year 3-4 Lower Moutere School Hot Shots were awarded a brand new training kit including match balls, bibs, spot markers, a gear bag and everything they'll need to get stuck into training.

Coach Sara Soper applied for the grant because the Hot Shots were always the last to get a look in when it came to netball gear. With four year groups above



them, the team had been making do with hand-me-downs. Sara said, "I scrounged from wherever I could to get things. All the money is spent at the higher levels, and it doesn't often trickle down to the young ones. Everything is second hand and borrowed. It's tough when the bibs are raggedy, or the balls are rough."

Sara says this gear is key to capturing the players' love for the game and getting them excited about playing for seasons to come. She said, "you want them to enjoy it otherwise they give up. The second you have a season stuck on the bench, then you lose these talented kids. Grants like this encourage parents to put in the time to get the kids to the games too."

As a coach, Sara is really excited to introduce the new gear to the kids. "It limits what you can do when you don't have the resources. Even having proper cones broadens the number of different drills you can do."

Not having the right gear not only means a struggle for the players. As one of the many volunteers who keeps community netball afloat, Sara says it's a struggle for them too. "It's nice for us too because it's all very well to whip out and buy some cones but you end up spending a fortune in volunteer roles."

As for the Hot Shots' goals for the season, it's all about getting the kids involved and giving the game a try. This Lower Moutere Team has combined

with smaller schools around the region who didn't have enough players to make up a team, and Sara says this is a recipe for building a stronger community. She says, "some of the kids make lifelong friendships at that age. For us it's about learning the game and ending the season with big smiles."

After COVID-19 benched netball last year, many families faced financial pressure and kids risked missing out on the chance to play their beloved sport. This new gear will lighten the fundraising load and allow coaches, players, umpires and volunteers to focus on what's happening on the court.

ANZ is helping Tasman netballers lift their game with grants like new training gear, uniforms or whatever they need to help them achieve their aspirations as a team.

ANZ Head of Sponsorship Sue McGregor said, "we're proud to be supporting netball from grassroots teams in the Tasman right up to the ANZ Premiership and Silver Ferns. It's local teams such as the Hot Shots that introduce our youngsters to netball and nurture their love for the game into the passion we see in our elite players today. We hope this grant helps keep the passion for netball alive in the community for many seasons to come."

To apply for an ANZ Netball Grant visit [ANZcourtside.co.nz](https://anzcourtside.co.nz). ♦



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Dear Community

Winter is now well and truly upon us with a mix of chilly frosts and lots of rain! Winter is a fantastic time to take advantage of our great, warm facility and all it has to offer. We are proud to be able to offer a wide range of social sports, recreation activities and fitness classes to keep our community busy during these cold, winter months. There's something for everyone here at Moutere Hills Community Centre, so why not check out our schedule of events on our website www.mouterehills.org.nz/communityrecreation/ and come on down!

We've had a busy couple of months with both business and private bookings. We offer room hire with audio-visual equipment, catering services, team-building games and many more options to personalize your event, so why not talk to us about having your next work or social function here?

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Dates For Your Diary...

Change Room and Shower Development

You may have noticed lots of activity, tradesmen and noise around the centre lately! The conversion of the Rugby 'away' change rooms into change and shower cubicles is well underway.

We are planning on having these open from the **beginning of September** and will be available for use if you are participating in social sports, recreation activities and fitness classes at the centre.



TAKE OUR HISTORY INTO THE FUTURE!

Thanks to everyone who attended our first community history afternoon in June, it was wonderful to see so many people there.

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Local body rambles...

It's pouring outside and I am laid up with a sore leg ...so what better time to have a grumble?

Did you know that each Tasman property contributes less than \$30 through rates to the "Community" Waimea Dam, but over \$60 to Museums?

And this year, an initial unit of 2m³ per day from the Dovedale Water Scheme will cost \$1680 per year, and subsequent units \$1215. Does anybody know why subsequent units are cheaper?

And what does the future hold for Dovedale Water Scheme users? Remember that we have always been told that, financially speaking, the Dovedale Scheme is a "closed account" -ie it carried its own costs, and its own debt?

Well, maybe not so... We may soon be advised that in fact, the Scheme has been subsidised, and that its financing model may have to change ...against a recent backdrop of debt accruing at \$5,000 per week over and above income. Total Scheme debt was \$400,000 ten years ago ...as of June 2020, it was nearer \$1.6m and rising fast, despite the annual user charges rising much faster than budgeted. Sure, it's an old Scheme with materials

nearing the end of their life, but maintenance costs have skyrocketed, and there have not been any major capital items in recent years.

Looking ahead, we are soon to have the benefit of a new, government-funded treatment plant, which may improve water quality, but not addressing quantity issues. Despite shortages in supply in recent dry spells, TDC are still selling "spare" units, which I consider to be totally irresponsible from both quality and quantity angles, and the Scheme managers do not see any benefit in building buffer storage into the supply line.

Humphries Creek will remain our source, because the Woodstock investigation came up short, and the Scheme couldn't afford it anyway ... at a certain point, maybe not far

away, a lot of users will drop out of the Scheme when the costs get too high. With high debt and low value, then the Scheme could become bankrupt. Have a look at the accounts, when TDC release them for y/e June 2021: Could the Users "privatise" the Scheme and insist on end-point treatment by domestic users?

Is "nationalising" the ownership and management as proposed by the government going to end well? We will be included in a Tasman/Marlborough/East Coast North Island Water Authority, which sounds like an even-worse bureaucratic nightmare than we have already.

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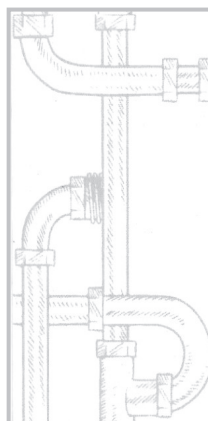


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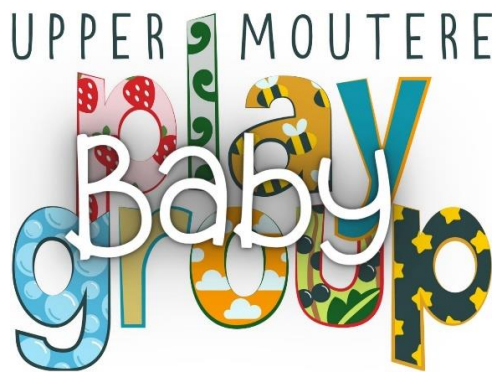
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Early this year, leaders of the playgroup identified a need in the Moutere community for somewhere that could hold a space for new parents to feel nurtured, valued and supported during this time of great physical and emotional transition.

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.

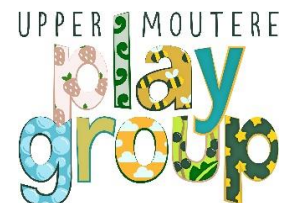
We have engaged Sophie Jackson, who has many years' experience working with babies and mothers in early childhood settings. She will support families by inviting them to share their birthing, parenting and breastfeeding experiences with others. The baby sessions aim to enrich the life and development 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.



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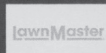
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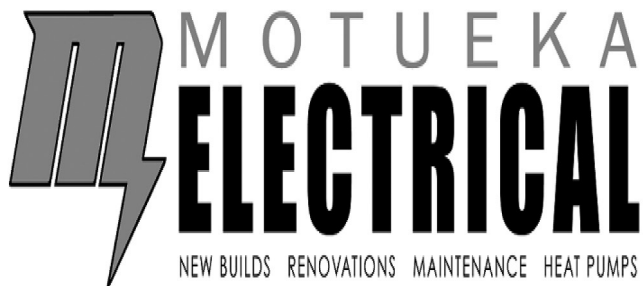
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