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# The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Kim is a miniac, someone who makes miniatures, a passion which began in childhood while making environments (such as tree houses) for her beloved smurf collection. Her work is

all original 'my imagination is the only limit, and there is always something new and exciting.'

She was born in London, grew up in Sweden, then moved to Hawaii. Here she re-ignited her miniature-making hobby, and met and married Kerry Lineham, a Nelsonian. A few trips back here for holidays convinced them it was 'home', so they bought a house in Gardner Valley Rd where they have lived for fifteen years. A somewhat nondescript sign at the entrance to the property belies the wealth of creativity within – her workshop is a treasure trove of raw materials. From fimo to fur, too many to mention, a sort of organized chaos where a labelling machine has proved to be a very worthwhile investment. Kim buys in some

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## Grapevine Says...

Thank you for the short stories and poetry for this months edition, see page 21 and 27 to read on.

There has been so much native tree planting going on in our district, let us hear how it's all going?

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materials but is lessening reliance on purchasing in favour of finding stuff from her surroundings. Tools of the trade of course are all tiny – tweezers, sharp manicure scissors, petite paint-brushes, the smaller the better. Some other equipment is life size, like the desk, the glue sticks and most important of all – the indispensable head mounted magnifying glass.

There is a global fraternity of minis, and in the pre-Covid world, Kim travelled overseas each year to conventions, shows, and workshops, combining the trips with family visits to her mother in Sweden. Nowadays like so many of us travelling locally is the norm. Kim and Kerry (who is

a nurse practitioner at 'The Doctors') and their two children, Amanda and Alex have had great fun rediscovering New Zealand.

As well as making miniatures, this talented lady also enjoys painting, and teaching. She takes classes at Upper Moutere School, loving the imagination and ingenuity of the children. Spare time is filled outside - she takes art into the garden, creating topiaries of all shapes and sizes. There is also an aviary, home to about 50 budgies, a few quail, chickens, several dogs, a cat and a comprehensive vegetable garden, which doubles as the home gym!

Kim says she used to be big on plans

and goal setting, but since Covid has found it good to take time, go with the flow, and enjoy the process. She feels lucky to be able to earn an income doing something she loves so much "I send my husband to work, while I stay home and play"



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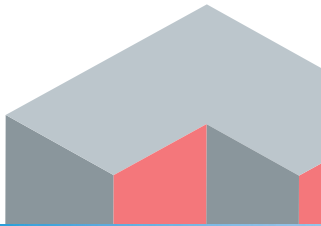
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It has been wonderful to have tamariki & rangatahi return to WIO after lockdown. Ngā mihi nui to all those who were affected during our rescheduling & reshuffling of programmes - we are lucky to have continuous support from schools, partners, funders, sponsors & the community. Ka nui te maioha mō tō tautoko.

## Fun times with our mini adventurers

The site has been a-buzz with the patter of little feet & laughter from tamariki on-site for mini outdoor & environmental adventures over the last few months. They have been active on the obstacle course and playing games that foster teamwork, communication & participation and learning about te taiao (the environment) that is around them through fun activities. Although lockdown got in the way, we will have connected almost 1,000 children to these programmes in 2021. We are hugely grateful to the funding from DOC through their Communities Grant, and to sponsorship from NBS and Pic's Peanut Butter that enables these programmes to reach so many children. "The children love it and get so much out of it!" - Teacher.

## Summer Holiday Programmes available to book!

There is something for all ages this summer! Go Wild (7-10yrs), Kaitiaki Kids (10-12yrs), Junior Journey (11-13yrs), Senior Journey (14-16yrs), Aotearoa Calling (15-17yrs) and Adventure Skills Development (16-18yrs). If you are enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or are interested in taking part, Adventurous Journey training and qualifying trips can be completed as part of one of these programmes. Ngā mihi nui to Rātā Foundation and DIA Lottery Communities for funding & making these programmes accessible to our community! Head to [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz) to book.

## Free Programmes Available for Secondary Students

In response to the latest lockdown, we have free places on rangatahi leadership programmes for local students aged 16-18yrs in November & December, to help them gain new skills, a connection to the outdoors, earn NCEA credits and build a supportive group of new friends. There are 3 to choose from! **Adventure Leadership** (7-14 Dec), **Adventure Skills Development** (7-15 Dec) and **Kaitiaki Leadership** (16-24 Nov). These will suit students who enjoy practical learning, could do with a boost of credits and some time outdoors and who don't have many external assessments. A huge thanks to funding from Top of the South Trades Academy, West Coast Trades Academy, Jobs for Nature, the Whenua Iti Foundation and other community support to make these programmes happen. You can find out more & enrol via our website [www.wio.org.nz](http://www.wio.org.nz) or get in touch with your school Trades Coordinator or your Dean.

## Nature Connection Activity FREE Online Resources & Prizes Won

Congratulations to **Zoe Lovell** from Māpua School who won a Macpac backpack for her entry & to **Mahana School** for winning 50 native plants for their participation in our nature connection challenge! Ka rawe! We loved the response from tamariki & schools to the new set of resources our Nature Connection team developed. Activities were designed for 7-14yr olds for distance learning, including making a waka, designing a solar clock, going on a nature hunt & finding your special garden 'sit spot'. The activities require minimal resources and get our tamariki outside to connect with nature with a chance to learn a few more kupu (words) for their te reo Māori ketel! They are all available on our website free to download - have a go!



Students learning the art of navigation on a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Journey



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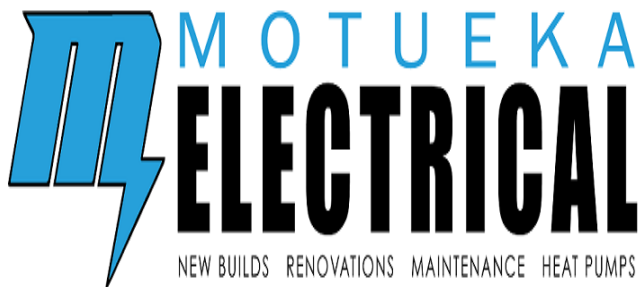
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Since the farm school wants to manage the land according to bio-dynamic principles, the next steps will have to be well prepared. The aim is to now form a group of interested people who want to use this stage as a learning opportunity to expand and/or share their knowledge about bio-dynamic practices. The Landcare Group of the Motueka Rudolf Steiner School Trust is now starting to collect questions and interests from the community in

regards the bio-dynamics which will then be addressed together, supported by several workshops conducted by the New Zealand B-D-Association in collaboration and exchange with shared local expertise. The “Educational Hub” on the farm will take a rustic start in the former Woolshed and grow from there.

Some of the first practical topics to take up will be:

- ◆ A healing ceremony for the former orchard
- ◆ Spreading Prep 500 on the whole school premises
- ◆ Setting up a compost with compost preparations
- ◆ Planning and planting a small b-d garden with companion planting
- ◆ Pruning the remaining fruit trees, moving towards a food forest

These topics will be accompanied and



supported by more theoretical information related to bio-dynamic principles in comparison to permaculture, organic or conventional practices, drawing from experiences and interests, individual participants bring to the group. This way the working group can become a shared learning experience where everyone can hopefully pick up some inspiration for their own garden projects.

While planning has already started, the actual group meetings will be picked up early in October, after the school holidays.

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## October

How are we all doing out there? Strange times for all, it's been a time to reflect, think outside the square and perhaps, change things up. We are all in this together.

### New Monthly Networking Event

We missed out on our first casual catchup due to Lockdown. We are excited to take two this month...**TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 5-6pm @ the SPRIG & FERN MAPUA.** A monthly relaxed gathering with no agenda other than catching up with each other, sharing information and networking to support each other in business. Thereafter, it will be the first Tuesday of the month at another member's business. We look forward to catching up with you then.

**Our next Lunch & Learn is November 3, 12-1.30pm. Watch this space, when next month we reveal another local inspirational person to share their knowledge .**

If you would like your business profile showcased in our newsletter and on social media we would love to share your story. Or, if you have any great informative websites that you would like to share among the MDBA members that have helped your business contact Kirsten today by email, at [mdba@mapua.co.nz](mailto:mdba@mapua.co.nz). We would love to share these too. Knowledge is power.

## UPDATED MDBA MISSION STATEMENT

The committee has been hard at work with lots of tasks getting ticked off. One being, our revised mission statement to reflect what we believe the MDBA is about in these current times, we hope you agree...

### STRONGER TOGETHER

As local businesses working together, we seek opportunities to influence, advocate, and lead on behalf of our members.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To form supportive relationships for local businesses to thrive.

### OUR CORE VALUES

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# News from Mapua Bowls Club

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Plenty has been happening during the winter months to prepare Māpua Bowling Club for the 21/22 season. Of course the latest covid lockdown caused a blip but as long as we don't go backwards here on south Island, all is ready for opening on Saturday 18th September. And the green, our prime asset, is looking great thanks to our two green keepers, Ian Benbow and Murray Blanchet.

A full programme of fixtures has been prepared to satisfy all the members whether they want to play competitively or just for fun. Seven open tournaments are scheduled into the calendar, five mixed, one for ladies only and one for gentlemen only. Along with these are some Māpua only events and a new competition against Riwaka Bowling Club with a beautiful, perpetual, silver rose bowl at stake.

A 6-week group coaching course for club members will commence on Wednesday 29th September, weather permitting. And individual coaching is available throughout the year. Strong links have been developed with Māpua School over the past few years and it is hoped that groups of children will join us once again to have an introduction to lawn bowls.

Through age or injury, it is all too easy to lose flexibility and with it, the ability to bend over to deliver a bowl. The "bowling arm" is a tool that has been developed to overcome these problems and allow everyone to continue getting enjoyment from bowling. The Club has four bowling arms for people to try and there will be a coaching session to assist.

Two "Have a Go" days have been planned when the Club will be open for anyone to come and try their hand and discover just what Māpua Bowling Club has to offer. The first is on Sunday 17th October and the second, Sunday 6th February both commencing at 1.15 p.m. The Club has plenty of sets of bowls for new players to borrow; the only requirement when having is a go is sensible footwear to protect the surface of the green. We look forward to seeing plenty of new faces and having some fun.

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/mapuabowls](http://sporty.co.nz/mapuabowls)

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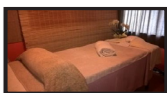
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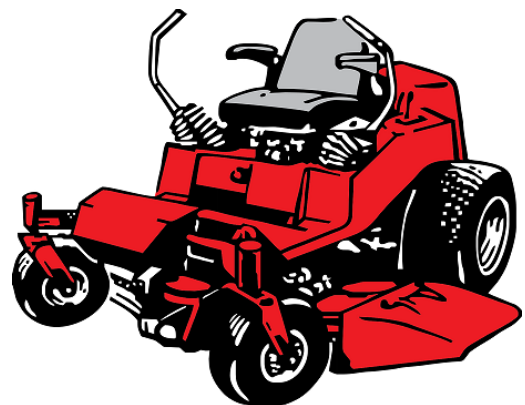
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# Tasman Art Focus Group (TGFA)

## TASMAN NATIONAL ART AWARDS AND EXHIBITION

We are feeling positive!

As long as South Island remains at level 2 in response to the latest outbreak of the delta strain of covid, the Tasman National Art Awards and Exhibition will go ahead in Māpua Community Hall. All precautions for staff and visitor safety will be in place and numbers will be limited to 50 people at any given time.

Unfortunately the official opening on Saturday 2nd October will not take place at level 2. However, should we have been returned to level 1, the official opening and two weeks of exhibition will take place exactly as planned.

So please come and join us in the Hall at 7 p.m. to view the artworks, share some drinks and nibbles and discover who the judges have selected to win the awards if we are at LEVEL 1. Collective crossing of fingers!

So at level 1 or level 2, the exhibition will be open every day, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Sunday 3rd October until Saturday 16th October.

There will be some stunning pieces of art on display, all for sale, and a chance for everyone to choose and vote for their favourite in the ever popular "People's Choice Award". Free catalogues and a bumper raffle will enhance the enjoyment.

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# Sue's Garden

I have always had an interest in gardening and remember my Grandmother's large garden in Tahunanui where I recall her having a yellow Banksia rose.

I moved from Rai Valley in 2000 and after leaving a large garden was keen to start another. I chose the property because I wanted a country garden and the gully at the rear opened up the possibility of a woodland garden. The property is approx. 0.19 hectares. Part of the chattels included 5 chickens and a goat called Winchester. The chicken and goat are no longer here.

When I arrived the property was wall to wall flax, gorse and toi-toi. I managed to give away the flax and toi-toi. Winchester however was not keen on the gorse and was a challenge to remove. A few native plants remained to this day.

The first year I planted trees from Dove nursery to create structure for the garden and to create the woodland garden in the gully at the rear of the house. A small stream running through the gully offered the chance for a pond. However the dry summers meant there was not enough water to keep it full. Today the area has been converted to a bog garden with a board walk surrounding it and a bridge over the outlet. Set along the bank is a small summer house giv-



ing a view over the garden and valley. Leading into the woodland area there is a wooden archway which is covered by two evergreen clematis called Clematis Amandii Snowdrift and Apple Blossom. The trees are comprised of redwoods, oaks, magnolias and maples in the gully. At the front of the house are copper beech, silver birch, ash, dogwoods and lancewoods.

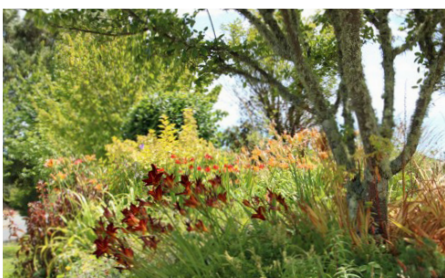
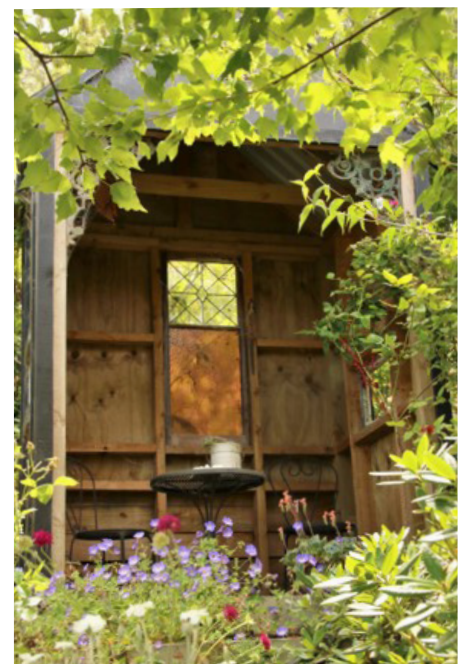
I continued on adding a rock garden with 30 tonnes of rock. Alpine plants are a particular interest of mine. I have been a member of the NZ Alpine Society for over 50 years and the UK alpine society for over 25 years. I have attended many conferences in the UK. Where I have met and made many friends from NZ and around the world. The conference also includes side trips. A highlight was the Dolomites of Northern Italy, Lauterbrunnen Switzerland and the Pyrennes. A benefit of belonging to these societies is receiving seeds from the extensive seed lists.

Next the shrub garden was developed. This has grown and expanded over the years. This includes rhododendrons and ribes which is a currant bush which come in pink, yellow and white. Also many roses mostly old single roses. Mermaid is a lovely single climber. A group of hebes have been clipped to resemble clouds. Many perennials and grasses have now been added which give colour and contrast. Ladies Mantle is a good hardy peren-

nial with beautiful lime green flowers from spring to autumn. Dicentra, bleeding heart, which normally has red flowers now has a smaller variety with beautiful blue flowers. Throughout the garden there are approx. 200 Rhododendrons of varying sizes. The smallest is Carmen only 15cm high. As a member of the NZ Rhododendron society I was part of the committee which organised and ran the NZ National Rhododendron Conference in 2018 and opened my garden to visitors along with 11 other gardens in the region. Two favourite rhododendrons are Mia Moir and CIS - peach.

I've enjoyed the making of this garden but there is always room for another plant or 10.

Sue Gardiner





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| <p><b>Capricorn</b><br/>Dec. 22-Jan. 21<br/>Earth • Cardinal • Saturn<br/>"The Goat"</p>  | <p><b>Taurus</b><br/>Apr. 22-May 21<br/>Earth • Fixed • Venus<br/>"The Bull"</p>  | <p><b>Virgo</b><br/>Aug. 22-Sep. 21<br/>Earth • Mutable • Mercury<br/>"The Virgin"</p>  |
| <p>Did you know that Indiana Jones was a Capricorn? Well, just like the devilishly handsome Indi, you are extremely confident in your abilities and you manage to get yourself into trouble from time to time. Be open to meeting new people. Who knows when an archaeologist/rugged hero will walk into your movie. Er, I mean life.</p>   | <p>Taurus, you need to give it up, whatever it is. It's time to say, 'Goodbye.' If you can't say, 'Goodbye,' then at least keep your social distance and not ask too many questions, like how did last month's issue of <i>The Grapevine</i> get printed in Level 4 lockdown?</p>   | <p>Now Virgo, I know you have problems, and you're likely to blame your zodiac sign for that, like, 'I can't help it, I'm a Virgo.' No, Virgo, you are not what your horoscopes say you are, because horoscopes don't really exist, and silly people like me make them up. It makes about as much sense as saying you're a unicorn.</p>   |
| <p><b>Aquarius</b><br/>Jan. 22-Feb. 21<br/>Air • Fixed • Uranus<br/>"The Water Bearer"</p>  | <p><b>Gemini</b><br/>May 22-Jun. 21<br/>Air • Mutable • Mercury<br/>"The Twins"</p>   | <p><b>Libra</b><br/>Sep. 22-Oct. 21<br/>Air • Cardinal • Venus<br/>"The Scales"</p>   |
| <p>Whimsical, eccentric, innovative and unpredictable are words often used to describe Aquarians. These are also words often used by psychiatrists to describe gibbering wrecks in straitjackets and padded cells who will never again see the light of day. Everything an Aquarian thinks, feels and does can be explained with one simple phrase, 'because they're nuts.' I feel for you, I really do.</p>  | <p>Have you ever seen those shampoo ads on the TV where an actress washes half of her already ridiculously luscious hair in the advertised shampoo, and the other half of her hair in an unnamed, rather unattractively branded other shampoo? Who does that? Who washes half their hair? Gemini, that's who! Sorry, I don't have any predictions for you this month. I just saw that ad, and it immediately made me think of you.</p>  | <p>You may be getting a lot of spam e-mails lately, but the Nigerian bank that is holding that inheritance from a person you never met does not exist. Weather can change in an instant, so be prepared for every eventuality, especially if that means dressing up in three different types of clothing. The perceived wisdom of some Aquarians may seem to make some sense, but trust me, they're nuts.</p>   |
| <p><b>Pisces</b><br/>Feb. 22-Mar. 21<br/>Water • Mutable • Neptune<br/>"The Fish"</p>   | <p><b>Cancer</b><br/>Jun. 22-Jul. 21<br/>Water • Cardinal • The Moon<br/>"The Crab"</p>   | <p><b>Scorpio</b><br/>Oct. 22-Nov. 21<br/>Water • Fixed • Pluto<br/>"The Scorpion"</p>  |
| <p>Pisces, you are finally free. You are free from lockdown and free in every other way your heart desires. Damaging words reach your ears after a disagreement over a neighbour's pet. Damaging poo will be flung back across the garden fence if the issue is not resolved within the next few weeks. The feeling in the pit of your stomach is going to explode at noon one day this month, or sometime afterwards, or you may just have gas.</p>  | <p>This month, the stars want you to know that if you're super burnt out from staring at your laptop screen for the better part of every day, they support you in throwing your computer away. It's a reasonable solution. Plus, with your computer gone, you will no longer be obligated to log into Zoom just to stare at black boxes with your work mates' names on them. Maybe you could use your newfound free time to take up a cool, springtime hobby. Boring, I know!</p> | <p>We having a saying here in the Moutere, 'Kill a man and he's dead. Teach a man to fight and he can kill stuff,' or maybe we don't. I might have made that up. Shame on me.</p> <p>You may be seeing this that aren't there. This is because you have been on the razzle for three nights running. You're not getting any younger. Aim to drink at least 10-15 litres of water a day, but make sure you don't stray far from a toilet.</p>  |
| <p><b>Aries</b><br/>Mar. 22-Apr. 21<br/>Fire • Cardinal • Mars<br/>"The Ram"</p>  | <p><b>Leo</b><br/>Jul. 22-Aug. 21<br/>Fire • Fixed • The Sun<br/>"The Lion"</p>   | <p><b>Sagittarius</b><br/>Nov. 22-Dec. 21<br/>Fire • Mutable • Jupiter<br/>"The Archer"</p>   |
| <p>I sense a feeling of delight in you. As a fella once said, 'Ain't that a kick in the head.' Not that you'll be kicked in the head, it's a metaphor. I mean, hell, for all I know you are going to get kicked in the head, so maybe just wear a helmet for the rest of the month.</p> <p>It's a good time to pray to false gods. You may become friends with a self-proclaimed tribal warrior, called Alf. I've met him, he's a good dancer.</p> <p><i>By Claire Voyant and Chrystal Ball</i></p> | <p>The world moves pretty fast around you and you must learn to slow it down to a reasonable pace. Much of this can be done with a good night's sleep.</p> <p>Butter your bread on both sides so that if the bread falls, you'll be screwed no matter what. It may be easier to make a toasted sandwich. Put onions in it. They are an aphrodisiac, ya know! Just ask Sagittarius.</p>  | <p>Sagittarius, you are my favourite. Can I call you Sage? I feel like we've bonded. Do you like cats? I always thought cats as evil creatures who stare at you as if you've just walked into church late for the fourth Sunday in a row? Don't get me wrong, I like cats, especially the black ones. If I had one, I'd call it Felix. Oh sorry, here I am prattling on about cats when you're in imminent mortal danger! Now, read this carefully: you're going to need all the help you can get if you are to survive this month. Sorry, I've run out of space now to tell you all the details, but it is absolutely imperative that you immediately go to—</p> |





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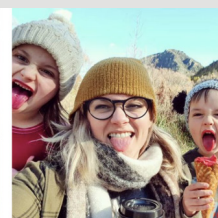


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*Kind Regards Katrina, Adele, Keith, Cindus*

## TAKE OUR HISTORY INTO THE FUTURE!

Unfortunately our September meeting had to be postponed due to the recent lockdown and subsequent alert level changes. This has now been rescheduled for:



**Thursday 4 November  
1pm**



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Afternoon tea to follow the talk. All welcome!

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NEW DATE

**Thursday 28 October at 7pm**

### AGENDA:

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of 2020 AGM and matters arising
- 3) Annual Report
- 4) Financial Accounts year ended 30 June 2021
- 5) Appointment of Auditor
- 6) Election of Board Members - Board Member nominees must be a resident in the wider Moutere Hills area. Nominations close on Monday 25 October at 3pm. Board Member nomination forms are available from the MHCC Secretary, Mark Simpson, phone 027 3095227 or email mark.simpson3368@xtra.co.nz
- 7) General Business - The following motion has been put forward: *"That the MHCC fully reinstate the "clubroom" /ex Rangers kitchen , to be the family room as it was up until mid 2020 , and give priority over its usage to the Upper Moutere Playgroup "*.



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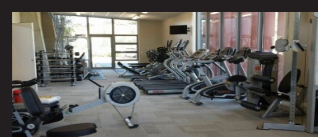
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# Taking Flight

(storystarter from [pobble365.com](https://pobble365.com))

*It was a calm morning. There was a slight ripple on the surface of the blue water, caused by a whispering westerly wind that whipped across the bay.*

*A hungry heron hopped happily along a floating log, waiting for its moment to strike. Any second now, it would sink its sharp, saber-like beak into the salty water, hoping to pluck an unsuspecting victim from beneath the surface...*

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*Splash! Plucking out the panicking cod, the heron started to the sky, only to come plummeting down to the ground again, surprised by the unexpected weight of the fish. Irritated, the heron tried jerking up its head to call the rest of its flock for help, only to once more have its head dragged down. Furious, the heron tried to drop the cod, but annoyingly, the fish was stuck to its long beak.*

*Losing its temper, the heron struck its head on the log it was perched on. SNAP! As the irritating fish came off its beak, the heron tried rising to the sky, only to be dismayed by the fact that its wings were soaking. Clambering onto the soggy bank of the river, the heron let itself collapse onto the sand, uncomfortable at the fact that its wings felt greasy from the sand stuck in its feathers.*

*Looking up to the sky, the heron felt a pang of loneliness as it realized that the rest of the flock had flown out without it. As the heron's hope started to vanish, a squawk came from the sky.*

*Looking up, the heron felt happiness light up inside it. Another heron had been left behind! Excited, the heron lifted to the sky, its tiredness forgotten. The other heron squawked with delight, and the two birds flew off together.*

By Linnea  
9 years old  
Upper Moutere School



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# Shepherdess

Nā Te Wāhine, Mō Te Wheua, From the Women for the Land.

Have you been lucky enough to catch up with Shepherdess magazine? The 6th edition – Winter 2021 has not long hit the letterboxes.

The launch of a printed publication is an anomaly in lives occupied by digital media. Yet, it's much more of an experience. Receiving a magazine that you treasure in your letterbox is a real treat. On goes the kettle, as you settle down to read. It's to be pored over, gently flicked through, savoured. It's an offering to our most precious resource: our time.

What inspired me to spread the word was when I was browsing through the current edition and found again that there were 2 women from our Moutere area starred. An awesome article about the amazing things that Hilary Williams of Kelling Road has developed in her work with those adjusting their lives to living with Parkinsons and such like conditions. She runs 'Move Good Now' - fun fitness classes for those with limited mobility, to engage the body and the brain from her Moutere Shed in Kelling Road – a dedicated space for “safe and effective exercise for shaky bodies”.

And then – a few pages further in, a brief article about Tanya Doty's Danish inspired Heartstone Baskets – telling the country they can be purchased at Te Papa – but we all know we can also find them right here in Upper Moutere at the Old Post Office – along with Tanya herself serving coffee there a couple of days a week.

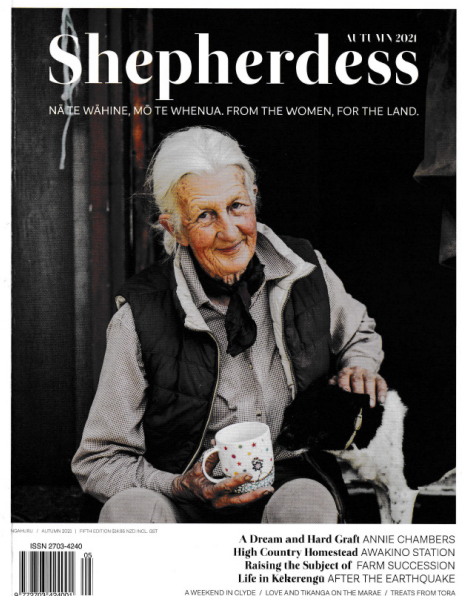
These are not the first times that Upper Moutere has been mentioned in this inspiring magazine – Anna Had-don and the Kai Collective featured last year, and then there was one of our artists Fleur Woods in the very first edition last year.

The magazine is more than 100 pages long, it is filled with beautiful photographs and graphics, together with shortish well written and interesting articles and features about what rural women are up to throughout Aotearoa. There have been women running shearing gangs, women teaching other women to hunt, artists, farmers, winemakers, women farming and fishing on the Chatham Islands, rural mothers, those who have made beautiful wedding dresses from fine wool, and those who have survived horrific experiences eg. going into early labour while physically trapped

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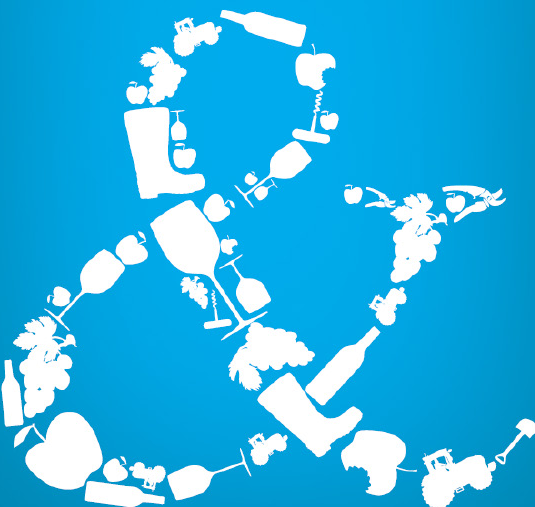
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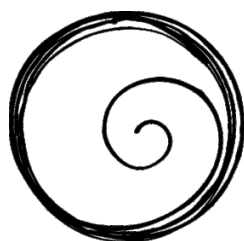


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# Rest now, e Papatūānuku

*A poem by Ngāti Hine/Ngāpuhi writer Nadine Anne Hura*

Rest now, e Papatūānuku

Breathe easy and settle

Right here where you are

We'll not move upon you

For awhile

We'll stop, we'll cease

We'll slow down and stay home

Draw each other close and be kind

Kinder than we've ever been.

I wish we could say we were doing it for you

as much as ourselves

But hei aha

We're doing it anyway

It's right. It's time.

Time to return

Time to remember

Time to listen and forgive

Time to withhold judgment

Time to cry

Time to think

About others

Remove our shoes

Press hands to soil

Sift grains between fingers

Gentle palms

Time to plant

Time to wait

Time to notice

To whom we belong

For now it's just you

And the wind

And the forests and the oceans and the sky full of rain

Finally, it's raining!

Ka turuturu te wai kamo o Rangi ki runga i a koe

Embrace it

This sacrifice of solitude we have carved out for you

He iti noaiho – a small offering

People always said it wasn't possible

To ground flights and stay home and stop our habits of consumption

But it was

It always was.

We were just afraid of how much it was going to hurt

– and it IS hurting and it will hurt and continue to hurt

But not as much as you have been hurt.

So be still now

Wrap your hills around our absence

Loosen the concrete belt cinched tight at your waist

Rest.

Breathe.

Recover.

Heal –

And we will do the same.



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