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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Michael and Jackie at the café's conveyor belt counter

Hidden Treasure

A school, a community hall, a house, a home, a bed and breakfast. – it's an intriguing history for one building in Neudorf Rd. Today the property is also home to an impressive gallery, full of treasures created by owners Mike MacMillan and Jackie Crow.

Their home, the original building, was built in 1870 as a school which lasted until 1910, then later it became the community hall. Sold, somewhat decrepit, in 2003 to a private buyer the funds went towards the new Community Centre. Converting the building into a house was a challenging project for the new owner. Two and a half years of work, which included importing an English bricklayer paid off in the end when the building won a NZ Architectural Award for roof design.

Michael and Jackie purchased the property in 2008, moving from the Marlborough Sounds. They planted totara hedges from Moutere seedlings and have retained the original totara fence around most of the property. A 180-year-old oak tree planted by early settlers has grown around the posts and this tree now has the biggest girth of any in the Nelson region. It is famous among tree lovers, many of whom call in to give it a hug!

From a long line of very creative people – his grandmother was a pioneer potter in Christchurch and the first woman to build and fire a kiln – Michael is well known for his pottery and sculpture. Since moving to the Moutere he has focused on sculpture but has also added French Oak

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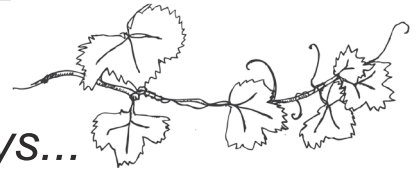
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Grapevine Says...



Thank you to everyone who attended the Moutere Artisans' Day, what a great day it proved to be! A big thank you to the artisans who opened their doors to the public, what a great way to showcase the talent and creativity of the community.

For more local news, a Facebook Group 'Upper Moutere Community' has been created, feel free to drop by to see what is happening locally.

If you're hunting for an old Grapevine issue, back copies of the can be found on the Moutere Hills Community Centre website:
<https://www.mouterehills.org.nz/community/>

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Lastly we wish all our readers a meri kirihimete and a very happy festive season. This issue will cover December / January; we'll see you back in February for more local news!

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homewares made out of barrels from neighbouring Neudorf vineyard. He loves to re-purpose old stuff and thinks 'outside the square' with what to create. Materials are sourced locally and include old ploughs, wool presses, barbed wire, even grape prunings are fashioned into vine trees and wreaths.

At first their gallery was a small room in their home, now it is a beautiful rustic barn with two gallery spaces, built nine years ago above the main house. During the build they used an old hop conveyor belt, borrowed from a neighbour to transport terracotta tiles to the roof. The neighbour didn't want it back and it now has a new life as the counter of the café, a great example of local history treasured. Another is an old wool press made into a coffee table. The gallery showcases Michael's sculpture and bronzes, Jackie's photography, a wide variety of the French oak creations, take out coffee, plus artwork and produce by other lo-

cal artisans. There's also some carefully selected imported homewares, brought in to fill gaps when they can't keep up with demand for the more time-consuming handcrafted items.

The gallery is set amongst beautifully landscaped grounds, testament to the many hours this hardworking couple have put in over the years to develop their property and make it a place for others to share.

Before the dreaded C-word (Covid) changed the world, about 85% of Michael and Jackie's business came from international travelers. Many clients stayed in the house which they ran as a B & B initially (whilst setting up the gallery), others would come on tour buses or from nearby lodges. It has been a difficult time, mitigated only by some commissioned work, and the increase in Kiwi travellers rediscovering NZ and taking the time to experience local talent. While the recent Moutere Artisans day was a success, for some

reason they have never had much in the way of local custom. Yet the gallery is full of locally made items, and locals are always welcome. Is there a perception that only big ticket, big prices items can be found here? It's pleasantly surprising to find a lovely range of appealing, affordable items – cheese boards, kitchen tools, soap, cheese knives, honey, even bagged produce from their bountiful garden – surely something for everyone.

Looking to the future, Michael would like to see more cottage industries in Neudorf Rd, and to see existing ones open their doors to the public – like a wine trail, only much more diverse! He also would like to bring to fruition plans to build a boutique accommodation unit and a helipad – a sure sign of faith that the international travelers in search of some Moutere treasures will be back.



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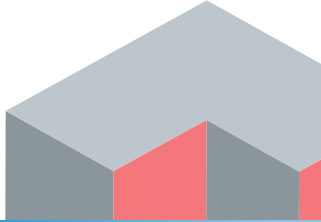
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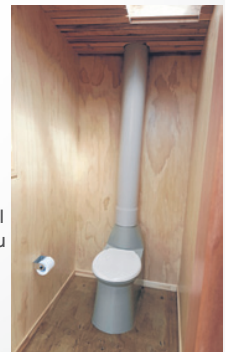


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Programmes giving students an extra boost to finish 2021

With the year being another curve-ball for students, it's been great to enable them to finish on a high with our series of Emergency & Response camps offered with the support of Trades Academy funding. The camps were offered to local secondary schools, offered a number of NCEA credits with a break from the classroom and the chance to head into the outdoors and learn how to respond in emergency situations - great skills for life!

Macpac support gets students ready to #weatheranything

Thanks to the awesome team at Macpac, as recipients of the Fund for Good we have been able to gear our students up for their adventures! A big part of our programmes is teaching self-management and being prepared for the outdoors. They may not be the most glamorous item of outdoor kit, but thermals are a first line of defence against the cold & a necessary pack item. With the addition of new packs and tents our Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award students from Waimea were well kitted out - thank you Macpac!

Keen to develop your leadership potential?

Whenua Iti have are running **Adventure Skills Development (12-20 Jan)** for 16-18yr olds this summer. The programme builds your adventure leadership skills across different activities with the bonus of earning 15 NCEA Level 3 credits. You can also count this towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Why not apply to the Tasman District Council or Nelson City Council for a Youth Leadership Grant to help fund your application? Head to www.wio.org.nz to book.

Thank you UMO Fire Brigade!

As a thank you for the awesome support we get from our local fire crew to run our Uniformed Services Trades Programmes, we shouted the members of the UMO Fire Brigade a high ropes session - great to have you here team! It's always a highlight for our students being able to work with such an awesome group of local volunteers and you are inspiring lots of future community firefighters.

Covid-19 Response at Whenua Iti

We are fielding lots of questions at the moment as schools adapt to the changing requirements around the vaccination order. We are committed to doing all we can to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, contractors, parent volunteers and visitors to our site and our programmes. We have created a page on our website to answer common questions and outline our response which we will keep updated. There is a link from our homepage. Noho ora mai.

Celebrating 35 years of Whenua Iti Outdoors!

We are 35 years old in December, and are very excited to have our founder, Hazel Nash, back in the region to be part of our celebrations. Hazel gifted the land on which Whenua Iti has been built, hence our name 'Whenua Iti' which translates to 'small piece of land'. She is truly a remarkable woman and we are so excited to have her here. Nau mai haere mai, nau mai hoki mae Hazel.



Students testing their navigation skills on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award journey



UMO Volunteer Firefighters have an evening hanging out with us at Whenua Iti!

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As another year rolls through the Mouere Kai Collective are gearing up for a series of cook-ups to fill our freezers for the summer ahead. Our new addition, the chicken pot pie has fast become a new favourite and we'll be restocking that alongside our other two most popular meals - the beef cottage pie and our vegetarian macaroni cheese.

In what has been a strange and unsettling few years for a lot of us. It is always so gratifying to get into the kitchen with a great bunch of people with big hearts and aroha to share with their community. Food is our love language at the Kai Collective and we're overflowing with it! A suggestion from one of our lovely volunteers was 'if you're feeling disillusioned and disconnected, simply roll up your sleeves and start doing something positive! It'll make a world of difference to you first, and then to others'.

For those new to the Kai Collective concept, we're a group of locals who get together every 6 weeks or so, to produce nourishing meals for our community. We then encourage locals to come and collect the meals and gift them on to their neighbour, friend, or a family member who may be in need of a little support. As always, our frozen meals can be collected by anyone, from the public-access freezer located in the foyer of the Mouere Hills Community Centre. We also supply the Motueka Maternity Unit and various other community out-reach locations with our frozen meals. We're entirely volunteer co-ordinated and run.

How do I use the Kai Collective?

1. Identify someone in need of love and support
2. Collect a meal or two from MHCC (also available from Country Kids, the Church Hall)
3. Deliver the meal to your friend and make the world a little kinder...

How can I help the Kai Collective?

- By gifting our meals out into our community.
- Donate to help support our food costs: NBS 03-1354-0423793-00
- Volunteer, by joining our Facebook group 'The Mouere Kai Collective' or email Anna - haddonanna@gmail.com



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Want to get in touch?

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December

Well we've made it to the end of 2021. It has been another memorable year to say the least. We hope most of you can have some well deserved R & R over the coming holiday season, to spend with family and good friends.

We would like to take this time to say thank you to all our members. We appreciate your continued support and believe in our revised mission statement that...

Inclusivity is key

Knowledge sharing across different industries can help us better learn and thrive.

All businesses in our region are welcome and can find support.

With the new directory launched earlier this year, our new look website and the new and improved map release this month, the committee has been kept busy. We are proud to continue our support and work with all our members within our beautiful region.

MDBA CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER, from 6pm @ Rimu Wine Bar on Māpua Wharf, for drinks, live music with Simon Lusby, nibbles and giveaways. RSVP 027 327 6010.



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Since onboarding in June this year it has been a privilege getting to know local members and the committee team with everyone being very welcoming. Extended thanks to the outgoing Chair, Patrick Stowe and Vice Chair Debbie Lavery for their commitment over the last four plus years. We have a great team moving into 2022 with Cheyenne Roche stepping up to the Vice Chair position, other new members are Taryn McFadden, Tracy Cleary, Stefan Wernli, Teena Jelsma and Robbie Mitchell as Treasurer.

The committee is looking forward to 2022 with new projects and ideas in new ways of networking and connecting with members. Your committee members have a wealth of knowledge and great skill sets between them. They are here to assist by way of support and innovative ideas, so reach out and use them. Till next year, on behalf of the committee, we wish you all a happy, relaxed and safe holiday season.

Cheers Richard Aitken, Cheyenne Roche & the MDBA Committee

NEED MORE LOCAL MAPS OR DIRECTORIES FOR THE SUMMER SEASON?

Contact Kirsten via email mdba@mapua.co.nz who will organise distribution to you.

NEW businesses that have joined the MDBA in 2021

Remember to keep supporting local businesses over the Summer months. From retail stores, tradies, galleries, vineyards, hospitality, service outlets around Mapua, Ruby Bay, Tasman & the Moutere regions. We all need each other and are stronger together. Some of the new businesses that have come on board this year are listed below. We look forward to supporting and connecting with you all. For those businesses working through, we hope it is a prosperous season for you all. See you in 2022.

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November update

A series of upcoming theoretical and practical workshops, will explore and explain the the topic of bio-dynamic farming to interested people who can then apply the principles to their own gardens. In the Hay Barn on the Motueka Steiner Farm School premises, 49 School Road, Lower Motuere, eight, monthly workshops around bio-dynamic principles will be led by experienced bio-dynamic practitioners from the NZ Bio-dynamic Association, funded by the Ke Teora Trust.

The first workshop was tutored by Gita Krennek from the NZ b-d Association on Saturday, November 13th. Gita, who lives in Golden Bay can look back on 30 years of experience with bio-dynamic farming and in her workshop “What are Biodynamics?”, she explained the difference between organic and bio-dynamic practices. She introduced all the plants necessary for the essential preparations for soil improvement and fertility, called prep (aration) 500 and prep 501, and for compost vitality, (preps 503 – 507). This knowledge was given by Rudolf Steiner in 1923 to a group of farmers in Austria, who had raised concerns about diminishing soil fertility. His suggestions have been taken up and are now applied by many horticulturists world-wide. The preparations can be applied in private gardens or farms and have already been implemented on the Motueka Farm School grounds bi-annually.

The concept of farm individuality and the relevance of this concept for farmers were introduced, and the essential features of the bio-dynamic planting calendar were explained. All these introductory topics will be picked up again and applied in later workshops. The afternoon of Gita’s workshop was focused on the practical steps to-

wards activating the beneficial qualities of prep(aration) 500, which require a longer process using the horns of lactating cows, filling them with slushy manure and placing them in the earth over winter, when the earth is most vital. Once the horns are taken out of the soil again, the content will have turned into earth. A small quantity of this horn manure will be added to a certain amount of warm water, depending on the size of land to be covered and then stirred by hand for 1 hour in a bucket, together with manure from the so-called cowpat pit, another concept that will be introduced in one of the next workshops, and then the preparation is spread on the land. The whole process required some active hands-on application from every workshop participant.

This day-workshop gave a general overview of bio-dynamics, questions from participants were invited and their experiences shared in the group. A lively atmosphere developed in the course of the day which, doubtless, will be taken up again in the next workshops.

Seven more monthly workshops on bio-dynamic practices are planned and will be advertised in the local paper or the Steiner School Newsletter. The next one is planned for December 11 and it will be led by Dieter Proebst, a long-time Demeter orchardist and experienced global presenter with many insights and suggestions. This time a walk on the land is planned to gain a closer understanding for the individual needs of farms on issues such as the spatial lay-out, land uses and vision for the farm? These considerations will lead to the question of how to develop and maintain soil fertility, and care requirements. Aspects of compost properties from a bio-dy-



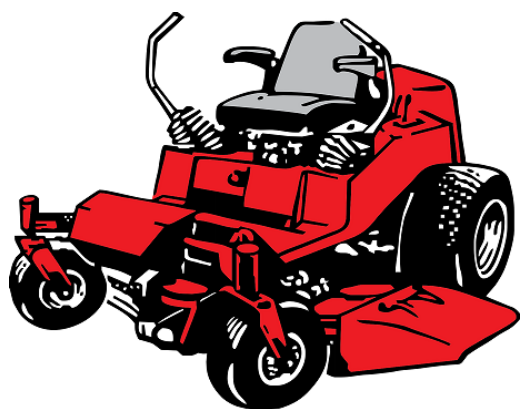
namic point of view will be presented. The different compost preparation plants and their benefits will be introduced, and the processes to prepare them for further use will be described in detail. Topics to be discussed will also include the best place for a compost pile, and the nearest water source and the quality of the water. These important considerations will assure your success in compost making.

In the afternoon, an actual compost pile will be set up together as a group activity.

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Club championships are well underway and the competitive members of the Club are eagerly contesting

matches in singles, pairs, triples and fours. The winners will go forward to the Champion of Champions events organised by Nelson Centre in the New Year.

Tournaments and competitions away from home are being well supported by our members. Being visible at other clubs is very positive and in return, Māpua gets plenty of support at our home tournaments.

The new covid restrictions concerning vaccinated and non-vaccinated

bowlers may well have an impact on the Club. A Special General Meeting has been called for Saturday 27th November when all members will be able to comment and decisions about the future running of the Club will be made.

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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The Making of a garden



My relationship with gardening began when I was a child, I dug my mother's flower garden making new beds, but didn't get a look-in with the vegetables as that seemed to be my brother's job. That was until I was 15 years old when my father suggested I grow some dwarf beans as one of my first financial projects, and so it began. Nowadays I mostly have enough organic veggies and fruit to last the year.

In April 2002 we moved from Richmond, with my mother, to what is now called 'Maple Grove', in the beautiful Moutere Valley. The main feature of the garden then was the very large liquid amber in its autumn glory. This was what clinched the deal for us to buy. The other features that sealed

the deal included the mature rhododendrons of the old garden near where once stood a house.

To the south of this remnant garden stood a new home with a raw landscape of clay, giving me the best of both worlds, large established trees and a very new patch to create a garden on. With no drawn plans, the garden evolved – with constant shifts and changes! Tis a wild garden with cottage plants like foxgloves, roses, and with my addiction to nurseries it's forever growing and developing.

The older established area has woodland garden and summer house, made mainly from recycled Christchurch bits and bobs, and this gives the grand-

children a secretive magical place to play before running to the fairy garden on the east side where the quirky plant lady lies in a bath tub.

There are large concrete mushrooms and a paver-pole, a fun project to create. The stream runs out of the duck pond, with weeping willows grown from small branches, and now colourful rhodos, iris, gunneras, and more. An old post boring auger stands tall, and when turned on water cascades down its steel turns and into the pond - just another quirky touch.

The garden shed has been taken over by the grandchildren, leaving one seat for grandma to rest in, not that there's much time for that! There are plenty



of seats around the 1.6 ha property, and even a day bed, but they don't get much use.

Pink roses ramble over the arch (made by my clever brother) and frame the paddocks beyond making lovely viewing from the sitting room.

When winter comes, I sometimes think why do I do this big garden and say "I'm going to down size - then spring hits, and it's like the choice is taken out of my hands, seeds are planted and the first vegetables go in the ground and away we go again....



Judy Stratford opens her lovely garden most years for the annual Motueka Garden Trail.

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<p>Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 21 Earth • Cardinal • Saturn "The Goat"</p> <p>Christmas is just around the corner, and you are frantically trying to think of the perfect gift for that someone special. I wouldn't bother if I were you. He's going to regift you the Secret Santa gift he got from work last year.</p> <p>Stop picking fights with small children and using far-fetched analogies to describe philosophical concepts. Take your medication, even though it's not legal.</p>	<p>Taurus Apr. 22-May 21 Earth • Fixed • Venus "The Bull"</p> <p>'Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la, la la la. Now that song is going to be stuck in your head all month! Sorry about that.</p> <p>It is indeed the season to be jolly, but it is NOT the season to drink at the workplace holiday party. Remember what happened last year? No, you don't. That's the problem. It's still funny, sure, but definitely not to be repeated. I'm serious! You fell asleep on the boss' desk.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug. 22-Sep. 21 Earth • Mutable • Mercury "The Virgin"</p> <p>As one of the most resourceful signs of the zodiac, you have all the skills necessary to weather any storm, except for the one that's currently approaching. We're about to embark on an astrological apocalypse, which isn't actually a thing, but what do I care? I'm not even an astrologer. I'm grasping at straws. Like everyone else in this community, I'm scrambling to find ways to monetise my hobbies, so I don't have to work for a living. Are you still reading this? Want to know what the stars have to say about your finances? It's not looking good.</p>
<p>Aquarius Jan. 22-Feb. 21 Air • Fixed • Uranus "The Water Bearer"</p> <p>Surprise, surprise, the stars are not in your favour this month. Don't ask me what that means. I don't know. I do know that your Secret Santa is getting you socks. It's not because you love socks, it's because people genuinely think that this is a gift you would enjoy. Why don't you spice things up a bit this month, and roll up to work one day wearing a monocle or a top hat. Maybe include a foam finger in one hand. Nobody will think you're cool for doing this, but at least maybe they'll get you something other than socks.</p>	<p>Gemini May 22-Jun. 21 Air • Mutable • Mercury "The Twins"</p> <p>Oh dear, Gemini, you've had your Christmas decorations up since last month. It looks perfect, albeit a bit like Pinterest and Etsy made hot love to one another and came over to your house. You've got mason jars wrapped in write string lights that are so adorable, they have erased COVID-19 from existence. You have a real pine tree, adorned with ridiculously cute ornaments. You don't need to do another single thing this month, you have done enough already, and it only cost you \$3,000.</p>	<p>Libra Sep. 22-Oct. 21 Air • Cardinal • Venus "The Scales"</p> <p>Well, everyone knows that you're a notorious devil-worshipper. You tend to feel left out during the holidays, because you praise Satan, who does not have a birthday to commercialise. I understand what you're going through, but please don't let this feeling of loneliness stop you from doing what you do best: sacrificing various farm animals in the name of the Dark Lord. Stay true to you. Don't feel pressured to sing a carol or wear a stupid red hat. Your clothing and music must remain as dark as your soul.</p>
<p>Pisces Feb. 22-Mar. 21 Water • Mutable • Neptune "The Fish"</p> <p>You're an awful singer. When your friends say you remind them of Christina Aguilera, they mean to say that you're a deeply narcissistic shell of a human. They are not at all referring to the sound of your hideous voice. Stop trying to make karaoke happen. Everyone just wants to have a nice meal, without hearing your over-the-top version of <i>Baby It's Cold Outside</i>.</p>	<p>Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 21 Water • Cardinal • The Moon "The Crab"</p> <p>You like to know what's going on in the lives of everyone in the community; however, you tend not know what's going on in your own. If you are lucky, your friends will tell you. You only get dressed because you must, and your fashion sense can only be described as erratic.</p> <p>Whether you know it or not, you were born with an exceptional talent for cross-stitch. This trait is not gender specific.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct. 22-Nov. 21 Water • Fixed • Pluto "The Scorpion"</p> <p>Scorpio, your questionable health has been maintained through a steady diet of fish and chips and beer; however, you have been imbibing a great deal of Gaviscon to confuse your numerous ulcers.</p> <p>You have given up all hope, which is really for the best. You don't have a New Year's Resolution. You don't need anything to be different. This is your destiny.</p>
<p>Aries Mar. 22-Apr. 21 Fire • Cardinal • Mars "The Ram"</p> <p>Aries, I honestly didn't think you were going to make it through 2020, so well done. The fact that you made it this far is a sign that the stars are on your side. Maybe when Santa hurries down the chimney, he'll deliver some optimism. Is that too much to ask? You can but dream.</p>	<p>Leo Jul. 22-Aug. 21 Fire • Fixed • The Sun "The Lion"</p> <p>You seem pretty emotional lately, even for a Leo. You are a sensitive creature who needs coaxing to come out of your shell. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen, at least not this month. Just remember that you're not alone—well, at least metaphorically. Have you thought about adopting a pet? I know your sourdough starter is technically a living organism, but it won't love you back.</p>	<p>Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Fire • Mutable • Jupiter "The Archer"</p> <p>Feeling a little lonely lately? If you're single, there's a good chance you'll stay that way for the immediate future. If you're in a relationship, good luck with that - everyone I know is breaking up. On the bright side, a medical breakthrough on the horizon might make it easier for you to navigate society. The bad news: you're probably last in line for it.</p>



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We must also acknowledge all the great work our wonderful team of social sports volunteers do. Two of these volunteers are Jislaine and Rafael who run our volleyball and basketball groups. The basketball group have been extremely proactive in fundraising to get an outdoor hoop installed. This will be located on the public court and will share the space with Tennis. This initiative seems to be well supported by the community and we wish to thank you all for your feedback on this.

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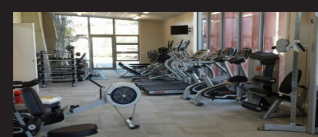
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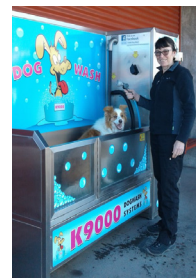


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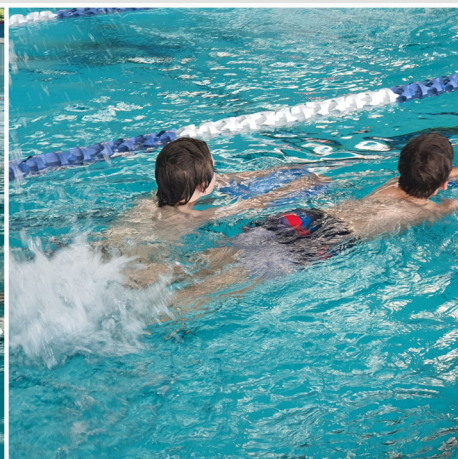
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After cleaning the office my family would normally go for an ice cream together at the Mapua four-square, and we were doing just that. But as we approached the self-censored doors, I noticed one of my favourite foods in a basket usually used for low price items, so I flicked a glance at the price-tag. "Avocados and only one dollar each!" I exclaimed realising the whole store probably heard me. "Whoops," I mumbled quietly as the embarrassment set in. I eventually shrugged it off, turning to my mum.

"Hey mum, you wouldn't have a spare dollar, would you?" I said with a cheeky look on my face.

"Um yeah, but how are you going to eat it?" she said, chuckling while

waiting for my response. "You don't worry about that," I responded thinking about it.

I didn't end up getting an ice cream since I got the avocado instead. So as everyone ate their ice cream, I ate my avocado. It was delicious!

But once I was done with it, I didn't want to just throw it away. So, I waited until we got home, I washed the pit and decided to search up "What can you do with an avocado seed?" I then stumbled upon a video by "Brad Canning" which led me to try and grow an avocado plant.

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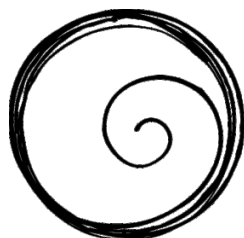
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Plumber	My Personal Plumber - Alex Bint	027 542 4329 AH: 0800 444 343
Property Maintenance	Rod Dohrman	027 433 3048
Property Management	Harcourts - Sian Potts	0272 968 345
Pub/Restaurant	The Moutere Inn	03 543 2759
Real Estate	Bayleys - Matt Galvin	027 768 6288
Real Estate	PGG Wrightson - Doug Smith	027 543 2280
Recreation Centre	Moutere Hills Community Centre	03 543 2516
Scaffolding	Tasman Bay Scaffolding Ltd	021 436 832
Social Club	Beryl or Shirley	03 543 2122/03 543 2438
Spraying	Endurance Spraying - Pete Hughes	021 194 2654
Tiling	Tile it - Tom	021 048 5649 AH: 03 5432644
Vet	Town & Country Vet	03 544 1200
Water	Water Filtration & Pumps Frans	0275 281 366
Water	Complete Water Solutions	03 528 0040
Winery	Gravity Winery Cellar Door	03 543 2817
WOF	Motueka Vehicle Testing Station - no booking required	25 Huffam Street
Youth Group	Tessa Werner	022 101 2276