

# The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mike and Nathan at the farm, with the old ledger book

# Passing the torch

Mike Teece has had his Red Bands firmly planted on Upper Moutere clay for as long as he can remember.

He grew up on his father's farm, and from an early age had a love for stock and tractor work. His early memories include telling his father to cultivate new paddocks so he could spend more time on the tractor, which he learnt to drive at the age of 6 or 7, and skipping school to help with lambing because his father's hands were too big for the job.

Mike never liked school, left as soon as he was fifteen, and after a stint working on a farm in Marlborough and another

in Masterton, he set off to see the world. At first it was Australia, working in the mines and railways, then a year in Asia – which Mike reckons taught him more than all his years of school – and then on to Europe and England.

In 1981, after seven years abroad he headed home for a holiday to find that his father had had enough of farming and wanted to retire. Tradition meant that his older brother was offered the farm first, but he declined, and Mike was next. At first reluctant – he still had itchy feet – but his love of farming won and in spite of some trepidation about borrowing the money he decided to go

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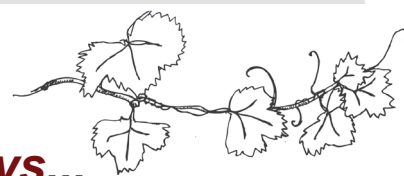
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## Grapevine Says...

The last week or two seem to have been particularly beautiful ones as we move about the Moutere – so many rich colours in the maple, oak, ash and liquidambar ..... It struck me that we should all be offering appreciation and thanks to the many folk who over the years have had the foresight to plant these beautiful trees where we can all appreciate them. Thank you for your gorgeous road-line and paddock plantings – may you get great joy from them as well. We are also mindful of those in our community who have suffered damage and loss from the recent tornado – for most of us it was a dramatic few minutes with torrential rain and a few things flying about, but for those of you who lost roofs, sheds, equipment and orchards – kia kaha – our thoughts are with you as you work through the recovery stage.

Thanks for your feedback regarding last months Upper Moutere 'Public Toilet' discussion, your comments below...

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## Letters to the editor...

### In reply to 'Grapevine Says' Public Toilet discussion, April 2023

*Hi Grapevine - I support the idea of public toilets in UM village. I think they should be permanent and not portable toilets. They could even be a feature like the ones in Wakefield! As for location I have no firm ideas at present but somewhere handy to store/garage/Olde Post Office would be good. If TDC won't help with costs then I think the local community would be supportive of a "crowd funding" exercise. Just remember the good level of community support the Community Hall received.*

*- Martin Douglass*

### More to discuss following April's edition

- Yes, to toilet in Upper Moutere Village (check out the Brightwater one).
  - TDC should claim their road reserve (from subdivided land) giving more parking from the Pub to opposite the Church.
  - A survey is required for cellphone / internet coverage in Neudorf, Blackbird Valley, and into Rosedale and Dovedale Valleys.
- Anonymous*



for it. He got married the same year and set about changing farming practices to increase viability to service his mortgage. There was a near disastrous foray into growing green tea, it turned out that climatic conditions and the high UV level did not suit the crop, so he went into apples and blackcurrants, along with running sheep and cattle.

Along with the busy farm and family life – Mike and his wife had three children – Mike played rugby until he was fifty, assisted with community events and spent ten years in the Fire Brigade. Over the years they travelled some more, to Australia and further afield, sometimes with the children, sometimes without.

The farm property itself has been in the family for some 130 years, so the roots go deep. It was originally purchased by Mike's great grandfather Charles in the 1880's, and passed down through the generations, to grandfather Fred and father Tom, before Mike. The family still have an old leather-bound ledger book which dates back to 1888 and contains handwritten records of trading deals – for example salt for sheep-

skins – and it is a fascinating historical record. The original trading post was a two-storey shed on the farm, which sadly burnt down in 1990, one year before a planned centennial celebration. The size of the landholding has reduced over the years, and the original homestead was rebuilt in 1968, as it was more economic than re-piling and re-roofing the old house. Interestingly the new dwelling cost \$14,000 for 250 square metres!

Mike thought he would never leave Upper Moutere, until a spur of the moment decision about eighteen months ago saw him purchase a beachfront house in Parapara, and the transplant process began! He and his partner Rachel now live in Golden Bay permanently, and in a continuation of the family tradition he has just sold the Upper Moutere farm property to son Nathan and his partner Lenya. They live there and plan to use it as a base for their wider farming operation – a fifth generation of Teecees in Wills Rd! Nathan and Lenya have two young sons, who also love farming so it may continue for many years yet....



Jack

These days Mike spends his time walking, talking, biking, playing badminton, and fishing – in the past he's enjoyed fishing and is loving the freedom of owning his own boat, albeit a learning curve! He's becoming more involved in the Golden Bay community thanks to being part of the Lions and other groups.

And the Red Bands are covered in sand, or he's likely barefoot in true Golden Bay style!

## Help Stacey shine

Stacey Whale, a renowned jewellery artist in the Upper Moutere Village, has been selected to participate in the esteemed XIV Florence Biennale 2023 exhibition of contemporary art and design, to be held in Florence, Italy. This presents an incredible opportunity for Stacey to showcase her work on an international platform and compete for the prestigious 'Leonardo da Vinci Design Award.'

Stacey's exhibition will feature a beautiful piece of wearable art - an intricate collar crafted in yellow gold and white diamonds. To attend this 9-day event in October, Stacey is seeking financial assistance through Boosted, the only crowdfunding platform in New Zealand dedicated to supporting local art.

Although this is a significant accomplishment for Stacey, she cannot achieve it alone. She needs your help to cover the costs associated with the exhibition, including travel, accommodation, related expenses, and the production costs of her masterpiece.

By contributing to her project, you can become a part of her exciting journey, help her develop her artistry and brand, and



move her business forward while also assisting her in realising her dream. Furthermore, your contribution will play a critical role in promoting New Zealand's contemporary art and design on an international level.

To find out more or donate, please visit the crowdfunding 'BOOSTED' website at <https://www.boosted.org.nz/projects/florence-biennale-exhibition-italy> or scan the QR code, which will take you straight to the BOOSTED Campaign Page. You can also visit Stacey's website at [www.staceywhale.com](http://www.staceywhale.com).



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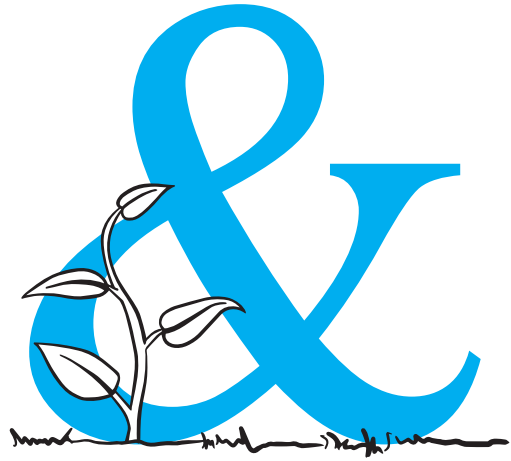
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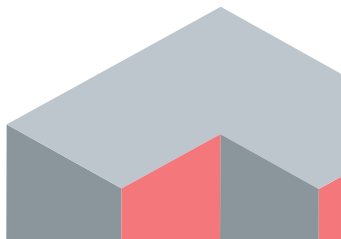
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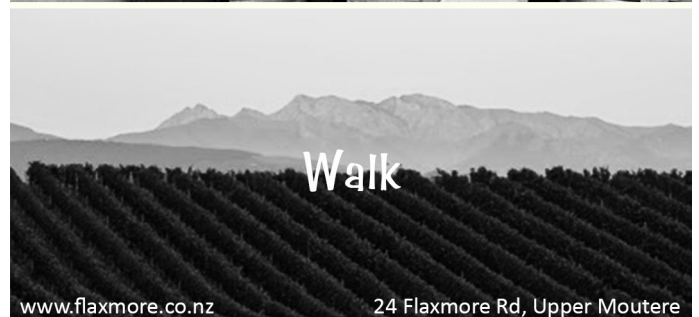
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### MHCC Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday 9:00am—8:00pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am—4:00pm

## Create and Connect

Come along to our **create and connect** evening, a fun night out for anyone in our community to discover your artistic side in a **supportive** environment!

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*Kind Regards Katrina, Keith, Josh and Cindus*

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## Community Sharing Table

A sharing table has been set up in the Centre foyer. If you have excess produce to share it can be left for others to enjoy!

**TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU DON'T!**

## Book Swap

A book stand has been set up in the Centre foyer with books that you are welcome to borrow.  
Thanks to Sarau Trust for supporting this initiative.



## Social Basketball

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## 2. Beuke Bush Walkway

In April, supporters of the Beuke Bush Walkway gathered at the Moutere Inn to discuss 'where to next' with development of the Beuke Bush carpark and track. There was a great turn out of local experts and friends of the Beuke Bush; thank you everyone for your contributions.

We're at the stage of pulling together materials for the carpark on Rosedale Road. If you have a post driver and can operate one, please contact Martin: 03 543 2322 or [martindouglass1954@gmail.com](mailto:martindouglass1954@gmail.com). We're also in need of a small gate for the entrance to the creek track. If you have one that you would like to donate, it needs to be 1.2m high and approx 1.3-1.5m wide, sturdy, and easy to hang, please contact Martin.

If you would like to offer your time towards trapping or weeding, or for any monetary donations, please contact Ruth Beuke: [beukebush@gmail.com](mailto:beukebush@gmail.com). This is until we have a page on the Tasman Environmental Trust up and running for these [www.tet.org.nz](http://www.tet.org.nz).



*Tramping with kids on the Flora Track*

## 3. Friends of Flora



### FRIENDS OF FLORA Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
6:30pm**

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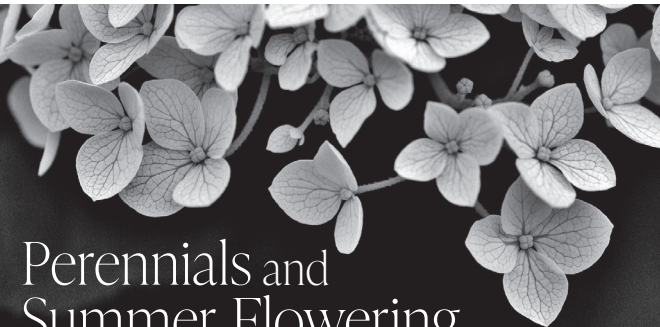
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*Callouts for the month of March 2023*

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### May 2023

The official start of Winter has arrived. For some it is a great time of year to take stock, slow down and enjoy some time working on their business and planning for the next chapter.

It was great to see so many visitors to the Mapua Fair on Easter Sunday. A fantastic event for our district. A big shout out to the Mapua School and all the volunteers. The crowds were huge and the positive vibes were great to see. The Mapua tornado certainly gave us a reminder of the power of mother nature. Amazing to see all the locals rallying to help in the aftermath. A big thanks to the first responders and the teams from Delta, Network Tasman, Treescape and the like.

### April Lunch & Learn, Business Resilience

It was a great discussion with the panel and members engaging in some thought provoking and helpful advice to use and implement.

### Upcoming MDBA Events

Pencil in the below dates for our next events, further details will be on our social media pages and sent out via email to you all.

**16 May - Networking event.**

**7 June - Lunch & Learn in collaboration with Business Assist.**

*Till next month, cheers from the MDBA.*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING - FROM THE COMMITTEE

You may have noticed a few updates with the MDBA website, there is more information available for you to access. New members can now sign up online, simply follow this link <https://www.mapua.co.nz/application-form/> making it even easier to connect with like minded local business people.

### MDBA FREE MAP 2023 OUT SOON

This is underway with sales for ads for the new map selling fast which was fantastic. We are excited to have the updated map out in the region all going well by late May/early June. You can keep up to date with the progress on the map via this link also found on the MDBA website <https://www.mapua.co.nz/free-tourist-map>.

### NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME ABOARD...

A warm welcome to our newest members,  
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**Elaine from Upgrade Pilates Studio find her on social media.**

### FEEDBACK WANTED

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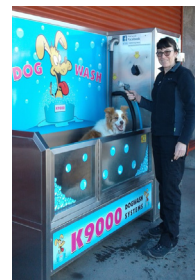
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# Our latest news & adventures

## Congratulations to Ignite Programme Graduates!

For their final journey as part of the Ignite Programme, Year 11 students from Motueka High School spent a week based at Te Tai Poutini (the West Coast). Their week included caving and white water rafting! Thanks to a generous local funder, we run the Ignite Programme with Motueka High School to support the development of selected students across 3 years of adventure-based learning. What an opportunity!!

## Team bonding at its finest!

Some of the staff here at Whenua Iti took part in the recent Hoe Wero Whakatū Marae Waka Ama club fundraiser at Tahunanui Beach. We had two teams of five in the 300m waka races and both teams made it into the finals! It was a beautiful day filled with teamwork out in the elements of te taiao.



Our Motueka High School Year 11 Ignite graduates on the final week of the programme in the beautiful Te Tai o Poutini!



## Tasman Mission

Last month Whenua Iti Outdoors had the pleasure of hosting the Tasman Mission event! The event was organised by TDC to bring tamariki from local primary schools together for a fun day of environmentally themed challenges. Ngā mihi to everyone involved in making it such a success.

## Secondary Programmes at WIO that earn NCEA credits

If you attend one of our local secondary schools, you are able to apply to attend one of the Trades Academy Programmes that will run for 4 x 1-week blocks across the second half of the year. They are a great way to take your learning outside, meet new people and build future employability skills. If you'd like to find out more, chat to your Trades Coordinator at school or check out:

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Whenua Iti staff celebrating their win at the Hoe Wero Whakatū Marae Waka Ama club fundraiser.

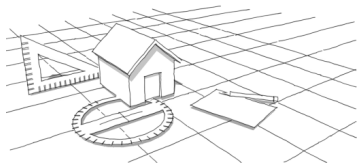
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# News from Māpua Bowls Club

## THE WRITE BIAS



Sadie

The tradition of holding a Ladies Friendship Day, or as it has come to be known, “Giggle Day”, was continued on Wednesday 29th March at Māpua Bowling Club.

A fancy dress theme had been set for the teams and the interpretation of “a song or movie title” went beyond imagination! Māpua was host to the Peaky Blinders, Wee Willie Winkie, the Pirates of the Caribbean and ET to name but a few.

As the ladies let their hair down, the Māpua men attempted to keep order out on the green and in the kitchen and bar. The day started with a glass of bubbly and concluded with bowls of ice cream via a lovely lunch of ham, quiche and mixed salads.

All eight rinks were in action with sixteen teams of triples. There was some conventional bowling along with plenty of crazy bowling challenges, spot prizes and penalties for any wrong bias of which there were a few. A bell was rung, all play stopped and the guilty party had to stand in the middle of the green to sing a nursery rhyme. Oh! The wrong bias shame! Arthur Win, MC for the day, aided and abetted by Dave Dillon managed to tot up the scores at the end of the day to find the three winning teams. Prizes were sponsored by two Māpua Club members, Dave and Sue England, and awarded as –

**First place:** Di Blanchet, Di McBride and Margie Dillon of Māpua

**Second Place:** Mary Orbell, Trish Campbell and Rae Peterson of Stoke

**Third Place:** Jean Daubney, Chris Green and Hilary Brown of Māpua

The prize for the best dressed team went to the “French Connection”, the ladies from Takaka Bowling Club.

All round it was a highly successful day and a whole lot of fun. Mention has to be made of greenkeeper, Ian Benbow who arrived as his alter ego, Sadie. Not only was Sadie responsible for a green in near perfect condition but also a lot of mischief with her feather duster.

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

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# Amanda Stilwell lifts heavy

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## EVENTS: NZ Landcare Trust



**Friday 5th May, 2023**

**1.30pm - 675 Tapawera-Baton Road, Tapawera**

Native revegetation field event on a local beef/cattle farm in Tapawera. Follow the signs from the road. Gum boots or other sturdy footwear are advised. Bring a raincoat as the event will continue unless it is extremely wet! This is a Motueka Catchment Collective Event. No registration required.

For further information [richkate73@gmail.com](mailto:richkate73@gmail.com)

- The processes of designing, implementing and maintaining large and small revegetation projects.

**Thursday 18th May, 2023**

**6.00 to 8.30pm - Motueka Library, Motueka**

Dinner provided.

You must register <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C2YR3NC>

- In this workshop lifestylers can learn more about environmental planning and come up with their own environmental plan. 100 trees per property available for those who complete an environmental plan.

**Thursday 25th May, 2023**

**6.00 to 8.00pm - Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere**

“Our Regenerative Future”

Please register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDGS267>

- Hawkes Bay Sheep and Beef farmer, Greg Hart, will outline his transition from traditional sheep and cattle farming to a more economic and biologically resilient farm.

**Late May / beginning of June**

- Identifying pest weeds and their impacts so you can prioritise actions.

### NELSON/TASMAN NATIVE TREE SUBSIDY

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There are several common diseases that occur in older cats resulting in weight loss. These are:

- Hyperthyroidism  
(= over-active thyroid gland)
- Kidney disease
- Diabetes

These diseases can be managed and enable our pets to live a good quality life. But left untreated, older cats have a poor quality of life and are likely to be euthanased earlier.

They can all be diagnosed quickly and easily with a blood test. And treatment can be as simple as popping a tablet into your pet's dinner. Some cases are more complicated however and require further tests and checkups along the way to keep your elderly cat well.

Unfortunately there are a lot of other diseases which cause cats to lose weight. Some can be treated with medicines or surgically, and others are untreatable. But it is much better for your pet to have a checkup and have the appropriate care and advice to give your pet the best quality of life for as long as they have left.

### Antibiotics

Just like human doctors, vets are being increasingly careful about antibiotic use to slow the development of antibiotic resistance. This is when bacteria become resistant to antibiotics so the antibiotic becomes useless. Antibiotic resistance is a problem for everyone as it is a threat to successful treatment of infections in all species including



humans. To protect our currently effective antibiotics we need to use them less frequently and only if really necessary alongside other strategies such as thoroughly cleaning wounds and preventing disease in the first place e.g. by vaccination. Nowadays there will be cases where we no longer prescribe antibiotics when in the past we did and there are several antibiotic groups that we can only use as a last resort and only after specific bacterial testing. Also if your pet (or you!) is prescribed antibiotics always make sure you give the whole course even if they seem better before it is finished – don't stop early and don't save any for another time!

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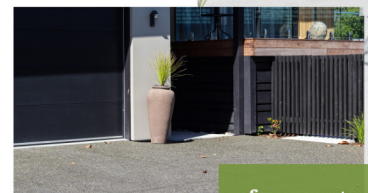
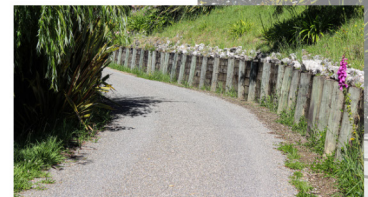
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