

The Grapevine

MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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Werner and Karen Bagen

Cram, cram, cram, every chink and cranny

Recently, whilst out walking in Blackbird Valley, we discovered a roadside stall selling, amongst other things, avocados and some unusual trees. Intrigued, we made contact with Werner and Karen Bagen - who kindly showed us around their amazing garden, which includes a huge number of lesser known trees and over 20 varieties of scented geraniums. The garden is an inspiring example of what can be done on a 2,500sqm piece of land.. Below is an account of the development of their section and of living in harmony with the environment.

We came from Blenheim 23 years ago looking for a small rural holding, where we could grow enough fruit and vegetables to become as self-sufficient as possible and to have a more balanced lifestyle. It took us nine months and a

lot of searching to find this property.

Our terraced garden is around 2,500 sqm and is functional and experimental rather than formally landscaped. We have around 70 trees, glasshouses, raised vegetable beds, berry cages and a scattering of herb and flower beds. Vita Sackville-West's approach to her famous garden at Sissinghurst, Kent, England was to "cram, cram, cram, every chink and cranny..." and that is certainly part of our garden philosophy. Some of the more uncommon plants that we grow are as follows:

Worcester Berries (a cross between a blackcurrant & gooseberry)
 Monarch Gooseberry (red)
 Tayberry (a cross between a blackberry & raspberry)

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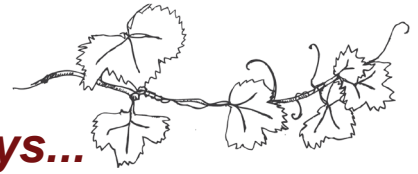
We warmly welcome contributions to The Grapevine from all residents in the Moutere and Tasman regions. You make the newsletter an interesting read! There is no cost for having your articles published if you are telling the community about a fundraising venture. However we do appreciate a donation from commercial ventures to help us cover our printing costs—see email address above to get bank details.

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Grapevine Says...



What an amazing July and start to August we have had this year – beautiful warm sunny, and excellent planting days for the over 80,000 plants which have been planted in the Moutere catchment this winter – that brings the total planted to an excess of 350,000 since the catchment group began 4 years ago, and is on top of the extensive personal planting many landowners have undertaken – Wow! Before many years pass – this Moutere catchment will look amazing and with that will return many of the native fish and bird life which has been sparse for so long. But – the funding is coming to an end. What do we want to do next?

Did you read in TDC Newline about “Put a spring in your step”? Hopefully some from the Moutere have organised a walk or two in this area for the October Festival. If you have – please let us at the Grapevine know (by 15 September) and we will publish it in the October Grapevine which will be delivered to your letterbox on 28 September.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles and notices this month - we appreciate you!

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Upper Moutere Tennis Club

FREE Junior Tennis Open Day

*Saturday, 16th September 2023,
10:30am - 11:30am*

Upper Moutere, Mahana, Lower Moutere, Dovedale, Ngatimoti & Tasman Schools

A fun hour of ball machine, games, free coaching, match play & prizes.

Two racquets will be given away on the day!

All students are welcome. See you there!

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Senior Tennis Open Day / AGM

*Saturday, 16th September 2023,
1:30pm - 4:00pm*

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 Avocado (our tree produced over 60 avocados this year!)
 Saffron
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We try to limit our use of non-organic sprays and mainly use natural materials, including seaweed, comfrey and fish to feed our plants. We make our own compost and supplement our

needs with Goldpine compost utilising their self-drive truck. Nothing is wasted from the garden: Karen freezes surplus vegetables and fruit, and makes chutney and jams.

We dabble occasionally in markets, mainly in the top of the south area, including the Ngatimoti Festival, Wakefield Fete and Garden Marlborough, where we sell plants (many grown from cuttings or seeds), any surplus produce we may have and garden art, in particular driftwood art, handcrafted by Werner. Customers appreciate our wide range of plants, especially the more unusual ones.

Our underlying motivation is to en-

courage other people to grow their own produce and thus benefit from the health-giving properties inherent in gardening (it is also interesting to note that, for his health, Werner daily imbibes a seaweed concoction!). We would love to see the Moutere emerge as a main cultural and gourmet hub for the Nelson region. There are so many local artisans and a huge variety of crops already being grown here. Werner and Karen concluded by saying, "we just want to add our little bit to enhance the flavour of the area."



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For details email:
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Moutere Volunteer Fire Brigade

Callouts for the month of July 2023

2/7	Tree across road Moutere Highway
10/7	Wood fire smoking Tarrant Road
27/7	Alarm activation Mahana School



As winter continues to roll on, our Kai Collective meals are flowing out into the community faster than ever. We'd like to send a big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who get stuck in and create nourishing meals.

Would you like to support us, but don't have the time to come and cook?

Here's a couple of simple ways you can help without getting elbows deep in white sauce!

1. Set up a small regular payment into our Kai Collective account
2. Make a one off donation

The Moutere Kai Collective bank account: 03-1354-0423793-00

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We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and skilled staff team led by



Manager, Nickie Hodgkinson. The Centre is governed by a Board of 7 comprising parents, staff members and community volunteers.

Maybe your children attended this unique community facility and like us, you would love to see it continue to thrive. An opportunity has arisen for up to 2 community volunteers to join our Board. This is a chance to



apply your energy to a strong and enduring community institution that directly benefits our local families. If you have a passion for our community or you have governance or finance experience, and you have an interest in joining our Board, please contact our Chairperson, Katie Bowron:

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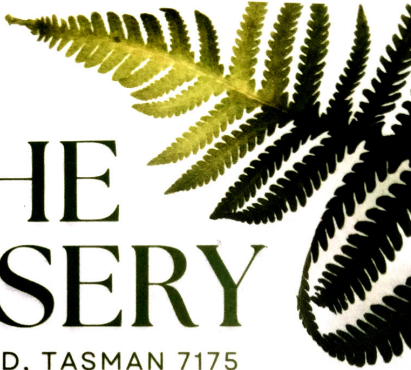
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- What you want the money for;
- How many people and what ages are involved in your activity;
- Where else you are receiving funding from; and
- How much you would like to receive.

You may also want to mention any involvement your group has with assisting in raising funds for the Trust.

The Trustees and a great band of volunteers have worked hard to raise funds through Sprig & Fern quiz nights and the Sarau Winter Sale weekend and are looking to provide funds back out into the community as a result of these efforts.

We cannot necessarily meet all requests, but we do give priority to those organisations who help out with the Trust fundraisers.

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BACK TO THE BEGINNINGS free workshop at Motueka Public Library for parents of young children. Friday Sept. 8, 10am-12pm. Edith Bulle www.coach-on-the-road.com

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Upper Moutere. Contact Cathy Ellis 021 158 2890

UPPER MOUTERE PLAYGROUP we meet every Friday 10am - 12pm at the Moutere Hills Community Centre, all families welcome. Contact Karen 021 252 2657

TASMAN NATIONAL ART AWARDS Exhibition open: Sunday 24th Sep. - Saturday 7th Oct. Daily 9.30am - 4.30pm. Mapua Community Hall.

Mapua Literary Festival

Have you ever wondered how the mind of an author works? How are some of your favourite books crafted?

For those who love words, being invited to share in someone else's experiences or imagination, the Mapua Literary Festival is a special treat.

Held at the Mapua Community Hall over the weekend of 15-17 September 2023, the Mapua Litfest, Celebrating Local Writers, focuses on authors, poets and artists from the Top of the South. We have authors and poets of many

diverse genres with wide experiences and each author is in conversation with other well-known identities.

What a treasure trove to draw from! Check it out on our website mapuacommunitylibrary.com. This weekend is one not to be missed.

Tickets and brochures are available from Mapua Community Library, Tasman District and Nelson libraries or online at www.mapuacommunitylibrary.com



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Moutere Hills Recreation Centre:	9.55am/2.40pm
Upper Moutere General Store:	9.57am/2.35pm
TDC - Queen St. Richmond:	10.20am/2.13pm
Sundial Square Richmond:	10.22am/2.10pm
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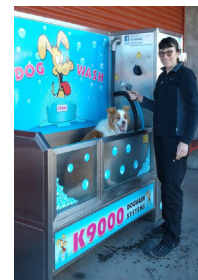


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Kind Regards Katrina, Josh, Keith and Cindus

FROM THE MHCC BOARD

We are extremely excited to announce we have secured funding to put lights over our tennis courts and the basketball hoop to cater for extended hours of play. As part of this initiative we will also be developing an outdoor community recreation space which will include a free community BBQ. Thanks to Pub Charity, Upper Moutere Tennis Club and Lottery Facilities for their generous donations towards this project.

Tim Greenhough
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Friday 6th October

10:30am—1:00pm

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ART AND ACTION

Thursday 28th September

10:00am—1:00pm

For Primary School aged children

Cost is \$10 per person

Come along and enjoy a variety of art and sporting activities including sport and games with Josh, Felting, and Mosaics.

The choice is yours how many and what activities you participate in.

TEEN ART AND ACTION

Monday 2nd October

10:00am—1:00pm

For Teenagers

Cost is \$10 per person

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The Local Matters Group is delighted to welcome Steve Abel to the Tasman District to facilitate a stimulating evening about how we can best use our collective organising efforts to achieve a resilient climate future.

Steve Abel is a long time environmental and climate activist. He was instrumental in successful campaigns to end native logging on crown land in the late 1990s and to stop offshore oil and gas exploration in Aotearoa in 2018. Steve is standing in the October 2023 elections for the Green Party in the West Auckland electorate of New

Lynn. His particular interests are in the protection and restoration of forests, freshwater and oceans as well as in the transformation of energy and agriculture.

Steve has a wealth of experience as a campaigner and activist and he will talk about how Te Tiriti o Waitangi, social justice and environmental integrity are all essential in order to achieve a liveable planet. He says 'most New Zealanders rate action on climate change among the top concerns for people and for the world'. In his presentation he will share his pas-

sion and knowledge how we can work collectively to take action.

Join us:

7.30 pm

Wednesday 13 September

at Māpua Hall for Steve Abel's presentation 'Collective Action for Climate Change'.

Door sales only: \$10 ticket

Students with ID free

Supper included.

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

All about the birds!



The Moutere Birdsong Group is up and running, so watch out for updates in future Grapevines.

- Moutere Birdsong is working alongside the Tasman Environmental Trust to successfully help our communities to grow and protect the natural bird population.
- In the next few months we will work with the Moutere Catchment Group to hold an event focused on laying and checking trap lines.
- Who is already trapping and do you record your successful captures?
- Each household is entitled to subsidised traps from

Tasman District Council – you may collect a Trapinator (for possums), a Doc 200 for possums and stoats, etc, and a rat trap from either the Richmond or Motueka Council offices.

- Moutere Birdsong is looking for someone to be part of the team and manage the electronic recording of captures. Check out the TrapNZ – Moutere website
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News from Māpua Bowling Club



Many are the expenses that are paid out each year to keep Māpua Bowling Club up and running. Membership subscriptions are just a small part of our income; fundraising is a very important feature. In-house we have sales tables and raffles and we are fortunate to have two quizzes at the Sprig & Fern, but a large part of our income comes from the sale of firewood. The Club is indebted to Denzil Stephenson and his wife Kate who donate their trees, their time and their lunches to produce a stack of firewood for sale each season. Many people are involved in the process of lopping, splitting, clearing and stacking and the attached photos show some of the work that has been happening during these winter months. If you are interested in purchasing some of our firewood please contact secretary, Di Blanchet.

A one-off recent fundraiser was the delivery of Yellow Pages in Māpua and Upper Moutere. 2,000 books needed to be delivered but the load was shared by several club members and the job quickly completed.

Not all bowling clubs have coaches and umpires. Māpua is fortunate to have both and all are accredited at national level. Two of our umpires, Di Blanchet and Sean McBride, have recently been tested by a Bowls NZ examiner and been upgraded from level 1 to level 2 umpires. Very well done to both of them and this is great for our small, rural club. For any information about bowling, coaching, winter socials 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

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WIO Cadetships

To help create a pathway in further learning for graduates of the Manaaki Tāpoi Trades Programme, Whenua Iti established a number of cadetships for students to come under the wings of our kaiako and take a step forward into planning, leadership and facilitation on waka programmes with rangatahi. The feedback from our cadets was overwhelmingly positive and we hope to offer more opportunities like this in the future. Thanks to funding from RUIA for making these cadetships possible.

Instructor Training

Special thanks to Lis Cleland for educating our tutors on how they can incorporate the nursery into programming here at Whenua Iti. It is a fantastic resource for tamariki and rangatahi, to build nature connection, to create a service opportunity and more. Ngā mihi to WWF New Zealand, Top of the South Community Foundation, Tasman District Council, Tasman Environmental Trust, Department of Conservation through the community fund and jobs for nature fund, Moutere Catchment Group and Weave Working Together for your funding support that has helped the development of the nursery.



WIO tutors planting seedlings in the Whenua Iti nursery during a recent training session with Lis Cleland.

Rangatahi Leadership Programmes

Thanks to funding from our local Trades Academies, we have free places available on our Rangatahi Leadership programmes for secondary students from our local partner schools. These programmes offer an amazing chance to get outdoors, learn some new skills and earn NCEA credits! We have spaces available for the upcoming September/October school holidays as well as during Term 4. Limited places are available so be sure to enrol soon via the programme page on our website <https://www.whenuaiti.org.nz/rangatahi-leadership-programmes/>

MEA/MOA

There has been a hype of activity here at Whenua Iti over the last couple of weeks with lots of young adventurers fostering a connection to nature through a series of fun activities and games on our MEA and MOA programmes. The team enjoyed seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter radiating around the site. Ngā mihi to the Department of Conservation - Jobs for Nature and Community Grant, Unlocking Curious Minds, and the Worldwide Fund for Nature for your funding support on these programmes.



WIO participants taking in the view in the Abel Tasman National Park on a recent sea kayak expedition.

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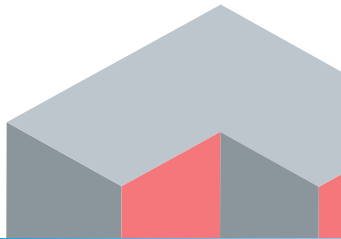
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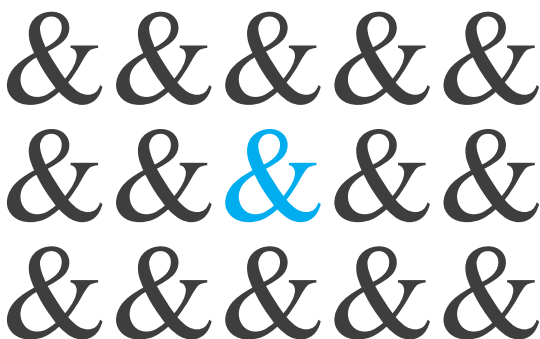


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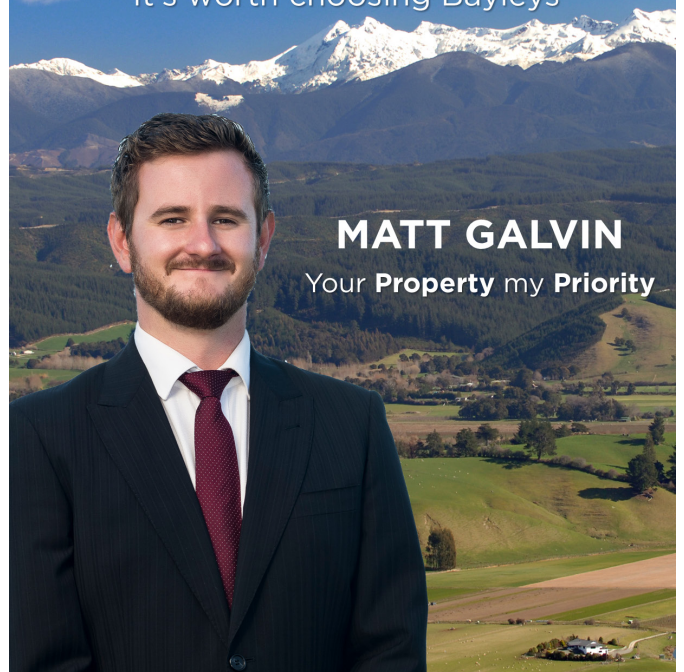
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What can I do to help? There is no cure for arthritis but the good news is we can do a lot to make our pets comfy by reducing inflammation and pain – by managing **weight, exercise and treatment**.

Treatment - Recently a new therapy for arthritis has become available - Beransa for dogs and Solensia for cats. These are monthly injections of monoclonal antibodies which target and neutralise a protein involved in causing arthritic pain. So it's a biological therapy that works like your pet's own immune system. We have been seeing good results with these products in our clinics. There are many other treatment options and arthritis is best managed with several rather than relying on one! A

warm, comfy, well-padded bed away from draughts can make a huge difference. Massage, physiotherapy, acupuncture, good nutrition such as Hills j/d, nutraceuticals such as 4cyte and Grand Flex are all helpful. And of course, we can give anti-inflammatory medication and pain relief – these can transform a pet's life.

Weight control – one of the most important things you can do for an arthritic animal is maintain their optimum weight. Extra kilograms are just more load on struggling joints. There are several combined weight loss/mobility diets available to help with this.

Exercise management – Short, frequent walks on flat, soft ground will help maintain muscle mass and strength without high impact on joints. Swimming is great if it's not too cold!

If you have any questions about arthritis or Beransa and Solensia or would like to bring your pet for a checkup, please phone us on 5441200.

Lamb Vaccinations

Just a quick reminder about providing your ewes and lambs with the best protection against clostridial diseases. Best practice is to vaccinate your ewes 2-4 weeks pre-lambing. The pre-lamb



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