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# The Grapevine

## MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

# JUN 2014

# MURDER AT THE PLAYHOUSE



The Irish Whiskey Murders show, is being brought to life by a talented cast and crew of some 30 locals now calling themselves the **Tasman Coastal Players**.

### LOCAL LIVES

Saramaea Waterman the show's writer and director, advertised in March across the Tasman area for local actors, singers and back stage technicians to help her produce a hilarious Irish Murder Mystery theatre show, with a live Irish band and plenty of audience interaction. The call was answered and the performances are hotting up as they prepare for a five night season at Mapua's Playhouse this June, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th.

"The actors have done really well in tackling the panto/melodramatic style performances the play demands. There are similarities in some of the characters to those stereotypes found in comedies such as Mrs Browns Boys and Father Ted." The aim of the show is to provide a great value for money night out. There are prizes for guessing the murderer, for the best dressed audience member and of course the audience can join in the well known Irish songs they will hear. As the show sold out in priority sales before opening to general public, they have added two more dates in the hope that you will come and support a new local theatre group. Help make them a success - Tasman Coastal Players, Saramaea and the Playhouse intend to make this the first of others to follow. They welcome interest from any adult locals who may wish to take part in future Theatrical productions around the area. Saramaea will soon starting writing her Christmas comedy show, 'Upton Abbey', which will be a complete farce comedy take off of the popular T.V Series 'Downton Abbey'.

Saramaea began the business and activity that operates under 'Live' in South Canterbury in 2009. The work of 'Live' is grounded in her BA and MA in Theatre and Professional Practice, along with years of stage and teaching experience with children and youth. Saramaea has enjoyed teaching and training in areas outside of drama also, for corporate, council and defence force employments. With a formal certificate in teaching adults, and practical experience in Adult/Lifelong Education, she feels well placed to coach adults in lessons or when directing for stage shows.

Over the past few months Saramaea has established Speech/Drama/Theatre classes at Riverside Cultural Centre, Ruby Blu Studio, Mapua and coaches individual students from age 4 to mid 60's. 'I really enjoy tailoring coaching sessions to the individuals needs, be it a speech difficulty, a wish to advance in public speaking, or developing real acting talent with national exams. I love the mix of the local people here and I have had nothing but support and encouragement. As a newcomer to the area, I could not feel more welcome and with being a single parent of a 3 year old, this has been a blessing!' Over the next couple of weeks Saramaea will be running free drama workshops at some local schools in the hope of setting up more classes in schools, making it easier for parents and keeping the fee's affordable.

If you or your child has a Speech issue, a need to act or just love drama, Saramaea wants to hear from you.

For further info on the show or tickets  
please phone 03 5446478

## EDITORIAL

As winter sneaks on in, parts of our lives tend to slow down, but the Moutere Hills Community Centre is a busy place, and looks to get a lot more busier as work on the Community Fitness Centre gathers speed. See what's next for the centre on page 8 and how you can be part of it.

Change is constant in our district now days and with the start of new projects we also see the end of an era for one of our key "occasions" but as Judy Finn says on page 2, "It's a credit to Nelson that so much is going on."

Pitt and Moore Lawyers keep us updated with regards to rural land use on page 3. and Stanley Clifford asks if summer holidays changed since he was a lad on page 13.

We are lucky to have a variety of contributions this month and we say thanks to everyone else who has sent in their piece—we couldn't do it without you and it is widely appreciated.

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### **The Country Occasion, a successful charity fair at Neudorf Vineyards is no more.**

Organiser, Judy Finn says the calendar is just too full and the arrival of the Great Christmas Market at Founders at the same time of the year as the Country Occasion would split the numbers for both events. The Sarau Festival in Upper Moutere runs at the end of January so that end of summer is not possible.

"It is also unfair on stallholders to be forced to choose. We looked for other options but the calendar in Nelson is so full of events, concerts and fairs we consider it is time to say farewell. It is a credit to Nelson that so much is going on."

The Country Occasion shares all profits between the Child Cancer Foundation, Moutere Community Centre and various community groups.

"Each fair we managed to hand out between \$18,000 and \$20,000 – perhaps \$200,000 over the years. More has been raised by local groups providing food on the day. The local tennis club has always provided Pimm's and St Paul's Lutheran Church has a stall, along with the rugby club and youth clubs. We have enjoyed every minute of it. The fair managed to attract stallholders from Canterbury and Marlborough as well as the best local producers and up to 3000 people streamed into the gates to enjoy everything from antiques, silk shirts, cider, jewellery, teddy bear and of course excellent regional food washed down with a glass of Neudorf wine.

The event was run by volunteers and we have to say thanks to the parents from the Cancer Foundation for managing the gate, the local farmers for hay and waratahs and the staff at Neudorf who donated their time for the day. The stall holders made the fair – and they were very patient and generous. Of course we also thank the thousands of people who have attended the fairs."

"It is sad to see the fair go but we are very happy to have been able to contribute so much to the community. It started out to raise money for the original community centre and then of course we added Child Cancer and repairs to the fire damaged community centre which had two serious fires after opening."

"I am in the process of answering a stack of emails from potential and past stall holders wanting to know the date of the next fair. They will be disappointed."

### **UPPER MOUTERE VOLUNTEER FIREBRIGADE**

Callouts 15th April to 15th May 2014.

Oven fire Flaxmore Road 22nd April

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### **Learn To Draw This Winter!**

#### **Moutere Hills Thursday evening classes**

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***Email: [drawnow2@gmail.com](mailto:drawnow2@gmail.com)***

**TASMAN RURAL LAND USE & SUBDIVISION POLICY REVIEW****By Fiona McLeod, Pitt & Moore**

The Tasman District Council has recently released its assessment of public feedback on possible changes to the way the Tasman Resource Management Plan manages rural land use and subdivision. The Council is conducting this consultation with a view to notifying a proposed plan change during the second half of 2014.

For those of you who live or work in the rural 1 or 2 zones in the Tasman District, at this stage it is a matter of being aware of the potential changes and looking out for notification of the draft plan change. Following notification of the draft plan change, you will have opportunity to make a submission and participate in the public hearing process.

The key issues that are being consulted on and may be subject to proposed changes are:

1. New rules to enable more houses to go into some rural areas with less input from Council and neighbours, in response to demand particularly in Golden Bay;
2. Whether any changes are needed to maintain the productive potential of rural 1 and rural 2 land, including for example increasing the 12ha minimum lot size in the rural 1 zone and decreasing or increasing the 50ha minimum lot size in the rural 2 zone. The Council is also considering other changes to the subdivision rules for these zones, such as tightening control of subdivision above the minimum lot sizes and the creation of "vacant production lots" or "bonus lots" to enable protection of a large area of productive land in perpetuity as a trade-off for creation of a small lot;
3. Possible changes to boundary set back and maximum floor area rules in order to manage cross boundary effects in the rural zones and reinforce that they are productive rather than residential areas;
4. Possible tightening of rules around business activities, such as home occupations in rural zones, for example limiting the hours of home occupation traffic and extending the types of home occupations that will be restricted;
5. More permissive rules for temporary recreation activities and events, subject to continuing to comply with the existing noise, discharge and traffic management rules.

Further information on the rural land use and subdivision policy review process can be found on: <http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/plans/tasman-resource-management-plan/planning-proposals-and-summaries/draft-planning-proposals/>

For More Information please contact Pitt & Moore resource management and local government specialist Fiona McLeod 03 545 6718 email: [fiona.mcleod@pittandmoore.co.nz](mailto:fiona.mcleod@pittandmoore.co.nz)

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The first games of the JAB season were played on the first Saturday of term 2 and by all accounts each team had a great day out on the park.

U9 are in their second year of tackle, learning about scrums and line-outs; this is a massive milestone as well as discovering where they belong on the field! Rangers U7 got off to a good start this season with a 12-10 win. The team are really excited about the upcoming season and looking forward to improving on last year's skills and having lots of fun. We are definitely getting the hang of ripping those rippers! We have some new players who have joined our team this season, and it was great to meet their families and welcome them into our Rangers Rugby Family.

Please don't hesitate to direct any questions you have to your Coach or team manager.

### Future dates for your Diary:

Club Day 5th July- we have all the JAB grades playing on home turf from 10 am as curtain raisers for the seniors game. There will be food and the bar will be open for a well deserved end of term beer!

QUIZ NIGHT August (date tbc) you could start to plan your team and we will be asking for donations of prizes nearer the time!

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## THE WRITE BIAS



It has been a busy month at Mapua Bowling Club as the 2013/14 season drew to a close.

The 'closing day' triples tournament on was held on Sat. 26 April. There was a great turnout of members and the sun played its part too. A good day was had by all. The tournament sponsors, The Smokehouse, in Mapua were very generous. A big thank-you goes to Julina and David at The Smokehouse who provided some of their delicious smoked fish products to the winning teams of the day. It made for some very competitive bowling!

The presentation of the season's championship trophies was followed by a lovely late afternoon tea.

Then in the week that followed it was 'all hands on deck' as members of the Mapua Bowling Club began work on the renovation of the Club's green. It has served the Club well over the past 10 years but the time has come to replace it. To begin the process, the top 25mm of the green was turf-cut by Ready Lawn. After this first step was completed, a large turn-out of members armed with wheelbarrows, spades and a great 'can do' attitude removed the top surface from the green. In a tremendous team effort 33 cubic metres of soil & turf were shifted in one day. Raffie Muollo and Ben Whitten are supervising the project assisted by Dave England, the Club President. After level checks are completed, new topsoil will be laid and hydro-seeding should take place in July. The Club is looking forward to playing on the new green in November. In the meantime, regular social evenings involving in-door bowls, table tennis, pool and cards in the clubrooms are planned throughout the winter.

For information about bowling, coaching or booking the clubhouse and facilities please call Secretary Jean Daubney (540 3281) or President Dave England (540 2934) or email s1ad2as3@xtra.co.nz

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Photo: Les McAlwee plays his part in removal of the turf.

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The Moutere really turned it on for visiting clubs from the Nelson region at the Lodestone Classic Tennis Tournament on 18 May. This is the fifth time the Upper Moutere Tennis Club has hosted this mixed doubles tournament at the Moutere Hills Community Centre. The newly renovated community room, now with expansive views of the tennis courts, provided a perfect venue to watch some exciting tennis.

A large part of this event is to showcase the range of delicious food and beverages from the Moutere area, and to promote the businesses who produce them. The Upper Moutere Tennis Club would like to acknowledge the generous support of all our sponsors, who continue to make our tournament so successful: Brambleby Orchards; Lodestone Wines & Seeds; Moutere Gold; Moutere Inn; Moutere Motors; Neudorf Dairy; Neudorf Olives; Owen Bartlett Pottery; Patisserie Royale; Peckham's Cider; Pomeroy's; Proper Crisps; Upper Moutere General Store; and Upper Moutere Takeaways.

The six rounds of pool play provided some closely contested games. The players refuelled between matches on the wonderful array of tasty nibbles provided by our sponsors. A count back of games was needed to separate the top pairs to play in the semi finals.

A delicious lunch, prepared by the Upper Moutere Tennis Club members was enjoyed by all the players, before the top half of the draw resumed play for the semi finals. In Division 2 (Social), Toby Brown and Clare Holmes came through undefeated from pool play to beat fellow Nelson Lawns Club pair Brooke Freeman and Debbie Ade 5-4 in the semi final. Another close semi final, in this division, saw Rodger Croft and Trish Wehner from the Tasman Tennis Club beat Nick Ward and Barbara Brown from Upper Moutere 5-4. It was a battle to the end in the final, with a third set tie breaker needed to decide the winner. With some clever shots and volleys, Rodger Croft and Trish Wehner took the crucial points securing the win.

In Division 1 (Competitive) Zac Lyttle and Ashleigh Calder came through strongly in pool play to win their semi final 9-3 from fellow Motueka Club pair Bruce Cameron and Heidi Mayer. Their opponents in the final, Jo Flavell and Kate Prebble from the Tahunanui Club beat Nigel Greene and Lyn Broughton from Wakapuaka 6-4 in their semi final. The grand final of this top division provided some excellent viewing of tennis courtside, but the power of Calder's serve combined with Lyttle's volleying skills proved too strong for Flavell and Prebble.

The winners of the 2014 Lodestone Trophy were Lyttle and Calder.



The afternoon ended with presentations to the division winners and runners-up, and giving out the sponsored spot prizes.

Results:

Division 1 Competitive: 6-2 6-2

Winners: Zac Lyttle & Ashleigh Calder – Motueka Club

Runners Up: Jo Flavell & Kate Prebble – Tahunanui Club  
Division 2 Social: 6-4 6-7 7-4 (tiebreak 3rd set)

Winners: Rodger Croft & Trish Wehner – Tasman Tennis Club  
Runners Up: Toby Brown & Clare Holmes – Nelson Lawns Club



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As a result of the large pet interest at our Centre, some of our children brought along the furry, finned and

feathered members of their families to hang out with us here at Country Kids Pet Day on Friday 2nd of May. It was really nice to see some of the special tricks they could do and hear a bit about their quirks and fancies. Family pets are such a large part of our children's lives that to share in their enthusiasm for them made this a special Centre event for all of us.



For more info visit [www.countrykids.org.nz](http://www.countrykids.org.nz)



## Rural Women New Zealand.

Recent issues and news releases from RWNZ.

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# MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



## A WORD FROM KATRINA

As most of you have probably noticed, work has now begun on the development of the Community Fitness Centre. Work is progressing well and we hope to have it completed within four months. Thanks to incredible support from Canterbury Community Trust, Sarau Trust, Pub Charity, IMB Contracting and local businesses and Community members, we have now secured all the funding required to build the addition. We are now concentrating our efforts on securing funding to purchase the equipment required to out-fit a quality Fitness Centre. We will kick off this fundraising effort with a Quiz Evening. This will take place on Saturday



28 June at 6:30pm at Moutere Hills Community Centre. Nibbles and Supper will be provided with some great prizes on offer. Why not get together with friends and neighbours and come along and join in the fun! The team registration form, as well as the sponsorship form, is available on our website [www.mouterehills.org.nz](http://www.mouterehills.org.nz) or just give us a call on 543 2516. We would also love to hear from any businesses that maybe interested in sponsoring specific components of the Fitness Centre, such as the drinks station and core strength area and weights area. Please give us a call if you would like to discuss these possibilities further.

Work is also developing slowly on the development of the Outdoor Community Recreation space. A finalized plan will be available on our website soon with details to follow on working bees and support required to carry out this work. We hope to make this a welcoming and family friendly space for all Community Members to enjoy. If you have any specific skills in this area then we would love to hear from you. We would like to thank Malcolm Mairs who is kindly donating his time to lead this positive development at Moutere Hills Community Centre.

Thanks *Katrina*

## COMMUNITY RECREATION *with Vanessa*

New activities on offer:

### Social Indoor Netball

Mondays 7:00—8:00pm (\$3)

### Pre-School Art with Helena

Tuesdays 10:45—11:30am (\$2)

### Social Indoor Bowls

Mondays 8:00—9:00pm (\$3)

Wednesdays 11:00—12:00pm

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Unbelievably Sir David Attenborough has just turned 88 and I am reminded of his enormous contribution to the understanding of animal behaviour. For over 60 years he has brought animal conservation to the notice of thousands of people around the world through the medium of television and film. Amazingly he is still doing it and his unmistakable voice still narrates many wildlife programmes. These days technology has allowed the most intimate pictures of even the most shy and elusive of animals allowing us into their private world. I believe that through this publicity conservation has become more acceptable and widespread. Even the taking off wild animals for exhibition by zoos has been strictly controlled and in fact many zoos have been able to breed rare and endangered animals and return them to the wild. Zoos originally held animals for exhibition and entertainment, their small cages and confinement not taken into account. Consequently many animals suffered and their behaviour became aggressive and unpredictable, sometimes even adding to the spectators' entertainment. These days zoos have changed radically with wide open spaces and conditions that mimic their animals' original habitat which is much better for the animals. However they are still captive environments and the behaviour of the animals is not the same as in the wild. It is now debatable as to how humane it is to keep dolphins and killer whales in a small tank and teach them tricks. Many circuses have reduced the exotic animals that used to do tricks for the crowd, bowing to public pressure. So thinking has changed in large part due to the education of the public by people like Sir David Attenborough and his successors.

All animals are influenced by their environment which results in their behaviour towards each other and people. It is something everyone should consider very carefully when taking on the responsibility of animal ownership.

As always I am always happy to answer animal behaviour questions.

*Susan Mott*

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Measure the juice into a large pot and for each 600ml of juice add 2 1/4 cups sugar. Heat and stir gently to dissolve the sugar. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes or more.

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- Stir in remaining flour & knead for 10 minutes.
- Roll dough in 2t of oil and place in a large clean bowl. Cover with plastic wrap & leave in a warm place until dough has doubled in size (30 mins).
- Preheat oven and pizza stone or baking tray to 230°C.
- Divide dough into 8 pieces. Roll each piece out on a lightly floured surface into a flat shape approx 10–15 cm round.
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Roll out pastry to fit a flan dish, chill in the fridge or freezer.

Line pastry with paper and cover with dry beans. Bake 10 minutes, remove paper and beans and return to oven for 5 minutes to dry the base—don't over do it, remove from oven.

**Apples**—Place the apples in a pot with sugar and lemon and a little water. Cover and cook gently for 10 minutes. Add berries and cook for a further 2 minutes. Remove two tablespoons of the juice and add this to the corn flour which has had the cold water added to it. Add the corn flour mix to the fruit and bring to the boil to thicken, stirring all the while. Remove from heat.

**Meringue**—4 egg whites—beat until they form peaks. Mix 2 teaspoons of corn flour with 110gm sugar, whisk this in gradually (one tablespoon at a time), finish with 1 tablespoon of boiling water.

Put the cooled apple filling into the pie shell, pile on the meringue , taking it to the edge of the pastry to seal. Bake 10—13 minutes or until meringue is set and lightly golden.

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*Plant an apple tree this winter!*

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## SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN THE 1940s

I was reminded of summer holidays when setting up an on-line access to my bank account. One of the security questions offered is: 'Where was your favourite summer holiday place in your childhood?'

In my case it was at the beach. Camping in a large tent with my ever-working mother (no holiday much for her) cooking on a wood-fired "Dover Stove" with one of us holding an umbrella over her sometimes. But we kids had endless fun, sliding down the hill on cardboard, swimming, or collecting beer and soft drink bottles and cashing them in for pennies at the caretaker's kiosk.

Other Christmas holidays locations were different however; during the polio outbreak in 1947/48 the schools closed for some weeks and my elder brother and myself found ourselves on a family friend's sheep station on the Taihape road in Hawke's Bay. We were sent lessons from the Correspondence School; these were grudgingly completed in quick time. We then spent our spare hours learning to ride horses or go with the shepherds to the far reaches of the station. My particular enjoyment was to go with Anne to collect dead rabbits and lay out new baits using poison jam.

But I now wonder what the kids did in the 1940s in the remoter parts of the 'top of the south'. Dove-dale for example. It's not remote now but back then during rationing, with money and petrol scarce where was the nearest and cheapest beach a family could get to?

My pick would have been Tahuna Beach. Just think of it – sandy beach, fishing along the foreshore or the wharf at the port, aeroplanes nearby, a trip up the valley on a train and Saturday afternoon matinees at the pictures where we could enjoy the serial, "Flash Gordon", and "Hopalong Cassidy" as the main feature. Maybe Mapua was often the choice because it was just a little closer and more affordable for your parents.

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## Introducing Catherine Munro

After spending the last couple of years travelling in England and Europe, Catherine Munro has now returned home to set up a new family law practice in Nelson and Motueka. Catherine will be operating out of Community House in Motueka each Tuesday.

Catherine was keen to ensure that she continued to provide her legal services in Motueka. After having worked in Motueka for a number of years beforehand, she knew there was a real need for such a service here.

"I thought it important that I offered my services in Motueka as there is a real need for family law advice here. Some people may find it difficult to travel to Nelson to see a lawyer," she says.

Catherine specialises in providing legal advice for people who are separating from their partners or who are forming new relationships. Catherine is able to advise on all aspects of family law, including children issues and relationship property.

Starting April 1, the Family Court underwent significant changes in respect to how parents are to resolve disputes regarding their children.

"The Family Court now expect parents to attend mediation before filing an application in Court. There are exceptions this, for example if something is urgent, but generally most people will be required to attend mediation to see whether or not they can resolve the dispute themselves" she says.

The changes also include for people to initially represent themselves in the Family Court. People can receive legal advice about this before going to the Family Court and if they meet the income threshold test, they are able to receive a grant of aid for such advice.

So far Catherine has been coming to Motueka for the last eight weeks. She says it is all going well. "I loved coming to Motueka once a week before and I am pleased to have the opportunity to be doing it again with my own business".





## A GOOD READ - SOME BOOKS FOR BLOKES

**Author** Rowland White

**Titles** (Held at Mapua Library) "Storm front" "Vulcan 607"

I picked up Rowland White's "Storm Front" last month, and while I don't often dip into non-fiction, much to my surprise thoroughly enjoyed his style of writing - not to mention a great tale, and fascinating historical photographs.

Seeing in the blurb that one of his other published books was on Vulcans really sparked my interest. As an 18 year old in the Royal Air Force my very first posting was to RAF Waddington, one of the Vulcan home bases.

"Vulcan 607" tells the tale of the longest bombing run in history; of taking the destined-for-the-scrap yard Vulcans into the Falklands conflict with the mission of destroying the runway at Port Stanley.

Everything seemed weighted against the task. The distance was 4000 miles beyond the Vulcan's range, and the logistics to get an aircraft there are mind blowing. Battling massive electrical storms, requiring 17 in-flight refuelling operations, 15 tanker aircraft, overcoming a myriad of problems such as fuel leaks, and then actually to hit the target with devastating effect.

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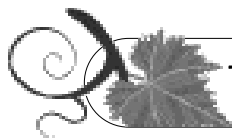


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### *The day that left me lamenting about the "What if"*

This is a great yarn about two identities at Country Kids. Keith the caretaker and Tess, one of our Piko piko teachers. Tess is calm, caring, always treats everyone well and is fun to work with. (Tess and Heather are our fantastic under two's teachers in the Piko piko room)

As we know at around seven am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May the power went off to quite a few customers in the Upper Moutere area. I took the bloke stance, "She'll be right - it will be back on again before 8am". Well, it wasn't was it!

The first teacher through the door that morning was Tess. She was armed with her tooth brush and a friendly jibe : "Where's my coffee and I would like the heater on too," a request which of course I could not deliver. You see, no power at her place either. Hence no water which as it happened was the second morning in a row for her for reasons we won't go into!!! The children were fine. Country Kids veranda is a real sun trap and a nice place to be, but us adults, we really need our morning cuppa. Fortunately it was a nice sunny morning so that's where everyone went.

I suddenly had a thought: "I can do this." You see I had bought a flash new generator for just this very reason only a matter of weeks ago. Without further ado I jumped into the ute and raced home to get it. Well, I pulled and pulled on the starter cord with no luck at all. "What?", I thought. "Never mind, Tim from Moutere Motors will save the day. Tim took a look and then turned to me and said "Farmer Best, I think your coil..... broken!" My coil broken, *my* coil was about to release! I had promised Tess a cup of coffee. What could I do?

Now this was becoming much more than my challenge to come up with a coffee for Tess. You see I was *so* sure that I had the answer to power cuts at Country Kids, so back into the ute and off to Motueka Hire Centre. With a grin from Phil, I was finally armed with a generator that actually worked and back to Country kids I went. Water was back on by the children's morning tea time and all that was left was to boil the billy. Tess was seen to be getting excited about her prospects for finally getting that promised cup of coffee. She had been waiting two hours now!

Well, just as you would guess, that was when the power came back on and my moment of glory was lost for ever. I was sure that the appreciation from, not only Tess, but all the staff at Country Kids, of a nice hot cup of tea or coffee would have made the morning all worthwhile. Instead I was simply left to return the generator, pay the bill and go back to my planned work for the day, lamenting about the "what if".

*Written by Keith Best*



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## Moutere Community Youth Happenings

Massive thanks to Janine at the Fish & Chip shop for looking after us soooo well at the "Fish'n'chip Movie Night" in May. Yum. Yum. Yum.

Boys' Club is well under way. The karts are looking good so far.... they're going to be awesome. Got to love the jewellery being made at Bubbles & Cupcakes too.....

### Friday Night Youth (Year7-13)

Friday 6 June Skating & Rock Wall

Friday 13 June Pinch & A Punch

Friday 20 June Bring a Topping & a Torch

Friday 27 June Night With The Stars

Hey, parents! If you are able to help out once a term with dropping young people home after Friday Night Youth, or helping out with transport for 'going out' events, please flick us a text or give us a call.

### Senior Paintball

Paintball for year 9 up will be happening in the school holidays. Let us know if you want to come.

Community Youth Workers Andy & Abbey Bensemenn

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## **The Moutere Community Youth Trust AGM**

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