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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY NEWS

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BACK TO LIFE

LOCAL LIVES



An old Moutere homestead is breathing new life, thanks in large part to Shane and Lee-Ann Kemp's vision.

The Hewetson family has farmed in the Moutere for over 150 years, building a simple farmworkers' cottage on the Moutere Highway back in 1863. Early records tell of the Hewetsons rescuing their sheep when a labrador pup, which had escaped from the local missionary's house, tried to round them up.

When Shane and Lee-Ann Kemp moved into the house in 1999, it was again the Hewetsons who helped out when one of the couple's huskies escaped into the neighbouring field and chased the sheep. By this time, though, the farmworkers' cottage was a shadow of its former self. Walter, the last of the Hewetson family to live there, had died in the late Eighties, and cows had been left to roam the dilapidated property.

Fortunately, the homestead was later granted a Historic Places Trust category C rating and spared from impending demolition by Darryn and Sabina Neuland, who set about saving the old lady. Two more owners in short succession also did their bit but, for one reason or another, moved on. Enter Shane and Lee-Ann, who brought fresh enthusiasm to the project. Even they underestimated the time and money needed to restore the house. "None of us foresaw that the builders would be virtually living with us for over a year," says Lee-Ann. "We were told we were lucky it was still standing. One shake and it would have fallen to pieces!"

Their two children, Jackson (13) and Danni (eight), have grown up with the project and Lee-Ann reckons it's toughened them up in the process. "When we moved, there was no insulation under the house and it was so cold in winter that a cup of coffee left on the bench would be frozen in the morning. The only other insulation was turn-of-the-century gospel newspapers. As a baby, Jackson was carried around to the warmest spot in an antique basket, and slept in front of the fire. I only took them away for one week of the project when the roof came off and Danni came to me soaking wet, saying there was a waterfall in the room."

Since those early days, the Kemps have installed insulation, replaced windows and put in a new fireplace, plus a heat pump to warm the 1926 concrete extension at the back, which was originally added as an ablution block and pantry. On removing the old fireplace, they found blackened timbers behind the walls. "It's lucky the house hadn't gone up in flames."

Working alongside architectural designer Leigh Briars, and starting in the attic space, Glenn Grant and his building team of Patrick Ryan and Glen Chamberlain began bringing the house up to code. "We wanted to keep as much of the original property as we could, but turn it into a warm, bright and comfortable home," says Lee-Ann, explaining how this space has become three light-filled bedrooms and a large bathroom by adding four new gables.

Rotted joists and beams cut from tree branches have been replaced, and the native timber floorboards matched as closely as possible throughout. Sanding companies "ran screaming" at the sight of the thick, dark varnish coating the hallway and staircase, leaving Shane with no option but to tackle it himself.

Steve at Motueka Joinery did a great job creating old-style window frames and a fireplace surround. The concrete 'bunker' has become a sunny kitchen diner adjoining the living room, with a spare bedroom and lounge at the front of the house. A black fountain, found by Lee-Ann's parents, creates a striking centerpiece in the front garden, while raised vegetable beds, a swimming pool and covered verandah add to the relaxed ambience at the back.

The project almost complete, the Kemps have thrown themselves headlong into new ventures – Shane bringing in bikes, cars, jet skis and other luxury items from the States. Lee-Ann, meanwhile has set up her Danni K furniture business, selling unusual contemporary items. Watch this space for an online shop and showroom located near their house. www.danniks.co.nz



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An Update on Water Supply in the Moutere Hills Area

Since the public meeting organised by the MHRA in April we have spent some time piecing together the factors affecting the provision of a potable water supply for the residents of the Dovedale and Upper Moutere area.

This included meeting with a representative of TDC engineering department and with the chair of the present Dovedale Water Committee, and collecting information from the TDC website.

Water supply on the Dovedale scheme has become somewhat more reliable as faulty sections have been replaced, but the water quality remains below standard and worsens over summer as intake reduces and water is taken from a lower outlet. A permanent "boil water notice" continues to be in place. TDC has not yet produced a required Public Health Risk Management Plan for the scheme and says this "will be reviewed as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan". The volume available from the present source cannot be increased, and the scheme is seen as slowly amassing more debt.

Plans exist at TDC for supplying water to the Dovedale scheme from a new source in the Motueka river gravels near Woodstock to improve both quality and available quantity. However, any such plans have been postponed by TDC with a new "placeholder" date of 2026. There is no certainty of this date being any more reliable than the previously announced 2016 date. TDC claim that the \$1.6 million dollars estimated to get a new source and treatment station and fix the supply pipes was seen as too high a price to be carried by the people serviced by the present scheme.

One of the problems preventing us moving forward is that focus has been on the existing Dovedale Scheme rather than on actual number of households (potential users) in the distribution area. The survey on the next page is part of our effort to establish a better view of the demand in the distribution area.

Meanwhile, TDC is running a public consultation on the proposed Waimea Dam - to supply Richmond and the Waimea Plains with more water. Go to our website to read more about the proposal and implications. The cost of building this dam - if it is ever built - would affect ratepayers in the whole district, but there are no plans to get any of the water from the dam to the Moutere Hills!

Possible avenues for improving the supply situation include:

1. Pressure TDC to construct the suggested new bore and treatment station for the existing scheme and make it available to more of the population.
2. Create a new wholly independent water supply scheme using an existing bore at Pangatotora in the Motueka River gravels. This scheme would be community-owned and would aim to operate at rates competitive to those of the Dovedale scheme. It could take over the connections of the Dovedale scheme in the Moutere catchment, freeing up capacity on the remainder of Dovedale scheme at the same time. Any new scheme would be required to supply pristine quality water from day one. However, this can only work with buy-in of the majority of the community.
3. Reduce the basic unit of supply on the Dovedale scheme from 2m³ to 1-1.5 m³. This might allow additional houses to be serviced, but would not improve the quality of the available water.
4. Request TDC to service the Moutere catchment from Mapua with water coming from the to-be-constructed Waimea Dam – if it is ever built.

To act on this we need your feedback!

Please take a couple of minutes to complete our survey on the following page.

Are You Happy With Your Water Supply?

Please take a few moments to complete this survey – see return instructions below. You can also take this survey online!

All items are optional and information is provided entirely voluntarily. We will keep your personal data confidential. This survey is for statistical purposes only. We will contact you only if you indicate that you wish us to do so.

1. Are you happy with your current water supply?
 - a. ☐ Yes, no need to change anything
 - b. ☐ No, the following should be improved ☐ quality ☐ quantity/availability
2. What is your current water supply? ☐ Dovedale Scheme ☐ Roof Water ☐ Bore ☐ Well/Other
 - a. Number of people on your connection? _____
 - b. Number of units if on Dovedale Scheme? _____
 - c. Need water for ☐ Household ☐ Irrigation ☐ Stock ☐ Other
3. What best describes your opinion on the issue? You can tick multiple boxes.
 - ☐ a. I believe TDC is responsible for improving the supply - put more pressure on council.
 - ☐ b. I would be interested in having my water supplied from a newly formed, community-owned supply scheme. This should be for
 - ☐ household and stock/commercial use
 - ☐ household use only, to reduce the cost of the scheme
 - ☐ I would be willing to register my interest as an initial shareholder in such as scheme
 - ☐ c. I am happy to reduce my unit size taken from Dovedale scheme in order to free up capacity.
 - ☐ d. I support the Waimea Dam - let's try to get water from it.
 - ☐ e. I do not support the Waimea Dam - it's going to cost us but won't give us any water.
4. Do you have any other feedback or comments?

5. I would like to receive email updates on this issue. ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. I would be interested in getting involved and supporting this work. ☐ Yes ☐ No
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South Island Football Tournament

The 2014 South Island 10th & 11th Grade Tournaments were held in Nelson from Sun 28th - Tues 30th Sept, and our boys did us proud.

It was really exciting to have 7 Rangers players selected for the rep teams this year: Riley Grover

(captain) in 10th Grade Nelson Bays A Team, Taj Wilson Keen in 10th Grade, Billy Check and Ryan Mairs in 11th Grade Nelson Bays A Team, Jack MacNeil, Sam Erni and Arowen Taylor in 11th Grade.

Thankfully the weather cleared just in time for the first games, and the sun shone thereafter. It was a fantastic 3 days, well organised by Nelson Bays Football, and teams travelled from all around the south island to take part. Saxton field was well set up with tents and gazebos, and the coffee cart was constantly flat out.

The boys played 2 or 3 games each day for the 3 days, so by the end of it they were all pretty tired. They all further developed their skills, and the experience of playing in a tournament like this gave them loads more confidence. It was great to see them all trying so hard, and handling themselves so maturely, even when the going got tough. The huge smiles at the end of every day was proof of the fun they had, and it was brilliant to be a part of it all. There was always lots of excitement and cheering from the sidelines, especially when Ryan and Billy's 11th grade Nelson Bays A team won the final against Otago. Awesome work boys.



Left to right: Billy Check, Taj Wilson-Keen, Riley Grover, Jack MacNeil, Ryan Mairs, Sam Erni and Arowen Taylor.



Rangers Rugby Football Club Report

The local rugby club playing season has finished but there is still lots of good rugby happening in our region. It is great to see our boys in the Tasman Makos playing so well this season and hopefully you have managed to get along to some of the home games they have had at Trafalgar Park. It is a great opportunity to get the kids involved in rugby, and it is lots of fun to take them along to a live game and support our local boys.

Rangers RFC still have a few things going on for us in the club even though the season has finished which are open to anyone wanting to have a run around and keep up their fitness levels!

RANGERS SUMMER TOUCH – Tuesdays Nights 6pm

Every Tuesday night at 6pm at our home grounds at the Mouere Hills Community Centre Rangers run a friendly game of touch which is open to everyone to join in. Cost is a gold coin and it is a great way to keep up your fitness as well as having heaps of fun. Now the evenings are still light bring along the kids as well and we can get them having a throw around of the rugby ball too!!

TURF HOTEL TASMAN CLUB RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT/ TRAINING

We have put in a team to play in the Turf Hotel Tasman club rugby sevens tournament on 15th November and have now started seniors training for the tournament on Tuesday nights at 7pm (straight after touch) down at our home grounds at the MHCC. This will put our boys up against some of the best players in the region including Makos and Mako's development players. If you are keen to join in come down to the next training session and talk to Mark. It would also be great to have some sideline support on the day (15 Nov) so if you are free come down to Motueka Sportspark. The first game of the tournament kicks off at 10.30am. A great day out for the family, and some good fast rugby action!

Don't forget to keep up to date with what is happening with the club by checking out our facebook page RANGERS RUGBY CLUB.

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Application forms are available on our website.



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MOUTERE HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE



A WORD FROM KATRINA

Unbelievably we are quickly coming towards the end of 2014, but instead of things slowly down them seem to be getting busier! We have a full programme of sport and recreational activities on offer, several of them new this term. Why not check come along and have a go. Check the choices out on our website www.mouterehills.org.nz

The Fitness Centre is going well and it is great to see so many of our Community Members making use of this great new addition to our facility. Why not tone up and get ready for the summer season by joining the Fitness Centre. Costs and further details are also available on our website or pop down and visit Vanessa in the Fitness Centre during the day on Monday and Tuesday or in the evening on a Wednesday.

We are intending to make a start on the development of the Outdoor Recreation space this month. We would love to hear from you if you can help us out with this in some way ie. help at a working bee, donation of plants, garden edging, pavers for a chess board, rock, donation of a bench seat or suitable outdoor furniture. Just send us an email or give us a quick call if you would be happy to go on our database of helpers.

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New Fitness Centre Classes

Circuit Class	Monday	9:15am—10:00am	
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Everyone at the club has been working hard, weeding and helping with the final finishing work on the new green. Also, at the recent working bee, members armed with water blasters, paint brushes, mops, mowers and carpet cleaners gave the clubhouse and grounds its annual spring clean in preparation for the new season.

So we are keen for the season to begin and look forward to welcoming new members to the club. Why not come along and give lawn bowling a try? You don't need to have a set of bowls. The club has sets of bowls of various sizes and weights for anyone wanting to give bowls a go. No need to worry about wearing 'whites' but please wear flat, smooth soled shoes so that our new green is protected from damage.


Mapua is one of the smaller clubs allied to the Nelson Centre but one of the few to have not one but two accredited coaches. This is a real plus and means that free coaching is always available for beginners and improvers.


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Moutere Community Youth Happenings

Hope everyone had a great time at the Hidden Treasure Youth Camp. Big thanks to Andy Marr for being the camp chef again. The food was awesome. Thanks to everyone that gave generously to make this camp happen – it really means a lot.

Friday Night Youth (Year 7-13)

Saturday	8 November	Bike it! At Rabbit Island
Friday	14 November	Murder Mystery
Friday	21 November	Games Night
Friday	28 November	Photo Chase
Friday	5 December	BBQ, Swim & Games in Hope

Hey Parents! Massive thanks go out to those who have been helping out with transport.

If any parents 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.

Boy's Club (Year 5 up)

Boy's Club will be running each Wednesday in November. We'll be doing another DIY project.

Girl's Club (Year 5 up) Monday 3 November

Painting Plates & Icecream Feast! Paint a set of plates and bowls to take home – use as your family dinner set, or give away for Christmas..... keep a bowl for yourself though, for our delectable Icecream Feast on the final day! Starting Monday 3 November, four consecutive Mondays, \$30.

Community Youth Workers Andy & Abbey Bensemann

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Hello Animal Lovers,

I have written before about the importance of communication when working with animals but I believe it is worth repeating.

It is an undisputed fact that if an owner understands how to communicate with their animal and applies it consistently, there will be a wonderful partnership based on mutual trust.

As humans we rely on speech to communicate as we can express ourselves sometimes very well with one another but just imagine you go to a foreign country where you do not understand their language and they don't understand yours and you will approximate how it is for our animals. So many owners know this but insist on talking to their pets as though they were a person. What animals do understand is tone and body language. Using word associations with certain actions and then reward is a successful way to train your pet. However if the owner gets upset or angry through frustration and communicates that to their pet, it only serves to put that animal in a fear response. In horses it can be running away or if contained, biting and kicking. In dogs it can be a biting response or dependent on the dog, can also be total submission by rolling over or cowering. Cats will turn and fight or run if possible depending on the threat. Even birds will peck or can be aggressive. All animals have a way of dealing with fear, it is a basic instinct and the trick is to keep them calm and quiet. It is of course easier said than done and us humans cannot be calm and quiet all the time. However if one is working or living with animals we should certainly try to be consistent and if we are really feeling upset or angry should not take it out on our beloved animals.

What amazes me is how forgiving our animals are with us. Even animals that have had some very bad handling and training can respond to kindness and consistency. Currently there is a program on TV1 on Mondays at 7.30pm called Purina Pups. It demonstrates how dogs that have been abandoned as too aggressive to be handled and put in the pound usually have to be put down as not suitable to be rehomed. Luckily an animal behaviourist rescues some of them and then sets about to gain their trust and give them a happy and purposeful life. It is wonderful through the medium of television that it will reach so many people who hopefully will get the message. Each year too many animals are put down due to the bad handling they have received from their owners.

So all animal owners should try to communicate with their pet as effectively as possible or if in doubt gain expert advice from a trusted vet or animal behaviourist. If we communicate with our animals it is not only more desirable but a lot safer as well. We have our pets for many years and by having effective communication can become loving and respectful companions.

As always I am always happy to help with animal behaviour questions

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Toxoplasma and Campylobacter cause disease throughout the country. Nationwide blood testing shows that these diseases are present on 100% and 88% of farms in New Zealand respectively.

Every breeding flock can be affected by ongoing, insidious losses and abortion storms. Ewe hoggets and two toothers are most at risk, but any ewe that contracts Toxoplasmosis for the first time while she is pregnant is likely to lose her lamb/s. Toxoplasmosis can cost you in three ways:

- * The loss of lambs by abortion; either by low-level unseen losses, or large-scale abortion storms
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Here are a couple of recipes that use potatoes. When mashing, I always look for Agria.

REFRIGERATOR ROLLS

550g (1lb,2oz) flour, 250g (8oz) mashed potatoes, 1 teaspoon salt, 50g(2oz) butter, 1 3/4 teaspoon dried yeast, 1 dessertspoon sugar, 1 beaten egg, 210ml warm milk (just above blood temperature), beaten egg for glaze.

In a large bowl sift flour and salt, rub in potato and butter.

Mix sugar and yeast, add to the warm milk, set aside for 5 minutes in a warm place then add the beaten egg to the mix. Add this wet mix to the flour mix and work into a dough adding more flour if it is too sticky. Knead until it is silky smooth, place in an oiled bowl, cover and leave to rise for 1 1/2 hours.

Punch down and divide into 18 pieces, knead and shape into rolls, place onto greased tray and cover with a plastic bag, leave for 3/4 hour to rise again.

Brush with the beaten egg and top with seeds of your choice place in preheated oven (200c) cook for 20 minutes.

*If you want to make the dough earlier it will keep for a week in the fridge. After working to a dough place in a bowl cover with a plate and place in the fridge. After 24hours punch down and cut a cross onto the surface and turn the dough. Replace the lid and return to fridge. When you are ready to use it bring back to room temperature, shape into rolls and carry on. This also makes a hearty pizza base.

POTATOES IN THE OVEN

Peel 5 large potatoes, slice and layer into a glass or pottery dish, sprinkling in a little salt and small amount of chopped onion, garlic, maybe some herbs etc to your taste as you go. Microwave for 10 minutes, remove and cool a little.

Mix 125ml sour cream, 2 tablespoons flour and 3/4cup milk, pour over the potatoes, grate some cheese over the top (optional) and bake at 180c for 30 minutes.

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GARDENING

- ◆ Time to crank up the vegie garden. Try some heirloom tomatoes, cos lettuce and other mixed greens. Mulch for water retention, by January you'll be glad you did!
- ◆ Plant fast growing herbs like coriander, parsley and rocket before it gets too hot or it will bolt.
- ◆ Continue to 'mound up' spuds as it's the soil around the stems that encourages heavy crops of potatoes.
- ◆ Spray roses with a spray acceptable to you. You can zap mildew on roses with a spray made from 1 teaspoon baking soda and 1 teaspoon detergent mixed with 2 litres water.
- ◆ Blue flowers on lavenders, rosemaries and cat-mint are great around vegetable gardens to get the bees visiting.
- ◆ The first strawberries will be ripe for the picking this month. However, before berries are ready, it's best to get that net in place, lest efforts be for the birds!

COASTAL GARDEN GROUP

Spring is certainly a fabulous time of year for our members with gardens flourishing and that was evident with our extremely successful Festival of Flowers which saw hundreds of blooms and beautiful floral arrangements turning the Mapua Hall into an oasis of colour.

Members are now looking at getting their hanging baskets ready for the coming summer season. Keitha King came with several baskets to demonstrate how she plants them. Starting with a layer of planting mix over which is sprinkled saturaid up to the lowest level of holes in the basket liner then plant the seedlings by pushing out from inside the basket with a special flexible planting tool that protects the plant. The process is repeated until the basket is full with three or four plants reserved for the top. No water is added until the basket is full then it needs to be sprayed several times to swell and soften the spaghnum moss liner. Carpet petunias give a better coverage but many other plants can be used including herbs and vegetables such as lettuce. Colourful baskets look lovely in archways, hanging from decks etc.

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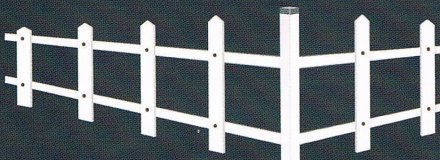
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