

Keep Motueka Beautiful Update October 2016

KMB has had a very busy Spring with great progress on a number of fronts. This email is to keep you up-to-date and alert you to opportunities to contribute to KMB's work. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the KMB supporters list please forward this email to them. They can join up by emailing the address at the bottom. We are also on the lookout for new committee members, especially people with ideas for new projects and who are willing to get involved. Come along to the next meeting if you're interested (17 October, 7.15pm at the TDC meeting room in Hickmott Place).

Harbour entrance (East/George Quay)

The harbour entrance has been transformed with the completion of the new car park and landscaping with native trees and shrubs to provide shelter, shade and visual screening. Two new picnic tables at the viewpoint have been donated by Motueka Lumber Co. and the area to the north, alongside the footpath to the saltwater baths, has been re-grassed. There's now a steady stream of locals and campervans making use of the area. In future Motueka Arts Council is planning to install a major sculpture at the viewpoint and the Historical Society aims to provide an interpretive sign describing the history of the harbour entrance.



The workers enjoy a break at the new picnic table.

Motueka Calendar

KMB has published a 2017 calendar featuring photos of Motueka's attractions. Specially featured in the calendar are 17 photos of local scenes taken and donated by a dozen photographers, most of them members of the Motueka Camera Club.



John Fisher, chairman of Keep Motueka Beautiful, and Melissa Gray of Specialised Print (who did the design and pre-production work free of charge), view the first copies of the Motueka 2017 calendar.

We hope the calendar will help promote the town and surrounds to a wider audience, and in particular celebrate the work done by KMB to create and improve parks and walkways. In addition it will raise funds to support future KMB projects.

So you can support KMB by buying lots of copies to send as Christmas presents to your friends and relatives. The calendars, priced at \$10 including an envelope, can be bought at Motueka i-Site, Muses Cafe, Kaiwaka Cafe and Elevation Cafe. Some will be sold at times from a table at the New World supermarket entrance. Calendars may also be ordered and collected from project coordinator David Armstrong by emailing david@visionmotueka.org.nz.

Food Forest

The first birthday of the Ledger Goodman food forest was celebrated in August by 16 hardy souls who braved the cold weather. An interpretive sign has now been installed.

Until the trees and shrubs develop a canopy there will be a lot of weeding to do and more "understory" plantings are going in this spring. So there will be a working bee on the first and third Saturday each month, 10-12 noon, to help get these established and the grass under control. If you can help, take a spade, fork and gloves. Also anyone who has plants they intend to divide up, such as hostas, dahlias, daylilies or chives, can bring excess stock for planting. Spring bulbs would also be a great addition once they have finished flowering for this year. For any enquiries contact Dawn Jones (ph. 528 9368), who is supervising the work.





Hanging Baskets

A small team of KMB volunteers were out recently, hanging over one hundred baskets on both sides of High Street, to bring a little more spring colour to the town. The pansies will last through to December, when replacement baskets are brought in by Our Town Motueka, for the summer.

In addition KMB members maintain 15 planter boxes and gardens around town, which are all looking good.

Ross Loveridge and Isobel Mosley hanging the fifty-eighth basket of the day on High Street.