



## Brilliant BBQ

The annual AVERT Summer BBQ was another sizzling success this year, with a large turnout and some new faces in attendance. Once again the weather forecasters on the Committee provided us with a gloriously sunny afternoon and warm balmy evening for our outdoor feasting and entertainment.

Our "resident" band of Wanda, Wayne and Garrett, aka Dixie Lix, again provided plenty of foot-tapping country and bluegrass music to complement the weather and company.

Our summer fundraiser this year (see story

later on the defibrillator) was another large trailer load of firewood. Many thanks to Terry McGhie for felling and ringing the tree. He had the job done before the Chainsaw Gang arrived so all they had to do was split it - courtesy of Colin's splitter - and stack it. Many thanks to the team of splitters and stackers.

On the day, the stacked trailer of wood attracted keen interest from bidders before being knocked down to Bill Tito. Your correspondent under-

stands the delivery team was well looked after when they finally got to Bill and Jane's place.

Here's a heads-up. We have been offered some more surplus trees for a fundraiser so there will be another trailer to go to auction at the AGM later in the year. More details to follow.



*Some of Bill's new wood supply?*

## Stones in your driveway?

A number of residents have noticed stones appearing in their driveways. While they probably didn't get there due to the wind, they may have been put there by people checking to see if any-

one is in residence.

The theory being if the stones are not moved then no one is home and so the house may be targeted by someone interested in your

belongings. So be aware of this ruse.



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### Changes to committee cell-phone numbers (for emergency contact list on your door hanger)

- New phone number for Bruce McPhail 027 332 5584
- Mark Robbins now on 027 863 9079



**WWW.AVERT.ORG.NZ**

In emergency dial 111  
then consult your AVERT checksheet

Next point of contact is an AVERT team leader  
Phone numbers are on your hanger  
Channel 1 on your handheld radio.

**We're on the Web**

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## *Talented batters and bowlers perform at BBQ*

From our sports correspondent

On a greener pitch than you might see at the Basin Reserve, there was some exciting batting and bowling on display at our Karapoti Park BBQ and picnic. Our thanks to Les for doing umpire duties again this year. A series of cover drives from members of the McPhail family kept the scoreboard ticking over. The official scorer reported that the run rate was later kept in check when someone bowled three maidens over in succession. *[Editorial comment; the sports correspondent had been warned to mind his "p's and q's" and was clearly "tired and emotional" at this point, received a warning about misplaced 's's" and he withdrew to seek further solace in an excellent red.]*

## Update on the defibrillator

Following the AGM discussion on the benefits of our having a defibrillator available in our part of the Valley, the Committee has examined a range of different models and suppliers. Prices range from \$5-7000. We have also considered both the capital outlay and ongoing costs in relation to our funds and annual income. An important consideration is the compatibility with systems used by other emergency agencies in the area, such as the ambulance service and Valley Rescue

We have decided to use part of our funds and to apply to the Rimutaka Licensing Trust for a grant for the balance of the funds needed.

The defibrillator will be sited in a central location so that it can be readily accessed when needed. For

the best results with this equipment, it requires that it be used on a patient within 10 minutes of an incident.

We aim to have as many members as possible undertake the training in the use of this equipment and the cost of the training has been a factor in the selection of the preferred model.

More details will be included in the next newsletter and hopefully we can report the results of our grant application.

Many thanks to the anonymous resident(s) who recently made a \$60 donation towards the purchase of the defibrillator. The Committee appreciates your support.



This opportunity to visit a local Dexter breeder may be of interest to members

# NATIONAL DEXTER CATTLE DAY

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and or Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**Come along and have a look at this lovely breed of cattle at one of the farms listed below, there's no charge.**

Dexter's are quiet, easy to handle, good foragers and because of their size they don't make a huge mess in the paddocks. It is a dual-purpose breed suited to both meat and milk production. This is a compact breed and very productive animal, with the meat being high quality, lean and tender. Dexter cattle also have an excellent reputation when it comes to milk.

The colours may be black, red or dun-coloured (although black is the most common), and naturally horned, although some are polled. Relatively short-legged and solidly built, Dexter's have a grace all of their own.

The first Dexters were imported into New Zealand in 1904 and Dexters are one of New Zealand's minority breeds of cattle being one of the smallest and also oldest breeds of British cattle. They evolved from the native Irish cattle and although the characteristics of the breed were described from the 1700s, they were not recognised as an identifiable breed until the 1870s.

**For More Details on the National Dexter Cattle Day – check out the**

**Dexter Cattle Societies web site [www.dexter-cattle.co.nz](http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz)**



**Members who are opening their farms to the public.**

Please give them a call to find out the times,

For more details about this day please call the Area Representative for the Wellington Area.

**Wellington Area Representative**

**Maureen & Wayne Pettersson** – 137 Colletts Road, Mangaroa Valley, Upper Hutt - Tel 04 5263785

**Gwen & Vince McBride** – 54 Cross Creek Road, Off Western Lakes Road, Featherston - Tel 06 3086100

**Chris & Alastair Bridge** - 125 Old Hautere Rd, Te Horo 5582 - Tel 06 3647297

**Nicola & Alan Rothwell** - 50A Katherine Mansfield Dr, RD 1, Upper Hutt 5371 - Tel 04 9720120

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