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Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Welcome to our fortnightly services

Sept 3: Family Service 2pm C Hamilton

Sept 17: Communion Service 2pm M Seamark

All welcome to the services and to join us for a nice afternoon tea afterwards. Children's activities all provided and toys for babies. Enquiries, contact Dorothy Lowry 752-9123

BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE

All children, five years old and older, are welcome.

Girls meet at the Awakino hall (transport provided). Boys meet at the Mokau Hall. All sessions are free. Inside and outside activities provided for all ages. Sessions are from 2.30-4pm.

Contact: (Boys) Shane Lowry 06 752-9124

(Girls) Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123,

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Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday, September 9th at 5pm

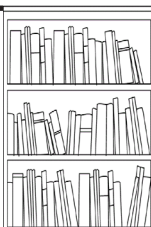
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Contact Heidi 06 752-9780

August Tides



| Date | AM High | AM Low | PM High | PM Low | PM High |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| FRI 01 SEP | - | 04:20 0.2m | 10:55 3.8m | 16:40 0.2m | 23:13 4.0m |
| SAT 02 SEP | - | 05:05 0.2m | 11:41 3.9m | 17:25 0.2m | 23:59 3.9m |
| SUN 03 SEP | - | 05:50 0.3m | 12:26 3.8m | 18:10 0.4m | - |
| MON 04 SEP | 00:44 3.8m | 06:33 0.4m | 13:10 3.6m | 18:54 0.6m | - |
| TUE 05 SEP | 01:29 3.6m | 07:18 0.6m | 13:56 3.4m | 19:41 0.8m | - |
| WED 06 SEP | 02:15 3.3m | 08:03 0.9m | 14:45 3.2m | 20:32 1.1m | - |
| THU 07 SEP | 03:06 3.1m | 08:54 1.1m | 15:41 3.0m | 21:34 1.3m | - |
| FRI 08 SEP | 04:06 2.9m | 09:57 1.3m | 16:46 2.9m | 22:55 1.4m | - |
| SAT 09 SEP | 05:13 2.8m | 11:21 1.4m | 17:56 2.9m | - | - |
| SUN 10 SEP | - | 00:15 1.4m | 06:23 2.8m | 12:40 1.4m | 19:00 3.0m |
| MON 11 SEP | - | 01:15 1.3m | 07:26 2.9m | 13:37 1.2m | 19:54 3.1m |
| TUE 12 SEP | - | 02:03 1.1m | 08:18 3.0m | 14:23 1.1m | 20:40 3.3m |
| WED 13 SEP | - | 02:44 1.0m | 09:03 3.2m | 15:01 0.9m | 21:21 3.4m |
| THU 14 SEP | - | 03:19 0.8m | 09:42 3.3m | 15:34 0.8m | 21:57 3.5m |
| FRI 15 SEP | - | 03:51 0.7m | 10:18 3.4m | 16:05 0.7m | 22:32 3.6m |
| SAT 16 SEP | - | 04:22 0.6m | 10:53 3.5m | 16:36 0.7m | 23:05 3.6m |
| SUN 17 SEP | - | 04:55 0.6m | 11:26 3.5m | 17:09 0.6m | 23:38 3.6m |
| MON 18 SEP | - | 05:29 0.6m | 11:58 3.5m | 17:43 0.7m | - |
| TUE 19 SEP | 00:12 3.5m | 06:04 0.6m | 12:32 3.4m | 18:20 0.8m | - |
| WED 20 SEP | 00:47 3.4m | 06:43 0.7m | 13:08 3.3m | 19:01 0.9m | - |
| THU 21 SEP | 01:25 3.2m | 07:24 0.9m | 13:50 3.2m | 19:47 1.1m | - |
| FRI 22 SEP | 02:11 3.1m | 08:12 1.0m | 14:41 3.1m | 20:42 1.2m | - |
| SAT 23 SEP | 03:08 2.9m | 09:09 1.2m | 15:49 3.0m | 21:52 1.3m | - |
| DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS | | | | | |
| SUN 24 SEP | 05:22 2.9m | 11:21 1.2m | 18:12 3.0m | - | - |
| MON 25 SEP | - | 00:12 1.3m | 06:47 2.9m | 12:42 1.2m | 19:28 3.1m |
| TUE 26 SEP | - | 01:28 1.1m | 08:01 3.1m | 13:56 1.0m | 20:32 3.4m |
| WED 27 SEP | - | 02:31 0.8m | 09:03 3.3m | 14:55 0.7m | 21:27 3.6m |
| THU 28 SEP | - | 03:24 0.5m | 09:57 3.6m | 15:47 0.5m | 22:17 3.9m |
| FRI 29 SEP | - | 04:12 0.3m | 10:46 3.8m | 16:34 0.3m | 23:04 4.0m |
| SAT 30 SEP | - | 04:57 0.2m | 11:32 3.9m | 17:19 0.2m | 23:49 4.0m |

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

In last months article I alluded to a few surprises we had with the ramp project. This being so, now that we have started its heads down, tails up and trucking forward. We are still hoping to open around end of October; however this is very much weather dependant. Now that we have a clear picture of what lies ahead, the team sat down with the builder to look at the project budget going forward, and gulp, we find ourselves short of \$50k. While it may give the impression the scope actually wasn't extravagant and we scoped back a lot of cost at the start while maintaining the building impression, as what we do now, the next generation will have to live with.

So, the call has gone out to all and any who can help. The builder is continuously looking for ways to reduce costs and local contractors have done work in kind. Special thanks to Dion Adams and Keith Miller here. Max is organising stuff on Facebook and if you can respond, this is appreciated.

Of course, the museum lives on volunteer labour, and while we are spending money on the outside, the inside work is being done on a shoestring. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Kath and the team of people carrying out various tasks pulling together new displays and rearranging the old ones. I tell you; you won't recognise the place when we open again. There is a hive of activity, especially on Tuesdays, so much so that it's a race to the chairs around the lunch table. Thank you all for your help here, and I hope you are having lots of fun along the way.

The new FirstGas display is up, and work is continuing on the new Waka Kotahi Mt Messenger display. By the way Te Ara o te Ata project is replacing the damaged lino flooring through to the lunchroom. Thanks heaps guys, this is something we would not be able to do without your support.

To enable all this stuff to happen we need the support of the entire community, and I think this whakataukī and it describes well. Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa *"Let us keep close together, not far apart"*

Ngā mihi
Murray

NOTE from Kath @ the Museum:

"September monthly get together at the St John's rooms 10am on 29th September.

Come and enjoy morning tea while listening to our guest speaker: Simon Brown on Photography.

Please RSVP to Kath TXT 021 132-5390 for catering numbers."

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

FLIPPIN' DISASTER FOR NEW VEHICLES

Taranaki Daily News 10 April 2002

Brand new vehicles worth close to \$300,000 were totalled when a car transporter crashed on a notorious bend in the Awakino Gorge yesterday. The Auckland based transporter was carrying seven vehicles on its trip to south Taranaki when it lost control at 7.30 am.

Its rear double-level trailer unit crashed into a bank, ripping a \$90 000 four wheel drive Jeep Grand Cherokee V8 and \$76 000 Chrysler Grand Voyager people mover off the top level and on to the roadway and then rolled, crushing another Grand Voyager as well as a \$50 000 Mazda Tribute 4WD.

Three more vehicles - a BMW 325ti Compact, Mazda SP20 and a Ford Ute - were carried on the front unit and escaped unscathed because it and the trucks cabin remained upright.

Constable Jono Erwood, of Mokau Police, said it was not known at this stage what caused the crash. But another truck driver, who did not wish to be named, told the Daily News that the bend on which the truck crashed had been the scene of numerous accidents. "It's got deep guttering on the side of the road and if you get your wheels stuck in there you can get into big trouble," said the driver, who with dozens of other motorists was stuck in the gorge while wreckage was being cleared. "That's obviously what happened with this poor guy. The guttering would have flicked the top part of the transporter into the bank and torn the vehicles away."

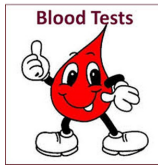
HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Nothing lasts forever, but it is always good to find products that just can give you a bit more time. I recently come across a roof that was pitted and after a bit of research found that there are a couple of rubberised paint type products that can be applied to seal the leaks. So, if you find your roof leaking and are short of cash to replace it this may be an interim solution for you. Could by you 5-7 years but let's just see. This is stuff you can apply yourself, so feel free to check out; Gilsoflex Roof Sealer, or Cohe Group Liquid Rubber

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BLOOD TEST dates for September

- » Friday 9th
- » Friday 20th

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Are you looking for a way to contribute to the wellbeing of our community and enhance the life of folks needing a bit of support? Our area needs in-home support care workers. Training is free, hours are limited, and roles vary. If this sounds like you give Geneva Health Care a call on 0800 436-382 or look them up online.

The days are starting to get longer and dare I say it worst of the winter weather is behind us again. Although it's cool outside, we are all still at risk of UV skin damage. This time of year can be worse than the hot and sunny weather as we don't automatically think sunscreen when it's not blazing hot. NZ has one of the highest rates of skin cancers in the world – second only to Australia (this is a trophy we are happy to let them keep). We do however, hold the dubious honour of having highest death rates from melanoma in the world.

There are two main types of skin cancer: melanoma and non-melanoma. The most common non-melanoma tumours are basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma and are often removed or treated by your GP or skin specialist.

If you have any new or changing skin lumps, bumps or lesions please have them checked out by your GP or dermatologist. If caught early they are easier to treat. Bottom line is the more trips around the sun you have taken the longer your overall exposure time to the effects of the sun and the greater your risk. The old rhyme of slip, slop, slap is never out of date.

September is a busy month as whitebait season starts and the number of people in the area increases to chase the white gold. Keep an eye out for each near the waterways enjoy the fruits of your labour (go light on the flour in the fritter).

Stay well, stay safe

Cynthia



CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Thanks to all those who took their time to vote in the by-election. We had a return of about 27% which while looks low is actually quite typical unfortunately. Anyway, you have all selected Judy Tulloch to be part of the Community Board and I look forward to working with her.

Council is well into the triannual planning cycle now as we tweak the plan for the next 10 years and a key part of this are the Community Board Plans. Our top 5 priorities based on community responses are;

1. Roothing infrastructure and transport, (no cycleways needed up here)
2. Water and waste management
3. Community and environment
4. Recreation and Tourism, and finally
5. Regional Growth

Within the plan there are some details that flesh these titles out further. This is available at <https://www.npdc.govt.nz/council/strategies-plans-and-policies/plans/community-board-plans/>

No doubt you would have seen the public kick back of the rates increase and it is good to hear that the new CE is mandated with a review of Council structure to make sure every dollar is delivering value. It's been quite some time since this has happened and there will be fat in the system. I hope this also extends into the contracts used to deliver services as anything council seems to be a lot more expensive than what we would normally expect in the private sector. This will all wash though in the Long-Term Plan delivery.

Last month the council roading team tidied up the Clifton Road verge opposite the boat ramp park and with the plants provided a team of locals got these in the ground. In the years to come these are going to look great and a special thanks to Mike Brown and all those who gave a hand on the day. The road verge is now a community orchard, and it is now up to the local community to maintain and care for these trees. There is quite a variety which should provide crops for people to gather from most of the year. It is now up to us to see that it reaches its potential.

Keep registering those service requests as you see things that need to be done. Council really does reply on our eyes to help them keep on top of things. enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for the people, go forward

Ngā mihi
Murray Seamark
Board Chair
021 431432



Barbara Kuriger
National Party Spokesperson
MP for Taranaki-King Country

Be careful what we vote for

What's important at your place right now?

Is it the cost of living, the price of meat, eggs and vegetables?

Do you break out in a sweat every time you fill up the car?

Is the interest rate on your mortgage constantly on your mind?

Maybe you feel unsafe due to rising crime and ram raids?

Is your business or farm is being drowned in regulations.

Has your child been affected by the amount of disrupted schooling this year alone?

When was the last time you managed to see your doctor?

These questions are among the issues you'll be considering on October 14.

So I encourage everyone to look closely at the policies on offer not the personalities. Because the New Zealand we know, and love, is depending on it.

For the past six years, we've seen the economy, infrastructure, biggest export earners, education and health systems, rural communities, law and order, among others fall victim to the ideology of our current government.

We're in a recession and don't know exactly how bad the books are. Meanwhile the confidence of our food producers, our biggest earners, has slumped to a record low under Labour.

We've become a nation divided over governance, language and resources, of haves versus have nots, of failing systems and lawlessness. A country where people can walk out of a store without paying for what they have taken without consequence.

Not content, Labour in their final weeks have passed Three Waters and two of their three RMA replacement bills; taken GST off fresh fruit and vegetable but added a staggered 12c fuel tax.

I know it's what the majority of Kiwis voted for in 2020.

Labour is the only political party, since MMP was introduced, to enjoy the luxury of governing without the need of political partners in their second term. But the window to reverse the monumental damage done since 2017 is almost closed.

There are those who might say 'Why would you want to even become government?' given the epic job ahead of whoever wins.

It's a valid question.

Getting the economy pumping again, household costs under control, repealing legislation, underdoing red tape, resetting systems and fixing broken ones, restoring roads, education, health and law and order systems — just some of the urgent priorities — won't be easy and will take time.

But as someone who entered Parliament to work for the betterment of the communities I represent, my colleagues and I are up for the challenge.

National has announced many of its policies and countered those put forward by others.

We are builders and our previous terms in government attest to that. We just need the might of a majority vote to do that.

So come October 14, there really is only one question ... Whose policies will make your life better?

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

White baiting is now full on, and the campground is full of keen fishers staying over while they chase the deliciously. As always, our camp mother is on hand to help people settle in and enjoy what Mōkau has to offer. Thanks Jenny, gold star!

Great to see a couple of rugby games on the ground last month. Thanks, Jeff, for bringing this together. It's always a good social gathering as local come to support the team.

With the new track in place the pest traps have now been repositioned along it. Over the past year they have been in place, the majority of the catch has been stoats. If we are going to help bring back the native wildlife this is a pest we need to deal with. The trap line has now been set up on the Trap NZ website where we can record the catch over time. It's always good to see how things are progressing, and now the traps can be checked as you enjoy a walk along the river track. Thanks to Pete and JP for helping in this area.

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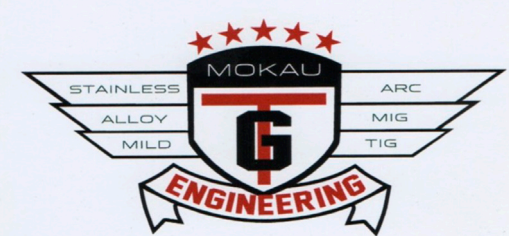


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