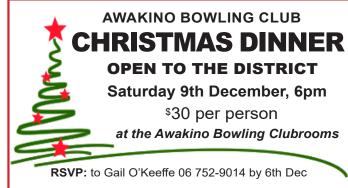


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Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men" Luke 2:14

WELCOME TO OUR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICES

Dec 3: Communion Service 2pm P Demchy **Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service 7pm C Hamilton All welcome, especially children. Refreshments are provided after all services. Contact D Lowry 06 752-9123

BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE

PRIZEGIVING

This will be held on December 5 at 3.15pm at the Awakino Hall. All families and friends welcome.

Contact: (Girls) Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123, (Boys) Shane Lowry 06 752-9124

Christian Church Meetings

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday, 1.30pm 328 Mohakatino Road

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Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

PLEASE NOTE:

The December Mass won't be the usual Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday, December 16th at 5pm

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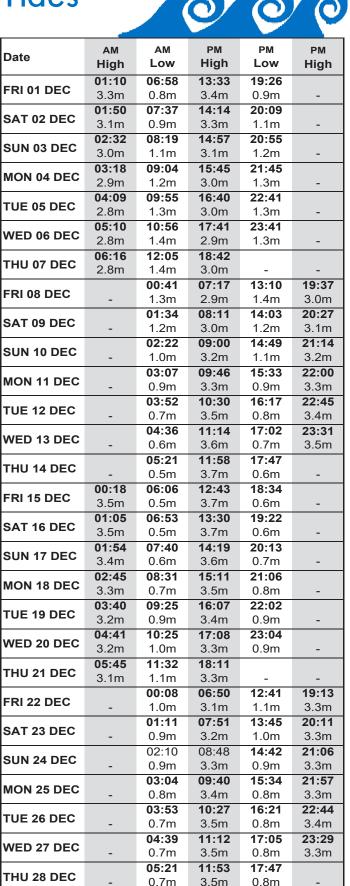
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Community Notices

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

GLOW-WORM CAVE DISCOVERY AT MOKAU

Taranaki Daily News 18 December 1923

The discovery of another scenic attraction at Mokau in the form of a glow-worm cave has been reported to the chairman of the New Plymouth Tourist and Expansion League, by Mr W Christoffel.

Mr Christoffel said that he stumbled across the cave, or rather a tunnel, while in the bush on the Manga-Awakino block. The tunnel is about 12 miles up the river, and about a mile and half from the river towards the Awakino Valley Road. The tunnel is said to be about half a mile in length with an entrance 80 feet high and of the same width. Mr Christoffel added that he saw lots of glow-worms and stalactites, but as he had only matches he could not explore the tunnel for more than a few chains. There are plenty of camping places near the tunnel, with abundance of water and firewood, and Mr Christoffel said he would be pleased to make welcome any party which would like to explore his find.

It is also reported that mullet, kahawai and snapper are at present very thick in the river up to about seven or eight miles from the mouth, while herring are to be caught up to 18 miles up the river.

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Not long now before the fat fella turns up in a funny suit. Gee it comes around quick these days. Sign of getting longer in the tooth I suppose. What's important now is a good break from the grind to recharge. So enjoy time with the kids and smell the roses for a while as these are the things that matter the most. If the job has waited this long, then hey, what's another month or two?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have supported me throughout the year and wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas/New Year

Murray Seamark
Tainui Handyman
seamarkmw@gmail.com
021 431432

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

Have you seen the night displays at the museum? Natural light is not good for the collection so to deal with this the windows needed to be blocked out. This got the creative juices going and the team has used this space to create new displays inside and out. Then a smart idea come to the fray about putting lighting in the windows which come on at night, and wahla, the place is lit up and there is something to be seen even when it is closed. Hard to miss but have a closer look at some stage.

You may also have noticed that the alcove area in front of the glass sliding doors looks a bit blank. This is because the Mt Messenger project Te Ara o Te Ata is creating a new display the tell the story of the by-pass. Travellers are always interested in roading projects, and we look forward to partnering with the project team to keep the public informed. There will also be the opportunity to test your driving skills driving the road with a simulator.

The museum fundraising drive is still trucking on full steam ahead and many private individuals along with Waitomo District Council and those giving to the Givealittle page have contributed significantly to the call. The pot is currently sitting at around \$37k. Thank you all for your kind donations, it's all very much appreciated.

The scaffolding is down and suddenly it looks like something has happened. Work is now focused back on the ramp and there still seems to be so much to do. While we were hoping to open the museum again on Saturday 9th December, it looks like it will be Saturday the 16th, and I think we do realise that some construction work will so be continuing post this. The team is pulling together a bit of fanfare so keep an eye on the community Facebook page for details closer to the time. So much is new on the inside as well and will be well worth a visit.

All the changes have been a collaboration (mahitahi) of individual efforts to achieve a common purpose which I think this whakataukī says it well. E hara matou toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitahi. "Our strength is not as an individual, but as a collective".

See you in a couple of weeks.

Ngā mihi Murray

DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE



BLOOD TEST dates for December - These are the days I can take blood tests into town for processing.

- → Wednesday 13th
- Wednesday 27th

If you need an urgent test, please call me to discuss. I can take blood on any clinic day if you can arrange to get it into town.

TETANUS

When did you have your last tetanus injection? It's something most of us don't think about until we have an injury that needs medical attention. Hopefully the following info will encourage you to consider asking for a free booster when you next see your GP.

- Unlike other vaccine preventable diseases, tetanus is not transmitted from person to person. Tetanus is a bacteria found in soils; the toxin is so potent only tiny amounts are needed to cause disease. The bacteria can get into your body through a cut, graze or puncture wound. Even minor wounds are a risk.
- Symptoms of tetanus usually start 3 to 10 days after injury. Left untreated, tetanus can cause serious health problems or death in about 1 in 10 people.
- Initial symptoms, which appear 3-10 days after infection, include weakness, stiffness or cramps and difficulty chewing or swallowing food. As it progresses, painful spasms and rigid muscles develop. If left untreated paralysis of the respiratory muscles can cause death.
- There is no treatment for tetanus. Hospital provides supportive care as the disease takes it course. Patients usually spend several weeks in intensive care units waiting for the disease to clear. Even with high quality modern intensive care units, machines and medicines, death occurs in approximately 1 in 10 of people who get tetanus.
- Vaccination with three or more doses of tetanuscontaining vaccine is required for full protection, followed by booster vaccinations throughout life. Booster doses are funded at 11 years, 45 years and 65 years of age. Boosters may be recommended following injury where the wound is at high risk of being infected with tetanus or if it has been more than 5 years since the last booster.

Wishing you all a safe festive season.

Stay well, stay safe



CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

The last Community Board meeting was held at the Tongapōrutu hall, and it was good to see a few locals turn up, whom had the opportunity to raise local concerns. Think we might put this venue on an annual cycle. On the agenda was a report of the community board discretionary fund and a request was made that some work to beautify the reserve at the boat ramp end. This was taken on board and Officers will look at scoping something. Remember council wheels move slowly, so please be patient.

Barry Arbuckle and I have been working with council to address the erosion at the boat ramp. This work is scheduled in early December ready for the summer activities. Thanks, Barry, for championing this.

Some may remember the community consultation on rubbish collection which fed into the waste minimisation review. Well, it sounds like town may finally be starting to listen to country as we try to make something that works for the rural communities. A new service provider is contracted which begins in Oct 24 and council is currently working with them in setting up the new fixed infrastructure. Your community board has representation around these conversations, and we will endeavour to do our best to find workable low-cost solutions that enable residents easy access to waste and recycling services. Will keep you up to date.

All us locals already know that we live in the best part of Taranaki, but it seems the word is spreading. Visitors wishing to get the famous photo shot of Taranaki maunga, the sisters and the white cliffs are being directed via tourist websites to Umukaha Point of the end of Pilot Rd. This extra visitor traffic has raised some local safety concerns and the community board with council and Ngāti Tama are finding ways to safely direct visitors to the best spot to take their shots. Hopefully we can get something up there soon.

Anyway, the holiday season will soon be upon us and while a large part of council will also be on holiday, essential services are still operating. So, if you see something that needs addressing please continue to raise your Service Request at enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

On behalf of the Community Board I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday. Enjoy your time relaxing with family and friends

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

Ngā mihi Murray Seamark Board Chair 021 431432



TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Hey everyone! Just wanted to send out a big shoutout for a safe and fantastic holiday season. And let's not forget to welcome the new year with open arms! We're super stoked to announce our event, **MOKAUPOLOOZA** on **January 13th**! Mark that date on your calendar because we need your support to make it a roaring success.

I also want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the incredible volunteers who've dedicated their time and energy to the Domain throughout the year. Your hard work and dedication have made a huge difference, and we couldn't have done it without you.

The walkway and river track have been buzzing with activity, with people enjoying fishing and taking leisurely strolls. It's such a delight to see the community come together and enjoy these beautiful spaces. Thank you to Peter for making these happen and keeping on top of those pesky weeds, you're a legend.

A special thank you goes out to the groups that have been utilizing our facilities. Your continued support not only enhances the community spirit. So, a big shoutout to the Rugby Club, Fishing Club, Community Trust, Tainui Pet Day, Search and Rescue, and all the other amazing groups that have made the Domain their home. We're thrilled to have you here and to be able to host events that bring joy to everyone.

Now, let's give a round of applause to some exceptional individuals who go above and beyond. Trish and Scotty, our happy campers, deserve a huge thank you for their tireless efforts. Murray has been a true superstar, working behind the scenes to negotiate lease documents with the Waitomo District Council and collaborating with the Waikato Regional Council for the walkway development. He's a jack of all trades, from mowing the around the edges of rugby field and clubrooms to painting and being an overall handyman, thank you so much for generously giving your time and doing so much. Jenny your overseeing of the campers has increased our revenue, and we really appreciate your time spent also.

Also our fabulous committee and members, Kane Fuller for being on hand to fix fences, Jo for doing the accounts, Tony for mowing and Matt for your help and guidance, Jeff for keeping the rugby games going, it's a great team, we are blessed to have you on board.

Lastly, a big farewell and thank you to Adam Black,

who has done an incredible job managing the sheep. We're sad to see him go, but we're immensely grateful for everything he's done. Thank you, Adam, and you'll be missed.

And that's a wrap, folks! Remember to spread the word about all the exciting things happening at Domain and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 12th January for Painting, Wine and Cheese evening and 13th Jan for **MOKAUPOLOOZA**, it's going to be great!

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Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from your WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Hope this finds everyone well and looking forward enthusiastically to the Summer season (hopefully we get one this year).

Council has recently been involved in producing a Lease Agreement for the Tainui Domain Board. This will allow the Committee to run the Domain in ways that they see will benefit the district.

The parking areas in Mokau have now been completed and although there have been several hiccups along the way these will be of benefit to the local retail businesses in the future.

Council recently voted on Maori Wards. Councillors unanimously voted against Maori Wards and in favour of a committee comprising of Maori and Council representatives. The committee will not have voting rights. I personally think this is a good outcome as Maori Wards have several disadvantages for Maori representation.

I would also like to congratulate the Mokau district on the tremendous amount of work that has gone into the upgrade of the Museum. Council has recently approved a \$30,000.00 grant, (subject to a few minor conditions), to help complete this mammoth task. Please be on the look out for water leaks and notify Council so that treated water is not wasted at considerable expense.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries you might have.

Gavin Todd Gavin.Todd@Waitomo.govt.nz



Mōkau Museum Opening

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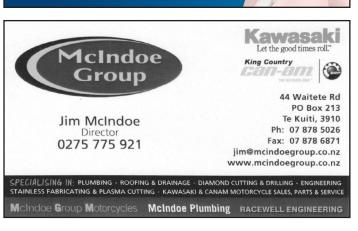
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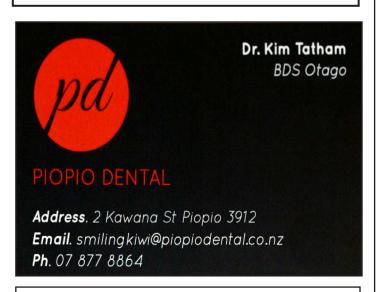
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06 752-9124

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06 752-9072

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06 759-6060

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	09	KARAOKE WITH NAKIOKE. AWAKINO HOTEL I 8:00 PM
	16	PUB QUIZ
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	27	CORSON TYRES 4-DAY COMP
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	DEC	1144 MOHAKATINO ROAD I 11:00 AM (Jurassic Falls) guided walk - 4 hour return walk, BYO lunch
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	JAN	NP TRAMPING CLUB I 9:00 AM Walk to the Lime Kiln. Contact John 0274465448
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COOL OFF AND HAVE SOME FUN ON THE SLIP N SLIDE, ALL AGES WELCOME.

LOCATION - BEACH CAR PARK COST - FREE

TONGAPORUTU TENNIS

4PM: KIDS TENNIS LESSONS, JOIN US FOR SOME FUN WHILE LEARNING SOME SKILLS.

LOCATION - TENNIS COURTS COST - GOLD COIN

5PM: COMMUNITY TENNIS COMPETITION AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

LOCATION - TENNIS COURTS COST - \$5

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

12PM: DONUT AND BOAT RIDES

ADRENALINE PACKED RIDES ON OR BEHIND A FAST BOAT! BRING YOUR TOGS

LOCATION - RIVERSIDE IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD.

COST - GOLD COIN

MONDAY 1ST JANUARY

7PM: QUIZ NIGHT- AHITITI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

GET A TEAM OF SIX TOGETHER, COME ALONG AND TEST YOUR GENERAL

KNOWLEDGE. A FUN COMMUNITY NIGHT IS GUARANTEED

LOCATION - HALL COST - \$10 PER PERSON (TEAMS OF 6)

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY

KID'S FISHING COMPETITION

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 1PM - FISHING STARTS AT 2PM TRY YOUR LUCK AT CATCHING THE WINNING FISH AND GETTING

YOUR NAME ON THE TROPHY.

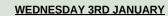
4PM: KID'S FISHING COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING LOCATION - BOAT RAMP COST - \$2 (UNDER 15 YEARS)

SPONSORED BY HUNTING & FISHING, FAIRVIEW

6PM: LIVE MUSIC

KICKING OFF THE EVENING LOCAL BAND FLAMINGO SOCIAL CLUB, THEN THE BLISTERED FINGERS ARE RETURNING FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND DANCING.

LOCATION - BOAT RAMP RESERVE COST - GOLD COIN. SPONSORED BY NPDC



10AM: BIG DIG

FIND A TOKEN AND WIN AN EPIC PRIZE.

LOCATION- RIVERSIDE IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD COST - \$2. SPONSORED BY ANCHORTECH NZ

3PM: COMMUNITY SUMMER EVENTS REVIEW

LET US KNOW YOUR FAVOURITE EVENT, NEW EVENT IDEAS

FOR 2024/25 WELCOME!

LOCATION - HALL



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