



JANUARY 2024

Monthly Community Newsletter supporting Tainui District -
Mokau, Awakino, Tongaporutu, Ahititi, and Waikawau

MOKAU MUSEUM RE-OPENING

Saturday, December 16 2023



*Great to see such an improvement to the entrance of the Mokau Museum - well done to all those involved!
Also great to see so many people at the re-opening. This photo was taken before the official opening started.*

Happy New year



TAINUI TRADING POST

Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated. The views published in this publication are not those of the editor but of the contributors. Articles must not be longer than 280 words and may have accompanying photos. We reserve the right to edit any material. PUBLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. For advertising costs please contact: tainuitradingpost@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook : Mokau Community Connection

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Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11

WELCOME TO OUR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICES

Jan 7: Communion Service 2pm

Jan 21: Communion Service 2pm

All are welcome to come and enjoy the songs and message, followed by a nice afternoon tea. Activities are provided for children and toys for babies. Enquiries to D Lowry 06 752-9123

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Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday, January 13th at 5pm

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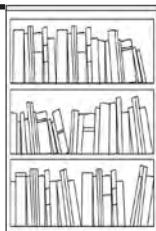
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now and in the future so
we can be the 'unity' in
community!



January Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
MON 01 JAN	02:07 3.2m	07:53 0.9m	14:27 3.3m	20:22 1.0m	-
TUE 02 JAN	02:45 3.1m	08:31 1.1m	15:06 3.2m	21:03 1.1m	-
WED 03 JAN	03:25 3.0m	09:13 1.2m	15:48 3.1m	21:47 1.2m	-
THU 04 JAN	04:10 2.9m	10:00 1.3m	16:36 3.0m	22:36 1.2m	-
FRI 05 JAN	05:06 2.9m	10:55 1.4m	17:33 2.9m	23:31 1.3m	-
SAT 06 JAN	06:12 2.8m	12:00 1.4m	18:36 2.9m	-	-
SUN 07 JAN	-	00:33 1.2m	07:20 2.9m	13:08 1.4m	19:40 3.0m
MON 08 JAN	-	01:35 1.2m	08:21 3.0m	14:11 1.2m	20:39 3.1m
TUE 09 JAN	-	02:34 1.0m	09:16 3.2m	15:06 1.0m	21:34 3.2m
WED 10 JAN	-	03:28 0.8m	10:07 3.4m	15:57 0.8m	22:26 3.4m
THU 11 JAN	-	04:18 0.6m	10:55 3.6m	16:46 0.7m	23:17 3.5m
FRI 12 JAN	-	05:06 0.5m	11:43 3.8m	17:34 0.5m	-
SAT 13 JAN	00:06 3.6m	05:53 0.4m	12:29 3.8m	18:21 0.4m	-
SUN 14 JAN	00:54 3.6m	06:40 0.4m	13:16 3.9m	19:08 0.4m	-
MON 15 JAN	01:42 3.6m	07:26 0.4m	14:04 3.8m	19:56 0.5m	-
TUE 16 JAN	02:30 3.5m	08:14 0.5m	14:52 3.7m	20:45 0.6m	-
WED 17 JAN	03:21 3.4m	09:04 0.7m	15:44 3.5m	21:36 0.7m	-
THU 18 JAN	04:14 3.3m	09:59 0.9m	16:38 3.4m	22:31 0.9m	-
FRI 19 JAN	05:13 3.2m	11:00 1.1m	17:38 3.2m	23:32 1.0m	-
SAT 20 JAN	06:17 3.1m	12:10 1.2m	18:41 3.1m	-	-
SUN 21 JAN	-	00:40 1.1m	07:22 3.1m	13:21 1.2m	19:45 3.1m
MON 22 JAN	-	01:48 1.1m	08:24 3.1m	14:25 1.1m	20:45 3.1m
TUE 23 JAN	-	02:48 1.0m	09:20 3.2m	15:19 1.1m	21:40 3.1m
WED 24 JAN	-	03:40 0.9m	10:10 3.3m	16:08 1.0m	22:29 3.2m
THU 25 JAN	-	04:26 0.9m	10:54 3.4m	16:51 0.9m	23:14 3.3m
FRI 26 JAN	-	05:07 0.8m	11:35 3.5m	17:30 0.8m	23:54 3.3m
SAT 27 JAN	-	05:44 0.7m	12:13 3.5m	18:06 0.8m	-
SUN 28 JAN	00:31 3.3m	06:19 0.7m	12:49 3.5m	18:41 0.8m	-
MON 29 JAN	01:07 3.3m	06:52 0.8m	13:23 3.5m	19:15 0.8m	-
TUE 30 JAN	01:40 3.3m	07:25 0.8m	13:57 3.4m	19:49 0.8m	-
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TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

STORM PRODUCES HIGHEST MOKAU TIDES IN MEMORY

15 January 1997

MOKAU - The coastal towns got a bit of lashing from Cyclone Drena, but more as a result of extremely high tides and river flooding than from wind and rain damage.

Local historian Ian Whittaker said he'd never seen anything like it.

"It was the rough seas rather than the storm," he said. "We got tremendous tides..."

He said the Tainui-Wetere Domain and Mokau River Road were both under water on Saturday for around three hours, and several vehicles were trapped at Tongaporutu by logs on the road.

He said the river was the highest he'd ever seen, "It just got higher and higher and higher - by gee, it was high!"

In some places, such as on the south bank of the Mokau river, erosion has increased.

Awakino resident Sally Fenning said she saw two metres of the bank fall away into the sea almost under her feet.

"I suddenly realised what was happening and then six foot of the bank disappeared," she said. "It was quite frightening really, quite frightening."

High tides were also reported at Kawhia with water lapping around the Kawhia Fish Shop.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

Well, if there was no last minute, then I am sure nothing would get done. With a hiss and a roar, and armed with a shovel, rake and paint brush, the museum got tidied up for the opening. The weather gods were kind to us, and I reckon there was over 80 people who travelled out to celebrate the day with us. It was a shame that Ian wasn't able to be there, but he was on our minds, and having Aunty Jessy and Elish to cut the ribbon and lead the way up the ramp was a real treasure. The day was a huge success and I thank everyone involved in pulling it together.

Kath and the team have created over 20 new displays, and all on a shoestring. Many items that were in storage are now out telling their story, and the archives area has had a real going through. Boxes of photos, letters and information just kept coming out of the woodwork. Each item that had local relevance was scanned then filed to enable them to be found easier. Also gone is the old noisy paniola, which has been replaced with a unit in top condition, donated by a family, (not from the area) who were downsizing and no longer had room for it. Send the kids in.

The new FirstGas and Mt Messenger displays have really captured the work of large-scale investment in the area. People are always interested in what is going on in this space and the museum is honoured to have partnered with these companies so that the public can be informed.

If you think someone has left the lights on, please don't call. The night displays lit up in the windows has been a creative use of space, and it means that travellers can have a wonder while they wait for their burger.

The museum had been closed for 7 months while the accessibility ramp was being constructed. This time was wisely used to make such a big difference inside and I thank all the volunteers that made it happen. And while I uncomfortably received lots of accolades on the day for the work done it really has been a team effort. E hara matou toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitahi. *"Our strength is not as an individual, but as a collective"*.

Ngā mihi
Murray

NOTE from Kath @ the Museum:

January get-together at the St John's rooms,
26th January @ 10 am

Guest speaker is Dr Ken Taiapa. He is going to hold a discussion on the Treaty of Waitangi, just in time for Waitangi day. He will discuss why treaty's should be upheld rather than settled. He should be very interesting.

RSPV Kath for catering 021 132-5390

DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE



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

- ▶▶ Wednesday 10th
- ▶▶ Wednesday 24th

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.

Clinic will run as usual over the summer months, if you are visiting our area and in need of help you are welcome to come into the clinic - it's free.

Enjoy a break if you are having one, rest, relax and get ready for what lies ahead in 2024.

Out of hours you can phone the health line for advice.



If you think you have covid there are RAT tests and masks available at the clinic. You can call Helpline for COVID-19 health advice and information, call the **COVID Healthline free 0800 358 5453**

For mental health support call **Need to talk? Free call or text 1737** any time for support from a trained counsellor.

Starting soon - PHYSIO SERVICE

Te Whatu Ora is funding a free physiotherapy clinic in Mokau once a month in 2024. The physiotherapist is called Louise Robinson and has been working as a physio in Taranaki for the last 8 years.

This clinic is primarily designed for people with long term musculoskeletal conditions, for example arthritis or persistent low back pain.

As the clinic is only running once a month it is not suitable for people with acute injuries or ACC cases.

People can access this physio clinic through a referral from any health professional (GPs, specialists, nurses). Appointments will be made through Louise and the physio department at Base hospital.

The clinic will be held in the Mokau Nurse Clinic rooms in the St John building.

The first date is yet to be confirmed but future dates will be in the Trader.

Stay well, stay safe



CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Happy New Year guys. Hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and now that its over for another year you are finding time to kick back and enjoy the holiday time with family and friends.

Last month I reported that we need to do something at Umukaha Point to safely direct visitors so they can take the famous photo shot of Taranaki. Community Board members met up with Ngāti Tama and council Officers in Dec to take a wonder and to see for ourselves what could be done in the short term to make this safer. Ironically while we were there, visitors came and went to an area where the cliff is crumbling, which I think hammered it home that this work is urgent. In the longer term we look forward to partnering with Ngāti Tama in the signage narrative to improve the visitor experience.

Council has contracted a new rubbish collection provider who starts in October. Once the team gets back on board, they with the Community Board are establishing a focus group to investigate the best ways to provide services to rural communities. Once we have nussed this out, we hope to set up a trial site in the area which then in the long term can be rolled out across all rural sectors throughout the district. I will be focusing on ways to make recycling services more accessible and economic so that less is sent to landfill, official or otherwise. Will keep you informed.

In the media you would have heard a lot of talk about the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and the expected impacts on future rates. Once all the shouting is over the document will go out for public consultation and everyone will have an opportunity to address their concerns. Will let you know when this process begins.

While you are on holiday, most of council is as well. However essential services remain and if you notice something that needs attention, please register a service request either by the NPDC app, phone 06 759-6060, or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz Your message will be captured and actioned.

On behalf of the Community Board, I would like to wish you all a safe holiday period. 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

Happy New Year everyone, we are gearing up for an epic start to the year, with not just one but two events! We're super excited and would love your support to make these events a roaring success. So, mark your calendar and spread the word to your friends and family. Let's come together, have a blast, and support a local band and artist and Tainui Rugby Club.

Friday 12th January 7 pm

Dimphy is back and we're throwing a wine and cheese evening to celebrate the new year. It's going to be an absolute cracker of a time, with paints, wine, cheese, and aprons provided, all for \$5. So, grab your artistic spirit, bring a mate along, and let's create some fun. Tis the perfect way to kick off the new year with a touch of creativity and a whole lot of fun. Only 7 spaces left, get in quick!

Saturday 13th Jan 2.30 pm

Get ready to have a ripper of a time at The Domain Day's **MOKAUPOLOOZA!** Join us for a fantastic community get-together filled with live music, delicious food, BBQ, and good vibes. Come along and enjoy the rhythms by the river. It's a bonza opportunity to have a chinwag with mates and neighbours while supporting a local band! Don't miss out on this awesome event! See you there! Remember there are options to camp the night rather than risk driving, the bar will be operating in the clubrooms.

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Happy New Years people. Sun, surf, and sand is what is on order for this month. Enjoy time with your family and friends and stay safe by making sure those smoke alarms are going

Murray Seamark
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AWAKINO BOWLING CLUB

Hello everyone. On behalf of the Bowling Club I would like to say THANK YOU for buying the raffle tickets that Jenny walked the town to sell for us. The winners being \$100 note - ticket 24 Wal Death and the \$100 Grocery Voucher - ticket 65 Sue Atkins. Also, a big thank you to all those that attended the Xmas Dinner. By some of the feedback you all enjoyed yourselves.

Twilight is going very well and we will be carrying on right through the Xmas and New Year. So, come on down and join us. We have a lot of fun. It is on a Wednesday night at 5.30pm \$2 entry.

Our Club would like to say we hope you all had an enjoyable Xmas and New Year.

Gail O'Keeffe
Sec/Treasurer

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2024

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MOKAU SUMMER EVENTS

09
DEC

XMAS DINNER

AWAKINO BOWLING CLUB | 6:00 PM

\$30 per person. Contact Gail 067529014 by 6th December

09
DEC

KARAOKE WITH NAKIOKE.

AWAKINO HOTEL | 8:00 PM

16
DEC

PUB QUIZ

AWAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM

27
DEC

CORSON TYRES 4-DAY COMP

MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 5:00 PM

Earlybird draw \$500 Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>

28
DEC

MOHAKATINO FALLS WALK

1144 MOHAKATINO ROAD | 11:00 AM

(Jurassic Falls) guided walk - 4 hour return walk, BYO lunch and water - meet at Ben's woolshed at end of Mohakatino road.

31
DEC

BAND

AWAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM

Band - Dodgy Jack. Courtsey van available. Ph 067529815

02
JAN

PADDLE DAY

29 TE MAHOE ROAD | 2:00 PM

Kayaks and Paddle Boards available.

03
JAN

MOKAU MARKET

MOKAU SCHOOL FIELD | 10:00 AM

Live music, local crafts and car club. Contact Kath 0211325390

06
JAN

RATE PAYERS MEETING

MOKAU HALL | 12:00 PM

Light luncheon and cuppa, followed by meet the councillors.

10
JAN

LIME KILN WALK

NP TRAMPING CLUB | 9:00 AM

Walk to the Lime Kiln. Contact John 0274465448

12
JAN

PAINT WITH DIMPY

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN | 7:00 PM

Paint, wine and cheese night. Contact 0278964252 to book. \$5

13
JAN

TAKE A KID FISHING

MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 8:30 AM

Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>

13
JAN

DOMAIN DAY

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN | 2:30 PM

BBQ, music, free health checks. Contact Jo 0279239577

17
FEB

LADIES COMPETITION

MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 7:30 AM

Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>

18
FEB

MIGHTY MOKAU BIKE RIDE

2227 TAUMATAMAIRE ROAD | 7:00 AM

Register at <https://mightymokau.com>. Ph Maree 067529765



2023/24 TONGAPORUTU Summer Events

WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

4PM: SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION

WORK ALONE OR IN A GROUP TO CREATE A SAND MASTERPIECE

LOCATION - RIVERSIDE , IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD

COST - FREE SPONSORED BY ANCHOR TARANAKI

THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER

11AM: MOHAKATINO FALLS (JURASSIC FALLS)

FOUR HOUR RETURN WALK, ENJOY YOUR BYO LUNCH AT THE IMPRESSIVE WATER FALLS

LOCATION- END OF MOHAKATINO ROAD COST - FREE

*WALKING SHOES, SUNBLOCK, WATER RECOMMENDED

FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER

10AM: TABLOID SPORTS

FUN GAMES AND CHALLENGES FOR ALL AGES

LOCATION - GRASS AREA BEHIND TENNIS COURT COST - FREE

*SUNHAT AND WATER BOTTLE RECOMMENDED

SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER

10AM: TONGAPORUTU FIRE SAFETY LESSON

HEAD ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW TO OPERATE THE COMMUNITY FIRE EQUIPMENT.

LOCATION - BOAT RAMP COST - FREE

1PM: SLIP N SLIDE

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

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY

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

