

#### FEBRUARY 2024

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

#### **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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February 10, 2024

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## **MOKAU CAMERA CLUB**

Meets monthly at the St John Lounge on the morning of the 3rd Thursday. The theme for Dec-Jan was "Summer Fun" and it was good to see the standard of photography advanced over the summer break. Each photographer enters 3 images, two on theme and one open. All photos are peer reviewed and scores allocated. The top peer image for last month was "The Big Splash" by Simon



Simon's photo "Big Splash"

Brown and the overall winner, once peer scores and judges scores are combined, was Sally Wise with "Sandy Days", congratulations and chocolate fish to both.

Anyone interested in joining the camera club or enrolling for the 4 week Basic Photography Course in April, contact Simon Brown 06 9282548 evenings



Sally's photo "Sandy Days"

# Community Notices

#### **CHURCH NOTICES**

# St Peter's by the Sea

#### WELCOME TO OUR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICES

We are a non-denominational Christian Church, with local and visiting Ministers. Services are held on the first and third Sunday of each month, and on Christmas Eve.

Feb 5: Service 2pm

Peter Demchy

Feb 19: Family Service 2pm

Come along and enjoy the services, with a nice afternoon tea provided afterwards. Children's activities are provided and toys for babies.

Contact Church Secretary - Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

#### **BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES**

These will commence for the year on January 30th and continue every Tuesday during the school term, except for Public Holidays. Boys meet in the Mokau Hall, and girls meet in the Awakino Hall. Brigades meet from 3-4.30pm during summer, and from 2.30-4pm in winter to fit in with school hours

All children from 5 years old upward are welcome. Please contact leaders:

Boys: Shane Lowry 06 752-9124 Girls: Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

# **Christian Church Meetings**

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

# **Ladies Bible Study**

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# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday, February 10th at 5pm

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Contact Heidi 06 752-9780

February Tides







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THU 01 FEB	02:47	08:37	15:05	21:05	
	3.2m	1.0m	3.2m	1.0m	-
FRI 02 FEB	03:24	09:18	15:46	21:48	
	3.1m	1.1m	3.1m	1.1m	-
CATASEES	04:09	10:07	16:34	22:39	
SAT 03 FEB	3.0m	1.3m	3.0m	1.2m	-
SUN 04 FEB	05:08	11:07	17:37	23:41	
	2.9m	1.4m	2.9m	1.3m	-
MON 05 FEB	06:27	12:22	18:54		
	2.8m	1.4m	2.9m	-	-
TUE 06 FEB	2.0111	00:54	07:44	13:37	20:08
	-	1.2m	3.0m	1.3m	3.0m
		02:05	08:49	14:43	21:12
WED 07 FEB	-	1.1m	3.2m	1.1m	3.2m
		03:07	09:45	15:38	22:09
THU 08 FEB	-				
		0.9m <b>04:01</b>	3.4m 10:36	0.8m <b>16:29</b>	3.4m
FRI 09 FEB	-				23:01
		0.6m	3.7m	0.6m	3.6m
SAT 10 FEB	-	04:50	11:25	17:17	23:50
		0.4m	3.9m	0.4m	3.7m
SUN 11 FEB	_	05:37	12:12	18:03	_
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MON 12 FEB	00:38	06:23	12:58	18:49	_
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TUE 13 FEB	01:24	07:08	13:44	19:34	_
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WED 14 FEB	02:10	07:54	14:30	20:20	
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THU 15 FEB	02:56	08:41	15:18	21:07	
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FRI 16 FEB	03:46	09:32	16:09	21:59	
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SAT 17 FEB	04:41	10:30	17:06	22:58	
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TUE 20 FEB	-	1.3m	3.0m	14:10 1.3m	
					2.9m
WED 21 FEB	-	02:35	09:00	15:05	21:24
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THU 22 FEB	-	03:27	09:51	15:51	22:13
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FRI 23 FEB	_	04:11	10:34	16:32	22:55
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SAT 24 FEB	_	04:49	11:13	17:08	23:33
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SUN 25 FEB	_	05:22	11:49	17:41	_
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# Community Notices

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

While not completely finished it has been great to finally be open again. A steady stream of visitors has been popping in to check out the new displays and enjoying the space. After the Christmas break the contractors were back to complete the final touches and the Council are resealing the car park. This just leaves the gardens which we can potter away on over the next couple of months.

Peter Johns has been a keen volunteer at the museum for the past few years, however unfortunately he has recently had to give this up. Peter the museum and indeed the community thanks you for your time and resources. Many will miss your smile, lively conversations, and the biscuits. We are grateful for all our volunteers, without who a lot less would get done. There are always heaps to do here and the museum is a great place to connect with others and the public at large. If you are considering that you may have some time to give, pop in to see Kath, there is something that will fit your niche and availability.

The museum committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm. This is the time where we keep track of the various projects on the way and discuss new ideas. Visitors are welcome to these meetings and are able to share their ideas and thoughts. If there is something specific you would like to discuss, please feel free to get in touch with me and I will ensure it gets on the agenda. The museum also has an annual plan which is usually set in November for the following financial year. This plan contains some detail on what we as a committee would like to achieve and is the basis of our funding applications. If you would like to have a copy of it, please get in touch.

At the museum opening I had the opportunity to catch up with Adrienne Tatham, who was a founding member of the museum and has and continues to contribute much to the collection of our local history. Adrienne reminded me that we still hold the restored Kingfisher vessel at Nukuhakarie and I took the opportunity to show her the next development stage of the museum to include this vessel along with the many other maritime and early transport of the district. This year we will be putting some more thought around this which no doubt will be the next building project.

In the gallery this month we have Michael Smither one of New Zealand's most prominent Artists with a career spanning more than 60 years. From the private collection of his daughter Sarah, Mokau Museum Art Gallery is excited to be exhibiting a selection of original framed drawings capturing moments in our landscape, prints that revisit early domestic images, and colour works influenced by Smither's knowledge of music and harmonics. All works are for sale.

You know without the hope that something can be achieved no vision can be formed and for the past 3 years the museum committee has been plugging away at the detail of building an accessibility ramp to the front door. All this stemmed from the hope and faith that we could raise the funds and get the community behind us to make it happen and I think this whakataukī says it well. Kia mau ki te tūmanako, te whakapono me te aroha. "Hold fast to hope, faith and love"

Ngā mihi Murray

### **TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Researched by Jennifer Topless

# TRIP TO MOKAU YESTERDAY'S MOTOR EXCURSION

Taranaki Daily News 7 February 1921

The second of the Gibson motor excursions to the Mokau river took place yesterday. Sixty people availed themselves of this opportunity of seeing Taranaki's unique scenery, and all agree the excursion was a great success.

Leaving the garage at New Plymouth shortly after 6am a non stop run to Tongaporutu ferry landed sixty healthy appetites for breakfast. They were not disappointed, for Mrs McKoy had an excellent meal prepared. Mokau was reached about eleven and the launch was awaiting the party. The run up the river and lunch in the bush lasted until 2.30pm and all the cars returned to New Plymouth before 8pm.

The excursion gave visitors and townspeople a chance of seeing not only some of Taranaki's finest scenery, but almost an epitome of her history of progress. From New Plymouth, with its up to date municipal services, through old established farming lands to those still a mixture of stumps, bush and grass. 12 miles up the river from the Mokau township, camp was made on a holding amidst the smoke of its first burn-off. This was on one of the soldier blocks and it was good to hear that the soldier settlers are in good heart and they and their families the "cheeriest" people in the locality.

Even for productive settlement, however, it is difficult not to be sorry to see the beautiful forest destroyed, but there are no words to adequately express the indignation felt at the destruction of the bush on country now growing nothing but rubbish, and apparently, likely to do nothing else. Marred as it is by many a scar the Mokau scenery is still wonderfully magnificent and quite beyond any attempt to describe it after the cursory glance of a days excursion.

### **DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE**



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

- → Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>
- → Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

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.

#### AFTER HOURS MEDICAL SUPPORT OPTIONS

There is a new after-hours medical virtual service available for rural areas (that's us folks). It does have a cost, but it is comparable with a normal GP visit and can potentially save a trip into town or a wait of days (or weeks) to see your GP. It has been set up by Te Whatu Ora and is an alternative to the other online services already available.

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The new service will run after-hours from 5.00pm - 8.00am on weekdays, and 24 hours a day on weekends and public holidays. Visitors in rural areas who need to access the service after-hours can do so. Your health record will be shared with you GP if you have one.

As the service is a phone service it can be accessed from any home that has a landline, in any rural location in Aotearoa New Zealand. You can also use wifi or the internet, or a mobile phone.

The service enables rural whānau and communities with another option to access healthcare support, particularly if you are unable to access a GP clinic or after-hours service rurally.

Initially, you can phone the 0800 number to book an appointment. You will be able to book directly via the website for appointments in the afternoon up until 10pm. After 10pm all appointments come through the 0800 telephone line. The telehealth health practitioners can access your health information and ensure your consult information is provided to your GP. All your personal information is private.

A nurse or kaiāwhina will take your call and triage you according to your need and refer you to a telehealth GP practitioner or Nurse Practitioner if this is required.

Existing online/phone services are still available including

- Healthline 0800611 116 FREE health advise
- Plunket Line 24/7 for advice about child health concerns: 0800 933 922 – FREE
- 1737 Brief Counselling or Emotional and Psychological Support – FREE

# **CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

#### **BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON**

Holidays are over and its back to normal routines. You would have read in the paper that there is a major shake up in council affecting every department in an effort to reduce \$10m of operational costs out of the system. This is welcome news as over the past decade of good times council cost structures have steadily increased. To put this in perspective the proposed savings is about the rates increase last year. However, the shake-up has affected up to 200 positions and for each of these individuals, many of whom I have worked closely with, I am sorry and saddened for. The challenge now is to do more with less and I am confident in Gareth's team to make this happen as we get more out of every ratepayer dollar. The demand, especially on infrastructure catch up is not reducing.

Over the past 4 months council contractors have been steadily working on repairing an under slip on the Okau Rd just before the Kiwi Rd intersection. This work is now largely complete and the next section to be addressed is the slip about 500m in from the SH3 end. This is quite a narrow section and will involve traffic management, so please be prepared for some delays.

During January a few Tongapōrutu locals gathered with Sustainable Taranaki to look at the new community orchard on Clifton Rd and discuss other opportunities to expand this idea in other areas of the reserve. Council and the Community Board fully supports communities who take the initiative to beautify public areas which connect communities and bring long term benefits. While some funds can be made available to support these types of initiatives, without the community drive to make things happen often great ideas fall flat in a short period of time. So, I encourage all in our community to get involved and do a bit for each other. Let's start small and show the potential. For further information please contact Jan and Mike Brown

Remember Council needs your eyes to identify issues in our area. If you see something that needs addressing, please register a Service Request either by the NPDC app, phone 06 7596060, or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz">enquiries@npdc.govt.nz</a> I find this works much better than telepathy.

Ngā mihi

Murray Seamark Board Chair 021 431432

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# **TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN**

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Dip and Sip with Dimphy! We had an amazing turnout with 18 attendees. It was so lovely to see such a diverse range of painting styles. The event was a blast, and we're grateful for all the creativity and fun that everyone brought to the table. Thank you so much Dimphy, we love your enthusiasm, and we will do this again, so watch this space!

Also, a big shout out to everyone who helped with the Mokaupolooza event, it was an awesome event, with great music and we really enjoyed putting it together. Thank you to Mokau Fishing Club, our fabulous volunteers who ran the BBQ, and of course our hard-working committee for bringing it all together, we appreciate all of you.

We are scoping to do it again next year, if you have any suggestions to make it an even better event please message us on our Facebook page.

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# HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Holidays are over and its back to the grind. Thinking about firewood seems odd in the 30 degree heat, but now is the time to get it in and drying. Store it somewhere off the ground, out of the rain and where the breeze can go through it, and you will reap the benefits of some forethought when it matters. Doesn't have to be flash but if you need something give me a bell

Murray Seamark
Tainui Handyman
seamarkmw@gmail.com
021 431432

## NOTE from Kath @ the Museum:

February get- together at the St John's rooms,

13th February @ 10 am

Guest speaker: Bruce Lovell 3rd generation in the Hutiwai Valley.

RSPV Kath for catering 021 132-5390

# Don't forget February 14th Valentine's Day

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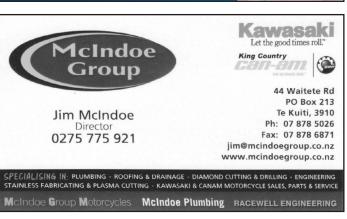
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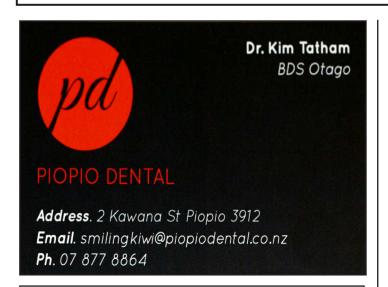
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06 759-6060

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**Bone Carving (Mike Brown)** 027 223-6138

Boys' Brigade (Shane Lowry) 06 752-9124

Girls' Brigade (Dorothy Lowry) 06 752-9123

Tainui Playgroup 06 752-9132

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# **MOKAU HEALTH CENTRE**

### **WALK-IN CLINIC HOURS:**

9am-11am - MON/WED/FRI (excluding Public Holidays)

Nurse: CYNTHIA

Phone: 06 752-9723

Nurse Mob: 021 638-859 (limited reception)

Where: St John's Rooms Messenger: MOKAU NURSE

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