



APRIL 2024

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

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB
PRIZE-GIVING**

**SUMMER COMPETITION
AWAKINO HOTEL**

MEMBERS MUST ATTEND TO CLAIM THEIR PRIZE (EXCEPT KIDS)

**SATURDAY
APRIL 13**

4.00 PM - PRIZEGIVING STARTS
5:30 PM - BBQ DINNER

JOIN US AT THE PRIZE-GIVING AND CELEBRATE OUR FISHING CLUB'S ACHIEVEMENTS!

Mokau Fishing Club

Smoke alarm maintenance guide

How to maintain and check some alarms regularly.

Once a month



Press the test button to sound the alarm.
(Use a broom handle if you can't reach the button).

Every six months



Vacuum or dust your smoke alarms to help avoid false alarms.

Every year



Check the expiry date, usually located on the bottom or side of the alarm. If there's no expiry date, it's best to replace the alarm.



If you have a 9V battery alarm, replace the battery every year. Your alarms will start to beep regularly if the battery is low.

Every 10 years



Replace all smoke alarms with new long-life photoelectric smoke alarms.

Anzac Day Memorial

Awakino Hall
April 25th 11am
Followed by light lunch

Lest We Forget

AWAKINO COLLIE CLUB ANNUAL TRIAL
to be held 19-20th April

If anyone is interested in competing or just coming for a look - ALL WELCOME

For more info phone Dawn 027 916-2444

COMMUNITY MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER
April 26, 10am in St John's lounge

Guest speaker: Halema Jamieson from TRC

Halema is working with the Endangered birds of this area. Hear about what birds we have, what is being done to protect them and what we can do to help.

All welcome, come along for morning tea.

Sunday 7 April is when Daylight Saving ends
~ **TURN THE CLOCKS BACK!!** ~

Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

"Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. And God reserved for his children the priceless gift of eternal life, which is kept in Heaven for you." 1 Peter 3&4

WELCOME TO OUR LOCAL SERVICES

Our Church is on the corner of Aria Terrace and Rangī Streets. We are a non-denominational Church, with local and visiting ministers.

Mar 31 Easter Sunday 2pm Minister: C Hamilton

Apr 7 Family Service 2pm

Apr 21 Family Service 2pm

Please feel welcome to join us for the services and a nice afternoon tea provided. There are activities for children and toys for babies. Please note the extra service for Easter Sunday in addition to the regular services on the first and third Sundays each month.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

These are available for all children after school on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm (5 years and older). 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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday, 2pm
328 Mohakatino Rd, Phone 06 752-9124

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday, April 13th at 5pm

#loveMOKAUhall#

HALL HIREAGE FEES:

Entire Hall ~ from \$100 per day

Supper Room and Kitchen ~ from \$65

Supper Room only (not inc. Kitchen) ~ from \$50

Trestle Tables Off Premise ~ from \$5.00 each + Bond

Chairs Off Premise ~ from \$1.00 each + Bond

Contact Heidi 06 752-9780

April Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	High	Low	High
MON 01 APR	03:13 3.1m	09:14 1.2m	15:38 3.0m	21:39 1.1m	-
TUE 02 APR	04:11 3.0m	10:16 1.3m	16:41 2.9m	22:43 1.2m	-
WED 03 APR	05:26 2.9m	11:30 1.3m	18:02 2.9m	-	-
THU 04 APR	-	00:00 1.3m	06:47 3.0m	12:48 1.2m	19:23 3.0m
FRI 05 APR	-	01:18 1.1m	07:57 3.2m	13:56 0.9m	20:30 3.2m
SAT 06 APR	-	02:23 0.8m	08:56 3.5m	14:52 0.7m	21:28 3.5m
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS					
SUN 07 APR	-	02:18 0.6m	08:49 3.7m	14:43 0.4m	21:19 3.7m
MON 08 APR	-	03:08 0.4m	09:38 3.9m	15:31 0.3m	22:07 3.9m
TUE 09 APR	-	03:54 0.2m	10:25 3.9m	16:16 0.2m	22:53 3.9m
WED 10 APR	-	04:40 0.2m	11:11 3.9m	17:01 0.2m	23:37 3.9m
THU 11 APR	-	05:24 0.3m	11:56 3.8m	17:44 0.4m	-
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TUE 16 APR	03:43 3.0m	09:47 1.4m	16:13 2.8m	22:09 1.4m	-
WED 17 APR	04:51 2.9m	11:08 1.4m	17:24 2.8m	23:37 1.4m	-
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Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

Looking for something for the kids to do during the school holidays? The team at the museum have created a scavenger hunt to entertain them allowing you the freedom to wander through at your leisure. The few I have seen be part of it seem to enjoy the challenge and all the while they are learning a few things about some local history. Every completed hunt gets a personalised certificate of achievement, and the bonus is that you get to take your time through the things that interest you. Happy hunting kids.

In supporting the Mōkau Bone Carving Symposium, Mike and Kath have created a display telling a bit about its history, how it humbly began and grew into the nationally recognised event it is today. History does not always mean old, and it is important to capture key local events and accounts as they happen because one day it will be old, and it catches you faster than you think. As part of the Easter weekend activity, come in and check it out. It will stay in place till June.

The museum tries to be open every day, but this relies on volunteers opening up, manning the desk and welcoming visitors. Right now, we need more people to help with this. A common fear is that people think they don't know enough to help. And while this is true for the first time you quickly get the hang of things and if asked a difficult question, it ok to say, "I don't know, but can ask someone to get back to you". All volunteers are trained and supported by our very friendly team. The best thing about volunteering is that it connects you with a new network of people where friendships can form as well as contributing to an important part of life in Mōkau. After ANZAC museum hours will reduce to between 11 and 3pm and so if you can give 2 hours a week and think why not, pop in to see Kath or Jennifer for a chat.

During April the ANZAC display will be exhibited in the gallery. Every year a few more local stories and photos pop out of the woodwork and the exhibition slowly grows. As we join with the rest of Aotearoa to commemorate ANZAC come and read and reflect on the sacrifices ordinary local men and women made during a formable part of our nationhood.

On the 25th April all eyes of Aotearoa turn inward as we reflect on the time where our ancestors were called up to do the extraordinary. Ka mahi te tawa uho ki te riri "*Well done, you whose courage is like the heart of a tawa tree*".

Ngā mihi
Murray

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

MOKAU CANINE CANIVAL

Two Enjoyable Days Sport

Taranaki Daily News 4 April 1934

The Mokau Canine Club's carnival to be held on Friday and Saturday will afford a splendid opportunity for all to visit a beauty spot of Taranaki and at the same time enjoy two days interesting sport amid most picturesque surroundings.

As last year the venue is at Mackford, necessitating a launch trip of about ten miles up the Mokau River, a fitting climax to a motor journey over some of Taranaki's most picturesque mountain and coastal scenery. A varied and interesting programme has been arranged, comprising two dog trial events, a maiden chopping event, horse events and novelty events each day. On the first day the dog trials comprise maiden huntaway, head and bring back with one dog. On the second day they comprise open heading and yarding event and maiden long head, pull and hold. The judges will be Messrs Fraser Smith (Awakino) and H Price (Mohakatino). The same officials who carried the first trials through so successfully last year are again in charge.

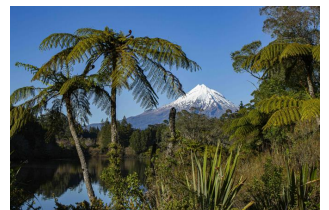
The ladies of the district have charge of the catering. Launches will leave the Mokau wharf each day at 8.15 am and 9.30 am, the latter awaiting the arrival of the 7.45 am bus from New Plymouth. The launches will return each evening to Mokau where accommodation is obtainable.

NEW ART EXHIBITION MOKAU MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Open from 1st March to 17th April 2024.

Come and see the exceptional work of two local artists in this, their inaugural public exhibition.

Simon Brown – Photography has always been an interest for Simon but in recent years it has become a passion. Simon uses polycotton canvas framed in locally made band-sawn timber tub-frames, making ideal fixtures for the modern home or office. This tasteful collection includes a wide range of local and national subject matter. Each piece has been chosen because of the story it tells, the feedback received and the joy they have brought to Simon personally.

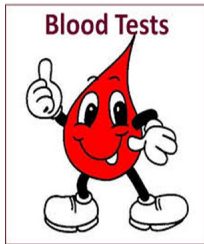


Susan Greenwood-Praat - Susan's paintings are acrylic on canvas or board and consist of vibrant colours intuitively applied with a sense of energy. She finds Mokau a fantastic place to live with lots of lovely people and places to explore for inspiration. Susan endeavours to make people smile when viewing her art and hopes to capture their imagination. Her goal is to create pieces that will add more energy and colour to the homes they live in. "Life is too short not to have some form of art in your life"



ENJOY!

DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE



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

- ▶▶ Wednesday 3rd
- ▶▶ Wednesday 17th

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.

April = Autumn. Golden leaves, moody weather, seeing the seasons change is magical but the move into cooler weather does have impact on our health so here's five tips to help prepare for the winter to come.

1. Get enough vitamin D. As the days become shorter, and we stay inside more our reduced exposure to natural light can lead to low vitamin D levels. Try to get outside for 15 minutes each day to get your fill.
2. Get your vaccinations up to date. No matter what the season, no one likes coughs, sniffles, and sneezes. Before the winter chill sets in, make sure you and your family are up to date with all your vaccinations, including flu shots.
3. Load up on greens. We need to say goodbye to peaches and plums, but winter is a fantastic time to load up on green goodness. Eating seasonally is nature's way of ensuring our bodies have the nutrients needed for the time of year. Varied, colourful fruit and veg provide the antioxidants and nutrients to help fight off the challenges of winter.
4. Take care of your skin. Our skin is our largest organ, and it will look after us if we look after it. Moisturise daily (yes, you too menfolk). Cooler weather dries out our skin leaving it more vulnerable to breaks and infections. Also, as always wash hands frequently and well to reduce the spread of winter nasties.
5. Be kind to yourself. Beyond your body, transitioning into autumn can be tough on the soul. Autumn can trigger early cases of the winter blues. Rather than pine for summer, give yourself permission to embrace everything that's good about autumn. Spend a few moments kicking up golden leaves. Why not? A home cooked chicken pie for dinner? Treat yourself! If you feel like snuggling up in bed at 8pm with a good book, go for it.

Stay well, stay safe

Cynthia



CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Due to illness one of the Community Board members has resigned and there is a By-election in process. Nominations are out at the moment and close at noon on Tues 2nd April. That's straight after Easter. If you feel you have something to contribute to our community, have a go. You can actually make a difference. If you have any questions, please call me directly. If there is more than one nomination voting papers will be out in early May

The 2024-2034 long term plan (LTP) is out for consultation. The document "Your home, Your say" is on the NPDC website. Its actually quite a good read which summarises the plan for the next 10 years. Within the document is a submission form where you can express your views. I encourage all to take the time and send it in by the 19th April. While not in the document there are a few things that affect our area, namely changes to rubbish and recycling, some work on the Rapanui reserve area and some investigative work on the old Tongaporutu bowling green. Your Board will be making a submission to the plan and if you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

The biggest change we will see in the near future are changes to rubbish collection and the proposed closure of the transfer station. A focus group has been formed to identify our rural needs to ensure we get something that works better, and I thank all those who have volunteered their time to be part of this. We will only get one chance to make our voice heard here. Will keep you informed of what comes out of this.

In the Clifton Community Board Plan the highest key focus point is our rural transport infrastructure networks. The other day I had cause to go up the Mohakatino Road and was aghast at the condition of it. There is more potholes and white paint marking the hazards than there is seal and travelling up there at night will swallow a small car. In asking a few questions I quickly found out that residents have tried to get something done but have only been frustrated in the process. Our roads are our highest priority and while your first call should be a service request directly to Council, if nothing seems to happen, please call me. It is our job to advocate for your needs. I am going to shake the tree and let's see what falls out from it.

Anyone can register a Service Request either by the NPDC app, phone 06 7596060, or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

Murray Seamark
Board Chair
021 431432

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

You wouldn't think that summer is coming to an end if you look at the camping activity at the Domain. It just seems to be getting more and more popular. Part of this is the focus on improving the ground appearance and the access track to the river, but I think the biggest contribution to its popularity is down to Camp Mother. Jenny, you make the campers feel welcome and, in your desire, for them to enjoy their time here, the word has spread. Big ups from the team and thank you for the time you put in.

At the last WDC council meeting, members passed a motion to allow the Domain Society to lease the reserve grounds. While it may surprise some, because we have been there so long that this was necessary, what this does do is gives the Domain a formal "licence to occupy" and this unlocks new funding avenues to make further improvements to the space. The lease is a win-win for both parties. We get to grow the Domain for the benefit of the Mōkau community and the council reduces the cost of maintenance to the ratepayer.

The Domain is an incredible gift to the people of Mōkau, one that we as a committee want to see grow and benefit the community and this is a huge milestone in achieving this for the next generation.

Murray
Chair

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Winter is just around the corner and to keep nice and cosy the fire gets lit. Before you do so it pays to give the flu a good clean and check over. This help increase the draw and reduce the risk of chimney fires. Brushes aren't expensive and you can get a one from any good hardware store. It's not too difficult but if you need a hand, you can give me a call. Also, daylight saving is the reminder to check the smoke alarms.

Tainui Handyman
Murray Seamark
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021 431432

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Awakino Hall - Tuesday April 9th - 3.30pm
All welcome - especially parents of girls.

ST PETER'S BY THE SEA

1pm Sunday, April 21.
Service to follow at 2pm
to be held in the Church on the corner of Aria Terrace and Rangi Streets. All welcome

AWAKINO HALL

to be held in the Awakino Hall
Thursday 18th April 7pm - supper provided.
All welcome

Councillor Gavin Todd

The Lease Agreement for the Tainui Domain Board has finalised. This will give the local organisations the ability to develop this facility in ways that they see will benefit the district.

The Council has been busy with the Long Term Plan, developing the Consultation Document. This will be available on line on the Council website and physical copies will be available at the Mokau Museum. Consultation opens on 16 April and closes 17 May. Please note there will be a drop in centre held on 26th April in the Mokau Hall from 11 – 12.30 to discuss the Long Term Plan.

Council has also spent considerable time discussing upcoming rates. An option we are considering is introducing a targeted rate for forestry blocks to recuperate for damaged done to roads during harvesting. Council is fully aware of the impact that rate increases have on rate payers budgets.

Please continue to be on the look out for water leaks and notify Council so that these can be remedied and treated water is not wasted.

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

Gavin Todd
Gavin.Todd@Waitomo.govt.nz

First Gas MŌKAU BONE CARVING SYMPOSIUM



29 March - 1 April 2024

COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER

Join us in welcoming the carvers to the **Firstgas Mōkau Bone Carving Symposium** this Friday night (29th March) at 6.30 in the Hall. Let's give them a taste of Mōkau community spirit.

60 carvers are registered for this national event - it's a complete sell out! This year's special guest carver is Gareth McGhie – a stunning carver from Wellington. (Photo)

People are coming from all over Aotearoa/New Zealand, (even 3 from Australia), to stay and carve in your beautiful village. It is exciting to bring so many gifted artists to Mōkau. Many of the carvers are bringing family for the Easter break. Let's give them the warmth and kindness of a classic Mōkau welcome!

Book launch and signing

Mike Brown's book '**bonecarver007**' will have its official launch at the community pot luck dinner on Good Friday.

Food scraps for pigs

If you want the symposium food scraps, please ring Joan Poutu to arrange - 0276205871

Here are some ways in which you can be involved:

- Attend the community pot luck dinner on Friday night the 29th of March to welcome our visitors. Bring something delicious and have a good time
- Come to the hall over the weekend to watch the carvers work, view their display items and take the opportunity to purchase your own special piece from your chosen carver
- Morning and afternoon teas – are you proud of your muffins or hot cross buns? Our carvers would love to sample them. Drop them in to Joan Poutu who is manning the kitchen

If you can offer help in any way, please contact Mike Brown, 0272236138 or email 22pilotroad@gmail.com

St Peters by the Sea ~ An Easter Message

This commercialised period of easter eggs and chocolate bunnies is a modern-day attempt to signify the new life message of Easter. While there is nothing wrong with these, Easter is much more than this.

Easter is God's gift to the world. John says in his gospel account that God so loved the world that he gave us one and only son, that whoever should believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life, (Jn3:16).

Paul, in the opening verses of his great letter to the Roman church introduces how this occurs where in Rom 1:16-17 he says the gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is from faith to faith, (that is through the faithfulness of Christ and is responded to by our faith in Jesus) just as it is written "the righteous will live by faith". (Righteous here has nothing to do with behaviour and just means in right relationship). Paul then unpacks this theme in the following chapters, where essentially through the faithfulness of Christ on the cross, God has chosen to reconcile the world to himself, not counting people's sins against them. All people for all time.

Most get the bible thing wrong with its rules and regulations thinking that it is though our behaviour we find God, whereas the truth is that God seeks true relationship with us above everything else. In His love he has chosen to reach out to all mankind, but unless there is a response of our own faith in Him there can be only a dysfunctional relationship, and this is why Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, (2Cor 5) implores his readers "to be reconciled to God".

God does and always has loved us, and he desires to fill each of our hearts with peace and purpose. He has chosen to do this through Jesus and the cross where the one who responds to the call of God in their hearts through Jesus begins a new relationship with God, and it is through this resurrection with Christ where new life begins in us. It is in this moment we become alive in Him and aware of what God has done for all people, and that the true message of Easter.

Murray

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