



MAY 2024

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

*An electronic version of this newsletter can be emailed a copy to you.
Contact Melissa at tainuitradingpost@gmail.com.*

MOKAU HALL COMMITTEE

are holding a



Pink Ribbon Brunch

**Mokau Hall on
Sunday 19th May 11am**

Let's get behind this awesome cause. Every family has been touched in some way by breast cancer. I know mine certainly has. This event due to run in Mokau Hall, Sun May 19th @ 11am is for Women, Men, Boys, Girls. Breast Cancer doesn't discriminate so we won't either.

Pot luck breakfast / brunch. Can't make it, happy to take your donation. And don't forget to flash some pink and bring a friend or two!

Scan the QR code
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Thank you

from the Bone Carvers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bone Carving Symposium – it was an epic event! The carvers loved their stay. Special thanks to the Maniaroa marae community for welcoming the carvers to the district. We had the most extravagant community pot luck dinner with one carver bringing 10 crayfish tails! Special thanks must go to Dev from River Run who made a generous 3-platter donation of delicious nibbles. The symposium worked in perfectly with the pop-up market to bring many visitors to Mokau – people raved about the people and the place. Thank you to everyone - we look forward to Easter 2025 – bring it on.

Mike Brown



Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

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

WELCOME TO OUR LOCAL SERVICES

May 5 Worship Service 2pm

May 19 Family Service 2pm

Activities for children are provided at all services.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

These will recommence on the first week of term from 3-4.30pm. All children 5yrs and over are very welcome.

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, May 11th at 5pm

AWAKINO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

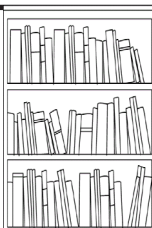
Contact JENNY LEWIS

PHONE 752-9838

or contact

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on 07 878-1028



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HALL HIREAGE FEES:

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Contact Heidi 06 752-9780

May Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	High	PM Low	PM High
WED 01 MAY	03:03 2.8m	09:18 0.9m	15:36 2.6m	21:40 0.9m	-
THU 02 MAY	04:11 2.8m	10:27 0.9m	16:50 2.7m	22:53 0.9m	-
FRI 03 MAY	05:26 2.8m	11:38 0.8m	18:05 2.8m	-	-
SAT 04 MAY	-	00:05 0.8m	06:34 3.0m	12:42 0.6m	19:10 2.9m
SUN 05 MAY	-	01:10 0.6m	07:34 3.1m	13:39 0.4m	20:08 3.1m
MON 06 MAY	-	02:06 0.4m	08:28 3.3m	14:31 0.3m	21:00 3.3m
TUE 07 MAY	-	02:57 0.3m	09:18 3.4m	15:20 0.2m	21:49 3.4m
WED 08 MAY	-	03:45 0.2m	10:06 3.4m	16:06 0.1m	22:35 3.5m
THU 09 MAY	-	04:31 0.2m	10:53 3.3m	16:51 0.2m	23:20 3.4m
FRI 10 MAY	-	05:17 0.3m	11:39 3.2m	17:35 0.3m	-
SAT 11 MAY	00:04 3.3m	06:02 0.4m	12:24 3.1m	18:19 0.5m	-
SUN 12 MAY	00:48 3.2m	06:48 0.6m	13:09 2.9m	19:03 0.7m	-
MON 13 MAY	01:32 3.0m	07:36 0.8m	13:56 2.7m	19:49 0.8m	-
TUE 14 MAY	02:20 2.8m	08:27 0.9m	14:47 2.6m	20:39 1.0m	-
WED 15 MAY	03:14 2.7m	09:25 1.0m	15:45 2.5m	21:37 1.1m	-
THU 16 MAY	04:15 2.6m	10:29 1.1m	16:49 2.5m	22:47 1.2m	-
FRI 17 MAY	05:19 2.6m	11:33 1.1m	17:52 2.6m	23:57 1.1m	-
SAT 18 MAY	06:18 2.7m	12:29 1.0m	18:50 2.6m	-	-
SUN 19 MAY	-	00:54 1.0m	07:09 2.7m	13:16 0.9m	19:39 2.8m
MON 20 MAY	-	01:40 0.9m	07:55 2.8m	13:58 0.8m	20:24 2.9m
TUE 21 MAY	-	02:21 0.8m	08:37 2.9m	14:38 0.7m	21:05 3.0m
WED 22 MAY	-	03:00 0.7m	09:17 3.0m	15:16 0.6m	21:44 3.1m
THU 23 MAY	-	03:38 0.6m	09:56 3.0m	15:55 0.5m	22:22 3.1m
FRI 24 MAY	-	04:18 0.6m	10:36 3.0m	16:35 0.5m	23:01 3.1m
SAT 25 MAY	-	04:59 0.6m	11:17 3.0m	17:16 0.5m	23:41 3.1m
SUN 26 MAY	-	05:42 0.6m	12:00 3.0m	17:59 0.5m	-
MON 27 MAY	00:23 3.1m	06:27 0.6m	12:46 2.9m	18:44 0.6m	-
TUE 28 MAY	01:08 3.1m	07:16 0.7m	13:34 2.9m	19:33 0.6m	-
WED 29 MAY	01:58 3.0m	08:08 0.7m	14:28 2.8m	20:26 0.7m	-
THU 30 MAY	02:53 3.0m	09:05 0.7m	15:27 2.8m	21:25 0.8m	-
FRI 31 MAY	03:55 2.9m	10:06 0.7m	16:32 2.8m	22:30 0.8m	-

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

When we demolished the old veranda at the front of the museum, we had to remove the community library fridge where we used to share our bach books with each other. If you have noticed a new veranda has gone up at the top of the drive ramp and the old phone box now holds the library. Please feel welcome to browse through, take what you want but also bring in your well-read novels for others to enjoy. The range has now extended to include puzzles which is always good to have around for the rainy days. Help yourself.

On the last Friday of each month Kath arranges a monthly meet down at the St Johns lounge, where speakers are invited to share their knowledge with the community. Its great to see different people connect with each other which includes a light lunch and a cuppa. This month Kath has invited Caleb Perry from the Mt Messenger project to provide some insight to what is going on and where the project is up to. Will be interesting. Friday 31st May 10am in the St Johns lounge

The team is desperately short of volunteers to help keep the museum open. If you feel you can give a couple of hours per week to help out here, please make contact with Kath or Jennifer at the museum. Really do need your help.

Not sure if you have noticed some wearing tee shirts that have a bit of a local flavour? The museum has a couple of designs of printed tees and we are running a special for the next 2 months. \$30 each of 2 for \$55 while stocks last. Proud to be local.

The ANZAC display remains in the gallery this month with photos and stories of our locals that served in some way during the great wars. Come read and reflect on the sacrifices our ordinary men and women made during these difficult times.

Do you ever find that in moments of reflection your mind wondering well beyond the very thing you are considering in the moment? This whakataukī describes these moments well. E tūtaki ana ngā kapua o te rangi, kei runga te Mangōroa e kōpae pū ana. *"The clouds in the sky gather, but above them extends the Milky Way"*

Ngā mihi
Murray

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

DULCIE WORKS HER 'GOLDMINE' AT 91

Taranaki Daily News 3 May 2004

Tongaporutu's Dulcie Richards turns 91 this month and she's still working every day - at her goldmine.

"Dulcie's Goldmine" is what Mrs Richards calls the public toilets she polishes with all the care and attention every good loo deserves.

She has cleaned the toilets for the last nine years, which are just a short ride on her mobile scooter down the road from her house. As far as Mrs Richards is concerned, she will work on her goldmine for as long as she can.

Her task is made easier by the fact the toilets are not a well known or regular pit stop for squirming travellers, so the bad days are thankfully few and far between.

She said New Plymouth District Council paid her fortnightly. "They're very good, they supply all the paper rolls and everything". Councillor Elaine Gill said Mrs Richards did a magnificent job, it was a pity that all toilets in New Plymouth were not of the standard Mrs Richards achieved at Tongaporutu.

Mrs Richards was born in New Plymouth, has lived in the Taranaki region all her life and has lived in her house at Tongaporutu for 50 years. She believed she was blessed because she has been lucky with her health. A sense of humour had also kept her going.

(Mrs Richards passed away August 2012, aged 99)

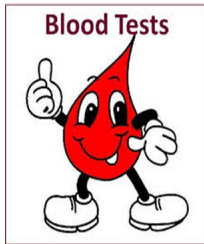
COMMUNITY MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER

May 31, 10am in St John's lounge

Guest speaker: Caleb Perry talking on the Mt Messenger bypass project.

Come along , have a cuppa and hear all about the progress on the roading project. All welcome.

DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE



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

- ▶▶ Wednesday 1st
- ▶▶ Wednesday 15th
- ▶▶ Wednesday 29th

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.

May 4th is World Asthma Awareness Day.

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of asthma in the world, affecting up to 1 in 7 children and 1 in 8 adults. Asthma is a common lung condition that causes narrowing of the breathing tubes (airways) that carry air in and out of your lungs.

Asthma causes wheeze and cough and can make it difficult to breathe.

Common asthma triggers are colds (viruses), exercise, dust, pollens, and cigarette smoke. These triggers cause your air passages to tighten up, swell on the inside and produce more mucus.

As a result, the airways become narrower, making it difficult for air to move into your lungs, and even more difficult for air to move out.

Learning about asthma, what causes it and how it is treated can help you avoid triggers and keep your symptoms under control.

There are excellent online tools and information on Healthify NZ and Asthma NZ.

If you or your loved ones have asthma, take your inhalers as prescribed and seek urgent medical help if you have severe asthma symptoms.

As most are aware I finished my time as Mokau District Nurse at the end of April. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the community for the 18 months I have held this role. Thank you all for your acceptance and trust in me. I believe the district nurse role is vital in our community, and I ask you support the next nurse to settle in and grow the service. This month the clinic days will be shared between Emma-Gene and Gail (Urenui district nurse), watch this space going forward.

Stay well, stay safe

Cynthia



CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Well, two people from Urenui put their names forward for the Community Board vacancy, which means there is an election. Voting papers are out early May and need to be back by Wed 29th May. If posting it pls send it the week prior otherwise it will likely miss the close off time. Take the time and effort to make a considered decision and I look forward to working with the person the community has chosen.

The long-term plan submissions have closed. Well over 2500 submissions were received and I would like to thank all those who took the effort to express or thoughts of support or concern. A hot topic has been the proposed closure of the Hutiwai Transfer Station, and council got the message from a variety of sources that the community would like it not only to remain open but also be more accessible and resourced for recycling materials. Will stay close on this.

Last month I spat the dummy with council over the state of Mohakaitino Rd. Major works are planned in Sept/Oct this year and a meeting has been set up in Chris Wise's workshop for them to let us know what their plans are. Other rural roads in the district are proposed to go back to metal and this could be another one. Pls turn up and express your thoughts. Meeting 2pm on 23rd May at the Wise man's place.

Over the past 12 months the community board and council have been working with the Tongaporutu residents to enhance the domain area, including tidying up the Clifton Rd reserve and supplying plants. Well, the bug has been catching and a few locals have taken this to the next step. A community group has been established to expand the community gardens in the area and are seeking further support of the community board. If anyone wants to jump on board and find out how they can contribute with others in the community, pls get in touch with Mike Brown.

Finally, a reminder that if you see anything that needs council attention pls 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

**? DID YOU KNOW -
Anyone can send in
photos for the Tainui
Trader front page!**



HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Now that the autumn fall is over it is time to turn your attention to the gutters. Keeping these clean removes any potential blockages and reduces the risk of overflows. If you have any internal gutters this is really important, as the consequences can be severe. Also, any overhanging branches give can be the highway for vermin to gain access into your ceiling, give them a good trim back. Sorry, there is no easy way, just get in with your hands and flush with the hose. If you are on tank water don't forget to disconnect the tank as you really don't want this stuff being washed into your drinking water. Call me if you are worried.

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Quotes for Mōkau School lawn mowing required by the 17th of May.

Please contact us if you would like to tender a quote for the lawn mowing of the school grounds.

This includes maintaining the edges and catching the grass.

To submit a quote or if you require further details please email: principal@mokau.school.nz or phone 06 7529733.

WANTED

Someone with knowledge in pruning fruit trees, apples and pears. Wanting done in June/ July.

Please phone George on 06 752-9806

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Well, its all official now. The Domain Society has secured a long-term ground lease for the Tainui Domain. The Society is extremely grateful to the Waitomo District Council for enabling this to happen. A long term "right to occupy" enables the Society to invest in long term plans and infrastructure to further enhance the Domain for the benefit of our community. Watch this space.

The Domain chattels have become very popular over recent months, and the committee is concerned that these will deteriorate during use in private functions. They were purchased for the benefit of the community and are free to use with the Domain and Rugby Club bookings. The committee has decided not to lend or hire the table and bar leaner assets out for any private functions anymore. Sorry but Mohamed must now come to the mountain.

If you want to book the Domain buildings for an event, it is best to email your request to Tainuidomain@gmail.com. If it is a community event or meeting, there is no charge.

Murray
Chair

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MEETING AT MOKAU HALL ON MAY 21 FROM 1-2.30PM

Point Road - Erosion Issues



19 April 2024

Dear Resident,

POINT ROAD, MOKAU – EROSION ISSUES

We have been advised that during the ratepayers meeting on 6 January 2024, at the Mokau Hall, residents had asked for specific advice about what are the planning requirements for coastal erosion structures.

We have discussed this matter with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) and have agreed to set out the planning requirements for both Waitomo District Council (WDC) and WRC in this letter. We have also agreed to arrange a meeting in Mokau to discuss this advice with residents. We are wanting to hold this meeting at 1-2.30pm on the 21st May 2024 at the Mokau Hall.

In general, if you want to build a seawall or other hard protection structure:

- Below the mean high water springs mark (the average high tide line), you will need a resource consent from the Waikato Regional Council under the Regional Coastal Plan.
- Above the mean high water springs mark, you will likely need a resource consent from the Waitomo District Council under the district plan.

The boundary between the regional council and district council jurisdictions is the mean high water springs mark. This is roughly the line of the average high tide, but in some cases can include areas further upstream in rivers. The area below the mean high water springs mark out to the 12 nautical mile limit is defined in the Resource Management Act 1991 as the 'coastal marine area'.

Operative Waitomo District Plan

I have set out below the relevant provisions of the Operative Waitomo District Plan (ODP) in relation to coastal hazards.

The relevant provisions for buildings in Chapter 27 are as follows:

- Rule 27.5.2.1(a) of the ODP sets out that any building to be located within the Prohibited Activity Area at Mokau identified on Planning Maps 33A and 33B Shall be a prohibited activity. This means that no buildings may be constructed in this area.
- Rule 27.5.2.1(b) Any building to be located within an area identified on the Planning Maps or within Rule 25.5.2.2 as Coastal Hazard Area A shall be a non-complying activity. Resource consent must be obtained before any building can be constructed in this area. Please note that any resource consent application would need to be designed by a suitably qualified and experienced engineer.
- Rule 27.5.2.1(c) Any building to be located within an area identified on Planning Map 33A and 33B at Mokau as Hazard Area B shall be a Discretionary Activity. Please note that any resource consent application would need to be designed by a suitably qualified and experienced engineer.

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