



**JULY 2024**

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

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## TAINUI PIG HUNTING CLUB

### Annual Pig Hunt Competition 2024

(Also monthly Club BBQ and prizegiving)  
Also present our 2023 shields  
Hunting day starts Wednesday the 3rd of July to Sunday 7th of July 2024  
Weigh in 2pm to 4pm Sunday 7th at the Awakino Pub

**Major Spot Prizes**

**Heaviest Boar** 1st prize to 6th prize  
**Average weight** 1st prize to 6th prize  
**Best Jaw** 1st prize to 4th prize  
**Best Presented Pig**

**Heaps of Spot Prizes**

Club members only – no entry fees      The normal club rules apply

**“You Gotta Be in to Win”**

All entries and entrants **MUST** be present to receive corresponding prizes

MEAL to follow prize giving

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**Kids Section**  
One entry per child

0 – 9 years – Heaviest Rabbit and Possum combination – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes  
Not a Hare

10 to 16 years - Biggest Goat Head – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes





MUSIC QUIZ

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**AUGUST 3**

7PM      \$10/PLAYER  
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## MOKAU MID WINTER SWIM

What a great turn out on the morning of June 21, specially Christine and her team from Hawera. Way to go! 23 degrees in the water, amazing sunrise, flat sea and clear snowy mountain. Couldn't ask for more than that. Yet there was more! Warm toasty Hall, amazing food, incredible spot prizes from the local business' (again). What a place to live. See you here next year. Same day same place. Happy Winter Solstice everyone.

# Community Notices

## CHURCH NOTICES

### St Peter's by the Sea

*"I will say of the Lord" He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."* Psalm 91:2

Welcome to our fortnightly services. The church is located on the corner of Rangī Street and Aria Terrace.

July 7 Family Service 2pm

July 21 Family Service 2pm

Children are welcome at all services with toys and activities being provided. A nice afternoon tea follows the services.

Contact Church Secretary Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

These are held after school on Tuesdays during the school terms. Indoor and outdoor activities are provided. Winter hours are 2.30-4pm. All children are welcome from 5 years old and upward.

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, July 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

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**Contact Heidi 027 679-1931**

# July Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
MON 01 JUL	05:38 2.9m	11:42 0.7m	18:18 2.9m	-	-
TUE 02 JUL	-	00:17 0.8m	06:40 2.9m	12:44 0.7m	19:20 3.0m
WED 03 JUL	-	01:20 0.7m	07:40 2.9m	13:44 0.6m	20:17 3.1m
THU 04 JUL	-	02:18 0.7m	08:36 3.0m	14:38 0.6m	21:09 3.1m
FRI 05 JUL	-	03:10 0.6m	09:28 3.0m	15:28 0.5m	21:57 3.2m
SAT 06 JUL	-	03:58 0.5m	10:17 3.0m	16:15 0.5m	22:42 3.2m
SUN 07 JUL	-	04:44 0.5m	11:02 3.0m	16:58 0.5m	23:24 3.2m
MON 08 JUL	-	05:26 0.5m	11:45 3.0m	17:39 0.5m	-
TUE 09 JUL	00:04 3.1m	06:07 0.6m	12:25 2.9m	18:17 0.6m	-
WED 10 JUL	00:41 3.1m	06:46 0.6m	13:03 2.9m	18:55 0.7m	-
THU 11 JUL	01:18 3.0m	07:25 0.7m	13:40 2.8m	19:33 0.8m	-
FRI 12 JUL	01:55 2.9m	08:04 0.8m	14:19 2.7m	20:13 0.9m	-
SAT 13 JUL	02:35 2.8m	08:45 0.9m	15:01 2.7m	20:57 1.0m	-
SUN 14 JUL	03:18 2.7m	09:29 0.9m	15:50 2.6m	21:47 1.1m	-
MON 15 JUL	04:09 2.6m	10:19 1.0m	16:49 2.6m	22:46 1.2m	-
TUE 16 JUL	05:08 2.6m	11:17 1.0m	17:56 2.6m	23:54 1.2m	-
WED 17 JUL	06:14 2.6m	12:21 1.0m	19:01 2.7m	-	-
THU 18 JUL	-	01:00 1.1m	07:18 2.6m	13:23 0.9m	19:59 2.8m
FRI 19 JUL	-	01:59 0.9m	08:16 2.8m	14:19 0.8m	20:50 3.0m
SAT 20 JUL	-	02:51 0.8m	09:09 2.9m	15:10 0.6m	21:38 3.1m
SUN 21 JUL	-	03:39 0.6m	09:59 3.0m	15:57 0.4m	22:24 3.3m
MON 22 JUL	-	04:26 0.4m	10:47 3.1m	16:44 0.3m	23:09 3.4m
TUE 23 JUL	-	05:13 0.3m	11:34 3.2m	17:29 0.2m	23:55 3.4m
WED 24 JUL	-	05:58 0.2m	12:21 3.2m	18:15 0.2m	-
THU 25 JUL	00:40 3.4m	06:45 0.2m	13:07 3.2m	19:01 0.3m	-
FRI 26 JUL	01:27 3.3m	07:32 0.3m	13:55 3.1m	19:49 0.4m	-
SAT 27 JUL	02:16 3.2m	08:20 0.4m	14:47 3.0m	20:41 0.6m	-
SUN 28 JUL	03:09 3.1m	09:12 0.6m	15:43 2.9m	21:38 0.8m	-
MON 29 JUL	04:07 2.9m	10:09 0.7m	16:47 2.8m	22:44 0.9m	-
TUE 30 JUL	05:11 2.8m	11:13 0.8m	17:55 2.8m	23:56 0.9m	-
WED 31 JUL	06:19 2.7m	12:23 0.9m	19:02 2.8m	-	-

# Community Notices

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

Jeepers town has been quiet over the past weeks, and this has reflected in the visitor numbers at the museum. This doesn't mean there is nothing to do, as Kath has always a list to keep people busy and meaningfully engaged.

George and Marie Honnor opened the June Opie display last month as the collection celebrates her would be centennial birthday. The story of her life is inspiring as she battled significant challenges yet did not let her circumstances limit the life within her. Something I think many of us today can reflect on and be encouraged by. Thanks to the team, and George and Marie, for bringing this to light. Also, you must get in to the gallery this month to see the artwork of the kids of the local schools. The theme this year is Matariki and I am constantly amazed at the talent that is out there. An out of area teacher happened to visit the museum last month and was inspired by the work and went away with ideas for her class. This is well worth a visit.

As I write this, the nation recognises the many volunteers who are the glue that keep our communities engaged and connected. Whether its in the environmental, sporting, arts or in the social space, without the countless hours put in by people who work behind the scenes community life would be isolated and rather boring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each museum volunteer and indeed all those within the various organisations that make Mōkau for your dedication and mahi. Last month a small group of museum volunteers went to the Pātea museum to have a behind the scenes tour and to learn from their experiences. Nice place with some pretty cool stuff and if you are passing well worth a stop in.

It's AGM time again where the museum membership gets together to hear what has happened over the past year and to elect those for the year ahead. Membership is important to every organisation as without people you don't have one, and you have to ask, "what's the point of it all then"? Membership does not mean you have to be on the committee or even be a volunteer, but it does show your support for those who are and do. The AGM is in the hall at 11am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along and show your support for the museum. This will be followed with a light lunch and a cuppa.

This whakataukī is in recognition of all those volunteers throughout the district who put in the mahi that make things happen. Whakanuia te tangata ringa raupā. *"Respect a person with calloused hands"*

Ngā mihi  
Murray

## TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Researched by Jennifer Topless*

### LOADED LORRY SLIPS ON EDGE OF HILL ROAD

**Taranaki Daily News 2 July 1953**

The trailer of a large, specially constructed articulated lorry, carrying massive 70 foot lengths of steel for the new Tongaporutu bridge, slipped and came to rest partly over the edge of a bank about half way up Mt Messenger at about 1 pm yesterday.

No one was injured but the steel had to be manhandled from the trailer before it could be hauled back on to the road by a break-down truck operated by Mr R Allen, Uruti. The driver of the lorry was Mr S Warren, Mokau, a member of the firm of Warren and Treweek Ltd, which has the contract for the transport of the steel.

The rear wheels of the trailer sank into the rain sodden verge of the winding roadway, causing the vehicle to slip part of the way down the bank. Bush and scrub growing on the steep bank and the main structure of the trailer prevented it from slithering completely over.

Ministry of Works workmen and members of the contracting firm worked hard to unload the steel from the trailer and pile it on the road.

Traffic on the highway was held up for some time while the road was cleared. The lorry was left there last night, adequately lighted. The contractors intend to return to New Plymouth for another load of steel today, transporting the steel at present on the road to Tongaporutu later.

## Mōkau Museum AGM

**Sat July 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00am**

**Mōkau Hall**

**Agenda**

Report

Election of Officers

General Business

Membership available on the day

**All Welcome**

## CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

### BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Your community board welcomes our new elected member, Theresa Hayston of Urenui. Its good to have the team full again and I look forward to working with Theresa on behalf of the community we represent.

As a board we want to make ourselves more accessible to the various communities within the Clifton district. To this end we have decided to hold a board meeting at least once per year in each area to enable local residents to come along, meet their representatives and tell us of anything of concern. This time it is Uruti's turn, and the next meeting is at 4pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the hall.

Last month council officers and the board met with the Mohakatino Rd residents to talk about the state of the road. Its was good to hear that all the potholes will be repaired properly, and the entire sealed surface will have another coat put on top during the coming summer. Despite media comments that some rural roads could be heading back to gravel, it was pleasing to all to hear that this will not be happening to Mohakatino Rd. Thanks to all those who turned up. It sent a clear message to council that the road is important to all.

I also managed to have a conversation with a NZTA representative on the Taranaki – Waikato roading forum about the recent accidents just north of the Mohakatino bridge. Three trucks upside down in the same spot in less than 3 months. Something is wrong! Its pleasing to see that the road barrier has been prioritised and the road surface is marked for resurfacing.

Every year each district community board receives an allocation of funds for small community projects. During the F24 year the Clifton Board approved funds for a bus shelter at Urenui, welcome to Urenui signage, and some interpretive signage in partnership with Ngāti Mutunga to be installed at the Okoki pa reserve. We are now into the new year and if you have a community project in mind and are looking for funding, give me a call.

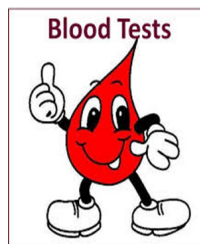
Finally, a reminder that if you see anything that needs council attention pls register a Service Request either by the NPDC app, phone 06 7596060, or email [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi

Murray Seamark  
Board Chair  
021 431432

## DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE

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



- ▶▶ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>
- ▶▶ Wednesday 24<sup>th</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.

### WHAT IS BLOOD PRESSURE?

Your heart pumps blood around your body through tubes called blood vessels. Blood pressure is the pressure of blood against your blood vessels as it moves through your body. This pressure is necessary to make the blood flow, delivering nutrients and oxygen throughout your body.

However, high blood pressure, also called hypertension, means there is too much pressure in your blood vessels. This can damage your blood vessels and cause health problems. High blood pressure is one of the main risk factors for heart disease, especially heart attacks and strokes.

If you do have high blood pressure, you can help manage it with some simple changes to your lifestyle, such as eating a heart healthy diet and exercising more. Your doctor might also recommend some medications to keep it under control.

It's possible to have high blood pressure without knowing it, so it's important to have it checked regularly. Come and see us for a free blood pressure check – no appointment needed!

### **COMMUNITY MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER**

**July 26, 10am in St John's lounge**

This month's guest speaker is Alasdair Nicoll talking on rare plants of the Rerekapa area, mainly rare Orchids. Also a visit to a site on Te Mahoe Road to see some Orchids if keen.

All welcome.

**“Gods love for the world”**

## **PEACE WITHIN**

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let you heart be troubled and do not be afraid* John 14:27

Last month I expanded on the context in 1John 4 that God is love and that the fundamental essence that constitutes the core of Gods very God-ness is love. And so, when God created the world and all things in it, he did so out of, by his, and for his love. And what this means therefore is that we also were created out of his love and for his love.

I finished last month with the statement that Love is always looking for meaningful relationship and that God is no different. The truth is that we were created to have four fundamental meaningful and interconnected relationships centred around love. Firstly, a functional relationship with God himself, then functional relationships with ourselves, with each other, and with other created things. And it is only when we hold these relationships together are we able to properly fit in this world and experience the fulness of life.

In our scripture today, Jesus is talking with his disciples on the night he was betrayed knowing that the morning following he was to face the cross. He was telling them of what was about to happen and understandingly they each were concerned and unsure of what this would mean for them. Anyone who loves me, Jesus says, the Father also loves, and we will come and make our home with them. But don't worry about how these things will work out as God will send the Holy Spirit in my name to help and remind you. *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

What they could not comprehend, and we struggle the same today is that spiritually through the faithfulness of Christ, God in his love, reconciled the whole world to himself. The past, present and future for all time. And now though Jesus are we able to live fully within the interconnected relationships of God, ourselves, each other and the created world, and through these we are fully known and have peace within

**Murray**  
**St Peters by the Sea**

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



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## **HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME**



Getting a plumber at Mōkau can be difficult and I regularly get calls to help. Over the years I have built a relationship with New Plymouth Plumbing who are responsive and do a good job at reasonable prices. The problem is coordinating activities out here, so they come prepared, and your small job doesn't get missed. To solve this, we have entered an agreement together where I can act as an agent to do some initial work to keep you going, scope the works and materials required and to aggregate the smaller non urgent jobs so that travel costs can be shared.

So, if you have a leak, dodgy hot water cylinder, or renovation plans and need a plumber, give me a call and I will make it happen for you.

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## **TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN**

Its winter and time for a bit of maintenance at the Domain. While most think the Domian is there for campers, however in reality the facilities are there for the community, campers help to pay the bills and enhancements. We got approached last month by a group of young mums for a space where they can gather for a play group. The response was excellent, how can we help and what do you need? The more it is used the happier we are.

For all community activities there is no charge and for regular events that have specific needs we will do our best to make things happen for you. We also have access to funding to facilitate short community educational courses. If you have ideas give Max Lovell a call and if you want to book the clubrooms the best way to do this is via email to [tainuidomain@gmail.com](mailto:tainuidomain@gmail.com)

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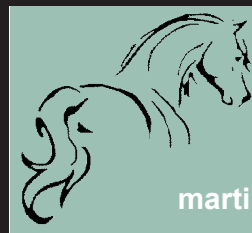


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Whitebait Inn 06 752-9713

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### Business Computer Services

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### Chartered Accountants

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Phone - 07 878-1098 Te Kuiti

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