



JUNE 2024

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

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KERBSIDE COLLECTION DAY CHANGES

Waitomo District Changing Kerbside Collection Schedule

The Waitomo district is changing its kerbside collection schedule to improve service quality and processing efficiency.

Commencing from Monday, 1 July 2024, a revised timetable will be implemented. This will affect a substantial number of households across Te Kūiti, Piopio, Mōkau, Awakino, and Waitomo Village, with adjustments to the day of the week their recycling and blue refuse bags are collected.

Waitomo District Council General Manager Infrastructure Services, Shyamal Ram, says modifying our waste collection routes is essential for improving the service we provide to our community.

“These changes not only address the needs of our current customers but also ensure the efficiency and reliability of our kerbside service demands in the district.»

Residents are encouraged to visit the Waitomo District Council website at www.waitomo.govt.nz/our-services/solid-waste-management/kerbside-collection-day-changes to access further details and determine how these changes may affect them specifically, based on their address.

As of 1st July, these are the revised collection days for our district:

Mondays	Mokau / Awakino / Piopio
Tuesdays	Waitomo *No change in collection day
Wednesdays	No collection.
Thursdays	Te Kuiti ½ (Eastern side of Railway)
Fridays	Te Kuiti ½ (Western side of Railway) *No change in collection day

Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

Welcome to our fortnightly services. These are held on the first and third Sunday of each month, plus special services on Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve. We are a non-denominational Church, with local and visiting Ministers.

June 3 Communion Service 2pm

June 17 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 are also available.

Contact Church Secretary Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

Indoor and outdoor activities and trips. All children of school age are welcome to come on Tuesdays, after school. During the winter, Brigades commence at 2.30pm to coincide with the time the Mokau School finishes. Brigades conclude at 4pm. Boys meet at the Mokau Hall, and girls meet at the Awakino Hall. Transport is provided.

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, June 8th at 5pm

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HALL HIREAGE FEES:

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Contact Heidi 027 679-1931

June Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
SAT 01 JUN	05:01 2.9m	11:10 0.7m	17:40 2.8m	23:38 0.8m	-
SUN 02 JUN	06:05 3.0m	12:12 0.6m	18:44 3.0m	-	-
MON 03 JUN	-	00:42 0.7m	07:06 3.1m	13:11 0.5m	19:43 3.1m
TUE 04 JUN	-	01:41 0.5m	08:02 3.1m	14:05 0.4m	20:37 3.2m
WED 05 JUN	-	02:35 0.5m	08:55 3.2m	14:56 0.3m	21:27 3.3m
THU 06 JUN	-	03:25 0.4m	09:45 3.2m	15:45 0.3m	22:14 3.3m
FRI 07 JUN	-	04:13 0.4m	10:33 3.1m	16:31 0.4m	23:00 3.3m
SAT 08 JUN	-	04:59 0.4m	11:19 3.1m	17:16 0.4m	23:44 3.2m
SUN 09 JUN	-	05:45 0.5m	12:04 3.0m	17:59 0.5m	-
MON 10 JUN	00:26 3.1m	06:29 0.6m	12:48 2.9m	18:41 0.7m	-
TUE 11 JUN	01:08 3.0m	07:14 0.7m	13:31 2.8m	19:23 0.8m	-
WED 12 JUN	01:51 2.9m	07:59 0.8m	14:16 2.7m	20:08 0.9m	-
THU 13 JUN	02:36 2.8m	08:46 0.9m	15:03 2.6m	20:55 1.0m	-
FRI 14 JUN	03:25 2.7m	09:35 1.0m	15:56 2.6m	21:48 1.1m	-
SAT 15 JUN	04:19 2.7m	10:28 1.0m	16:54 2.6m	22:49 1.1m	-
SUN 16 JUN	05:16 2.6m	11:24 1.0m	17:54 2.6m	23:51 1.1m	-
MON 17 JUN	06:13 2.7m	12:19 1.0m	18:51 2.7m	-	-
TUE 18 JUN	-	00:49 1.1m	07:06 2.7m	13:10 0.9m	19:43 2.8m
WED 19 JUN	-	01:40 1.0m	07:56 2.8m	13:59 0.8m	20:31 2.9m
THU 20 JUN	-	02:27 0.8m	08:44 2.8m	14:45 0.7m	21:15 3.0m
FRI 21 JUN	-	03:13 0.7m	09:31 2.9m	15:30 0.6m	21:59 3.1m
SAT 22 JUN	-	03:57 0.6m	10:17 3.0m	16:15 0.5m	22:42 3.2m
SUN 23 JUN	-	04:43 0.5m	11:03 3.0m	17:00 0.4m	23:26 3.2m
MON 24 JUN	-	05:29 0.5m	11:49 3.1m	17:45 0.4m	-
TUE 25 JUN	00:11 3.3m	06:15 0.4m	12:36 3.0m	18:32 0.4m	-
WED 26 JUN	00:57 3.2m	07:03 0.5m	13:25 3.0m	19:20 0.5m	-
THU 27 JUN	01:46 3.2m	07:53 0.5m	14:15 3.0m	20:10 0.6m	-
FRI 28 JUN	02:38 3.1m	08:45 0.6m	15:10 2.9m	21:05 0.7m	-
SAT 29 JUN	03:34 3.0m	09:41 0.6m	16:09 2.9m	22:05 0.7m	-
SUN 30 JUN	04:34 3.0m	10:40 0.7m	17:14 2.9m	23:10 0.8m	-

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

Born 100 years ago this month in the whare next to the boat ramp south of the bridge was a woman that would raise attention to that horrible disease polio that ripped through the world in the first half of the 20th century. June Opie's personal struggles and triumphs with the disease led her to write the book "Over my dead body" bringing hope though her story to many affected with polio. Although June largely lived in the UK throughout her professional career, she never lost touch with her roots in Mōkau.

Celebrating her centennial birthday Kath and the team have created a new display depicting her life story, her struggles, and triumphs. They have even found some early video footage of June being interviewed by NZBC while doing research on her book. Opening early June this is a display well worth seeing.

Thanks to those who responded to last month's call for volunteers to help out on the front desk. We are still looking for a couple more people to help.

10am Friday 31st May is the monthly community event in the St Johns lounge. This month Caleb Perry is presenting on the project works and where things are up to. Will be an interesting discussion. Next one is 21st June with topic TBC, but pencil it in

Friday 28th June is Matariki. In the Gallery this month the 4 local schools are presenting their work called "New Beginnings" all based on the Matariki/Puanga theme. The school exhibitions are always well worth seeing. There is much talent out there.

Matariki is a time to reflect on those whom we have lost in the last year and to connect with whānau. It's all about personal belonging or Tūrangawaewae as described in this whaktauī. E kore au e ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangiaātea. *"I will never be lost, for I am a seed sown from the heavens"*

Ngā mihi
Murray

COMMUNITY MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER

June 21, 10am in St John's lounge

Surprise Guest Speaker

Come along, have a cuppa. All welcome.

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

MISS JUNE OPIE HURT IN MISHAP

Taranaki Daily News 18 January 1958

The well known Taranaki authoress, Miss June Opie, formerly of Mokau, suffered a fractured right femur and a fractured right arm in a collision on the northern side of the Mokau River bridge on Saturday. Other passengers in Miss Opie's car and the other car involved, suffered shock and abrasions.

The other car, driven by a Mrs Hopkins, United States, skidded in loose metal at the approach to the bridge forcing Miss Opie's car partly off the road. Miss Opie's passengers were her mother, Mrs K Opie, Mokau and aunt Mrs W Goodin from New Plymouth, both of whom received cuts and abrasions.

Both cars, especially Miss Opie's, which was the smaller of the two, were extensively damaged. Miss Opie's car, a small English model, was specially fitted with hand controls.

Her legs are still partly paralysed from an attack of poliomyelitis which completely crippled her on a voyage to England some years ago, and from which she is still slowly recovering. The illness and her recovery are the subject of her best seller 'Over My Dead Body'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

TONGAPORUTU HALL CLUB INC SOCIETY

Tuesday 11th June @ 7pm

Followed by General Meeting

Enquiries to tongaporutuhall@gmail.com

AWAKINO BOWLING CLUB

to be held on Sunday June 16 at 1.30pm

at the Bowling Clubrooms

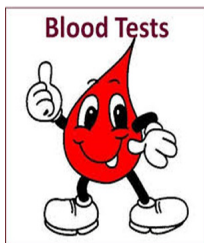
EVERYONE WELCOME

DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE

In April, we bid farewell to our exceptional District Nurse, Cynthia. We wish to extend our gratitude for her dedication and professionalism during her 18 months of service and we know she will be missed by the community. Best wishes, Cynthia!

During this period, our relief nurse Emma-Gene, along with Gail, our Urenui District nurse whom many have previously met, will be covering the Mōkau service. Additionally, we extend a warm welcome to Ana as she joins our District nursing team.

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



- ▶▶ Wednesday 12th
- ▶▶ Wednesday 26th

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.

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC AT MŌKAU

A reminder that Health NZ is funding a physiotherapy clinic in Mōkau once a month in 2024.

The physiotherapist is called Louise Robinson and she has been working as a physio in Taranaki for the last 8 years.

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

This physio clinic is accessible via referral from any healthcare provider, including GPs, specialists, and nurses. Appointments are scheduled through Louise and the physiotherapy department at the hospital – Taranaki Te Whatu Ora/Health NZ Base Hospital. To arrange a referral for this service, you can reach out to the Mōkau nurse.

BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

June is bowel cancer awareness month. New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of bowel cancer in the world. Bowel cancer is the second highest cause of cancer deaths in New Zealand, second only to lung cancer. Bowel cancer is curable in more than 90% of cases if caught early.

Being aware of the symptoms is the first step you can take to prevent bowel cancer. Symptoms may come and go, so don't delay - no matter what age you are, see your GP if you experience any of the following:

- Bleeding from the bottom (rectal bleeding)

- Persistent or intermittent change in bowel habits
- Anaemia, feeling weak, or breathless
- Persistent or periodic severe abdominal pain
- A lump or mass in the abdomen
- Tiredness and loss of weight for no obvious-reason

For more information about bowel cancer, visit <https://bowelcancer.org.nz>

CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Council received about 3500 submissions to the long term plan, which is an extraordinary response and much of it supporting the key elements of plan. There was over 6 days of oral submissions for and against particular elements some of which have made it to mainstream media. So much to say that this has been consuming a lot of council time and energy and shows how important the community engagement is. The plan sets the ambitions over the next 10 years and the fall out of this is the budgets which set the rates for the next 3 years. Not long now and we will be able to focus on the doing.

It is important that the Clifton Community Board enables each community in the area the opportunity to easily engage with their elected members. To aide this we are holding board meeting around the district with the aim to get to each at least annually. The next meeting is on 4th July and will be held in the Uruti hall. This will be advertised locally and we want locals to come and raise any concerns they have.

The other day I witnessed an incident at the SH3-Pilot Rd intersection where a tourist almost got rear-ended by a fully laden truck. This is a hazardous intersection even for those of us who know how to navigate it, and if the visibility is not improved, my fear is that we will scrape someone up off the road here. This has been raised with NZTA many times before and with the help on relationships from within council I am beating the drum again.

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

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Winter is the time to put into action all those plans, and schemes dreamed up over a few beers with mates during the summer. Whether it is fixing the fence, a new deck, or a spruce up inside, now is the time to do these things so that they ready next summer to be enjoyed by all.

Also, now that water conservation is behind us, is a good time to give the place a water blast to get rid of the hidden salt build up, including the roof. You will be surprised how much this will slow down the corrosion effects of the coast.

If you need a hand to do any of this, give me a bell

Murray Seamark
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TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Remember long ago there was a 9-hole golf course down at the Domain. This local club had quite a history beginning on the Patterson estate at Tongaporutu then to Blacks farm at Awakino where the old Mokau school building was repurposed into club rooms, then finally down at the domain which was abandoned in the late 90's.

Well..., there is once again a few keen local golfers who want to start something up again so they can just have a hit around. It won't be a full course, must be low maintenance and the committee is open to suggestions. More people – less sheep is the motto and if the land can be developed to encourage more sports and recreation in the area then you have our ears.

If you want to know more and are keen to lend your voice to the concept, please contact Pete Devoy for mor detail.

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. Funding to run short courses and/or programmes that benefit the community may also be available. If you have an idea have a chat with Max Lovell.

Murray
Chair

ST PETERS BY THE SEA

God is Love

A little while back I read this.

Twice in 1 John 4:7-21 we are told, "God is Love". In making this profoundly important statement John is not simply telling us that God is loving – as if love is simply one of the many attributes God processes alongside others. Much more than this, John wants us to understand that at the very heart and centre of Gods nature and being – the fundamental essence that constitutes the core of Gods very God-ness – is love. This being so, God does not possess some other inner motivator that sits at a deeper, more elemental place within his being that might, on occasions, displace his love. What this means is that Gods love has no reason beyond itself and therefore God does not use love as an instrumental technique to achieve some other purpose that isn't love. God's love is therefore genuine and so God respects the freedom and the integrity of those who are the relational objects and subjects of his love. Consequently, God never manipulates or coerce those he loves into any way of being they do not freely choose. This is why God gives all his relationships time and space to develop and flourish. God, in both creating us and the world, intends and enables a history of encounter to take place that allows all the different dimensions of loving relationality to be experienced and to grow. Gods love therefore creates room for development and change, joy and sorrow, alienation and reconciliation, sin and grace, judgement and salvation".

The thing about love is that our interpretation of it is often tainted with our childhood relationship experiences and thereby transposed in our view of God. For example, if we had a loving but austere, strict parent then our view of God is reflected in such a way of Him being austere, strict, and judgemental. So how can we objectively show who God is?

The most apt description of love is the well-known text of St Paul to the Corinthian church. 1 Cor 13; Love is patient, love is kind...etc. So, as God is love, let us personify the word "love" in this text with "God" to give a paraphrased description of who God is. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

God is patient, God is kind. He does not envy, he does not boast, he is not proud. God does not dishonour others, he is not self-seeking, he is not easily angered, he keeps no record of wrongs. God does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. God always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love always seeks meaningful relationship, and God is no different

Murray

Pink Ribbon Brunch



We had 47 people attend and we raised more than \$1500! **Congratulations to Brian Griffin who won the Pamper Package Raffle.** Thank you to all the local business' for their spot prizes.

*Thank
you*

from your WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The last couple of months have been an exceptionally busy time for the council, developing the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan.

We have had over 100 submissions so far.

Council staff and elected representatives had drop in centres in Mokau, Te Kuiti, Benneydale and Piopio. Overall these were not well attended by the public, but those who attended hopefully left fully informed.

Another process we have been going through is meeting with local ratepayers to discuss the future of local halls. I have been to meeting at Aria, Waitangaruru, Mapiu, Mokauiti so far, and the attendance has been great. People obviously want to retain their halls, and I am quite sure we will come to a suitable arrangement for all concerned.

Council also has decisions to make regarding Marakopa Camping Ground and funding for Waikato Tourism.

Good to see some of the road repairs either underway or about to get underway for the damage done from last years storms.

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

Gavin Todd
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COMMUNITY INDEX AND PHONE NUMBERS

BUSINESS

1st Scaffolding

027 271-6167 OR 027 333-8531

Business Computer Services

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Chartered Accountants

Lionel Smith & Shelley Mitchell
Phone - 07 878-1098 Te Kuiti

CR Computer Services

Craig 027 443-9898
it.help@crccs.co.nz

Earthmoving / Cartage

Chris Wise - 06 752-9710

Electrician

Peter McNeice - 06 769-9596 or 027 445-6456

Gifts & More. Tawariki Goats Milk Soaps

027 954-6223

Gift Shop - KawaKawa Kottage Krafts

022 139-6774

Hairdressing / Le Reve

Heidi - 027 679-1931

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Murray Seamark - 021 431-432

Internet : Keryx Wireless

Frank - 021 0443567
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Massage - Body & Holistic

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McIndoe Group - 07 878-5026

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ACCOMMODATION

Awakino Hotel

06 752-9815

Awakino River Lodge

021 775-397

Mokau Motel

06 752-9725

Seaview Motor camp

06 752-9708

Tongaporutu Hall

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Whitebait Inn :

Campground & Cabins

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CLUBS / GROUPS

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06 752-9014 (Gail O'Keeffe)

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

SCHOOLS

Ahititi School

06 752-5890

Mokau School

06 752-9733

Whareorino School

06 752-9850

CAFES

River Run Café

06 752-9859

Whitebait Inn

06 752-9713

SERVICES

Awakino Library

06 752-9838

Mokau Museum

06 752-9072

New Plymouth District Council

06 759-6060

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07 877-8877 (Lynette)

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Phone 752-5872

Waitomo District Council

0800 932-4357

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Justice of the Peace

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AWAKINO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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