



SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Music Quiz @ Mōkau Hall!

Never a dull moment when it comes to running an event – a power cut, a missing cable for the projector, not enough make-up for the fancy dress...but everyone rallied together, and the final outcome was a fantastic evening!

The Mōkau Community Trust (MCT) would like sincerely thank all involved either attending or behind the scenes for making the Music Quiz a great event. This was the second year running that the MCT have hosted an event to bring our community out for a fun evening. We are grateful to Heidi and the Hall Committee for the opportunity to hire this wonderful venue and Leisha, Sahara, Sheryl and Graham did a great job getting it set up and decorated.

Thanks to Quiz Masters Hamish Kerr (not the Hamish Kerr, though Seven Sharp helped make our Hamish world famous in NZ!) and Matt Cleaver from New Plymouth (dressed as 1980s Euro DJs), we danced and sang our hearts out.

Thanks Laurel and Murray @ Mōkau Motel for the accommodation for the DJs, they loved it. Great hospitality as ever.

Thanks Maree and Paul Jones for your generous donation of great spot prizes, they were much



appreciated. Thanks to the River Run for taking on the catering contract, delicious kai was available for the interval and plenty over for grazing later.

Additional spot prizes were mostly purchased locally thanks to Awakino Pub, Whitebait Inn, Kawakawa Kottage Krafts, Mōkau Museum, and Janet Brown's angora knits.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you've any feedback or queries. We'd love to hear of any ideas for our 2025 event. Please email us on mokaucomtrust@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOKAU FISHING CLUB

September 14 at 3pm

Awakino Bowling Club followed
by members' BBQ at the
Awakino Hotel

Spring forward



**Daylight
Saving starts
September 29**

As there have been changes to the delivery of the Tainui Trading Post in some areas there are copies that can be picked up from Whitebait Inn, Mokau Museum, and River Run. There is also an electronic version of this newsletter that can be emailed to you. Contact Melissa at tainuitradingpost@gmail.com.

Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

"We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God"

Romans 8:28

Welcome to our fortnightly services:

Sept 1 Family Service 2pm

Sept 15 Family Service 2pm

Please note that there is no service on September 29 as this is a fifth Sunday. October services begin on October 6.

After each service there is a nice afternoon tea provided. Children's activities are available at all services and toys for babies.

Contact Church Secretary Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

These meet after school on Tuesday. All children from 5 years and upward are welcome to attend. Please contact leaders: 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

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, September 14th at 5pm

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HALL HIREAGE FEES:

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Contact Heidi 027 679-1931

September Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
SUN 01 SEP	-	02:43 0.7m	08:59 2.8m	15:00 0.7m	21:21 3.1m
MON 02 SEP	-	03:25 0.6m	09:42 3.0m	15:40 0.6m	22:01 3.2m
TUE 03 SEP	-	04:03 0.5m	10:21 3.0m	16:16 0.5m	22:36 3.2m
WED 04 SEP	-	04:37 0.4m	10:56 3.1m	16:50 0.5m	23:09 3.2m
THU 05 SEP	-	05:10 0.4m	11:29 3.1m	17:22 0.5m	23:40 3.2m
FRI 06 SEP	-	05:42 0.5m	11:59 3.1m	17:54 0.5m	-
SAT 07 SEP	00:10 3.1m	06:14 0.5m	12:29 3.0m	18:27 0.6m	-
SUN 08 SEP	00:40 3.0m	06:48 0.6m	13:01 2.9m	19:01 0.7m	-
MON 09 SEP	01:13 2.9m	07:23 0.7m	13:36 2.8m	19:39 0.9m	-
TUE 10 SEP	01:51 2.8m	08:02 0.8m	14:17 2.7m	20:24 1.0m	-
WED 11 SEP	02:37 2.6m	08:49 1.0m	15:10 2.6m	21:20 1.2m	-
THU 12 SEP	03:35 2.5m	09:48 1.1m	16:22 2.5m	22:34 1.2m	-
FRI 13 SEP	04:53 2.5m	11:04 1.1m	17:47 2.6m	23:58 1.1m	-
SAT 14 SEP	06:19 2.5m	12:25 1.0m	19:01 2.8m	-	-
SUN 15 SEP	-	01:09 0.9m	07:30 2.7m	13:32 0.8m	20:00 3.0m
MON 16 SEP	-	02:06 0.6m	08:28 3.0m	14:27 0.5m	20:52 3.3m
TUE 17 SEP	-	02:56 0.3m	09:19 3.2m	15:16 0.2m	21:39 3.5m
WED 18 SEP	-	03:43 0.1m	10:07 3.4m	16:03 0m	22:25 3.6m
THU 19 SEP	-	04:28 0m	10:52 3.5m	16:48 0m	23:10 3.6m
FR 120 SEP	-	05:12 - 0.1m	11:37 3.5m	17:32 0m	23:55 3.6m
SAT 21 SEP	-	05:56 0m	12:22 3.5m	18:17 0.1m	-
SUN 22 SEP	00:40 3.4m	06:41 0.2m	13:08 3.3m	19:04 0.4m	-
MON 23 SEP	01:27 3.2m	07:27 0.4m	13:56 3.1m	19:53 0.6m	-
TUE 24 SEP	02:18 2.9m	08:15 0.7m	14:50 2.9m	20:50 0.9m	-
WED 25 SEP	03:16 2.7m	09:11 0.9m	15:55 2.7m	21:59 1.1m	-
THU 26 SEP	04:26 2.5m	10:22 1.1m	17:11 2.6m	23:23 1.1m	-
FRI 27 SEP	05:42 2.5m	11:48 1.1m	18:23 2.7m	-	-
SAT 28 SEP	-	00:38 1.1m	06:51 2.6m	13:01 1.0m	19:24 2.8m
DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS					
SUN 29 SEP	-	01:34 0.9m	08:49 2.7m	14:54 0.9m	21:13 2.9m
MON 30 SEP	-	03:19 0.7m	09:36 2.8m	15:37 0.7m	21:55 3.0m

Tell us what you're up to now and in the future so we can be the 'unity' in community!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

The "MUSEUM" sign is finally up, and has now finally answering the question on all those minds looking across the road saying to themselves, "what is that place?"

The museum committee has begun the 2025-26 planning cycle. It seems to come around so fast these days and while appearing to be a long way off, the first round of funding applications closes in Nov 24. Museum activity is always based around projects, some big like the new frontage, and others small like the rotunda refurbishment. Funders like to have something tangible that they can connect societal value with. The 2024-25 project is the Tongapōrutu Interactive display which is due to begin in Oct with the hopeful success of the last round of funding. So far, we have secured 35% of the funds with the rest due in Oct, fingers crossed. This is a \$90k project and we are all looking forward to delivering it for the benefit of the community

This brings me back to the 2025-26 planning. The committee is looking for ideas that will enhance the regions historic heritage which is then presented back to the community for all to share. We are also looking for ideas that will further connect the museum with the local community. Not all project funds have to be spent within the walls of the museum building. For example, this could be some interpretative signage in the township itself. Anyway, we are looking for new inspiring ideas from the community for the benefit of the community. If you have something to share pop into the museum and see Kath or Jennifer

The short documentary collection continues to grow as we record things that are still active in our community today but extend back many years. The next one is recording some history on the Tainui Rugby Club and those who were at the wet game last month may have noticed the cameras out there. The collection of these short video stories will be treasured in the years ahead.

On August 30th 10am down at the St Johns lounge, archaeologist Ivan Bruce to talk about the archaeology of this area. Ivan is New Plymouth based and has worked extensively in this area. He will be a very interesting speaker.

You never know the talent that is out in a community until you provide a space for people to share their works. And the Mokau Camera Club is one of these opportunities. Gee, there is some real talent within, and the works displayed in the Gallery is a must see with the opportunity to purchase some prints.

In our planning it is important for us to keep an open mind and listen to what the community wants. The whakataukī this month talks about "whakairo whānui" or broad-minded. He rangi tā matawhāiti, he rangi tā matawhānui. *"A person with a narrow vision has a restricted horizon; a person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities"*

Ngā mihi
Murray

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

SEABIRD NEST SITE TO BE FENCED OFF

Taranaki Daily News 23 September 2002

Taranaki's first predator-proof fence will ensure that a native sea bird remains in the region.

The grey-faced petrel has virtually disappeared from Taranaki, but a colony of 60 at Rapanui, 2 km north of Tongaporutu river will soon be protected by a 600m fence.

A cliff-edge conservation area of half a hectare has been established by the Taranaki Tree Trust and landowners.

Once the fence has been built and the birds fly out to sea, predators living inside the boundary will be either poisoned or trapped, Taranaki Tree Trust facilitator Maggie Bayfield said.

The grey-faced petrel colony at Rapanui was of national significance because it was the only known colony breeding on the mainland. It is also the southernmost colony on the west coast of the North Island.

The fence was crucial for the Rapanui population and would benefit breeding adults. Seven years ago DOC banded birds and discovered that once chicks fledged, they stayed out at sea for six to eight years before returning to the same nesting site to breed. To establish this area by planting and creating burrows is a long process in terms of a chick hatching, growing and fledging.

The fence would prove beneficial for other vulnerable wildlife, such as kiwi. Two other burrowing seabirds, the diminutive diving petrel and the fluttering shearwater, nest at the site.

COMMUNITY MONTHLY GET-TOGETHER

Friday September 27, 10am in St John's lounge

Guest speaker: Erin Carter from the Heart Foundation. There will be a heart health presentation followed by 1:1 BP/ pulse check and conversation around risk / solutions.

All welcome



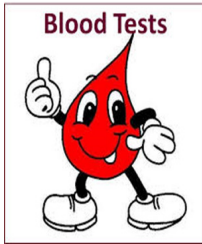
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- ▶▶ Wednesday 18th

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CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

The last Community Board meeting was held in the Tongapōrutu hall. What a great turn out and it was good to hear the concerns central to the district. Council provided an update on which roads are getting what done to them over the summer. It was also great news to hear that council has had a bit of a rethink around closing the transfer station. This is directly attributed to those who made their voices heard in the LTP process. Be assured, they wanted to do it, and this is one up for the democratic process.

However, it is clear that the current model is expensive and limited. Council have determined to discuss options and ideas directly with the community. This is now our opportunity to tell them our needs, what we would like to have available and how these services can be delivered in a cost-effective manner. Tongapōrutu is not the only rural community facing similar issues and the learnings from this will be passed onto other rural communities across the district, of which Clifton has 3, Tongaporutu, Uruti and Okoki.

Every so often the Freedom Camping Bylaw comes up for public consultation, and right now you can have your say. Included in the document is to prohibit all Freedom Camping from the Rapanui Reserve area. The Community Board proposed this as there are plans to upgrade the carpark. This area has a number of sensitive ecological issues and being so close to the main road it was also considered a safety risk, and we wanted to encourage campers to go to the established freedom camping area at Tongapōrutu where there are facilities. Anyway, if you want to make a submission go to "Have your Say" on the NPDC home page

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

"God is Love" continued

Last month I mentioned that we should not think of God's love in light of the fact that we know that God is holy, righteous, and just – but instead we need to rethink God's holiness, righteousness, and justice in light of the fact that we know that God is love and how in doing so challenges the many things we may have learned about God. And that this means God loves us is for no other reason beyond the fact that God loves us.

In 1 John4:10 the apostle tells us

This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

And later in v19

We love because God first loved us.

And what this means is that our very ability to love is that because God first loved us. Now many people who love God often say in prayer "We love you God because ..." and then fill in some of the many reasons we have for loving God. And while it is entirely appropriate for us to say and pray, "We love you God because ..." – God never actually says this to us.

God never says to us, "I love you because ... Because of what? Because you are so faithful, obedient, or whatever else we think God might be impressed by? Thinking this way turns God's relationship with us into a kind of contract – "If you are obedient (enough) to me [says God], then for this reason I will love you".

But what "God is love" means, is that while our love for God has everything to do with who God is – God's love for us has nothing to do with who we are. Our love for God has everything to do with who God is and what God has done for us – and God's love for us is the same – it has everything to do with who God is and what kind of God, God has elected to be toward us.

In our insecurity and fear we have the mistaken idea that if we are lovely then we will be loved. And in so many ways we unwittingly reinforce this terrible contractual way of thinking. How many times do we, in effect, say to our children or our spouses, "You are lovely" and then love them – but in this way subtly create the impression that the reason we love them is because they are lovely. The implication being is that for them to continue to be loved by us they must continue to be lovely to us.

But the truth is God does not love us because we are lovely – rather we become lovely because we are loved. It is precisely because God loves us for no other reason than the fact that God is love that we become lovely. In other words, show me a truly lovely person and I'll show you someone who knows with assurance they are truly loved. But show me someone who thinks that if they are lovely then they will be loved, and I'll show you a person who is deeply insecure.

This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us

Murray

St Peters by the Sea

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Big shout out to Jeff for bringing the rugby games together. You put a lot of work into making these happen, a true legend! We want to extend our thanks to those who came and supported our local team, your presence made a difference and added to the excitement of the day. The museum was also filming another clip for their archives, on the history of the rugby club. Thank you, Kerry and Kath, for making this happen, we are looking forward to seeing the finished film.



The new playground bits have been ordered. Should be up and running in a couple of months. Also, Urenui Festival Organisation kindly donation towards the new equipment. Thanks guys, much appreciated.

The Mokaupooza event featuring B.E.A.T, Dude Where's my Guitar, and our local favourites, Flamingo Social Club are all confirmed. This was a blast last year and we are looking forward to hosting this again. 1st February 2pm to 8.30pm, lock it into your calendar,

Maxine Lovell
Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tainui Whitebaiters Association

5th October 2024
Awakino Hotel 5pm

Sharon Porter
Secretary/Treasurer

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Late last summer I had a several enquiries to paint houses. I did what I could but time was really against me. So, this year I hope to be ahead of the game a little. If you are thinking about getting the house painted now is the time to call and have a chat. This enables me to book ahead the time and get the work done over the warmer months.

Also, September is daylight savings. Time to check those fire alarms

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It's all in the Soil

by Barbara Kuriger, MP for Taranaki-King Country

Soil.

Many from outside the farming community take it for granted, and that is understandable because, for them, it is simply the medium in which grass grows.

But farmers know it is much more.

Soil also filters and purifies our water, reduces flooding, helps regulate the atmosphere and plays a crucial role in driving the carbon and nitrogen cycles. It is also key to tackling climate change.

The true impact of soil on all aspects of our life came to light when I watched an incredible movie that the rural advocacy charitable trust, Quorum Sense, brought to New Zealand.

“Six Inches of Soil” is a new grassroots UK documentary that shares the inspiring story of three young British farmers transforming how they produce food to heal the soil, improve our health, and provide for local communities.

Soil is the essence of farming—of life—but for most urban New Zealanders, that goes no further than what they see—green, verdant pastures.

It's only when we dig deep into it, beneath the surface, that we discover an additional benefit. Soil is an excellent storage medium for carbon, reducing emissions into the atmosphere, enriching the soil and its productivity, and maximising water infiltration and filtration.

New Zealand farmers know this. They are aware of the organic benefits of carbon retention in soil and actively cultivate it. Yet, the sequestration of carbon in the soil and the consequent reduction of carbon emissions are either not known by the wider public (which is understandable) or, more insidiously, largely ignored or obscured by certain sectors of society that claim farmers are major contributors to climate change.

Movies like “Six Inches of Soil” point out the opposite, which is why I was so encouraged by Quorum Sense touring it through New Zealand.

But movies can only do so much. I have long advocated that we should do more about the science of soil—studying it and improving it. For example, we could find ways to improve water retention to mitigate droughts.

And then we should be telling people about it so that they get the good oil on soil—that it is a lot more than just green pasture. Once people understand that, perhaps they will stand beside New Zealand farmers in protecting and nurturing our land.



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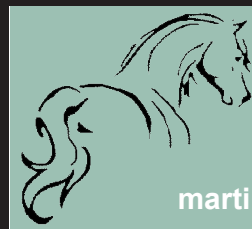


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COMMUNITY INDEX AND PHONE NUMBERS

CAFES

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Whitebait Inn 06 752-9713

BUSINESS

1st Scaffolding

027 271-6167 OR 027 333-8531

Business Computer Services

Ross Smith - 07 877-8880

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Phone - 07 878-1098 Te Kuiti

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06 752-9124

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SCHOOLS

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06 752-5890

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06 752-9733

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06 752-9850

SERVICES

Awakino Library

06 752-9838

Mokau Museum

06 752-9072

New Plymouth District Council

06 759-6060

Tainui St John

07 877-8877 (Lynette)

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AWAKINO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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MŌKAU

COMMUNITY TRUST

2024 Application form Opening 1st August - Closing 30th September

Aim

The Mōkau Community Trust (MCT) aims to support the wider Mōkau Community for cultural, sporting, the arts, educational and community events, projects, and initiatives. From the profits of the Mighty Mōkau Bike Ride.

Application Criteria

a) Past pupils of Mōkau Primary School

Or

b) Current or past residents of the following geographical area boundaries

- Tongaporutu Bridge
- Awakino Tunnel
- Paparahia Station
- 1491 Tamumatamarie Road

Or

c) Current community groups within the above geographical area

Grant

At the discretion of the MCT grant committee, applicants may only receive a portion of the grant applied for. Applicants are free to apply in consecutive years but may not always be granted in the second year.

Notification

Applicants will be notified within a month of the closing date regarding the outcome of their applications.

Recipients will be required to give feed back to the MCT, a summary of the event or usage of the money received.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Applications are available by email or phone

mokaucomtrust@gmail.com

Maree Jones on 067529765