



**FEBRUARY 2025** Monthly Community Newsletter supporting Tainui District - Mokau, Awakino, Tongaporutu, Ahititi, and Waikawau



### Bodywork for Koha and Community

**THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** - Book a 30 minute massage or facial unwinding session and pay a koha! All proceeds will go back into the community. Tainui St Johns will be the recipient of the koha for February.

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**8 am 16 Sun FEB 2025**

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**TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN**

**MOKAU 2025**

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## TAINUI TRADING POST

Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated. The views published in this publication are not those of the editor but of the contributors. Articles must not be longer than 280 words and may have accompanying photos. We reserve the right to edit any material. PUBLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. For advertising costs please contact: [tainuitradingpost@gmail.com](mailto:tainuitradingpost@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook : Mokau Community Connection



# Community Notices

## CHURCH NOTICES

### St Peter's by the Sea

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."* Ecclesiastes 3:1

Welcome to our Church services for February.

Feb 2 Communion Service 2pm

Feb 16 Communion Service 2pm

Children's activities are provided at all services.

Contact the Church Secretary Dorothy Lowry, phone 06 752-9123.

#### BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADES

These will recommence on Tuesday afternoons after the school holidays end. All children from 5 years old and older are welcome to attend from 3-4.30pm. Boys meet in the Mokau Hall, and for the girls, transport is provided from the school to the Awakino Hall.

Contact Shane Lowry (752-9124) for boys

Contact Dorothy Lowry (752-9123) for girls

The first meeting for the term will be February 4 2025.

#### 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, February 8th at 5pm**

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## February Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	High	PM Low	PM High
SAT 01 FEB	00:56 3.3m	06:51 0.2m	13:14 3.5m	19:18 0.2m	-
SUN 02 FEB	01:38 3.3m	07:34 0.2m	13:57 3.4m	20:02 0.2m	-
MON 03 FEB	02:22 3.2m	08:19 0.3m	14:42 3.3m	20:47 0.3m	-
TUE 04 FEB	03:08 3.1m	09:07 0.4m	15:30 3.1m	21:35 0.5m	-
WED 05 FEB	03:59 3.0m	09:59 0.6m	16:23 3.0m	22:28 0.7m	-
THU 06 FEB	04:59 2.8m	10:59 0.8m	17:26 2.8m	23:30 0.8m	-
FRI 07 FEB	06:10 2.7m	12:12 1.0m	18:39 2.7m	-	-
SAT 08 FEB	-	00:43 0.9m	07:26 2.7m	13:30 1.0m	19:52 2.7m
SUN 09 FEB	-	01:58 0.9m	08:35 2.8m	14:40 0.9m	20:59 2.8m
MON 10 FEB	-	03:04 0.8m	09:34 3.0m	15:37 0.7m	21:57 2.9m
TUE 11 FEB	-	03:58 0.6m	10:25 3.1m	16:26 0.6m	22:46 3.0m
WED 12 FEB	-	04:44 0.5m	11:09 3.2m	17:10 0.5m	23:30 3.1m
THU 13 FEB	-	05:26 0.4m	11:50 3.3m	17:49 0.4m	-
FRI 14 FEB	00:09 3.1m	06:03 0.4m	12:26 3.3m	18:26 0.4m	-
SAT 15 FEB	00:45 3.1m	06:39 0.4m	13:01 3.2m	19:01 0.4m	-
SUN 16 FEB	01:19 3.1m	07:13 0.5m	13:33 3.1m	19:35 0.5m	-
MON 17 FEB	01:50 3.0m	07:46 0.6m	14:03 3.0m	20:08 0.6m	-
TUE 18 FEB	02:21 2.9m	08:20 0.7m	14:35 2.9m	20:42 0.7m	-
WED 19 FEB	02:54 2.8m	08:56 0.8m	15:10 2.8m	21:19 0.8m	-
THU 20 FEB	03:32 2.7m	09:36 1.0m	15:52 2.7m	22:02 1.0m	-
FRI 21 FEB	04:20 2.6m	10:26 1.2m	16:44 2.5m	22:55 1.1m	-
SAT 22 FEB	05:25 2.5m	11:34 1.3m	17:54 2.4m	-	-
SUN 23 FEB	-	00:05 1.2m	06:51 2.5m	12:58 1.3m	19:20 2.5m
MON 24 FEB	-	01:27 1.1m	08:08 2.6m	14:14 1.1m	20:34 2.6m
TUE 25 FEB	-	02:37 1.0m	09:08 2.8m	15:11 0.9m	21:32 2.8m
WED 26 FEB	-	03:32 0.7m	09:58 3.1m	16:00 0.6m	22:22 3.0m
THU 27 FEB	-	04:19 0.4m	10:44 3.3m	16:45 0.4m	23:08 3.2m
FRI 28 FEB	-	05:04 0.2m	11:28 3.5m	17:29 0.2m	23:52 3.4m

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

The summer holiday season is the busiest time of the year for the museum with many popping in to have a look around while visiting the area of just passing through. Visitor numbers are a bit down on last year, but I think this has been across the board with people not holidaying as much given the economic slump we are in at the moment.

My appreciation goes to the many volunteers who faithfully turn up on their rostered days to keeping the doors open every day. Without you all this would not be possible. Also, to Kath and Leisha who are busy working in the background on the funded project collecting historical accounts and stories on the Tongaporutu.

Museums are a balancing act of collecting and preserving the regions history, while at the same time making it interesting for public viewing. It is the people who journey through that bring the whole place to life, and nothing pleases me more to see the place pumping with noise and activity. The kids do particularly enjoy the pianola and the Mt Messenger simulator. Nothing worse than having the place like a morgue, dull and sterile as without people breathing in the life the museum itself runs the risk of becoming a relic itself.

This month we are celebrating Waitangi Day with a number of planned activities throughout the month. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for details.

Then on the week of the 19th – 22nd we are turning the place red, white and blue as we welcome participants to Taranaki in the Americarna event. The team have created a display of the events history and videos will be playing in the jailhouse theatre

The whole team of volunteers and staff are always looking for new ways to engage with people and make our community museum a place to be enjoyed by all. He waka eke noa. "A vehicle upon which everyone may embark".

Thanks heaps for your energy and creativity

Ngā mihi nui

Murray

## HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



The great thing about having a place out here is the relative remoteness, and the bad thing about being out here when it comes to doing anything on the house is again the relative remoteness.

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## TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Researched by Jennifer Topless*

### CHILDREN MISS SCHOOL

#### Awakino Man Appears in Court

**Taranaki Daily News 10 February 1934**

For failing to send two of his children to school between 27 and 30 November, Mr E Batley, Awakino was convicted and ordered to pay £1 2s costs by Mr W Woodward at the Magistrates Court, Waitara, yesterday.

Taranaki Education Board attendance officer, Mr G Pascoe, said Mr Batley had been fined on a previous occasion. The children who had missed school, Reginald and Teddy respectively. Batley seems a good father and looked after his family well. Attendances of his children had been good in previous years excepting November.

Batley explained that he had a family of 15 children, all living. He was having a "pretty tough" struggle to carry on. His wife had a lot to do. He admitted his children had missed on occasions but he and his wife were doing their best for them.

Batley thought that on the dates in question the two children might have been assisting at home. That was a time when there was extra work to do in connection with sheep and cows on the farm.

Mrs Batley who was called to give evidence said it was her fault the children missed school.

"I want you to understand that this cannot go on", said Mr Woodward to Batley.

"I do not wish to press you if you are having a hard time but you must send your children to school".

## AWAKINO BOWLING CLUB

Hello everyone. We would like to say a big Thank You all for supporting us with the two raffles that Jenny kindly walked the streets and sold.

The winners are Raffle #1: \$100 note - Wendy Evans

Raffle #2: \$100 grocery - Lorna Davies

Both raffles were drawn by local Police

Also to all of you who attended our Xmas Dinner. I have received lots of good comments. Also, thanks to Peter for the gift he made which we sold on the night of the Dinner. The winner being Jack Davies.

Hope you all have had a very enjoyable Xmas and New Year.

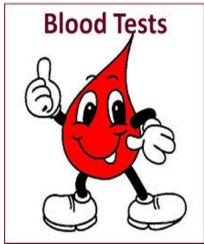
**Twilight Bowls** is going very well. Good to see lots of the public attending. We have started again on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm, \$2 per person.

Gail



## DISTRICT HEALTH NURSE

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



- ▶▶ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>
- ▶▶ Monday 19<sup>nd</sup>

If you need an urgent test, please call the clinic on 06 752 9723 or 021 638 859 to discuss. We can take blood on any clinic day if you can arrange to get it into town.

## CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

### BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Summer days have come upon us and the place has dried up quickly. While this is great for the beach activities and keeping the lawns short, the dry crispy grass is great fuel that can suddenly get away on us. If you are planning something that includes a fire, go to <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/> for tips to help keep yourself, your neighbour and properties safe. It will also tell you if there are any restrictions in your area and if you need a permit. You don't want that sinking gut feeling when it all turns to custard.

Thanks to all those who have given their honest opinion about how our local rubbish and recycling is collected. I will be taking your thoughts back to council to be included in the upcoming changes when the Jack Trash bin contract expires. Also, Officers have been investigating some recycling options for the Uruti community, which is great news as they are a long way from any public rubbish service.

Downers have started work on SH3 from the Tongaporutu rest area to Rapanui bridge. It is all one-way traffic during work hours and is expected to continue well into March. Please be patient and allow for some time delay in your travel. Already the vision out of the Pilot Rd intersection has improved. Let's hope this results in a much safer exit onto the main road, something that has been in our Board Plan for a long time

Remember council needs the public to let them know of any issues that need to attend to. Its an easy process, so if you see something register a service request via the normal options, 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

## TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

### Mokau Palooza 1st Feb

This was an absolute blast last year and so are doing it again. This is the Domain's gift back to the community. It's a free event but all donations will be accepted in the clubrooms to help cover costs.

Come along and support the Mokau Fishing Club, Piopio Lions Club and the Urenui-Mokau Health Group. It's a family day out with the music starting at 2, and will be a day to remember, filled with fun and community vibe. Bring your mates and family for a great time. Also dig out that old life jacket and get a new one.

This doesn't happen without our sponsors, and we thank Toi Foundation, Lotteries Community, and Creative Communities, for backing this event.

Also it doesn't happen without our volunteers and we thank everyone who is lending a hand on the day. A special thanks to Maxine Lovell for the fund-raising and driving the whole thing along.

Murray  
Chair

## Barbara Kuriger

MP for Taranaki-King Country

### Constituent Clinic

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*If you have a concern that you would like to speak to my team about please contact my office to make an appointment.*

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- **Marquee Hireage:** \$250/marquee for 3 days, and \$100 for each additional day after that. Contact Maree on (06) 752 9765
- **Donation:** thank you, Pip Roberts, for your lovely donation from the Body and Soul Holistic Wellbeing Koha day. It is much appreciated.
- **Market@Mōkau:** it was delightful to see children enjoying the free rides, we enjoy supporting this event, and thank you to our Mokau Finest for erecting and packing away the Marquees.
- **Mōkau Promotional Video:** Thank you to everyone who supported this and participated in the filming. The editing team is now working on the final production.

**For any feedback or queries email us at [mokaucomtrust@gmail.com](mailto:mokaucomtrust@gmail.com)**

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## TAINUI ST JOHN'S

Our Service requires Volunteers to help with the  
operation of our ambulance service



Lynette Adams: 07 877-8877 -  
[lynadams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lynadams@xtra.co.nz)

Eric Cryer: 06 752-5821

### Tainui Home Handyman and Painter

- Home & Building reno's, repairs & maintenance
- Painting & decorating
- Fences, paths, decks, and sheds

Nothing too small

#### Need a Plumber? I can sort this for you too

In collaboration with New Plymouth Plumbing Ltd

- Repair works
- Renovations / new builds
- Fire and Gas installs

Great service, reasonable prices

**Murray Seamark**

021 431432

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# Community Index & Phone Numbers

## CAFES

River Run Café 06 752-9859

Whitebait Inn 06 752-9713

## BUSINESS

### 1st Scaffolding

027 271-6167 OR 027 333-8531

**Awakino Store : Ma's Place** - 06 215-9080

7am-7pm ~ Seven days a week

### Business Computer Services

Ross Smith - 07 877-8880

### 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

### Home Handyman, Painter & Plumber

Murray Seamark - 021 431-432

### Internet : Wireless Dynamics

0800 003 441

www.wirelessdynamics.co.nz

### Massage - Body & Holistic

Pip White - 021 557-187

### Plumber

McIndoe Group - 07 878-5026

### Property Maintenance

Geoff Preston - 027 693-0690

### Te Marama Treks

Sonya Martin

martin.instacowgirl@gmail.com

### Trucking

Progress Transport - 07 877-8058

## 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

06 752 5872 or

tongaporutuhall@gmail.com

### Whitebait Inn :

### Campground & Cabins

06 752-9713

## CLUBS / GROUPS

### Awakino Bowling Club

06 752-9014 (Gail O'Keeffe)

### Bone Carving (Mike Brown)

027 223-6138

### Camera Club (Simon Brown)

06 928-2548 evenings

### Boys' Brigade (Shane Lowry)

06 752-9124

### Girls' Brigade (Dorothy Lowry)

06 752-9123

## SCHOOLS

### Ahititi School

06 752-5890

### Mokau School

06 752-9733

### Whareorino School

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)

### Tongaporutu Hall

Phone 752-5872

### Waitomo District Council

0800 932-4357

### Barbara Kuriger MP

06 756-6032

### Justice of the Peace

Gay Andrews : 06 752-5870

mobile : 027 223-6870

### Marriage Celebrant

Heidi : 027 679-1931

### Mokau Police

Donna Potroz : 021 192-6818

### Maniaroa Marae

Iwi, hapū, community enquiries

maniaroa@gmail.com

## OHURA VALLEY MARKET

First Sunday of the Month  
10am to 1pm

Enquiries: [ohuravalleymarket@gmail.com](mailto:ohuravalleymarket@gmail.com)

Mobile: 027 717-0963 (Kat)



Urenui & Mōkau  
Rural Healthcare

### WALK-IN CLINIC HOURS:

9am-11am - MON/WED/FRI (excluding Public Holidays)

Phone: 06 752-9723

Nurse Mob: 021 638-859 (limited reception)

Where: St John's Rooms

Messenger: MOKAU NURSE

Email: [mokau.nurse@urenuihc.com](mailto:mokau.nurse@urenuihc.com)

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](mailto:tainuitradingpost@gmail.com).



# MOKAU SUMMER EVENTS

**07**  
DEC

## **XMAS DINNER**

**AWAKINO BOWLING CLUB | 6:00 PM**

\$30 per person. Contact Gail 06 752 9014 by 30th November.

**23**  
DEC

## **PUB QUIZ**

**AWAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM**

\$10 per team.

**27**  
DEC

## **CORSON TYRES 4-DAY COMP**

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 4:00 PM**

Earlybird draw. Weigh-in 4 pm - 5pm, 27th - 29th.  
Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>

**30**  
DEC

## **CORSON TYRES 4-DAY COMP - DAY 4**

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 3:30 PM**

Weigh-in 3.30pm - 4.30 pm.  
Prize giving and Member's BBQ to follow.

**31**  
DEC

## **BAND**

**AWAKINO HOTEL | 7:00 PM**

Band - Roadhouse. Courtesy van available. Ph 06 752 9815

**03**  
JAN

## **MOKAU MARKET**

**MOKAU SCHOOL FIELD | 10:00 AM**

Live music, local crafts and car club. Contact Kath 021 132 5390

**04**  
JAN

## **RATE PAYERS' MEETING**

**MOKAU HALL | 12:00 PM**

Light luncheon and cuppa, followed by meet the councillors.

**05**  
JAN

## **FAMILY FUN PARTY**

**AWAKINO HOTEL | 1:00 PM**

Bring your family for a fun day with food, games and activities.

**01**  
FEB

## **TAKE A KID FISHING**

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 9:00 AM**

Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>  
New4old lifejacket swap.

**01**  
FEB

## **MOKAU POLOOZA**

**TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN | 2:00 PM**

Music, food trucks and free health checks.

**15**  
FEB

## **LADIES' COMPETITION**

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB | 8:30 AM**

Register at <https://www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz>

**16**  
FEB

## **MIGHTY MOKAU TRAIL BIKE RIDE**

**2227 TAUMATAMAIRE ROAD | 8:00 AM**

Register at <https://mightymokau.com>. Ph Maree 06 752 9765