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# Community Notices

## CHURCH NOTICES

### St Peter's by the Sea

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"*

Luke 2:11

Jan 5 Communion Service 2pm C Hamilton

Jan 19 Communion Service 2pm C Hamilton

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all the congregation at St Peters by the Sea.

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

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# January Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
WED 01 JAN	-	05:43 0.4m	12:09 3.2m	18:09 0.5m	-
THU 02 JAN	00:29 3.1m	06:25 0.4m	12:50 3.3m	18:53 0.4m	-
FRI 03 JAN	01:11 3.1m	07:08 0.4m	13:32 3.3m	19:37 0.4m	-
SAT 04 JAN	01:55 3.1m	07:52 0.4m	14:15 3.2m	20:23 0.4m	-
SUN 05 JAN	02:40 3.0m	08:39 0.5m	15:01 3.2m	21:11 0.5m	-
MON 06 JAN	03:29 3.0m	09:28 0.6m	15:52 3.1m	22:02 0.6m	-
TUE 07 JAN	04:23 2.9m	10:23 0.7m	16:48 3.0m	22:58 0.7m	-
WED 08 JAN	05:25 2.8m	11:25 0.8m	17:52 2.9m	-	-
THU 09 JAN	-	00:00 0.7m	06:36 2.8m	12:35 0.9m	19:01 2.9m
FRI 10 JAN	-	01:07 0.8m	07:46 2.9m	<b>13:46</b> <b>0.8m</b>	20:09 2.9m
SAT 11 JAN	-	02:14 0.7m	08:50 3.0m	14:51 0.7m	21:11 2.9m
SUN 12 JAN	-	03:15 0.6m	09:47 3.1m	15:48 0.6m	22:08 3.0m
MON 13 JAN	-	04:09 0.5m	10:39 3.2m	16:39 0.5m	22:59 3.0m
TUE 14 JAN	-	04:58 0.4m	11:26 3.3m	17:26 0.5m	23:46 3.1m
WED 15 JAN	-	05:43 0.4m	12:09 3.3m	18:10 0.4m	-
THU 16 JAN	00:30 3.1m	06:24 0.4m	12:50 3.3m	18:51 0.5m	-
FRI 17 JAN	01:10 3.1m	07:04 0.5m	13:28 3.2m	19:31 0.5m	-
SAT 18 JAN	01:48 3.0m	07:41 0.5m	14:05 3.1m	20:08 0.6m	-
SUN 19 JAN	02:24 2.9m	08:18 0.7m	14:40 3.0m	20:46 0.7m	-
MON 20 JAN	03:00 2.8m	08:56 0.8m	15:16 2.9m	21:24 0.8m	-
TUE 21 JAN	03:38 2.7m	09:36 0.9m	15:56 2.8m	22:05 0.9m	-
WED 22 JAN	04:21 2.6m	<b>10:21</b> <b>1.1m</b>	16:42 2.6m	22:52 1.0m	-
THU 23 JAN	05:17 2.5m	11:17 1.2m	17:41 2.5m	23:50 1.1m	-
FRI 24 JAN	06:29 2.5m	12:28 1.3m	18:52 2.5m	-	-
SAT 25 JAN	-	00:58 1.1m	07:43 2.5m	13:43 1.2m	20:03 2.5m
SUN 26 JAN	-	02:08 1.1m	08:46 2.7m	14:47 1.1m	21:04 2.7m
MON 27 JAN	-	03:07 0.9m	09:38 2.8m	15:38 0.9m	21:57 2.8m
TUE 28 JAN	-	03:57 0.7m	10:25 3.0m	16:25 0.7m	22:45 3.0m
WED 29 JAN	-	04:42 0.5m	11:09 3.2m	17:09 0.5m	23:30 3.1m
THU 30 JAN	-	05:26 0.3m	11:51 3.3m	17:52 0.3m	-
FRI 31 JAN	00:13 3.2m	06:09 0.2m	12:33 3.4m	18:35 0.2m	-

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

As the saying goes, another year, another dollar, well lets hope so as 2024 was a pretty difficult year in fundraising over all. To keep Kath on the payroll although at much reduced hours the museum had to dip into reserves after receiving a flat "sorry we can't help" from our main Lotteries fund last year. Maybe we needed a new voice on the applications, someone who can put a different slant or angle on the dream? Thanks to Catherine and Max for stepping up and giving it a go. Will know in late March. Fingers crossed.

Although raising funds was harder than previously, we did get some money though to focus on a specific project which has already begun and will run through to June. Thanks to Keith Finnerty of Cat and Mouse Productions after reviewing his budget we were able to employ both Kath and Leisha to pull together the content research on the Tongapōrutu area. They will be knocking on a few doors gathering stories and content, however if you have something pertaining to the area you think is worth collecting and recording, please get in contact with them.

Also, as it happens Leisha comes with a few extra skills which are made available to the community. Leisha is quite a whizz bang on computer application stuff. If you are struggling with something on your social media pages, google filing and other applications like calendars... etc, then Leisha may be able to help you. Pop in with your device for a cuppa and a chat and you might go away with your problem solved. Leisha only works 2 days a week so might pay to phone first to see which day she is on.

Liesha has been a God-send on digital stuff in the museum as well and now has the Education TV server up and going in the jail house theatre. This is a bit like a Skybox which has access to all published 'free to air' TV which includes past programmes and NZ archive materials. So if you want to search out something specific or just take a trip down memory lane, then we can help. Bring your own jaffas though.

In the Gallery throughout January is Urenui artist, Claire Lynch with paintings of familiar local scenes. Well worth a visit with all works available for sale

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have over the past year have faithfully supported the museum, keeping the doors open and helping people with their family research. The museum needs you all the time of course, but when the purse strings are tight even more so. Ēhara tāku toa i te toa takatahi, engari he toa takitini "Our strength is not made from us alone but made from many".

Thanks heaps for your energy and motivation

Ngā mihi nui  
Murray

## TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Researched by Jennifer Topless*

### MOKAU DISTRICT NEWS from our own correspondent

Taranaki Daily News 26 January 1931

\*\*The steamer Kapui, which had been tied up at the Mokau wharf for a few days on account of the bar being too rough, was able to leave on Monday morning.

\*\*A large number of visitors have been undertaking the trip up the Mokau River by the launch, which takes 20 or more passengers.

\*\*Mushrooms have made their appearance in the Mokau district.

\*\*Two kingfish were noticed in the Mokau river on Monday morning, one being caught by Mrs Taylor, who had to get help to haul it in, the fish weighing 40lbs. Many fishing enthusiasts are now trying their luck and seeking the honour of landing the other one which has since been seen in the river between the wharf and the bridge. Several sharks have also been seen cruising about between the "Flower Pots" beach and the wharf but none have been caught yet.

\*\*On the banks of the Mohakatino River are many tents which prove the spot is a favourite one with campers.

## HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Happy New Years people. Sun, surf, and sand is what is on order for this month. Enjoy time with your family and friends and stay safe by making sure those smoke alarms are going.

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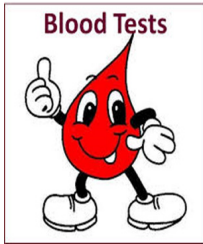
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If you need an urgent test, please call the clinic on 06 752 9723 or 021 638 859 to discuss. We can take blood on any clinic day if you can arrange to get it into town.

## TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Happy New year everyone. Hope you all had a good Christmas with family and friends.

The club rooms are freely available for local organisations to use, and it has been great to see the Mokau Camera Club, Touch Rugby Mighty Mokau Bike Ride, Mokau Community Trust and others use the facilities. If you are looking for a venue to hold an event make contact with Jenny or Max.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is Mokau Polooza. A big shout out to our awesome sponsors, Toi Foundation, Lotteries Community, and Creative Communities, for backing this event! Come along, enjoy the bands and support the Mokau Fishing Club, Piopio Lions Club, Urenui and Mokau Health Group, and don't forget the New4Old lifejacket swap! Let's make it a day to remember, filled with fun and community vibes! Bring your mates and family for a great time!

We are looking for a few volunteers to lend a hand on the day to set things up and help co-ordinate things. If you can help please let Max know

Maxine Lovell  
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As soon as the road cone police are back on patrol after the break, they will be setting up shop between Pilot Rd and Rapanui while NZTA do some major work on the short section of SH3. They reckon its going to be 8 weeks or so to reform and seal the road. Throughout this time traffic management will be in place with travel delays expected. While inconvenient it sure beats the potholes. Please be patient

In early December council swapped out the recycle bin as the plastics and paper sections were full. Back at the town recycle depot an audit was carried out on the contents, and it was disappointing that a significant level of contamination was recorded. While most people are conscientious about separating recycling, it appears that a few have yet to get on board. Many of the bags of rubbish jammed through the slot contained recycled items so it appears that some just don't care. The contents of these bags are indicative of the freedom camping activity which is a battle that all councils have across the motu.

As you know council are reviewing our rubbish and recycling options and one train of thought is to relocate everything down to the Hutiwai transfer station and providing locals and holiday residents access via an electronic fob key. This option takes everything from the gravel pit which means there is nothing for the passer by to hide their rubbish in forcing them to take it with them. However, it does mean that we all have to travel up the Hutiwai.

The transfer station does have wifi signal and so council can include some smarts into the access code with options for some security cameras. There should be some annual payment to have access and this needs to reflect a typical annual usage of the Jack Trash bin. But alongside 7-day access to the rubbish bin, recycling options could also be made available, including metals/whiteware and agricultural plastics. I would like to know your thoughts on this.

While Council is largely closed until 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, all main services remain functioning throughout the holiday period and if you notice something that needs attention please still 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  
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We're on the lookout for volunteers to help make this event a real cracker. If you're keen to lend a hand contact Maree on (06) 752-9765

- **Marquee Hireage:** \$250/marquee for 3 days, and \$100 for each additional day after that. Contact Maree on (06) 752-9765

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and are ready for an exciting New Year!

## Barbara Kuriger

### MP for Taranaki-King Country

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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 : Keryx Wireless

Frank - 021 0443567

Kevin - 027 299 1182

### 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

**Happy  
New Year**

## 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

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



# TONGAPORUTU SUMMER EVENTS 2024/25

## **FRIDAY 27TH DEC 2PM: SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION**

WORK ALONE OR IN A GROUP TO CREATE A SAND MASTERPIECE  
LOCATION - RIVERSIDE, IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD  
COST- FREE SPONSORED BY ANCHOR TARANAKI

## **SATURDAY 28TH DEC 10AM: TONGAPORUTU FIRE SAFETY LESSON**

HEAD ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW TO OPERATE THE COMMUNITY FIRE EQUIPMENT.  
LOCATION - BOAT RAMP COST - FREE

### **TONGAPORUTU TENNIS 3PM:**

COMMUNITY TENNIS COMPETITION, EVERYONE WELCOME. SAUSAGE SIZZLE TO FINISH.  
LOCATION - TENNIS COURTS COST - \$5

## **SUNDAY 29TH DEC 10AM: CPR LESSONS**

BAISIC FIRST AID & CPR OVERVIEW FOLLOWED BY HANDS ON KIDS AND ADULT CPR COMPETITION, RUN BY ST JOHN  
LOCATION - BOAT RAMP. COST - FREE

### **1PM: SLIP N SLIDE**

COOL OFF AND HAVE SOME FUN ON THE SLIP N SLIDE, ALL AGES WELCOME.  
LOCATION - BEACH CAR PARK. COST - FREE

## **MONDAY 30TH DEC 4PM: BIG DIG**

FIND A TOKEN AND WIN AN EPIC PRIZE.  
LOCATION- RIVERSIDE IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD  
COST - \$2. SPONSORED BY ANCHOR TECH

## **MONDAY 30TH DEC 7PM: QUIZ NIGHT-**

AHITITI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER COME ALONG AND TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, A FUN COMMUNITY NIGHT GUARANTEED.  
LOCATION - HALL. COST - \$10 PER PERSON (TEAMS OF 6)

## **TUESDAY 31ST DEC 9AM: 3PM: TABLOID SPORTS**

FUN GAMES AND CHALLENGES FOR ALL AGES,  
LOLLY SCRAMBLE TO FINISH.  
LOCATION - GRASS AREA BEHIND TENNIS COURT COST - FREE

## **WEDNESDAY 1ST JAN 10.30AM: DONUT AND BOAT RIDES**

ADRENALINE PACKED RIDES ON OR BEHIND A FAST BOAT! BRING YOUR TOGS AND LIFE JACKET (LIFE JACKETS AVAILABLE)  
LOCATION - RIVERSIDE, IN FRONT OF 19 CLIFTON ROAD.  
COST - GOLD COIN

## **THURSDAY 2ND JAN: KID'S FISHING COMPETITION**

**11AM:** REGISTRATION OPENS. FISHING STARTS AT 12PM TRY YOUR LUCK AT CATCHING THE WINNING FISH AND GETTING YOUR NAME ON THE TROPHY.

### **2PM: KID'S FISHING COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING**

LOCATION - BOAT RAMP COST - \$2 (UNDER 15 YEARS) SPONSORED BY HUNTING & FISHING, FAIRVIEW

## **FRIDAY 3RD JAN 10AM: COMMUNITY SUMMER EVENTS REVIEW**

LET US KNOW YOUR FAVOURITE EVENT, NEW EVENT IDEAS FOR 2025/26 WELCOME! LOCATION - HALL



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