



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

Dates of interest:

3rd February—The Farmhouse Fruit & Veggie truck.

3rd February—Awakino Hotel Live Band 'Headfirst'

6th February—Waitangi Day

10th February—Crop Swap

14th February—Valentines Day

22nd February—'Understand Your Farming Business' workshop

25th February—Mighty Mokau Bike Ride

10th/11th March—Whareorino School Horse Trek



Three Sisters
Tongaporutu

Submit your photo to us and the best one will be placed here at the end of the month.

Community Notices

Mokau Museum and Gallery with Waitomo District Council presents:

Easter bone carving workshop,
31 March – 02 April
Special guest and internationally renowned carver, Owen Mapp.
<http://www.art-jewelry.com/about.htm>
www.mokaumuseum.nz
Beginners welcome. Equipment supplied.
Total cost \$35.
To register:
1. At the museum
2. Ring Mike Brown (06) 7525 995 or 027 2236 138

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Awakino Library Contact JENNY LEWIS:
PH 7529 838
Mokau Library Contact ALLISON HAMILTON:
PH 7529 855

Crop Swap Mokau

Sat 10th of February 2018
Steps of the Village Hall
9am start swapping at 9.30
Contact: Rae Tissot—022 1396 774



Community Notices Cont...

St Peters by the sea

He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Feb 4th Family Communion Service

Rev Singh 2 pm

Feb 18th Family Service 2pm

Pastor Tutty

All welcome to services and following afternoon tea

Enquiries to D Lowry 7529123

Awakino Christian Church

Meetings

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Awakino Hall, 2.00pm

Ladies Bible Study

Every 1st and 3rd Friday,

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06 7529124

Our Lady of Wayside Catholic Church Mass

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PATSY BODGER, MOKAU DISTRICT NURSE

Anyone Interested in forming a garden circle for monthly get togethers

Please contact June on 06 7529803



Thumbs up/Thumbs down.

Up: Big ups for Waitomo District Councils consultation in Mokau. Was a great opportunity for locals and visitors to share their views of the district plan.

Down: The boat ramp is for everyone to use and consideration for others is essential. Please ensure your vehicles and trailers are parked considerately so others can get in and out as well as not encroaching on the Search and Rescue carpark or residence driveways.

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MOKAU BUTCHER TO OPEN AT WEEKENDS

TDN 31/1/1958

The six-month old butchery business of William Vernon Norris at Mokau will now stay open 7a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturdays from December 1st until April 30th and until 1p.m. on Saturdays for the remainder of the year. Norris applied for this exemption when he began his business but it was then refused because he could not show that there was a demand for the exemption. Norris has already "obliged" customers over the weekends, according to a reply he made to a question in cross-examination yesterday when his application for exemption from this section of the Shops & Offices Act was heard and approved by Mr A.H. Yort, S.M., at New Plymouth. Norris said his turnover was about £1200 per month. Holidaymakers brought in increased trade in summer. All other shops at Mokau had the exemption he was applying for. Saturday business was the accepted thing especially for people in outlying settlements, and Saturday was the busiest day of the week. Two Mokau businessmen agreed with Mr A.Buchanan, appearing for Norris about what he called the curious habit of people appearing at Mokau to do their business on a Saturday and to then stand on street corners. They were Lawrence Edward Fryday and Frederick Ingram Roebuck. Both told of people arriving for holidays who wanted fresh meat over weekends. Roebuck, who had a grocery and milkbar combined, said that he had installed a deep freeze unit to cope with the demand for meat. Since Norris had opened this trade had slackened off but was still high over weekends.

Mr G.L. Ewart said Taranaki Master Butchers Association was opposed to Saturday opening in this case because the need for it had not been clearly shown. No other butcher's shop in the province opened on a Saturday and the Association was opposed to it on general grounds because of the need for overtime payments. He delivered meat as far as Awakino said Reginald Charles Jury, a Taranaki farmer opposing the application, who has owned the Urenui Butchery since 1952. He employed four people in the butchery. Saturday deliveries would not be popular with the staff and would mean overtime payments. Moreover there had never been any demand from the Mokau over Saturday deliveries. Norris's extended hours would not be favourable to Jury's business. Mokau was 45 to 50 miles north of New Plymouth and a long distance from any town in the north said Mr Yort in his decision. Apart from tourists there were isolated settlement such as Mahoenui and since Norris's began business were now better served and it must be good for these settlements and the public generally which was paramount not whether Norris's business had any effect upon Jury's. It seemed actually that Norris's business had already made what effect it might have upon Jury's simply by opening.



Between the 26th of December and the 2nd of January a home was entered and a generator was stolen on Rangī Street, Mokau.

6 vehicle crashes, and two domestic incidents in the area in the last month.

On the 29th of January a house was entered on Beach Road, Mokau and a wallet was stolen.

Reminder – if you wish to get your firearms licence, you can sit the Mountain Safety course with me, takes approximately 2 hours. Contact me to arrange a time.

Cheers

Andrew

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Lost & Found

A Ring was found at the Mokau Cemetery. If its yours contact the

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

January 2018 – A busy time for our volunteers over the holidays. Families from Auckland, Wellington, and in between. As well as, tourist from America, Denmark, Germany, Canada, Singapore and Switzerland.

The volunteers managed to keep the door open over the holidays only closing Xmas day. Well done team. New volunteers are Paul Symonds and Chris Tissot who are our maintains crew.

Kevin Capon exhibition is going well. It will end soon. If you haven't had a look, call in. Next is Alby Carter from 26 Jan – 01 March. He is a painter...

Community Notices Cont...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM? Cont...

from Okato. Has any body heard about an Elephant dying after eating Tutu 1930s -40s. The story goes like this. A circus elephant was travelling north, and on the way it manages to grab a trunk full of native plants to eat, including the very poisonous Tutu. The elephant died and was buried here some were. Do you remember your older generation talking about an elephant? Belinda Whittaker chairperson

Bone carving workshop, Easter, 31 March – 02 April
Free keynote speech by renowned NZ carver Owen Mapp - in the hall, 7pm on Good Friday. Owen will give an historical overview of bone carving, show items in his collection and later in the weekend, work alongside carvers making bone pieces. Beginners welcome. You can register for the workshops at the museum or by phoning Mike Brown on (06) 7525 995 or 027 2236 138. Total cost \$35.
Go to the website at mokaumuseum.nz and scroll down to "Exhibitions and Events".

Ngā Hapū o Poutama – Pānui

Tēnā ra koutou katoa,

It's been a busy several weeks for Poutama and a while since we have had an update published.

To start with, this years' Te Ra O Te Oro will be held Feb 10th from 10:am at Te Kawau Pā. Te Oro is a Poutama tipuna who worked and fought for his people of Poutama and their rights. We've had some wonderful and interesting guest speakers over the years and look forward to this years' guest speaker; Rangī Kipa. Rangī is a well renowned carver and traditional tattoo artist. Feel free to pop along to share in the commemorations of Te Oro Watihi. Bring a plate for shared kai. In the last few years the erosion south of the Tongaporutu River mouth has accelerated resulting in the disappearance of cave carvings and one of the 'Three Sisters'. The bones and associated taonga have been progressively shifted to the inland portion of the urupa over the years. However, over the last few months a number of items have been removed from the area including from the urupa. The Ministry of Culture and Heritage have claimed ownership of these

items and sent them to Auckland to be prepared for a museum. They have delayed informing hapū and iwi for up to 6 weeks. It is illegal to remove items from private land, and from an archaeological site. The correct process is to leave the taonga in their location and inform the landowner or museum. This is important so as to understand the context they are found in. As a result we've been visited and interviewed by Te Karere and One News. We are working with Heritage NZ to solve the issue of how to protect these tapu areas from human interference.

The rain was welcomed by farmers and gardeners alike – it's good to see the place green again. Hopefully we'll have a Mānuka flow this season. Three poor seasons in a row will be disastrous for some beekeeping businesses.

Raw Honey v Pasteurised Honey - Without a question, raw is best. Honey doesn't need to be pasteurized to make it safe. The pasteurization process actually strips the honey of many of its beneficial nutrients. A lot of honey found in the supermarket is not raw honey but "commercial" regular honey, some of which has been pasteurized (heated to at least 65 - 70 degrees Celsius or more, followed by rapid cooling), for easy filtering and bottling so that it looks cleaner, smoother and runny, more appealing on the shelf, and easier to handle and package. Pasteurization also kills the beneficial bacteria and enzymes that are naturally occurring in honey. Vitamins, minerals and antioxidants are damaged by heat. If your 'runny' honey soon starts to crystalize, it hasn't gone off – it's real genuine, full of goodness raw and natural honey. To bring your raw honey to a liquid texture, place the jar in a warm space, i.e hot water cupboard or bowl of warm water. Otherwise just enjoy it in its natural state; full of all the goodness in life collected by the hard working humble honey bee.

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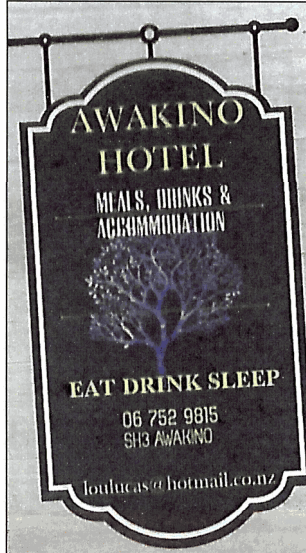
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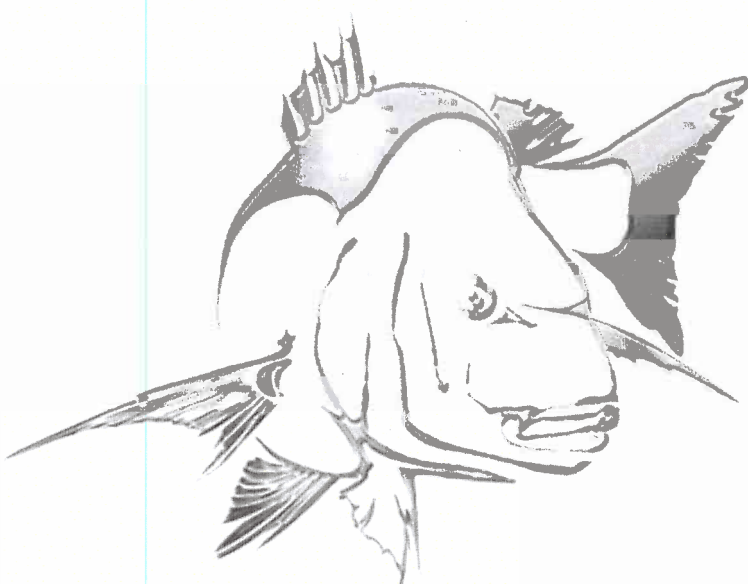
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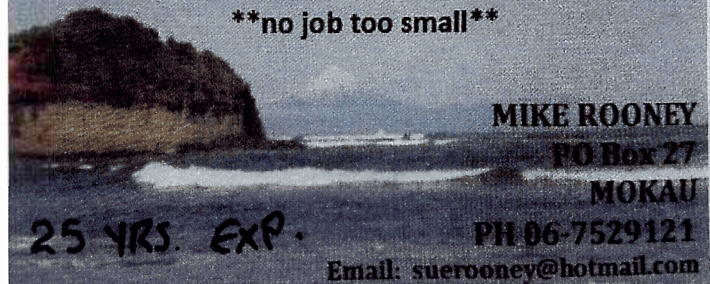
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Mokau Open Day

A huge thank you to the wider Mokau community who turned out in great numbers to support our open days. We are very pleased to have had such a high level of engagement, enthusiastic ideas and support.

Council believes that shaping our communities is the most important part of the District Plan. So we asked the Mokau community to consider some of our ideas for place making and place shaping; what the township should look and feel like, to think about what changes were needed to improve the wider environment and what needs to be managed and protected for the future.

There was support for a more encompassing zoning approach and agreement that commercial activities should be encouraged.

Residents also signalled that any new development must be managed appropriately and be compatible with the character of Mokau.

The Structure Plan for the town will now be amended to incorporate all of this feedback and then shared for your further comments. You can follow this process here:

<http://www.waitomo.govt.nz/district-plan-review/what-are-the-issues/>

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Non-District Plan issues

The open day prompted a lot of discussion about issues that were not strictly related to the District Plan. This feedback will be provided to Council for their consideration.

Waitomo District Council would like to thank the Mokau Hall Committee for their great care of us.



Tide Chart



Source: LINZ

	Low	High	Low	High
Thu1 Feb	05:04 0.2 m	11:17 3.8 m	17:32 0.1 m	23:41 3.7 m
Fri2 Feb	05:52 0.1 m	12:04 3.8 m	18:19 0.1 m	-
Sat3 Feb	00:27 3.6 m	06:37 0.2 m	12:50 3.8 m	19:05 0.2 m
Sun4 Feb	01:12 3.5 m	07:22 0.3 m	13:34 3.6 m	19:50 0.4 m
Mon5 Feb	01:56 3.4 m	08:06 0.5 m	14:19 3.4 m	20:35 0.6 m
Tue6 Feb	02:40 3.2 m	08:51 0.7 m	15:04 3.2 m	21:21 0.8 m
Wed7 Feb	03:27 3.0 m	09:40 1.0 m	15:53 3.0 m	22:11 1.0 m
Thu8 Feb	04:19 2.8 m	10:36 1.1 m	16:48 2.8 m	23:06 1.1 m
Fri9 Feb	05:20 2.7 m	11:42 1.3 m	17:51 2.7 m	-
Sat10 Feb	00:11 1.2 m	06:31 2.7 m	12:54 1.3 m	18:59 2.7 m
Sun11 Feb	01:20 1.2 m	07:43 2.8 m	14:01 1.2 m	20:04 2.7 m
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Fri23 Feb	03:32 3.0 m	09:52 0.9 m	16:00 3.0 m	22:22 0.9 m
Sat24 Feb	04:37 2.9 m	11:00 1.0 m	17:08 2.9 m	23:32 1.0 m
Sun25 Feb	05:54 2.9 m	12:17 1.0 m	18:24 2.9 m	-
Mon26 Feb	00:49 0.9 m	07:14 3.0 m	13:33 0.9 m	19:41 3.0 m
Tue27 Feb	02:04 0.8 m	08:25 3.2 m	14:39 0.7 m	20:49 3.2 m
Wed28 Feb	03:07 0.6 m	09:23 3.4 m	15:37 0.5 m	21:47 3.4 m

From your Councillor

Firstly, I wish to extend a big thank you to everyone that made the effort to get to my Ratepayers meeting on the 6th of January. It was very pleasing to have contributions from so many different people, and the feeling of a re-emerging community spirit is very encouraging. I provided a lengthy report to staff on the topics discussed and each manager will handle the topics that are in their portfolio. I had a brief discussion with our Group Manager- Assets regarding rubbish and Transfer stations and he was impressed by the level of community response to the issue. He is concerned that the local 'perceptions' of Transfer station usage and the identity of those depositing rubbish at the recycling bins does not align with staff monitoring results in either instance. We both feel another public meeting in Mokau on this topic will be needed.

A question was asked at the meeting about the dollar returns from recycling and whether it was being credited against the costs of collection. I'm unable to provide the specific dollar figures, but can say that for the 2016/17 year we were able to recycle 5% of the 10533 tons of waste that went through the landfill gate, and sell a further 3% as landscape products. From our 2016/17 Annual Report (pg 41), the Operating Income for Solid Waste Management was \$1,067,000, Operating Expenditure was \$1,740,000, and Capital Expenditure was \$124,000. This resulted in Net Expenditure of \$797,000, of which \$770,000 was funded by Rates.

Our Annual Plan for 2017/18 (the budget for this year, on which this years Rates were struck) shows on page 24 that Solid Waste Operating Income is budgeted at \$998,000 (less than 2016/17 due to forecast decreased volumes), Operating Expenditure will be \$1,902,000, and Capital Expenditure of \$316,000, resulting in Net Expenditure of \$1,220,000, of which \$758,000 will be funded by Rates, compared to \$770,000 last year.

Upgrading of the Mokau Public Toilets had not been in the plan for this year, nor for the next few years, however it's priority has been elevated dramatically and investigations and planning have commenced already, at the expense of some other planned project. Options initially being considered are; upgrade and expand on the present site, a new larger structure on the existing site, or establish a second toilet block at another site, say in the vicinity of the Whitebait Inn. The new Benneydale Toilet, with services (power, water, and sewerage) already on site, cost \$230,000, and was built with the existing toilets still operating – a challenge at Mokau if redeveloping the existing site. Any feedback and ideas from you would be much appreciated.

Another topic I managed to cover with the Group Manager – Assets, was the pressure fluctuations in the water supply. There is a valve on the main line at the treatment plant that automatically opens or closes in response to measured pressures in the water line, however it had been sticking closed when it should have been open, and has now been replaced. As I said at the meeting, a SCADA electronic management system is to be installed that will immediately notify staff of any problems, most of which will be able to be managed remotely. However, until that is installed, if there are any problems with the water, or any other of our services, please ring the Council immediately on 0800 9324357 anytime, day or night, and let us know.

Cathy O'Callaghan and her team were thrilled with the number of you that attended her meetings to talk about the District Plan Review and the possible 'key future moves' for Mokau.

By the time you get to read this, Cathy and her team, plus Jim Dahm and Bronwen Gibberd (Coastal engineering experts), will have held another meeting in the Hall, this time covering the 'Assessment of Coastal Hazards – Mokau and Awakino'. If you missed this and wish to know more, please let me know.

I'll have the next instalment of answers and information for you next month, but if you have any queries in the meantime, please get in touch.

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