



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

Dates of interest:

Fri 2nd March— Awakino Pool Club meeting.

Sat 3rd March— Mokau Hall Working Bee.

Sat 10th March—Crop Swap

Wed 14th Mar— Taranaki/King Country electorate meeting

Sat 17th March— Fishing Club Members BBQ.

Fri 30th March- Community Pot Luck Dinner (6pm) with special guest speaker, Renown bone carver Owen Mapp

31st Mar– 2nd April (Easter)

- *Bone carving workshop.
- *Mokau market Pop Up Shop

Girls & Boys Brigade

We have now commenced for the year. Boys meet after school at the Mokau Hall and girls meet at Awakino Hall. New children are very welcome. Phone: Shane 06 7529 124 Or Dorothy 06 7529 123



Mokau Sunset

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-jewelery.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



Taranaki/King Country Electorate Branch Annual General Meeting

WEDNESDAY 14TH March 2018
10am – 12pm

Awakino, Ahititi, Okau, Tongaporutu Branch.

Venue: Tainui Rugby Club Rooms, Tainui Wetere Domain, Mokau.

TKC Electorate AGM on Sunday 8th April 2018

10am-2.30pm at The Owls Nest, 12 Ruru Street, Piopio.

Gay Andrews, Secretary. Ph. 06 7525870

Community Notices Cont...

St Peters by the sea

'I will promise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvellous works"

Psalm 9:1

4th March– Family communion 2pm

Rev Singh

18th March– Family Service 2pm

Pastor Tutty

All welcome to services and afternoon tea to follow. A special invitation has been received from the Piopio fellowship to attend the World Day of Prayer service at all Saints church, 10am March 2nd.

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,

328 Mohakatino Rd, 2.00pm

Enquiries Phone

06 7529124

Our Lady of Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Saturday 10th March at 5 p.m.

Tainui Playgroup

Plenty of interacting through creative, outdoor and structured activities for your children. Lots of fun and great for the development and social skills of your child.

Bring morning tea for your child.

Everyone welcome.

Where: Tainui Street, Mokau

When: Wednesday, 9am till noon

Cost: \$3 session, \$20 term. \$30 family. Under 1 free

Christy Lowry 7529 132

NURSE'S NOTICE

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COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Awakino Library Contact JENNY LEWIS: PH 7529 838

Crop Swap Mokau

Sat 10th of March 2018

Steps of the Village Hall

9am start swapping at 9.30

Contact: Rae Tissot—022 1396 774



Mokau Fishing Club



We would like to thank our sponsors and helpers for the Take A Kid Fishing day held in January. They are:

Tainui Fire Party *Piopio Lions Club *Whitebait Inn
*Tainui Rugby Club.

A Huge thanks also to the Taranaki Coastguard who came up and watched everyone cross the bar.

Next members BBQ on Sat 17th March



Community Notices continued

Awakino Pool Club

Meeting on 2nd March at 7.30 Pm at the Awakino Hotel. Anyone interested in playing pool please come along



TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Motor Mishap

TH 17/10/1927

Considering the 30-odd years the Mokau Ferry has been in existence, the number of mishaps occurring have been few indeed. One rather unusual occurred a few years ago, when the mail car driven by an individual known by the public as "Desperate Dan". This to his penchant for always "getting there" in a hurry. In running his car on to the punt one morning it went a shade too far so "desperate" put it into reverse gear and backed a bit. He forgot to change the gear again, so when upon reaching the other side of the river, he put his foot on the self-starter the car instead of shooting forward as expected, did just the opposite and shot back over the end of the punt into 14 feet of water. For a time things were only middling. Mail bags and other less important odds and ends were soon floating down the river and it required quite a lot of energy on the part of the ferryman and "desperate" to recover them. The car itself was hauled out at low water and hung up on a clothes line to dry. One lucky circumstance was that a lady and her daughter travelling by the car had got out of it just as it came to rest on the punt. They probably saved their lives by so doing.

A considerable time after the incident above a private car owner drove slap-bang through the punt as though he meant to do the rest of the journey without it. Vain hope? The hood of the car got caught in some of the gear on the end of the punt, and the car itself was thus prevented from sinking altogether. The driver managed to extricate himself and his two children from their perilous position. The wife however, being of more ample dimensions, could not get out so easily. The most she could do was keep her nose above water. The ferryman jumped into his dinghy and rushed to her rescue. The husband, from the deck of the punt, got hold of her head; the ferryman got hold of her legs. In their excitement the one tried to pull her up., the other tried to pull her down. A veritable case of "pull devil, pull tailor" ensued. The law of gravity, however, assisted by the ferryman, prevailed in the end, and the lady was safely landed in the boat. Upon reaching shore, and upon the wife walking to meet her husband, the latter fancied he detected something queer about her stature. Something he had not noticed before. Her head seemed to be higher up than it used to be, or her feet lower down. He was not sure which. However, upon application of a foot rule he discovered she had stretched fully 6 inches during the process of rescue.



On the 9th of February a motor cycle rider was subject to road rage and was assaulted by a truck driver outside the Whitebait Inn, the truck driver was arrested and charged with assault.

Some problems are arising with long line use on the beach around swimmers and surfers. When you use a long line, remain with it, it is your responsibility to ensure that if someone is getting close to it that you notify them, if you launch the long line off the beach, ensure that no other persons are already in the water nearby. You are potentially culpable for any injuries or worse if you are reckless in setting your long line, use your common sense and be considerate, we have enough beach for all to enjoy.

In the last month, there were three reported crashes and two vehicles have been impounded in the area due to disqualification. Speeding tickets in Mokau are far too common. The 50 km zone starts at the 50 km sign, it ends at the 100 km sign, a common mistake. Please report bad driving, either to me or via *555 at the time.

Cheers

Andrew

1 Oha Street, Mokau

Cell: 021 191 1266

Garden Circle

First get together 1pm on 14th March at 373 Te Mahoe Rd Mokau

Any Inquiries phone June 06 7529 803



Tainui St Johns



Our service urgently requires volunteers to help with the operation of our ambulance service

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

February 2018 – Another busy month with people calling in to visit the museum and art gallery. International tourists, New Zealanders, Bach owners and their children, relatives and friends.

We say goodbye to our volunteer and committee member Barbara O'Neil who is moving to Bell Block. Barbara will be missed at the museum for her wit and colourful jokes.

Are you interested in local history or art? Are you interested in volunteering for a short time or becoming part of the history? If so, we'd love you to join us.

The museum is busy with increased traffic flow and more people choosing Mokau as a destination holiday spot. Do you live locally or are you going to make Tongaporutu / Mokau / Awakino your holiday destination? Perhaps you could help in some way.

Any help will be appreciated no matter how little. There are always activities or tasks that need that extra pair of hands.

Are you interested in taking on a regular shift to greet visitors or perhaps work from home and do some research about artefacts or local families from the district. Can you help maintain the gardens? There are so many options to help make a difference and to lighten the workload for those who are currently involved.

If you are interested and think you may be able to help in some way, please contact the Museum or pop in and have a chat.

Art Gallery: The Alby Carter exhibition is selling well. Next person is Piopio artist Jo Gallagher's. These exquisite paintings are on display from 2nd March through till April 5. Jo works primarily as a contemporary realist but more recently she has begun to add another layer of interest into her compositions – that of humour!

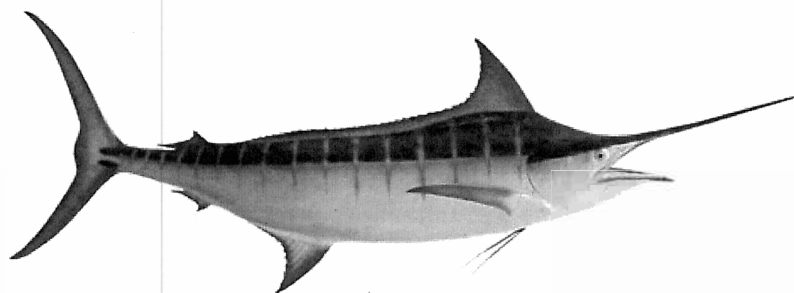
Option C is the proposal bypass for Mt Messenger. If you want more information, the Museum has the latest update from NZ Transport Agency, with lots of detail about the tunnel, bridge and cuttings. The museum has started it's fund raising appeal to raise \$35,000.00 to purchase a small plot of land at the back of the building. This is where we wish to build a maritime shed. If you wish to donate, just drop in to the museum. We have Ethos!

Belinda Whittaker chairperson

Tide Chart



Thur1 Mar	04:01 0.4 m	10:14 3.6 m	16:28 0.3 m	22:38 3.5 m
Fri2 Mar	04:49 0.2 m	11:01 3.7 m	17:14 0.2 m	23:24 3.6 m
Sat3 Mar	05:33 0.2 m	11:44 3.8 m	17:59 0.2 m	-
Sun4 Mar	00:07 3.6 m	06:16 0.2 m	12:26 3.7 m	18:41 0.2 m
Mon5 Mar	00:47 3.6 m	06:57 0.3 m	13:06 3.6 m	19:22 0.4 m
Tue6 Mar	01:26 3.4 m	07:37 0.5 m	13:46 3.4 m	20:02 0.6 m
Wed7 Mar	02:05 3.2 m	08:18 0.7 m	14:27 3.2 m	20:43 0.8 m
Thu8 Mar	02:46 3.0 m	09:01 0.9 m	15:11 2.9 m	21:27 1.0 m
Fri9 Mar	03:33 2.9 m	09:52 1.2 m	16:02 2.8 m	22:18 1.1 m
Sat10 Mar	04:31 2.7 m	10:55 1.3 m	17:04 2.6 m	23:21 1.2 m
Sun11 Mar	05:42 2.6 m	12:09 1.3 m	18:16 2.6 m	-
Mon12 Mar	00:36 1.3 m	07:00 2.7 m	13:23 1.3 m	19:28 2.7 m
Tue13 Mar	01:47 1.2 m	08:05 2.8 m	14:23 1.1 m	20:29 2.8 m
Wed14 Mar	02:43 1.0 m	08:55 3.0 m	15:10 1.0 m	21:18 2.9 m
Thu15 Mar	03:28 0.8 m	09:36 3.1 m	15:50 0.8 m	21:58 3.1 m
Fri16 Mar	04:06 0.7 m	10:12 3.3 m	16:26 0.6 m	22:34 3.3 m
Sat17 Mar	04:41 0.5 m	10:46 3.4 m	17:01 0.5 m	23:09 3.4 m
Sun18 Mar	05:16 0.4 m	11:19 3.5 m	17:36 0.4 m	23:43 3.5 m
Mon19 Mar	05:50 0.4 m	11:54 3.5 m	18:12 0.4 m	-
Tue20 Mar	00:17 3.5 m	06:27 0.4 m	12:30 3.5 m	18:49 0.4 m
Wed21 Mar	00:54 3.5 m	07:06 0.4 m	13:10 3.5 m	19:30 0.5 m
Thu22 Mar	01:35 3.4 m	07:50 0.6 m	13:54 3.3 m	20:14 0.6 m
Fri23 Mar	02:21 3.2 m	08:39 0.7 m	14:45 3.2 m	21:05 0.7 m
Sat24 Mar	03:16 3.1 m	09:38 0.9 m	15:46 3.0 m	22:06 0.9 m
Sun25 Mar	04:23 3.0 m	10:48 1.0 m	16:57 2.9 m	23:17 1.0 m
Mon26 Mar	05:42 2.9 m	12:05 1.0 m	18:15 2.9 m	-
Tue27 Mar	00:36 1.0 m	07:02 3.0 m	13:20 0.9 m	19:32 3.0 m
Wed28 Mar	01:51 0.8 m	08:11 3.2 m	14:25 0.7 m	20:38 3.2 m
Thu29 Mar	02:52 0.6 m	09:07 3.4 m	15:20 0.5 m	21:33 3.3 m
Fri30 Mar	03:44 0.4 m	09:56 3.5 m	16:08 0.3 m	22:20 3.5 m
Sat31 Mar	04:30 0.3 m	10:40 3.6 m	16:53 0.2 m	23:03 3.6 m



love MOKAU Hall

Past and present Hall Committee members would like to express their appreciation to Gail Pratt for her hard work and dedication as Secretary / Treasurer of Mokau Hall for the past 25 years, Our Community Hall is in great shape, and Gail has been an enormous part of that. So thanks Gail, you have true community spirit.

There are great ideas on the table, some ongoing projects to proceed with and some new initiatives all focusing on sharing good times together as a community, with permanent locals along side Bach owners, whitebaiters, visitors and tourists. We all have something in common. We all Love Mokau.

If you have any ideas for the Hall, feel free to express those ideas.

We are a team and teams work together for a common good.

If you have stories to share of events or moments you know about in the Mokau Hall, please share it with us so the newbies can visualise where our Hall has come from. We would love to see a story printed here each issue.

WHATS ON @ THE HALL

MARCH / APRIL

SAT 3rd March... Working Bee / Open Day..

Bring a friend, help, tell stories, join in. 9am start.

Sat 10th March.. Crop Swap.. Everyone welcome

9am Start

Fri 30th March.. Community Pot Luck Dinner — 6pm

with special guest speaker, Renown bone carver Owen Mapp

Easter Weekend..30th March - 2nd April.

Bone Carving Workshop.

Easter Weekend.. Mokau Market Pop-Up

Shop..

MON 9th April... Mokau Hall Committee Meeting

7pm

For further info regarding Mokau Hall.. Contact Heidi..

h.presto13@gmail.com

Tongaporutu Hall Society Inc

After many years of looking after our hall and taking bookings etc. Barbara O'Neill has moved on to New Plymouth. We wish to thank Barbara for all the work she has put in to the smooth running of the hall over a long period of time. Good Luck Barbara and enjoy your new home.

Future bookings can be made by Phoning 067525860 or

067525832 or email

tongaporutuhall@gmail.com.

Milford Sound is one of the wettest places on Earth. On average it receives how much rain ?

- A. 1000 - 2000 millimetres B. 7000 - 9000 millimetres
C. 13000 - 17000 millimetres D. over 24000 millimetres

How far away is New Zealand from Australia ... ?

- A. 600 kilometres B. 900 kilometres
C. 1000 kilometres D. 2000 kilometres

Jermaine Clement and Bret McKenzie make up which musical comedy group ... ? [----- -- the -----]

From your Councillor

I haven't had further opportunity to sit down with the various staff that were handling the queries I passed on to them from the Rate-payers Meeting, due mainly to the demands of the Long Term Plan (LTP) budget process we are currently working through.

I have managed though to get a response from NZTA staff with regards to the new barrier opposite the entrance to the Tainui-Wetere Domain. Part of the email said; 'Since we widened before installing the barrier the seal width on this shoulder has not been reduced. We appreciate there may be a perception of less space due to there now being a barrier on the side of the road. However, given the relatively low traffic volumes and there being no issue with sight distances in this area, southbound motorists have sufficient time to react, and slow down to assess when it is safe to manoeuvre around anyone who is waiting to turn right into the Domain entrance or stop if necessary'.

'We appreciate that it can take time for people to get used to a change like this in their road environment. If you continue to have people raise concerns about this barrier installation and would like us to get in touch with anyone directly please let me know their contact details'.

Further to my comments last month regarding our Solid Waste Management budgets, another aspect has been highlighted from our LTP planning workshops, and that is that Solid Waste costs are forecast to increase substantially due to the purchase of NZU's to satisfy our Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) obligations resulting from the operation of our Landfill at Te Kuiti. Previous Government policy allowed for us to only pay (buy units) for half of our 'assessed' Emissions, but this year (2017-18) we have to pay for 67% of Emissions, next year (2018-19) 82%, and from 2019-20 onwards we have to pay for 100%. On top of this, the price we have to pay for each (carbon) unit is increasing toward the current cap of \$25/unit (current price \$19/unit). This resulted in budgeted Carbon Unit costs of: \$176,000 for 2018-19, \$318,000 for 2019-20, and for \$324,000 for 2020-21. The three year increase equates to over \$31 per rating unit during that time and helps illustrate why it is so difficult for us to have 'nil' rate increases.

While Cathy and her team have been processing all the information provided to them at their meetings in Mokau, and other localities, they have also been reassessing the overall costs for our District Plan Review. The cost used in the LTP 2015-25 was \$2.4m for an externally delivered project. In early 2017 the opportunity arose to employ some very well qualified staff and the project delivery was moved 'in-house'. They have uncovered a number of deficiencies in the original project plan, and costings, so the revised cost is now \$3.95m, spread over five years.

All of these numbers have been included in our preliminary draft Financial Forecasts for the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan, and we have been having intensive workshops finalising the Revenue and Financing, which we did on 20 Feb. Staff will complete the draft Financial Forecasts on 23 Feb., complete all the Strategies and Policies on 28 Feb., complete the Consultation Document on 2 Mar., and Council must endorse everything for audit on 6 Mar. Audit will take eight days, then the Plan will be adopted for Consultation at the 27 Mar. Council Meeting, with 20 days consultation commencing 5 April.

There will be plenty for you to think about.

Phil Brodie

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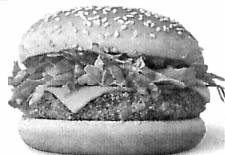
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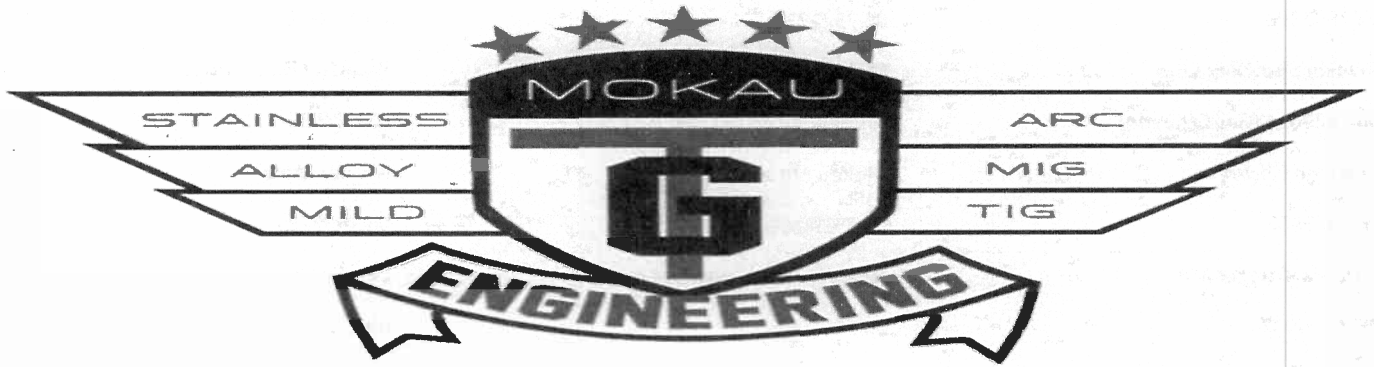
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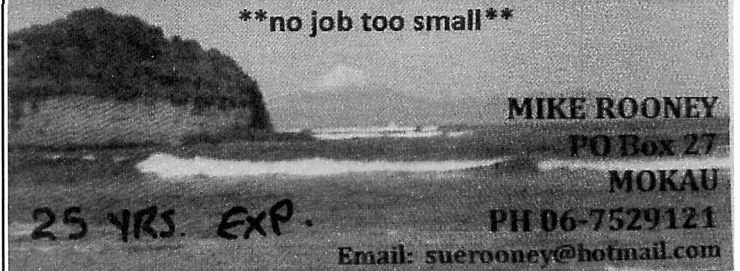
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