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TAINUI TRADING POST

JANUARY 2016



ST PETER'S BY THE SEA

"Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."
Psalm 106

There will be no services in January. The next service will be on February 6th 2016.

Rev. Carol Hancock is taking up a new position in Hamilton in February. We thank Carol and her husband Laurence for all the service they have given in Mokau, and wish Carol well in her new job.

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06 754 8119

Please state that you would like an appointment at Mokau.

For Registered patients of Waitara Health Centre—NO EFTPOS

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TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Life at Paparahia Station

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In the year of 1919 our family left the Rangitikei district to settle on a remote sheep and cattle station situated 70 odd miles north of New Plymouth. After staying overnight at Waitara we left by bus for Uruti a distance of approximately 10 miles. From Uruti we proceeded by horse drawn brake on towards Awakino.

Owing to the unmetalled road, the horses were unable to cope with passengers, luggage and various stores. It was therefore essential that active people had to walk from nearing Mt Messenger as far as Tongaporutu, the reason being that occasionally only did the tyres of the front wheels of the brake show clear of the mud.

Despite the 13-mile tramp one paid full fare plus a small fee on the ferry across the Mokau River. The time of arrival at Awakino was most uncertain. Supposedly approximate time of arrival was 7 p.m. twelve hours journey from Waitara but we eventually arrived at twenty minutes past ten that night. The driver profanely stated 'Not that ***** late'. We *rested* at the Awakino boarding house that night and after breakfast prepared to cross the river by boat where hacks and pack-horses awaited us.

Clive Cassidy, later owner of Cassidy's stock fleet of transport and president of transport association, was head shepherd on the station and in charge of the assembled mustangs. Father was well used to riding as was I but Mother had not ridden for many years whilst the girls had not previously been on horseback. I had unwisely remarked that I hoped my horse provided was not a damned crock. Clive overheard my remark and made provision for my benefit.

At last all was ready and the long line of horses headed over some low undulating sand hillocks to the beach proper. All went quietly until we were on the firm sand when my horse shot off like a rocket heading homewards. Try as I may there was no way of pulling that horse up until he reached Pioi Bay two miles from where he took off. It was a ritual, according to the hands to race that area both coming and going on their trips down to the village. My education of the backblocks had begun. Eventually the others arrived where I was awaiting them.

For the next four miles a clear beach lay ahead with one exception. Paddy Point. Upon reaching Tweedie's Slip I took stock of the situation. The girls were squirming about and appeared to be in a very vexed state. Clive suggested a short rest, at the most, as the tide was starting on the make and there was some hard going ahead of us. How true was that statement.

From this point onwards the cliffs rose sheer for upwards of 350 feet, often beetling outwards with huge masses of rock strewn around. Staircase, tracks dynamited out of the living rock, in many places no more than eighteen inches wide, allowed passage to bypass deep water or impassable reefs. In other places one had to traverse rock reefs, jumbles of huge rocks and stirrup deep water. The names given to certain places over this stretch would indicate but little to any other than those who ventured this journey. French Pass, Hells Gap, The Flower Pot, Bluff Pt, Tunnel Gap, Wairoku Staircase, Coopers Creek Staircase, and Crayfish Reef.

The tide was just beginning to run on to the inner reefs as we came to the last short run of the beech before winding up on a clay track which ended about 80 feet above beach level where a building stood surrounded by a small area of native bush. Until this moment I had enjoyed the novelty of what I thought was an adventurous journey but the then realisation of what lay ahead belted me an awful blow. We had arrived at the *homestead*. Mother and the girls sat on their horses stupefied at the sight confronting them whilst I wondered if Father had completely gone out of his mind or was callously indifferent to the future welfare of his wife and daughters.

The homestead was remote, ramshackle, neglected with no amenities but a Wizard lighting system. It was a corrugated iron building of three bedrooms, two kitchens and a small room referred to as the sitting room. Neither of the two kitchens were papered or lined, and a colonial oven along with a wide fireplace with hooks and bars for camp ovens were the only facilities for the preparation of meals. A pipe line running from a spring on the hillside provided the only water supply, whilst behind the harness room which was apart from the house there was an unlined shed in which was a large zinc bath hanging on a big hook on the wall. This was home. The girls were crying but all Mother said was 'Oh Dad!' No one ever knew how she felt or what she thought but accepted all as it was and never failed or faltered over the time we lived there.

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From your Councillor

Council has recently reviewed its Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw. Among the changes we have approved, after two stakeholder meetings and a public hearing, is the redefining of the 'Dogs Prohibited' area at Mokau. Previously, that area was rather ill-defined as 'The Flower Pot Mokau', between 1 December and 31 March, the following year. The area now is the northern riverbank from the SH3 bridge, down to the eastern edge of the Point, as marked in red on the attached map, but still with the same timeframe. The ocean beach at Mokau is where dogs can be exercised free of restraint, as is the case with all beaches in the Waitomo District. All other parts of Mokau (and Awakino) are 'on-leash' areas for dogs. Appropriate signs will be going up as soon as possible.

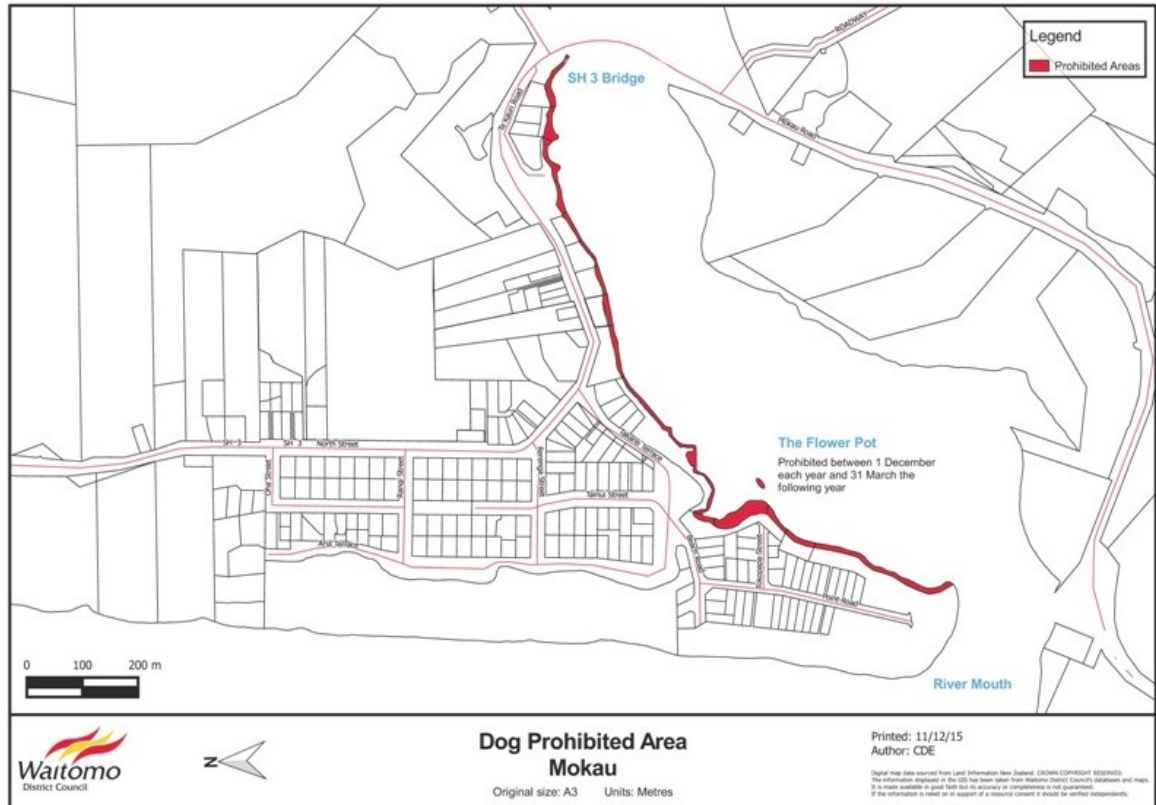
The new treated effluent soakage area for the Hall and Public Toilets has been completed and is operational. Venting in the toilets has been altered to try and alleviate the odour problems. Our staff are also developing new signage for all our public toilets in the District, but unfortunately they won't be in place till later in the summer.

Wishing you 'All the Best' for Christmas, and the New Year.

Travel safely, and I hope to see as many of you, as can make it, to the meeting at 1.00pm, Saturday 9 January, at the Hall.

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Due to the busyness of the Police over the holiday season, Andrew's patch is taking a break this month and will return next month to keep you up to date with local happenings around the Mokau area.

Cheers
Andrew

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2	Sa	1pm	5.15pm	2.8	11am	1.1
3	Su	1pm	6.12pm	2.8	12pm	1.2
4	Mo	1pm	7.15pm	2.8	1.05pm	1.3
5	Tu	10am	7.50am	2.7	2.10pm	1.2
6	We	10am	8.50am	2.8	3.10pm	1.1
7	Th	11am	9.45am	3.0	4.pm	1.0
8	Fr	11am	10.30am	3.2	4.45pm	0.8
9	Sa	11am	11.10am	3.3	5.25pm	0.6
10	Su	11am	11.50am	3.5	6.05pm	0.5
11	Mo	1pm	12.30pm	3.6	6.50pm	0.4
12	Tu	1pm	1.15pm	3.6	7.30pm	0.3
13	We	1pm	1.55pm	3.6	7.50am	0.3
14	Th	1pm	2.40pm	3.6	8.30am	0.3
15	Fr	1pm	2.30pm	3.4	9.20am	0.5
16	Sa	1pm	4.25pm	3.3	10.10am	0.6
17	Su	1pm	5.25pm	3.2	11.10am	0.8
18	Mo	1pm	6.30pm	3.0	12.20am	0.9
19	Tu	1pm	7.10am	3.0	1.30pm	0.9
20	We	10am	8.30am	3.0	2.40pm	0.9
21	Th	11am	9.35am	3.2	3.45pm	0.7
22	Fr	11am	10.30am	3.3	4.40pm	0.6
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