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From Your Councillor

Council is still proposing to shift the current Transfer Station from Manganui Road, to a more suitable location that would be easier to utilise by more people, so we're looking for your ideas and feedback.

Council is also looking at how best to mark-out parking spaces outside the Cafes, Museum, and Toilets, that will best utilise the available area, for cars, trucks, and those in between. If you have any ideas, or specific concerns, please let me know.

I have recently received a Ministry of Transport report 'Why do People Die in Road Crashes', which analysed 72 open road fatalities involving trucks and cars, and 30 urban fatalities involving trucks and cars. Based on Serious Crash Unit reports, and survival of other occupants who were wearing seat belts, the main conclusion was that 30% of fatalities are potentially avoidable if seat belts are worn; food for thought.

Local Body Elections are coming up in October, and I will be putting my name forward for a third time.

If you have any worries about Council matters, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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ANDREW'S PATCH

Incidents in the last month in the Mokau area.

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If you are trying to reach me urgently or in an emergency, ring 111. That is the same for any emergency services. You may live next door to a volunteer, but even still, ring 111. It may seem like they are doing nothing by asking lots of questions, but in fact while they ask those questions, things are happening and often we are already on our way. One of the biggest issues often faced, is determining a location, know where you are, and know where you live, for example, I am currently at 1 Oha Street, Mokau, in the Waitomo District. They don't know where the "Murphy's Farm" is, they don't know where the "Old Dairy Factory" is, treat them as if they are foreign. I hope that helps.

On the 14th of May a pig hunter was reported missing. He had wandered off alone, leaving the two others he was with. Tainui SAR were utilised searching for the missing person at first light the next morning. They did a fantastic job of tracking and finding where he had slept the night. The pig hunter has walked out in the meantime, cold and wet with a bruised ego but otherwise in good spirits.

There have been 4 crashes in the Mokau area in the last 6 days, 2 of which were in the same location, 1 km north of the Awakino Tunnel. All were single vehicle crashes and were on corners in wet conditions.

There has been one family violence related incident in the last month.

I'd also like to thank Tainui Fire and the two truck drivers, you know who you are, for their assistance on the 27th. Your help was much appreciated.

Cheers
Andrew

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Date	Day	Time	High	Size	Low	size
1	We		5.50am	3.2	12.10pm	0.7
2	Th		6.45am	3.3	1.09pm	0.5
3	Fr	10am	7.45am	3.4	2.05pm	0.4
4	Sa	10am	8.40am	3.5	3.pm	0.2
5	Su	11am	9.30am	3.6	3.50pm	0.2
6	Mo	11am	10.25am	3.6	4.40pm	0.2
7	Tu		11.15am	3.5	5.30pm	0.3
8	We		12.pm	3.4	6.15pm	0.4
9	Th		12.50pm	3.2	6.45am	0.5
10	Fr	1pm	1.40pm	3.1	7.35am	0.7
11	Sa	1pm	2.30pm	2.9	8.25am	0.8
12	Su	1pm	3.25pm	2.8	9.20am	1.0
13	Mo	1pm	4.20pm	2.8	10.15am	1.0
14	Tu		5.20pm	2.8	11.10am	1.0
15	We		5.47am	2.8	12.05pm	1.0
16	Th		6.40am	2.9	1.pm	0.9
17	Fr	10am	7.30am	3.0	1.50pm	0.8
18	Sa	10am	8.15am	3.0	2.30pm	0.7
19	Su	10am	8.55am	3.1	3.10pm	0.7
20	Mo	11am	9.35am	3.2	3.50pm	0.6
21	Tu		10.15am	3.2	4.30pm	0.5
22	We		10.55am	3.2	4.05pm	0.5
23	Th		11.35am	3.2	5.50pm	0.5
24	Fr	11am	12.20pm	3.2	6.30pm	0.6
25	Sa	11am	1.pm	3.2	7.am	0.6
26	Su	1pm	1.55pm	3.1	7.50am	0.7
27	Mo	1pm	2.50pm	3.0	8.40am	0.7
28	Tu		3.50pm	3.0	9.40am	0.8
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TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Excerpts from Over My Dead Body – The June Opie story by Rhonda Bartle

When June Opie sailed from New Zealand to England in 1957, she was described by her fellow passengers as 'aggressively healthy'. Yet within a month she was lying in an iron lung, paralysed. Undaunted, she began her slow recovery from polio, fighting to move just the little finger of one hand. 2 years later, she walked onto the deck of a different ship, bound for home.

June Opie spoke passionately of her early life in the sleepy seaside township of Mokau, an hour's drive north of New Plymouth. 'We boated and swam and grew up very strong mentally and physically. Father taught us. We had the river, the ocean and a huge outcrop of a reef which thrust itself out into the ocean.'

Opie's father had been badly wounded at Gallipoli. 'He was a returned serviceman with an inadequate pension. He helped in the building of roads and bridges. That's how we got to Mokau. He went as a bridge builder and the bridge took five and a half years to build. Opie's mother was warm and hospitable, and the Opie house was always open to anyone who called.

Memories of this distant life sustained Opie in a faraway London hospital ward where she was treated for poliomyelitis, a disease that attacks the cells in the spine. The extent of permanent paralysis after the inflammation dies down depends entirely on how many cells are damaged. In Opie's case, she couldn't even breathe on her own. She would spend 10 weeks in an 'iron lung' - a machine that breathed for her. 'When I was in the lung I drew on the river, the trees and all those things of the wild forest. I thought of them constantly.'

Though London doctors considered 'letting her go' not only did she survive but she wrote a book about her experiences that inspired people around the world. Over My Dead Body was an uplifting read and testimony to a young Mokau girl's indomitable grit and courage. It was hailed as a best seller after winning world wide acclaim. I didn't want to write a book just about myself. Over My Dead Body was intended as a thank you from my heart to those people. I've always felt a responsibility to them to do something worthwhile with my life after leaving hospital. It's not a matter of indebtedness; it's more like being their representative and not wanting to let them down.'

Though Opie eventually managed to walk out of St Mary's hospital using only crutches, she would have to battle a lifetime of social prejudices and bureaucratic restrictions due to her disability. She found alternate ways to complete her university studies, leading to work as a speech therapist, clinical psychologist, writer, broadcaster and critic.

June Opie fought for the rights and welfare of disabled people, and her aim was always 'for all of us to make our way in ordinary society. Goodness knows, I've been helped enough'. She won fame as a lecturer and speaker, and was the founder of June Opie Rose Trust. A university fellowship named after her operates in Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Born in Mokau in 1926, she died of cancer in Sydney, Australia in 1999, aged 73. 'I can never get the blood of the wild Mokau River out of my veins.'

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

Have you been in yet to see the new museum layout and the freshly painted art gallery? Over 1,000 people visited us during April – a new record. This is a whopping 500% increase on April last year (200 visitors).

On the weekend 28/29 May, you will see the installation of our new exhibitor, Dale Copeland, assemblage artist from Puniho. Dale's inimitable work is in collections at Puke Ariki, the Dowse Art Museum and the Govett Brewster among others. Dale will be exhibiting in the art gallery AND the jail cell during the Taranaki Arts Trail 11/12 June – we are really lucky to have her. Come and check out her work.

Did you notice the digger from Waitomo District Council removing all the weeds from the back of the museum? The plan is to bark the area out the back and transform it into usable space. Landscaping the frontage is next. And the best part of this plan is that Waitomo District Council has put the Mokau Museum on its regular maintenance circuit. Thank you WDC!!

Did you know that June Opie, author of "Over My Dead Body", was born in Mokau? June would have been turning 90 on the 27th of June. Let's celebrate her birthday together and remember the great medical strides that have been made in eradicating diseases such as polio. Visit us on Monday 27th June, see the June Opie exhibit and share a piece of June's birthday cake with Monday's volunteer Eilish Hagenson.

Finally, our sympathy goes out to the family of the late Cliff Black. In the past, the museum has closed its doors on funeral days. However, the museum holds many archives of deep significance to grieving families. Mourners flocked to the museum on the 11th of May to enjoy a wonderful memorial tribute to Cliff Black, prepared by Ian Whittaker. Ian enjoyed sharing memorabilia with loved ones of the deceased and will repeat this in the future.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Doing away with the tunnel.

Every child that has passed through the tunnel will be saying how sad. MT Messenger in particular where Dad should give a little toot for cars that might be coming the other way. But when you have kids on board its a long toot echoing in the tunnel and kids going into great laughter with "do it again Dad" and Dad joining in would toot again then go all red faced as a car appeared the other way. Do todays Dads still do this or is a toot not necessary I seem to remember the tunnel was widened. Probably when they did away with the horse trough where horses got drink and later the steaming radiators got a top up. I doubt my great grandchildren even know there is water in the radiator let alone letting the motor cool down before doing so. Such is life.

Thanks for the articles they are so interesting.

Ann Howell



MANIOROA MARAE

The weather held off as waewae tapu (first time visitors) gathered at the Manioroa Marae gate. The boys supported the girls and woman as Ocean answered Merepaea's karanga (call) and lead the manuhiri (visitors) towards the wharenuui (meeting house).

Once inside Rico spoke on behalf of tangata whenua supported by Claude and the singing of the waiata Tēnā koutou.

Merekara replied for the visitors and was supported with the waiata Te Aroha lead by Dannielle.

Adults were immensely proud of the student's confidence in taking the lead roles of the Pōwhiri.

Following the whaikōrero (speeches) new families to Mokau school community were invited to hongiri or harirū (shake hands) with tangata whenua and join together for kai, to lift the tāpu (sacredness) of the pōwhiri, in the wharekai (dining house).

Students prepared the vegetables for the lunch time boil up by peeling potatoes, kumara and pumpkin to add to the pots of pork and bacon bones and then settled to their first workshop of colouring and creating a 3D wharenuui.

Students sung along to waiata while experiencing the construction of either a poi swinging wahine or waka paddling tama, string games, knucklebones and rakau.

After a beautiful boil up lunch supplemented with both fried bread and traditional Rewena paraoa (Māori bread) made by Jeni Lewis, students helped do the dishes.

Venturing outside to visit the Urupa students heard the story of the anchor stone and its journey to rest at Manioroa Marae.

Back inside students meet in the Wharenuui where they shared the highlights of their day. The learning started at the Marae will be continued in the weeks to come at school