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Thanks again!

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH MASS

Saturday 11th November at 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Awakino Library Contact JENNY LEWIS: PH 7529 838
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MOKAU HALL COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting

7.00 p.m. 16th November

At the Mokau Hall

All welcome to attend

Gail Pratt Sec/Treasurer

Ph 06 7529876

Ngā Hapū o Poutama – Pānui

Tēnā ra koutou katoa.

Swarm season is well under way. Swarming is the natural process by which a new honeybee colony is formed when the queen bee leaves the colony with a large group of worker bees. Approximately 60% of the worker bees leave the hive with a queen.

The sight of swarming bees can certainly unnerve some people but it is a very natural part of the life cycle of honeybees. As the weather warms up, the colony expands. More workers are produced. Bee pheromones are produced by workers, drones and the queen. The pheromone is passed on through 'food sharing' – the members of the colony feed each other, thereby transmitting the pheromone. So, in the act of feeding, the bees are also communicating with each other.

The queen bee produces the 'queen pheromone'. This pheromone attracts the workers to her, and encourages them to build the comb, forage, and tend the brood. The whole colony knows it must have a queen for its continued survival, so the queen plays a very important role. However there is only one queen bee and thousands of workers. There comes a point when the crowd is so great, that not all of the workers have access to the queen. They are no longer receiving her pheromone signals, and so for them, she is non-existent. This induces within these workers the need to create a new queen.

Before the new queen emerges, the old queen takes off with part of the colony to establish a new nest. When the swarm leaves the hive, the workers whirl around the queen in the air to aid and protect her. The queen is not the strongest of flyers partly because of her larger size, and so will need to rest at some point – landing on a nearby branch, post or fence. 'Scout bees' will be sent out to look for a suitable new place for the colony to live. In the meantime, the worker bees form a clump around the queen to protect her.

A swarm of honeybees is generally calm while swarming as they aren't protecting a hive. They are also full of honey, their main objective is to find a new site to set-up a new hive, generally up to 3 to 5kms from their old hive. That said, it is important to keep your distance from the swarm, because if the bees feel threatened, then it is possible they will sting. A swarm may stay around for a few days, depending on how quickly the scout bees find a suitable new home. This could also happen very quickly, even within a day.

In New Zealand, honeybees are totally reliant on humans for survival and can no longer survive in the wild by themselves, due to varroa mites.

On the political front; Poutama Taumata met with the Office of Treaty Settlements at Tongaporutu Pā to kōrero its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, historical interests and overlaps within the rohe, and most importantly, the ongoing contemporary breaches. Crown policy contradicts domestic and international law, as well as the treaty itself. It was agreed that further discussions will need to take place in the near future and we all look forward to that.

It was wonderful to host the Pacific Island Chiefs from Rotuma. Chiefs Katagtau and Tamanava and Tamanava's wife Claire. They were interested in the preservation of language and culture, and the similarities and differences of farming in New Zealand and Rotuma, such as wild goats and untied cattle that seem to eat only grass. They thought it very cold here, unlike their home where swimming is all year round!

You may have noticed all the Heketara in flower through the bush, that's usually a sign of drought to come.

Finally, it's great to have Mokau school at Ahititi School, the feedback from the tamariki is "it's awesome having more kids here!"

'Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi'



ANDREW'S
PATCH

On the 27th of September two people were involved in a theft from the Riverrun Café and the Whitebait Inn, Police are positive about identifying the two involved and are following lines of enquiry out of the area.

During the week of the 4th October a burglary occurred at Gribbon Street, Awakino in which a large flat screen TV was stolen.

On Thursday the 26th a stolen car fled police, after a pursuit throughout the Mokau area, the driver was apprehended and charged with a number of dishonesty and driving offences and is still being held in custody.

On Saturday the 28th, Police were called to two people involved in a domestic related incident outside the Mokau Police Station, both people were arrested and charged with behavioural type offences.

3 reported vehicle crashes in the last month, no serious injuries.

With summer approaching, we are at more risk of search and rescue incidents in the area, if you have a skill set, gear or resources which you think may help in incidents of search and rescue, then I would like to hear from you, this includes boats of all kinds, jet skis, diving gear and certificates, drones etc. Then please make contact with me, even if you are only here over the weekends or holidays. It may help save someone.

If you are applying for a firearms licence and need to sit the Mountain Safety Course then make contact with me and I will make a time for you, takes approximately 2 hours.

If you want to have any of your property engraved and uniquely identified, including trailers, quad bikes, electronics, tools, whitebait nets, etc. then bring it down to me at the Mokau Police Station, or contact me and I'll arrange a time with you and I will come and engrave it for you. This helps in the prevention and detection of theft.

I will also be down at the Boat Ramps periodically over the summer, engrave your boat name on your trailer, this helps in incidents of search and rescue.

Tainui Fire and Emergency Service are looking for volunteers, if you are interested come along to the Tainui Fire Station in Mokau on the 7th of November at 7 pm. Otherwise give Andrew Warren a call on 06 7529 059.

Cheers
Andrew

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1 st	-	02:01	08:14	14:24	20:30
2 nd	-	02:47	09:09	15:10	21:13
3 rd	-	03:32	09:43	15:54	21:57
4 th	-	04:15	10:26	16:37	22:40
5 th	-	04:59	11:09	17:22	23:26
6 th	-	05:45	11:54	18:09	-
7 th	00:13	06:32	12:41	18:58	-
8 th	01:04	07:21	13:32	19:51	-
9 th	01:59	08:14	14:28	20:49	-
10 th	02:58	09:12	15:31	21:53	-
11 th	04:04	10:17	16:41	23:02	-
12 th	05:16	11:29	17:55	-	-
13 th	-	00:12	06:28	12:42	19:02
14 th	-	01:16	07:34	13:45	19:59
15 th	-	02:12	08:29	14:38	20:47
16 th	-	03:00	09:14	15:23	21:29
17 th	-	03:42	09:54	16:04	22:07
18 th	-	04:21	10:31	16:41	22:43
19 th	-	04:58	11:05	17:17	23:18
20 th	-	05:33	11:39	17:52	23:53
21 st	-	06:08	12:12	18:28	-
22 nd	00:29	06:43	12:47	19:04	-
23 rd	01:06	07:19	13:25	19:44	-
24 th	01:48	07:59	14:07	20:29	-
25 th	02:34	08:44	14:55	21:20	-
26 th	03:27	09:35	15:51	22:16	-
27 th	04:26	10:35	16:53	23:16	-
28 th	05:29	11:40	17:56	-	-
29 th	-	00:17	06:32	12:45	18:54
30 th	-	01:15	07:31	13:44	19:49

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

Firstly our congratulations go to Belinda Whittaker and Jan Brown who have both completed the National Certificate in Museum Practice. We now have three committee members with relevant museum qualifications. This is so helpful when it comes to upholding professional standards. If you would like to gain a museum qualification, please let us know. The museum will fund your study fees in full and Belinda, Amanda and Jan will gladly mentor you through your 1 – 2 year course. You study at your own pace.

The museum's "Community Cabinet" is now up and running. We have some extremely rare and unique items on loan from several local families. Of particular interest are items from the Japanese prisoner-of-war camp which operated in Featherston during WW2. Local identity Mr Jim O'Sullivan was a guard at the camp. He traded his tobacco rations for artefacts made by the Japanese prisoners. This camp was featured in the Featherston episode of 'Heritage Rescue' which screened on Choice TV.

As for the art gallery – the father/son exhibition by Wayne Morris and Stuart Tullett Morris comes to an end on 9th November, so be quick if you wish to see it. The Morris duo features vibrant paintings by Stuart and funky "salvage art" by Wayne. Both artists have achieved sales.

Friday 10th November will see the installation of a painting exhibition by renowned Taranaki artist Paul Hutchinson. Paul and his partner Dale Copeland (whose assemblage art has been in the Mokau Gallery) live in Puniho. Born in Middlesbrough, England, Paul's family emigrated to New Plymouth in 1974. Paul was encouraged to paint by his father, who himself worked in watercolours. Paul is completely self-taught, creating his own paints using dried pigment which he grinds into oil and other mediums. For more information, go to:
<http://mokaumuseum.nz/event/paul-hutchinson/>

Many thanks for your responses to our plea for a garden shed. We now have a shed – are there any helpers out there available to assemble it?

At the time of writing this article, we are anticipating an amazing Labour Weekend with Heidi's pop-up shop featuring local craft, Rae's Community Crop-Swap plus Mokau Museum's second Bone Carving Workshop in the hall. I will give a debrief of these 3 events in the next Tainui Trading Post.

Finally, we are so pleased to welcome Janice Moynihan onto the museum team. Thank you Janice – we all hope your Tuesday afternoons at Mokau Museum and Gallery prove to be enjoyable and fulfilling.

Jan Brown, secretary
Mokau Museum and Gallery,
open seven days, 10am – 4pm

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Local Shipwrecks

Ketch OREGON 1889

The Oregon of 27 tons gross, with a 14 h.p. engine, commenced life as a paddle steamer, being built at Onehunga in November 1876 by Mr Matthew Henry Roe. Described by W.A. Laxton in "Steam on the Manukau" thus:

"The new steamer was christened the Oregon at her launching early in November 1876 and ran successful trials on the 1st of the following month. She was an unusual-looking vessel with her rudder slung outboard over a straight stern in the manner often seen in Dutch built vessels but rare in New Zealand waters. The Oregon was basically a flat bottomed vessel so that she could take the mud in various parts of the Manukau without heeling over too much, and the bridge structure surmounted by a thin stove-pipe funnel was built over the paddle wheels amidships. The cargo hold forward was worked by a derrick on the single mast stepped immediately in front of the bridge, while aft was the cabin for passengers. The Oregon was certified to carry 200 passengers and full use of this capacity was made on the vessel's initial excursion on December 5th 1876, to Cornwallis, Manukau Heads and Waiuku. At the end of November 1880 the Oregon withdrew from regular service to Waiuku and concentrated on her primary role as a timber tower though she was still often used as an excursion vessel on public holidays and during weekends.

Eventually, after passing through other hands her engines were removed in 1889 and she was converted to a ketch rigged barge for the Mokau Coal Company. Her life in this role was brief, though, for while she was being towed to Mokau by the steamer Rowena on June of the same year she broke adrift and was swept ashore near the mouth of the Mokau River to become a total wreck." The crew was saved.

Source: M. DeJardine's "Shipwrecks on and off the Taranaki Coast"

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