



SEPTEMBER 2021

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

**MOKAU FISHING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

to be held at
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Community Notices

CHURCH NOTICES

St Peters by the Sea

Welcome to our fortnightly Services

Sept 5: Family Service 2pm Rev Terry Tutty

Sept 19: Family Communion 2pm Rev Derek Lightbourne

Children's activities are provided at all services with a nice afternoon tea following the service. Our guest speaker, on September 19, is Rev Derek Lightbourne who is an old friend of the Lowry family. He enjoys travel and will be staying a few days at Marokopa. Enquiries to Dorothy Lowry, phone 06 752-9123

Christian Church Meetings

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Ladies Bible Study

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Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday September 11th at 5pm

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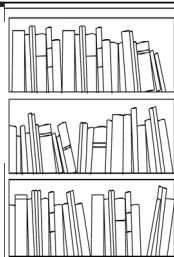
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Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
WED 01 SEP	04:48 2.7m	10:41 1.3m	17:38 2.7m	23:42 1.4m	-
THU 02 SEP	06:00 2.7m	12:01 1.3m	18:44 2.8m	-	-
FRI 03 SEP	-	00:52 1.2m	07:05 2.7m	13:09 1.1m	19:40 3.0m
SAT 04 SEP	-	01:42 1.1m	08:01 2.9m	13:59 1.0m	20:29 3.2m
SUN 05 SEP	-	02:25 0.8m	08:50 3.1m	14:41 0.7m	21:12 3.4m
MON 06 SEP	-	03:05 0.6m	09:34 3.3m	15:22 0.5m	21:54 3.5m
TUE 07 SEP	-	03:44 0.4m	10:16 3.5m	16:02 0.4m	22:35 3.7m
WED 08 SEP	-	04:25 0.3m	10:58 3.6m	16:43 0.2m	23:16 3.7m
THU 09 SEP	-	05:06 0.2m	11:39 3.6m	17:24 0.2m	23:57 3.7m
FRI 10 SEP	-	05:48 0.2m	12:22 3.6m	18:07 0.3m	-
SAT 11 SEP	00:41 3.6m	06:32 0.3m	13:06 3.5m	18:53 0.4m	-
SUN 12 SEP	01:27 3.5m	07:18 0.4m	13:53 3.3m	19:41 0.6m	-
MON 13 SEP	02:17 3.3m	08:08 0.6m	14:47 3.2m	20:37 0.8m	-
TUE 14 SEP	03:14 3.1m	09:04 0.8m	15:50 3.0m	21:43 1.0m	-
WED 15 SEP	04:22 2.9m	10:12 1.0m	17:02 3.0m	23:01 1.1m	-
THU 16 SEP	05:37 2.9m	11:31 1.0m	18:15 3.0m	-	-
FRI 17 SEP	-	00:20 1.0m	06:48 2.9m	12:47 0.9m	19:21 3.1m
SAT 18 SEP	-	01:24 0.8m	07:52 3.1m	13:48 0.8m	20:17 3.3m
SUN 19 SEP	-	02:16 0.7m	08:46 3.2m	14:38 0.6m	21:06 3.5m
MON 20 SEP	-	03:02 0.5m	09:33 3.4m	15:22 0.5m	21:49 3.6m
TUE 21 SEP	-	03:43 0.4m	10:15 3.4m	16:02 0.4m	22:29 3.6m
WED 22 SEP	-	04:22 0.4m	10:54 3.5m	16:40 0.4m	23:07 3.5m
THU 23 SEP	-	04:58 0.4m	11:31 3.5m	17:15 0.5m	23:43 3.5m
FRI 24 SEP	-	05:33 0.5m	12:06 3.4m	17:50 0.6m	-
SAT 25 SEP	00:17 3.3m	06:07 0.6m	12:40 3.3m	18:25 0.7m	-
~ DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ~ <i>Times have been altered accordingly</i>					
SUN 26 SEP	00:51 3.2m	07:42 0.7m	14:15 3.1m	20:01 0.9m	-
MON 27 SEP	02:26 3.0m	08:19 0.9m	14:51 3.0m	20:42 1.1m	-
TUE 28 SEP	03:05 2.9m	08:59 1.0m	15:35 2.8m	21:30 1.2m	-
WED 29 SEP	03:52 2.7m	09:48 1.2m	16:34 2.7m	22:31 1.4m	-
THU 30 SEP	04:57 2.6m	10:50 1.3m	17:50 2.7m	23:49 1.4m	-

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā koutou katoa

I am constantly humbled and amazed at the generosity of our local people. Most of the services available within Mōkau area are volunteer based and without them our community will really be a dull place. My appreciation goes out to the many individuals that put their resources and time into the various community groups that help keep us all safe and provide opportunity for people to connect with each other. It feels good to be part of a community that cares for one another

On this note I thank each of the museum volunteers without whom we would not be able to share our local history with others. Whether its serving on the committee, welcoming visitors, creating displays, or doing odd jobs around the place, thank you all. As a rural community we also understand the seasonal demands on our people and during the springtime and we do need others to help fill the gap. If any of our residents are looking for something that can connect you to the community, the museum can be a place to enable this to happen and currently we really do need your help. If this interests you pop in and ask, we would love to hear from you

Some time ago we received funding to restore our Rotunda display. In completing research about the display itself we discovered that, like most things old there is a story. As it turns out, the rotunda display that we have been using to tell the stories of local people and events was built in 1940 by the Taranaki Museum as a display to celebrate the centenary of the first Plymouth Company ships that arrived in Ngamotu between 1840 and 1843 bringing the first settlers to the region. The display unit was donated to Mokau when the Taranaki Museum become Puke Ariki and moved to new premises. The rotunda display remains very popular, is thumbed through daily by the many visitors and well worthy of full restoration. Come and see the display telling its story while it is out of action

September celebrates 'te wiki o te reo Māori', or Māori language week. We are now seeing reo being used more and more and is quickly becoming more a part of every day life. Māori place names are being identified during the weather and greetings in Māori are now scattered through the news. While most of us know the pronunciation of the vowels "a,e,i,o,u; (are there three or two)", often we miss this in correctly pronouncing our place names. Common mistakes locally are the

"o" which is pronounced "or" and the "au" which is pronounced "oe" as in toe. If there is a macron over the letter the sound is emphasised a little and the "ō" becomes "ore" Also there is no "g" in the Māori alphabet and no words have "ga" pronounced within them. So, thinking about this, Mōkau is pronounced More-coe, Awakino is Awa-ki-nor, Mōhakatino is More-ha-ka-ti-nor and Tongapōrutu becomes Tor-na-pore-ru-tu. Have a go. With practice it will become easier

ART GALLERY: Margaret Hands will be exhibiting in the Art Gallery from 4 September - 6 October. Margaret paints regularly - especially over the last five years - mostly using photos from her portfolio. "I wanted to embrace an artistic adventure as a way forward from leaving employment years behind. I love our natural landscapes in this country, especially Taranaki."

Margaret is largely self-taught but has benefited from wonderful friendships with other local artists and has enjoyed a few Community Art programmes. One of these friends introduced her to soft pastels which she has embraced as the current focus of her art journey. She loves the fluidity and texture of these pastels and finds it exciting to mix her colours to produce new tones. The excitement of intuitively exploring the fantastic geography of a group of rocks or art within a clay bank is inspirational to her, with fantasy figures and images sometimes emerging and greeting the viewer

Finally, for all those readers who feel they too can contribute something to our community and get involved, maybe this whakataukī will inspire; Tohaina ō painga ki te ao "*Share your gifts with the world*".

Ngā mihi
Murray

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Researched by Jennifer Topless

TONGAPORUTU WHISKY CASES TWO WELL KNOWN RESIDENTS ARRESTED

Taranaki Herald 4 August 1917

When the cases against the two brothers O'Halloran of stealing and selling whisky at Tongaporutu (within the proclaimed area) were heard at the Magistrates Court on Thursday morning, Sub-Inspector McElveney intimated that he would ask his Worship to issue warrants for the arrest of the two men who bought some of the whisky from the lads. The warrants were accordingly issued and Constable McGregor arrested Richard O'Donnell and Michael Manning, well known residents of the district of Tongaporutu on Friday afternoon. They were charged with receiving stolen whisky from the O'Hallorans knowing it to have been dishonestly obtained. It is understood other charges are pending against the two men, such as aiding and abetting the illegal sale of liquor. Constable Wroblenski left New Plymouth this morning to relieve Constable McGregor in charge of the men at Uruti and they are expected to arrive in town tonight and to appear in the court on Monday.

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Buggar COVID, it's done it to us again! We finally had rugby organised and bamm, all things cancelled. However, a big thank you to those who helped prepare for the rugby game not to be, we saw Russell Gorrie mowing the field, Murray Reed helping with the paddock marker, Rob Scott made some new numbers for the rugby sign, Jo Raine delivered the trophy cabinet, Heidi did the sewing. Thank you also to our regular people who help us, Adam Black for looking after the sheep, Holly Black, Peter McNeice, Barry Arbuckle, Tony Grant, Kane Fuller and Ollie doing what they do best, it is much appreciated, you are a fabulous bunch and many hands make light work, our committee continue to do an awesome job and there is lots of projects coming up over the summer months if you would like to be involved we would love to hear from you, apologies if we have missed anyone, we really do appreciate everyone that gives up their time to help down at the Domain.

Don't know what more to say, but just hunker down and keep your families safe and we will see you on the other side.

Matt Faull
Committee Chair

CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Every six years every council gets to review its representation structure. Currently we have 14 Councillors, 10 from the city, 2 each in the north and south-west wards, excluding the mayor. Included in this discussion is whether to have Community Board representation. Original proposals were to cut back the number of Councillor representation on Council from 14 to 12. However, at the recent Council meeting this was reversed, and recommended representation is to remain the same. Against popular belief more councillors does not mean more cost. Representation costs are set by government as a lump sum and therefore the more elected members there are, the lower the stipend is for each member

While total councillor numbers remain the same rural wards go from 2 elected representatives to 1 with the balance made up with an increased number, (5) being elected at large. One argument is that rural voters will be able to have a say on 6 seats, but the concern is the "at large" representatives will mainly focus on the city vote as that is where the numbers are, and the rural voice is effectively diluted

Community Boards seem to remain valued by Councillors with the recommendation that the current 4 Community Boards are kept and the creation of a new one covering the Puketapu or Bell Block/Airport area. This being said though, feedback from Community Board members have criticised Council of not recognising the importance of the Community Boards as the link to the communities and more weight must be given to their recommendations.

All the talk to date is recommendations at this stage, as it is now open to public discussion. If you want to express your view for, or against the current position, please jump onto the NPDC website, click on "Have your say" and make a submission. They all count.

<https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/Have-Your-Say>

Alternatively, if you want to discuss the situation with your local Community Board member we are all available. Contact details can be found on <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/About-the-Council/Council-People/Community-Board-Members>

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for the people, go forward

Ngā mihi
Murray

From Your Councillor

The Three Waters Reforms, a Government plan for action covering drinking water, waste water (sewerage), and storm water, continues on at pace. Drinking water standards had been set many years ago by the Ministry of Health but have not been enforced. The waste water and storm water standards are set by the Regional Councils, and have not necessarily been uniform, or well enforced. Consequently very few plants or discharges meet the required standards, and as a large portion of the infrastructure is underground it is therefore difficult to assess its condition.

A new regulator, TaumataArowai, has been established and will be responsible for drinking water, waste water, and storm water. The Water Services Bill, which is going through Parliament presently, will give power to Taumata Arowai, and carries very real penalties for non-compliance, including offences and significant fines for those responsible, including individuals. The current status quo, where standards have not been enforced and breaches have not been punished, will be over. This is really important to stress.

Community aspirations for environmental and public health require substantial extra investment in this country's three waters infrastructure. The current service delivery model is not capable of meeting the expected costs involved. It will be almost impossible

for the 67 Councils to fund these from their own resources.

Overseas, there are some well documented examples of three waters services with problems similar to ours. Evidence from aggregation of numerous smaller provider entities, with cross-subsidisation, such as in Scotland and Australia, is very compelling in support of the Governments plan.

It is vital now for each Council to get a thorough understanding of the status of their three waters infrastructure and the financial implications of meeting the new regulator enforced standards.

As part of the Governments modelling for their plan, a 'Growth and Enhancement' investment of \$383million over the next 30 years (\$12.8m/pa), has been attributed to Waitomo District. We are awaiting clarification on precisely what 'Growth & Enhancement' means in relation to our existing annual spend on Three Waters, as over the last three years we have spent between \$6.23m and \$9.362m pa.

We are not presently required to make any decisions on the 'opt in/opt out' question, but rather to understand exactly what the model proposes for Waitomo and question those parts of the model we don't understand, or we disagree with.

The 19 August King Country News has a good article by Brian Hanna on page 2 that is well worth reading.

These proposals will be transformational for Waitomo, and New Zealand, as well as local government, as we currently know it. They are also taking up a large portion of staff and elected members time so hopefully whatever eventuates will be 'fit for purpose'.

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Barbara Kuriger
National Party Spokesperson
for Energy & Resources

August 23, 2021

Why the rush?

The pace of regulatory change for rural communities has been relentless under the current government.

It's the concern I hear most when I move among them around the country and speak with rural advocacy groups.

It's the reason why Groundswell NZ founders, Otago farmers Bryce McKenzie and Laurie Paterson organised a tractor protest in Gore against the National Policy Statement on Freshwater in November. The group's overwhelming national support since then led to the 'Howl of a Protest' on July 16.

Agricultural, horticultural communities aren't the types to jump up and down, so when they take to the streets in their thousands, you can bet there's a reason.

Labour is raining regulations down on Rural NZ.

Since 2017, the Government has introduced a raft of rules drafted by people who obviously have no connection to rural communities at all, let alone stepped on a farm.

And it shows.

For the uninitiated, the list includes the National Policy Statement on Freshwater changed by Labour in 2020; the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity, the push for councils to enforce the Significant Natural Areas policy; climate change response proposals which are incentivising land change use and lucrative incomes as large areas of farmland are put under trees; the Crown Pastoral Land Reform Bill affecting South Island high country farmers; the Clean Car package — aka the 'Ute Tax' — to incentivise the greater use of electric vehicles.

Then there's the latest — the Water Services Bill — where the Government is, with its new water regulator Taumata Arowai, aiming to register about 70,000 rural water schemes across the land, each of which will require safety and risk management plans.

The bill will also affect holiday homeowners sharing a bore, marae and subdivision water schemes.

National managed to secure some concessions during the Select Committee process re this last bill, but we're fearful of the compliance costs and administration burdens this will create for farmers and growers, while any supposed safety gains will be minimal.

So we'll be voting against it and have launched a petition we'd like you to sign — www.national.org.nz/stop-raining-regs-on-rural-nz

But this is just a sample of the range the Government wants imbedded in law.

It does not include other proposals sweeping the country like Three Waters, freshwater farm plans and winter grazing regulations so unworkable they have been postponed until May 2022.

Some of my sample list is being enacted under the Resource Management Act, which the Government is dumping in favour of three others.

So why the rush?

Has the Government not drafted legislation which tackles all their concerns?

The biggest thing missing from all of these legislative changes is consultation with the communities they affect.

No-one's bothered to ask, prior to committing pen to paper, as to whether any of the regulations are warranted and workable.

A lot of them purport to tackle climate change and protect our unique environments.

But these broad brush sweeps do not include regional/local differences or support the hundreds of grassroots initiatives, catchment, conservation and land care groups that have been working well for years, if not decades.

Nor do they consider the voluntary work done by rural communities, farmers and private landowners, who have already placed thousands of hectares under covenants.

The common-sense thing is for the Government to do is ... stop!

Take one piece of whatever you want to do Labour and talk to the people affected first.

Then you might be able to draft something that makes sense to everyone.

Happy to comment further

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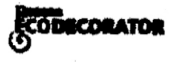
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