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WHAT'S ON IN JULY

- Wed 10: Table Tennis 7-9pm
- Thurs: Move to Latino Beats, 4-5pm
- Sat 13: Bone Carving club day 9am-4pm
- Tue 16: Ahititi Reunion meeting, 7.30pm
- Wed 24: Table Tennis 7-9pm
- Sat 27: Community Pot Luck Dinner

#loveMOKAUbonecarving#

The first Bone Carving club day went extremely well despite the south-westerly howling straight into my shed. Ten carvers gathered – four locals and six from Urenui/New Plymouth. Five carvers were first-timers and five had some experience or were expert carvers. This proved to be a great mix and all carvers went home with a bone piece.

A club initiative such as this depends on the goodwill of the local community. Jenny Lewis, your scones were epic and provided a warm welcome especially to those from outside the Tainui region. My grateful thanks also go to the Tongaporutu Hall for the loan of chairs and tables, local craftsman Trevor Walshaw for the ivory piano keys and potter Marita Green for the antlers and horns. These generous gifts of items for carving are very much appreciated.

The next Bone Carving club day is Saturday 13th of July, 9am – 4pm. Equipment provided for beginners.

To register your interest:

- Either phone Mike: 027 2236 138 or 7525 995
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Mike Brown

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St Peters by the Sea

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord". Psalm 122:1

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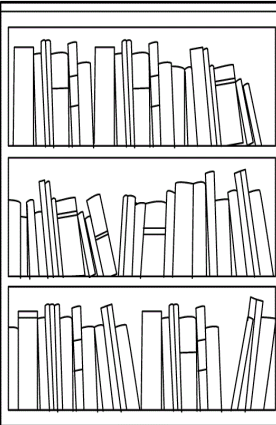
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Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
Mon 1 Jul	-	02:17 0.7 m	08:44 3.2 m	14:36 0.6 m	21:16 3.4 m
Tue 2 Jul	-	03:05 0.6 m	09:34 3.4 m	15:24 0.4 m	22:04 3.5 m
Wed 3 Jul	-	03:53 0.4 m	10:23 3.5 m	16:12 0.3 m	22:51 3.7 m
Thu 4 Jul	-	04:40 0.3 m	11:12 3.5 m	16:59 0.3 m	23:38 3.7 m
Fri 5 Jul	-	05:28 0.3 m	12:02 3.5 m	17:47 0.3 m	-
Sat 6 Jul	00:27 3.7 m	06:17 0.3 m	12:52 3.5 m	18:36 0.4 m	-
Sun 7 Jul	01:17 3.6 m	07:07 0.4 m	13:43 3.4 m	19:26 0.5 m	-
Mon 8 Jul	02:09 3.5 m	07:59 0.5 m	14:37 3.3 m	20:20 0.6 m	-
Tue 9 Jul	03:04 3.4 m	08:54 0.6 m	15:34 3.2 m	21:18 0.8 m	-
Wed 10 Jul	04:02 3.2 m	09:53 0.7 m	16:35 3.1 m	22:23 0.9 m	-
Thu 11 Jul	05:03 3.2 m	10:57 0.8 m	17:38 3.1 m	23:32 0.9 m	-
Fri 12 Jul	06:04 3.1 m	12:01 0.8 m	18:38 3.1 m	-	-
Sat 13 Jul	-	00:37 0.9 m	07:02 3.1 m	13:01 0.8 m	19:35 3.2 m
Sun 14 Jul	-	01:34 0.8 m	07:57 3.1 m	13:55 0.7 m	20:27 3.3 m
Mon 15 Jul	-	02:25 0.8 m	08:48 3.2 m	14:44 0.7 m	21:15 3.3 m
Tue 16 Jul	-	03:11 0.7 m	09:35 3.2 m	15:29 0.6 m	21:59 3.4 m
Wed 17 Jul	-	03:54 0.7 m	10:20 3.2 m	16:11 0.6 m	22:41 3.4 m
Thu 18 Jul	-	04:34 0.6 m	11:01 3.2 m	16:49 0.6 m	23:20 3.4 m
Fri 19 Jul	-	05:13 0.6 m	11:41 3.2 m	17:26 0.6 m	23:58 3.4 m
Sat 20 Jul	-	05:50 0.7 m	12:19 3.2 m	18:02 0.7 m	-
Sun, 21 Jul	00:35 3.3 m	06:26 0.7 m	12:57 3.1 m	18:39 0.7 m	-
Mon 22 Jul	01:12 3.2 m	07:04 0.8 m	13:34 3.0 m	19:17 0.8 m	-
Tue 23 Jul	01:50 3.1 m	07:44 0.9 m	14:13 3.0 m	19:58 0.9 m	-
Wed 24 Jul	02:30 3.0 m	08:26 0.9 m	14:56 2.9 m	20:44 1.1 m	-
Thu 25 Jul	03:16 3.0 m	09:14 1.0 m	15:48 2.8 m	21:37 1.1 m	-
Fri 26 Jul	04:09 2.9 m	10:08 1.0 m	16:51 2.8 m	22:40 1.2 m	-
Sat 27 Jul	05:12 2.9 m	11:09 1.0 m	17:59 2.9 m	23:48 1.1 m	-
Sun 28 Jul	06:18 2.9 m	12:14 1.0 m	19:02 3.0 m	-	-
Mon 29 Jul	-	00:53 1.0 m	07:21 3.0 m	13:16 0.8 m	19:59 3.2 m
Tue 30 Jul	-	01:51 0.8 m	08:19 3.2 m	14:13 0.6 m	20:53 3.4 m
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Community Notices

#loveMOKAUhall#

There has been such a lot going on in the Hall this month beginning with the Farewell Party for Graham and Gloria Putt. What a night was had by the 200+ whom attended. The community exceeded at providing an amazing spread, and the Hall boogied till the wee hours. Good luck and Farewell.

The Kitchen Re-fit project has started.. The Supper room has been totally rewired with amazing LED fluorescent tubes. The light is awesome, effective, efficient and looks real smart. At present the kitchen is working at half mast. The appliances and Zip are a GO by using the power points on the stoves, but there is no Hot water cylinder till the new kitchen is in Aug/Sept. So functions and activities in the Hall can still go ahead with a little bit of cooperation. The new Kitchen will be worth the wait.

Moving to Latino beats which is happening every Thursday 4-5pm has a small group of groover's attending. Laughter is good therapy and its a great way to warm up and get out of the house during the winter months. If you want to join in just rock on up, we will be in beginners mode for quite some time :-))

Gym project. The wiring and lighting is complete thanks a million Peter McNiece who has donated his time to upgrading the electrical work for the gym. Another one of our community stars..We have received the Mirrors, we have ordered the Equipment and flooring, which should all be here by the time you are reading this.. Yippee.. Dust off your Lycra and Gym Shoes (lol) we are nearly ready to go..

Community Pot Luck dinner to welcome the new business owners and new residents of Mokau /Awakino.. We will be working on having this on Sat 28th July.. This will be a great mix and mingle with the opportunity to learn what our locals have to offer and

Updates will be on FB Mokau Community Connection and Mokau Community Hall pages. We do endeavor to inform people not on FB so spread the word.

There has always been a **Piano in the Mokau Hall** but for many years it has laid idle due to it being un-playable. It was checked out professionally and deemed kaput. Even the wood was a very thin veneer over custom board which meant it couldn't even be recycled. The Mokau Hall Committee has acquired another Piano from Awakino Hall. There are a few Pianists in our community one of whom has recently become a permanent resident here in Mokau. An enormous thank you goes out to Anita Anker who has an incredible talent and has very generously offered to have this new Piano restored. Gordon Pennington another one of our local Pianists has been helping Anita, and along with Roy and Shane has transported it to its new home. Thanks to you all.

Well done Rae Tissott for getting these two together to ensure we have a Piano entertaining our community for years to come. Watch this space for a celebration of in-statement!

Craft Workshop with Dimphy. What an amazing day. Nine of us spent a long day creating our own sculptures which we completed and took home with us. Having never done anything like this before we were all amazed at our achievements. You don't know until you try. There are photos of the finished sculptures on Mokau Community Connection Page. If you are interested in what you see. Ring me for more information.

Table Tennis. Tables are ready to rock n Roll.. Get your group together..

WHAT'S ON @ THE HALL JULY

Thursdays.. Move to Latino Beats.. 4-5pm

Saturday 28th July.. Community Pot Luck Dinner to welcome new business owners & residents.

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TAINUI'S STONE ANCHOR - THE MAURI OF THE MOKAU

HISTORY OF A FAMOUS RELIC

The policy of assembling the hereditary treasures of the Maori in the Auckland Museum, in order to assess their permanent preservation, should have the support of all of us, pakeha and Maori, to take pride in the wonderful story of the ancient race. Dr Peter Buck, and Mr George Graham and their like-minded workers in this truly patriotic use, deserve every sympathy and assistance. Happily Auckland is blessed over all other parts of New Zealand with a strong sense of public and private responsibility in such matters. Auckland then with the means to help are never found wanting.

Would that such generosity were more widely diffused in New Zealand. It is however, with a certain little lingering regret that I read of my friend Peter Buck's success in inducing the Kaumatua of the Mokau Heads to consent to the removal of the stone anchor of the Tainui canoe to the Auckland Museum. Te Rangihiroa sure has a wonderful way with him! There was an Irish musician once, they say, who fiddled so grandly that he could charm the very birds out of the trees. We may expect to hear of all kinds of hereditary treasures being charmed into the museum. But I ask Te Rangihiroa, what are the Mokau people going to do for their fish supply, if the Punga-o-Tainui is lifted from its ancient abiding place?

LUCK AND "MANA"

Let us elucidate. For centuries the stone anchor of Tainui has been the "mauri" of the Mokau Heads fisheries. "Mauri" here may be translated as "luck stone", but it is more than that. It is the tangible embodiment of "mana the accretion of generation upon generation of tribal veneration and tradition, that token and symbol of the "old hereditary grand canoe." Long ago it became associated in Ngati Maniapoto belief and practice, with the presence of the fish in the tidal river and at the heads, and to a presence there was attributed to the great plenty of food of this kind for which the Mokau was celebrated among the tribes. It was a tribal shrine; songs and prayers centred about it; it was the centre of curious saga and legend dating back well nigh a hundred years.

It was 25 years ago, or thereabouts, that old Taniora Wharaurua, a tattooed warrior of the ancient Tainui stock took me to see the mauri of the fisheries, and told its legend and chanted the famous hauling song of Hotrua's canoe. He lamented the deaths of the olden chiefs, the great rata trees of the tribe. "I" he said "am the last here. I am but as the weeds in yonder garden." The patriarchal Rangituataka, of Mahoenui, was Taniora's superior in rank, but he lived inland; the grim old fighter Te Oro, who lived near the Kawau Rock, a few miles south of the Mokau, and Taniora were the last of those who kept a reverential eye on the "mauri" of the fisheries.

The anchor stone is a smoothly worn boulder of sandstone, in shape something like an hour-glass, but with one end larger than the other; it is about four feet in length. About its middle the anchorline of the Tainui was made fast in the long ago when Hoturoa sailed this long outrigger canoe here, and it landed to explore the land. Tainui later went on to Kawhia and there in the sacred cove at Maketu beach you may see to-day the two white stones that indicate the resting-place.

The canoe was moored bow and stern, one line was made

James Cowan (Auckland Star 9 March 1926)

fast to this "punga" the other to a curious rock called Tokopapa, a tiny island shaped something like a mushroom, or again say, a ship's capstan of the old fashioned type; it stands there to-day near Tainui store; the attrition of centuries has much reduced its size. The hour-glass stone lies on the sand, on the north or proper right bank of the Mokau, about half a mile below the punt ferry. It is covered by the tide at high-water.

FOR THE GODS OF THE FISHERIES

Beyond Tainui, seaward, is the sandhill Te Naunau. A very tapu place. Here up to modern times, Maori fishermen used to deposit the first mullet or kahawai caught on a fishing expedition, as an offering to the gods of the fisheries.

About 40 years ago a coastwise trader ran a cutter between Waitara and Mokau Heads. This white man became very friendly with the Maori here, but he presumed rather too much on his friendship, when on one of his cruises he hauled the Tainui anchor-stone on board his cutter and sailed away with it to Waitara. What he intended doing with it there, is uncertain, but the story is that he proposed to sell it to the museum.

Immediately the luck-stone of the Tainui was taken away the fish all deserted the rivers and the heads. Canoes went out as usual, the long seine nets were drawn on the beaches, hook and line were lowered for shark. Aue, aue. Not a fish was to be caught; the mullet, the kahawai, the shark; flounder that were once speared on the sand flats by torchlight – all disappeared. Even the pipi shellfish migrated – not a pipi could the wahine find, dug the never so industriously.

There was much trouble in the Mokau households. What was to be done about it? Clearly the Punga-o-Tainui must be returned.

So the chiefs of Mokau raised a loud complaint to the Government, or the police at Waitara or to some other potent authority, and the pakeha who had taken it away was compelled to return it to its old home.

And if any further proof were needed of the high mana inherent in the "mauri" stone here it was supplied. The fish all returned to their accustomed haunts: the shoals indeed were more plentiful than ever; and Mokau revelled in the treasures of Tangaroa. Long lines of drying shark delicately scented the Mokau air; there were kahawai and schnapper and mullet by the canoe-load and pipi by the ton. The great nets were drawn again and again and scores of hands were needed to haul them in. Never were Ngati-Maniapoto so generously fed by Tangaroa; never was the "Kupenga-o-Taramainuku" more abundantly filled.

So there lies Tainui's most potent punga to-day, guarding as of old the food supplies, a visible link with the wonderful days of the past. The old order is passing; pakeha vandals are about; Tainui may easily be smashed up by some of those destructive two-legged animals of whom we hear too often.

The only safe place is the museum.

But just one question, oh friend, Te Rangihiroa.

What are you going to do about those fisheries when the mauri of the Mokau has gone?

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

There has been lots happening at the Museum. Displays are being progressively updated as each item is entered into the national database recording not only the artefact but also the story behind them.

Other good news. The museum has recently been granted a significant funding boost and many thanks goes out to the main sponsors, including Lotteries Commission, TSB Community Trust, Waitomo District Council and Firstgas, who without the support of these organisations the museum would not be able to function as it does. But having funding is only part of the picture and we are continually grateful to the faithful volunteers who are part of your museum life every day.

The new committee has hit the ground running and with the diverse range of experience and skills from the local community, Ngati Tama and Ngati Maniapoto expect to see changes within the collection and with how we connect and share your heritage within the community.

Lots to do, means lots of help required, and a Volunteers & Community sub-committee has been established with the specific task of connecting the museum to the community. Headed by Janice Moynihan, if you are looking to how you can get involved please make contact. Be it as a general handyman, a special interest project, or just a friendly face, there is a place for you here as we continue to build this wonderful community asset bequeathed to us for your children to connect with.

Victoria Essen, Te Papa, Sector Development Manager is running a volunteer training day in mid-July to help guide us all in museum best practise. If you are interested in learning more about how museums operate, please pop in to chat and register your interest

COMMUNITY EVENT: Mokau Museum's 'Brides Through the Decades' Show. If you are interested in being part of this or have a gown you could wear or loan, then Janice would like to hear from you.

25th ANNIVERSARY: Mark Taranaki Anniversary 2020 on your calendar for this milestone! To help celebrate this occasion we are wanting to create a Recipe Book. We would like people of the Tainui District, young and old, to participate in this venture by sharing with us their favourite recipes. Please drop them off at the Museum or email them to the Museum at info@mokaumuseum.nz. We would love a recipe from each family in the area.

ART GALLERY: The gallery is displaying the Te Kuiti artist, Dean Corbett with his acrylic portraits of local landscapes. Pop in and check these out, or just for a chin-wag.

Our next exhibition, which will start in mid July, is called Te Whatu. This is a group of weavers, that whakapapa into Mōkau and have come together to continue the art of weaving from their ancestors into contemporary times. You will be able to view this exhibition until the 8th August.

Ngā mihi

Murray Seamark
Committee Chair

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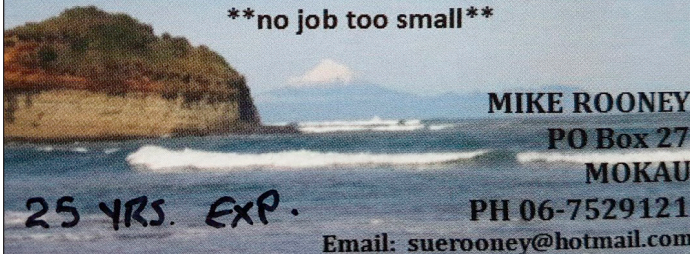
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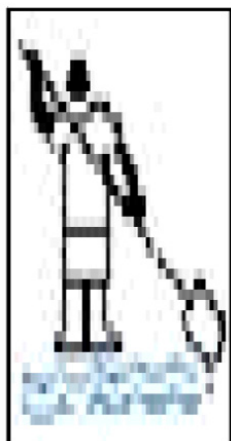
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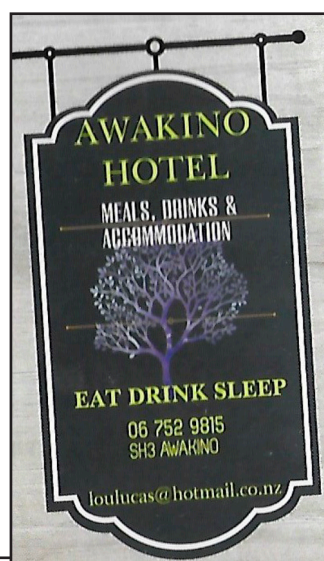
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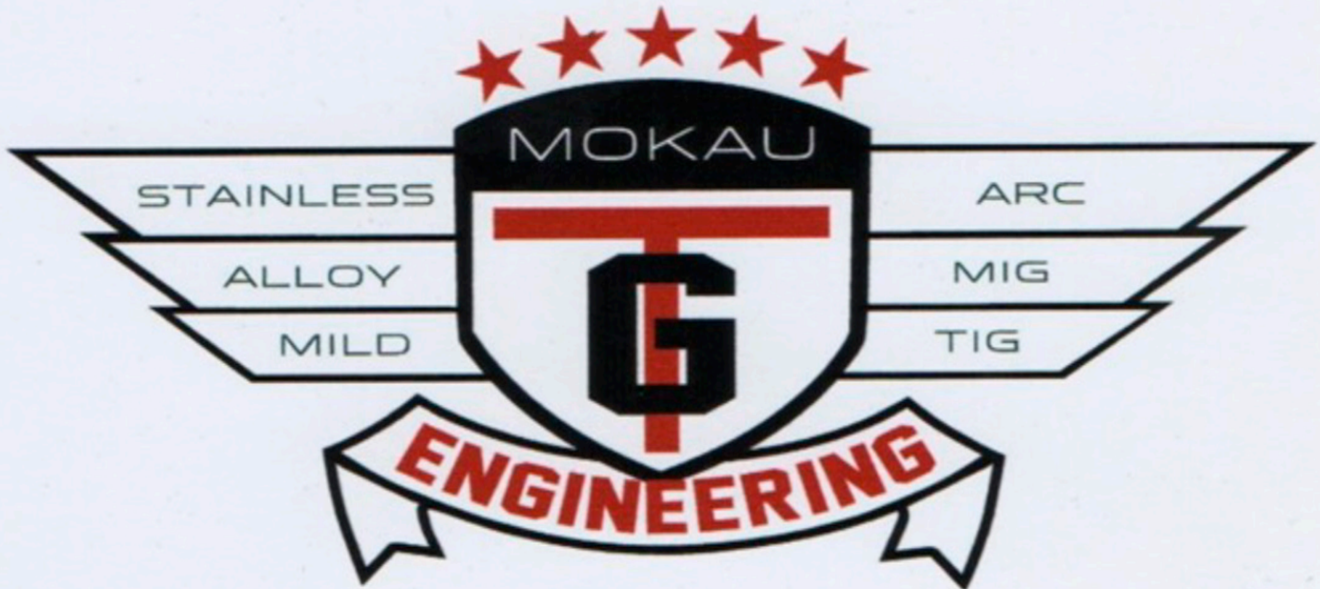
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