



- Dates of interest:**
- 30th march - Pot Luck dinner
 - 11th April - Garden Circle
 - 15th April - SAR meeting
 - 17th April - Tainui Domain AGM
 - 21st April- Crop Swap
 - 21st April - Mokau Fishing Club prize giving
 - 28th April - LTP Council Meeting

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



Mokau River & Flower Pot.

Submit your photo to us and the best one will be placed here at the end of the month.

Community Notices

Anzac Day Service

To be held at the Awakino Hall at 11am on 25th April.

Followed by a light lunch.

Everyone welcome.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



Mokau Fishing Club



Just a reminder that the last day fishing for the competition is on the 2nd April (Easter Monday)

Prize giving will be held at Awakino Hotel on 21st April.

Prize giving to start at 4pm followed by BBQ at 6pm.

We hope to see you all there.

Garden Circle

The next gathering will be held on Wednesday 11th April at 1pm.

Address : 241 Te Mahoe Rd - Maryanne and Geoff Oliver's.

Community Notices Cont...

St Peters by the sea

Whatever you do, work at it with your whole heart, as working for the Lord & not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24

April 1st - Easter Sunday Communion Service - 2pm

Rev. Singh

April 15th - Family Service 2pm- Pastor Tutty

All welcome to services and afternoon tea to follow.

Enquiries to D Lowry 7529123

Awakino Christian Church

Meetings

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Awakino Hall, 2.00pm

Ladies Bible Study

Every 1st and 3rd Friday,

328 Mōhakatino Rd, 2.00pm

Enquiries Phone

06 7529124

Our Lady of Wayside Catholic Church Mass

Mass on Easter Sunday at 9 a.m.

Saturday 7th April at 5 p.m.

Crop Swap Mokau

Sat 21st of April 2018

Steps of the Village Hall

9am start swapping at 9.30

Contact: Rae Tissot—022 1396 774

Tainui Community Library

Awakino Library Contact Jenny Lewis: PH 7529 838

Tainui Playgroup

Plenty of interacting through creative, outdoor and structured activities for your children. Lots of fun and great for the development and social skills of your child.

Bring morning tea for your child.

Everyone welcome.

Where: Tainui Street, Mokau

When: Wednesday, 9am till noon

Cost: \$3 session, \$20 term. \$30 family. Under 1 free

Christy Lowry 7529 132

NURSE'S NOTICE

06 7529 723

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am - 11.00am.

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*Pregnancy tests

- Home visits by appointment.

If you need a response today

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will contact either Taranaki Base Hospital

Emergency Department or New Plymouth District Nursing.

PATSY BODGER, MOKAU DISTRICT NURSE

Gardner Wanted

We are looking for someone to do a few hours gardening on a regular basis, in Ahititi.

Please call Alex on (06) 7525 923.

Community Notices Cont...

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TONGAPORUTU (FROM OUR OWN Correspondent)
(TDN 2/4/1900)

War news has eclipsed all other for the present in New Zealand, nor is this coast an exception. The year so far has been all that could be desired in the matter of weather – very hot but plenty of rain to keep the grass green. Large mobs of sheep and cattle have been brought from Auckland this season, stock being a lower figure there than here. The great north Road is an accomplished fact – and a good road too. Single men have no Government work in March, but they will all be put on in April. Measles have found their way in; one family on the river having had them. Mrs Hutchen, the wife of the one settler in the Greenland Settlement has joined the great majority. The Regatta, the main event, came off on the 21st inst. The day was perfect, but the attendance was small – smaller than in previous years. There were a number of white people from Mokau and Awakino but very few Maoris. There were a few from the Mimi and Urenui and a sport or two from Waitara, together with all the people – old and young – on the river, still the muster looked small. The sport too, lacked life. There were but few canoes and one of them was too good for the rest; she won three races and would have won the other two but she capsized. Her crew were experts in the water, and suffered no damage only a wetting. The swimming was not interesting, nor were the foot races. The stewards with one exception, Mr Herlihy, who worked with a will, lacked energy. Mr Gibbs was the judge and he had no difficulty in placing the events. One section of the dancing party took themselves off to Mr Rattenbury's woolshed while the other went to the school. The school was examined under the new syllabus by Mr Spencer on the 28th, and he went to New Plymouth on the same evening. A long ride but it now shows that we live in civilisation.
March 30th 1900.

Machinery Sale

On A/C Brian Gray

254 Mangaonga Road

Ahititi

11:00am 20th April 2018

Kamatsu D21P Bulldozer on swamp tracks, Massey Ferguson 165 2WD tractor with loader, Fieldmaster Broadacre Topping mower, Firman petrol generator, concrete mixer with electric motor, Wisconsin 6 HP stationary engine, Stihl 023 chainsaw, Blade mounted Papa Ripper, Quantity of engine & hydraulic transmission oil, 10 ton Hydraulic jack, ¾ " Drive socket set, selection of shackles & C hooks, wire rope, dippers, tools, bolts, trowels, chain twitches, PTO spray pump & hose, zip heater, skill saw, Hitachi power drill, antique scales Avery bench & Wellington floor models, reliance safe, pioneer chainsaw, steel stumping jack and other miscellaneous goods including fishing rods, reels, sinkers and golf clubs.

On A/C Guy & Elaine Selby

3000 Litre water tank, 3000 litre colostrum milk tank, drill press, 1200 battens, 4 meal calf feeders, numerous calf feeding cafeterias, electric fence standards & reels and a mixture of sundry items.

Light BBQ lunch provided.

Outside entries welcome.

For further enquiries contact

Agent Stephen Sutton 027 442 3207

NZ Farmers Livestock

love MOKAU Hall

We had a busy 3 hours on 3rd March at the working Bee our Hall is looking much tidier and brighter.. Thanks for all those who could make, and for those who asked for a rain check, there will be another call for help in April. I will keep you posted on both the Mokau Hall and Mokau Community Face Book pages..

Plans and necessary info have been sent away to Council regarding the Kitchen Upgrade project. We are hoping to get this under way asap. Project no 2. is clearing out the basement to create a Community Gym.. We need a bit of muscle here. The working bees are no more than 3 hours and if you can only do 1 hour, fantastic, we'll take it. There is a list of what needs doing before we make the transition and the clean up would be great by end of April. If you would like to help. Please make contact and follow updates on FB..

During March there have been 2 weddings in Mokau.. Both parties hiring Tables and Chairs to use at the Domain.. Mokau has a lot to offer and its great when different community groups can work together and support each other..

WHATS ON @ THE HALL IN APRIL

Good Friday.. 6pm..Community Pot Luck Dinner with guest speaker Owen Mapp.

Everyone welcome..

Easter Weekend in the Hall is buzzy..

All Easter weekend.. Bone Carving workshop and Mokau Market Pop-Up Shop

Tues 9th April.. Mokau Hall committee Meeting 7pm

Sat 28th ..Council LTP Meeting 1pm

Any further info about the Hall please contact Heidi - h.presto13@gmail or 067529780

Community Notices Cont...

Ngā Hapū o Poutama – Pānui

Poutama have an exciting new environmental restoration project fencing and planting 5 ha of riparian planting at Kamate and the Ohanga Stream this season. We appreciate the time and effort of everyone involved in this very worthwhile project to restore various riparian margins around the community. It has taken several months of careful planning and input from the iwi, Fulton Hogan and Council to come up with a restorative programme that we can all be proud of.

NZTA have put in applications for Resource Consents and Designations to take land for the Mt Messenger road realignment to TRC and NPDC. Interesting process where NPDC as consenting authority seem to have generated a large number of form letters as submissions in support. Interesting too that the route chosen by NZTA through their options evaluation and selection process is not the route put forward in the application process...

Tongaporutu Pā made fried bread burgers at the recent Waitara Night Markets during the month of March and would like to thank the Waitara organisers and community for their support. We thoroughly enjoyed having a stall there and look forward to next years' events. We also sold fried bread burgers at the rodeo night party.

Thanks to all the people buying burgers and a special thanks to all the helpers. The mānuka honey season is over and again its' been a challenge due to a lack of flowers in a lot of areas. The season was early and very short. However, we did get more than last year and the bees are doing well. Another successful Te Ra O Te Oro at Te Kawau Pā. Thank you to the guest speakers, the ringawera for the beautiful meals and everyone who attended. The new kauta and wharekai were put to good use.

'He toa taumata rau'

Tainui St Johns



Our service requires volunteers to help with the operation of our ambulance service

Contact Lynette Adams - (07) 877 8877

email: lynadams@clear.net.nz

Eric Cryer (06) 752 5821

Domain Board AGM

AGM to be held at the Tainui Rugby Club on the 17th April 2018 at 7:00 pm

Looking for new members and fresh ideas!

Tainui Search and Rescue Meeting

Urgent SAR meeting on the 15th of April 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Awakino Hotel.

Calling active members and new potential members.



Hi,

Over the last month there were 6 reported crashes, one of which was fatal, which involved a motorbike and a car on SH 3, Mahoenui. The Mahoenui area, although is a reasonable road, has seen the worst of our recent crashes over the last year, often involving poor decision making, fatigue, and speed on corners. With winter approaching, please drive to the conditions.

Please contact me if you wish to apply for a firearms licence.

On the 15th of April there is a Tainui SAR meeting at 4 pm at the Awakino Hotel, if you are interested in getting involved then please come along.

Cheers

Andrew
1 Oha Street, Mokau

Cell: 021 191 1266

Email: andrew.murphy@police.govt.nz

Tainui Fire and Emergency

Our service requires volunteers urgently!

Contact:

Andrew Warren - (06) 7529 059



Tide Chart



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

March 2018 - This month has been even busier than the last one, mainly because of Womad and retirees in their campervans.

We say hello to our two new volunteers, Gordon and Lee Franklin, welcome aboard.

AGM : It is that time of the year again. Our AGM will be held on the 16th May at 4pm at the Museum. Please come along and join us.

Pio Pio artist Jo Gallagher's exhibition is worth a visit, her paintings, prints and cards will be here until 26th April. Our next exhibitors will be our local photographer Kerry O'Sullivan and Chris Poletti.

As part of our job cataloguing the museum collection we come across interesting items that we research to find its history. One object we came across which was donated by Rosalie Waters was a cartridge case from Gallipoli at the time of the First World War. We discovered this was a Turkish cartridge case as the writing on it is Turkish and in the centre is the star and crescent of the Turkish flag.

Wearable Art : This is a Taranaki Fashion Arts Awards project to develop a major Taranaki Event which builds up a proud sense of community. It is an opportunity for young and not so young fashion art designers to showcase their talents by designing and assembling garments using a range of recycled fun and funky materials. So what we are proposing is for all those who might be interested in participating in this event to come to a meeting at the museum on Wednesday 11th April at 4pm. There are 3 age groups, Children: 13yrs & under, Students: 14yrs to 18yrs, Open: 19yrs and over. Representatives from school age children including sports groups are most welcome. I've heard a whisper that the 2018 theme for this year is 'Backstage Broadway'.

It was with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of Molly Farrell nee Black. She was the sister of Cliff Black. Molly was a volunteer in the museum from 2000 to 2010. She was known as a bit of a character, her favourite trick was to lock people in the jail. One time when she had locked up a man his wife said "This is the first time someone had dared to lock up my husband: He was a Judge! We missed Molly when she left Mokau, she was a great personality and her local knowledge was amazing.

As this article is being written the Bone Carving Workshop, being held over Easter Weekend looks to be a goodie with many people registered to take part in this wonderful event. Once again, thank you to Waitomo District Council for making this happen in conjunction with Mokau Museum and the Mokau Community.

Belinda Whittaker Chairperson.

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Consultation for the Long Term Plan 2018-28

We have been working on developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP), and an overview of our plans and key proposals for the LTP are set out in the Consultation Document (CD) for you to consider. This CD will be delivered to you as an insert in the **Waitomo News on 5 April**, and we would like to hear your feedback. Over the last ten years, our focus had been on core infrastructure investments to meet legislative compliance and also to ensure that these assets are available in good condition to the community now and in the future. We sourced funds from avenues other than rates wherever possible to make this happen like government subsidies and community funding organisations so that facilities and services could be improved without ratepayers having to bear the full costs.

The shape of things to come

We propose that the key focus of the 2018-28 LTP is to enhance our community development initiatives. For a district of our size we have some ground-breaking proposals linked to this, contained in the CD. We are set on a path to shape Waitomo into a place that is safe, welcoming, encourages business development and supports well-connected communities and we are encouraging a partnership approach to this. We want to enhance and establish partnerships with key stakeholders for achieving the outcomes we want for our district. In terms of our financials, we are very pleased with the progress being made by our investment company - Inframax Construction Limited (ICL). In 2011/12 when ICL was struggling to remain viable and was in severe distress, WDC put a recovery plan in place that was supported by the community. The recovery plan included the purchase of Parkside subdivision from ICL for \$1.3 million and a loan to ICL of \$750,000 (and other non-financial aspects). The recovery plan has come to fruition now. The sale of Parkside subdivision has been completed, and the loan to ICL of \$750,000 will be returned by the end of the next financial year. The net profits of ICL have been increasing year on year as well clearly indicating that ICL is on a firm footing now.

Our current debt level which is at \$43.4 million, well below the previous forecasts, is planned to be decreased further by **\$14 million** over the life of the 2018-28 LTP, partly by using the forecast dividend from ICL. In the 2018-28 LTP, we are expecting a total dividend of almost \$5 million from ICL.

Rates affordability remains on our agenda, and we are committed to limiting rates increases. The rates revenue is proposed to increase by an average of 2.75% per annum over the next ten years.

Effects for Mokau

One of the significant changes we are proposing is the “harmonisation” of water and wastewater charges.

Our current policy is that each community pays a different amount for water and wastewater depending upon the cost of its services, up to a cap level and then any amount over this figure is spread across the whole district (this shows as a subsidy for Mokau water, Benneydale sewerage, etc. on your rate demand). We have felt this has had a negative effect (in terms of cost increases) on our small towns such as Mokau, Benneydale, and Piopio, especially when upgrades have had to be done to meet legislation.

We want to do something to ease this burden.

We are proposing that we move to **one rate for Water and one for Wastewater** across our whole district (harmonisation), which is a common policy in many districts. The harmonisation will significantly affect rates for the likes of Mokau, in a positive way. At the same time, we are removing the small individual subsidies for each scheme and replacing it with **one district-wide rate**, which will represent the district-wide benefits from a public health perspective, proper sanitation and public facilities in our townships. The plan is to transition to this policy over four years for water, and the effect for Mokau township ratepayers will be a **reduction** in water and wastewater rates of \$1,721 per property over this four year period.

Another proposal for Mokau is the **upgrade of the public toilets**, which we are proposing will take place in the 2018/19 year. We will be applying to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for funding to support this upgrade. We are aware that Mokau toilets are struggling to cope with the demand from increasing volume of tourists visiting our area.

There are many other proposals in our LTP, and I encourage you to read our Consultation Document when it is published on 5 April 2018 and give us your feedback. I also encourage you to attend our public consultation meeting in Mokau at **1pm on Saturday, April 28 at Mokau Hall**.

Brian Hanna

MAYOR WAITOMO DISTRICT

Draft Statement of Proposal - Solid Waste (Asset) Management and Minimisation Plan

As well as our Long Term Plan proposals we also want to talk to the Mokau community about some proposed changes in the way we deliver **refuse and green waste disposal**. These proposals are set out as part of the **draft Statement of Proposal for the Solid Waste (Asset) Management and Minimisation Plan**.

Over time we have investigated how the current Awakino Transfer Station is used, and we have also surveyed the users of this facility to learn their views. Regrettably, very few customers use the existing facility at the current Awakino site. We understand there are some reasons for this, but mostly it is due to the relatively remote location of the transfer station. This, in turn, is leading to waste disposal concerns in Mokau Township such as the inappropriate use of the public recycling station and public street litter bins as an alternative and more convenient way of disposing of household waste.

Another consideration is that the Awakino site potentially offers a health and safety risk for our staff, contractors, and customers, due to the limited cell phone coverage and the relatively remote location of the site.

The Waikato Regional Council has also raised concerns about the unregulated, unmanaged and unofficial green waste dump site at Tainui Wetere Domain. The existing situation is just unsustainable, and we need to find a solution.

We propose to relocate the transfer station to Oha Street Mokau to offer a more convenient and useful facility. We are proposing to incorporate the green waste disposal within this new proposed facility. If it is easier to access and is operated to a very high standard, we will achieve much better waste recycling and disposal goals. The Mokau community's need for an adequate and well managed green waste disposal solution will also be met.

Any new change proposal must raise concerns. We understand that some Mokau residents hold some doubts about the relocation proposal. We intend to ensure that our proposal addresses those key considerations including:

- Measures to mitigate, reduce or remove adverse effects associated with the transfer station being positioned centrally within the township.

- Strong site management arrangements to contain litter and remove the risk of an odour nuisance.

- Making sure that traffic flow is arranged in a way to ensure access to and from the site is safe.

You have the opportunity to present your views to Council. **Public consultation on the draft Statement of Proposal for the Solid Waste (Asset) Management and Minimisation Plan takes place from Thursday 5 April 2018 to 5 pm Friday 4 May 2018.**

The Statement of Proposal will be made available from the following locations, from the start of the consultation period:

- Waitomo District Council office in Queen Street Te Kuiti,
- Waitomo District Library, 28 Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti
- The Old Piopio Post Office Gallery, 45 Moa St, Piopio
- Mokau Museum and Gallery, 33 North St, Mokau
- Café Kai and Bar, 15 Waitomo Village Rd, Waitomo
- Benneydale Foodmarket Ltd, 34 Ellis Road, Benneydale
- Marokopa Camp Ground, 1 Rauparaha St, RD 8 Te Kuiti, Marokopa.
 - Councils website at www.waitomo.govt.nz/SWaMMP_2018

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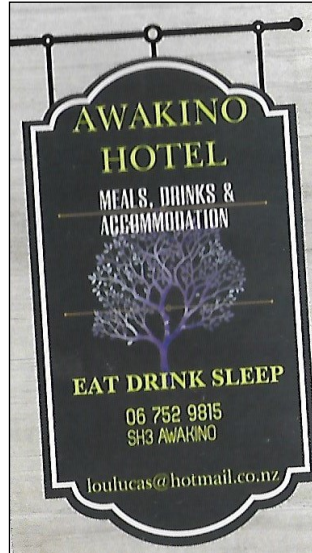
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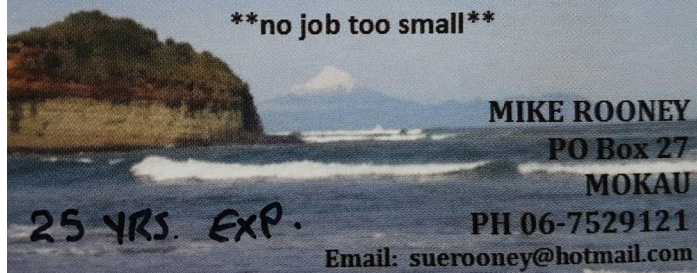
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