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3	We	10am	10.am	3.3	4.15pm	0.4
4	Th	11am	10.40am	3.3	5.pm	0.4
5	Fr	11am	11.30am	3.3	5.40pm	0.4
6	Sa	11am	12.15pm	3.3	6.10am	0.5
7	Su	1pm	1.pm	3.2	7.am	0.6
8	Mo	1pm	2.pm	3.1	7.50am	0.6
9	Tu	1pm	3.pm	3.1	8.50am	0.7
10	We	1pm	4.pm	3.0	9.50am	0.7
11	Th	1pm	5.10pm	3.0	10.50am	0.7
12	Fr	1pm	6.15pm	3.1	11.55am	0.7
13	Sa	1pm	6.35am	3.2	1.pm	0.6
14	Su	10am	7.33am	3.3	1.55pm	0.5
15	Mo	10am	8.30am	3.3	2.50pm	0.4
16	Tu	10am	9.20am	3.4	3.35pm	0.4
17	We	11am	10.am	3.4	4.20pm	0.4
18	Th	11am	10.50am	3.3	5.pm	0.4
19	Fr	11am	11.30am	3.2	5.40pm	0.5
20	Sa	11am	12.10pm	3.1	6.10am	0.6
21	Su	1pm	12.55pm	3.0	6.50am	0.7
22	Mo	1pm	1.35pm	2.9	7.35am	0.8
23	Tu	1pm	2.20pm	2.8	8.20am	0.9
24	We	1pm	3.10pm	2.8	9.05am	1.0
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30	Tu	10am	8.10am	3.1	2.25pm	0.6



ANDREW'S PATCH

Some incidents for the month of May:

On the 15th a burglary of a farm shed occurred on SH 3 near Mahokatino where a mains unit for a fence was stolen.

On the 16th a single vehicle crash occurred on SH 3, just north of the Awakino Tunnel, the cause of the crash was due to poor handling, the driver accelerated heavily to pass another vehicle and lost control, crashing.

On the 18th a land slip occurred on SH 3, between Mahokatino and Tongaporutu, the slip covered both lanes, it was dark at the time and a vehicle has crashed into the slip. There is consistently debris and land slips coming down onto the roads, particularly off Mount Messenger and the Awakino Gorge, always drive with care through these areas of SH 3.

Finally I am aiming to have another Mountain Safety Course to be held in June, the Mountain Safety Course is a prerequisite to obtain a firearms licence. You do need to study for this course; I have plenty of Arms Codes available. If you are interested, contact me.

Cheers
Andrew

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On Thursday morning, 21st May, Mayor Hanna and I visited Mokau, and had a quick look at the beach edges at Te Nau Nau Reserve, and Point Road. The recent sea conditions have had a major effect, with resultant serious sand erosion at both sites.

Consequently, I feel it is important to reiterate to land owners in close proximity to the effected areas, that Council has done all it is prepared to, and can do, to protect the roadway. This was to allow residents to make decisions in regard to a 'managed retreat' from the Point.

The natural erosion that is occurring is far more powerful than the ability of an individual, or group of individuals, to influence, beyond extending the time period of the erosion effects.

Our view is that we have never carried out works to protect individual properties, rather, simply to protect the public roadway. We must also convey that we believe the point has arrived where we will no longer support, or condone, individual works in the coastal beach area. In view of what we saw on Thursday, and the fact that winter, and it's storms, are still ahead of us, we strongly recommend people with effected, or potentially effected properties, draw up clear plans for their 'managed retreat', and they must include clear 'trigger points' for action decisions.

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MUSTANG CRASHES AT TONGAPORUTU, SECOND MISSING

Two Of Four RNZAF Aircraft On Way To Welcome Gothic

The wreckage of one of the four Mustang aircraft which left Ohakea yesterday afternoon for Whenuapai was found late in the afternoon in a crater dug by the plane on a farm a mile and a half south of Tongaporutu. At first light this morning an air and ground search will begin for another Mustang which is missing and is believed to be in the vicinity.

The two aircraft were to have taken part in the fly-past when the royal yacht Gothic arrives in Auckland harbour to-day.

The pilots of the two missing aircraft were: Squadron Leader M.B. Stevens, married, with three children, Titahi Bay, Wellington; Flying Officer R.M. Westrupp, married, with two children, Kennedy Road, Stokes Valley.

Squadron Leader Stevens is Officer commanding No 2 Squadron, Wellington, and a member of the staff of the civil aviation section of the Air Department. He was a member of the RNZAF detachment which attended the Coronation in London last June.

Both he and Flying Officer Westrupp served with the RNZAF during the Second World War.

The four aircraft left Ohakea at 3.11 p.m. and were expected at Whenuapai at 4.21 p.m. They were from the No 2 Wellington Squadron and were piloted by members of the Territorial Air Force. They were using visual flying procedure and were to proceed via Cape Egmont, Waitara and the Taranaki coast. At 3.30 p.m. the pilots reported running into bad weather about Waitara. After striking the bad weather they proceeded individually and did not have contact with each other.

Search Organisation Alerted.

Two landed at Whenuapai and when the others were overdue the search and rescue organisation was alerted, police were informed and messages asking for information were broadcast by radio. The one aircraft found crashed was on Mr W.A. Burton's property, a mile and a half south of Tongaporutu. It was found at 4.10 p.m. The ground search party left New Plymouth for Tongaporutu at 1 a.m. to-day. It consisted of 27 men. Three aircraft will also begin a search to-day for the other plane at first light.

Reports received last night stated that the other plane was heard to turn and its engine to fail at about the same time as the first plane crashed.

It is understood that there will be enough aircraft in Auckland and that no replacement of the two planes in the fly-past will be necessary.

POLICE PARTY IN SEARCH AT TONGAPORUTU

The police party engaged in the search for the missing Royal New Zealand Air Force Mustang believed to have crashed in the Tongaporutu district is headed by Senior Sergeant A.G. Quinn, New Plymouth and with him are Constables T. Young and M.K. Huggard, New Plymouth. Constable C. Powell, Mokau, was at Tongaporutu when they arrived there last night. The party went to Mokau to spend the night and at first light this morning will return to the scene of the crash of the Mustang that was found late yesterday afternoon.

RED HOT WRECK OF PLANE FOUND IN HUGE CRATER

A crater "as big as a room" and so deep that only a mass of red-hot wreckage could be seen in the bottom was the sight that greeted a party of five men who went to the scene of the Mustang crash at Tongaporutu. Nothing could be seen of the plane's pilot, or indeed, of what the plane had been. The plane passed over Mr W.A. Burton's just before 4.10 p.m. It was in a dive and as it passed over the house the engine cut out. Shortly afterwards Mr Burton and his family heard the sound of a crash.

Mr Burton immediately informed air traffic control at New Plymouth, but did not send out a search party until definitely informed from there that an aircraft was missing. When finally dispatched the three parties had about an hour of daylight in which to work. The party, which reached the wreckage at 7 p.m. consisted of Mr J Howell, his son Rex, Mr Burton's son Richard, Messrs M Collins, J. Bradley and J Burberry. They found the crater dug by the plane, which had apparently nose-dived straight into the ground. The crater was about 14 feet square, said Mr Burton last night, and so deep that only a twisted mass of red-hot metal could be seen at the bottom.

On High Tableland

The plane lies about a mile and a half north-east of Mr Burton's home and a 200 foot tableland in dense bush. To attempt to reach it last night would have been extremely dangerous in Mr Burton's opinion. The bush begins half a mile from Mr Burton's home, and the intervening terrain is extremely steep. Both the Burton family and Mr Rex Howell heard the other plane travelling northward along the coast, which at that point is about a mile away by air. It was heard to turn, and then its engine stopped. Visibility at the time of the crash was almost zero, and clouds were down almost to ground level.

SEARCH PARTY

Army headquarters, New Plymouth, was alive with movement at midnight last night. A party was preparing to leave for Tongaporutu. Mr D. Rawson was in charge of preparations. The strength of the party was not known at a late hour last night, but it was understood that Mr Rawson would be in charge. The party included 11 members of the New Plymouth St John Ambulance Brigade under the leadership of Mr N.R. Milne, New Plymouth. The movements of the party from Tongaporutu onwards depended on whether the second plane had been found.

Excerpt from "Search": by D. Rawson states that "At 1700 hours on 27 December Ted Andrews, a farmer at Pukearuhe, advised that he and another farmer had gone along the beach at low tide in his ex-army Bren Carrier, as far as the Waipingau Stream. A burnt patch in the bush a short distance from the beach had been noticed and investigated. The second plane had gone straight into the sandy ground adjacent to the stream."