



NOVEMBER 2020

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

WHAT'S ON

Nov 6: Fireworks in School field
Nov 25: Tainui Wetere Domain AGM - 7pm
Nov 30: Whitebait Season ENDS

WANTED URGENTLY

Short or long term lease or grazing, approx five secure acres for Dairy Goats. Starting mid-December.

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XMAS DINNER

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Waitangi Weekend - 6 & 7th February 2021

Registrations are now open!

Please see our facebook event: [Awakino Hall 110 Year Anniversary Celebration Waitangi Weekend 2021](#); or you can email mokauben@gmail.com to contact the secretary Ben Single. For phone enquiries please phone Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123.

You will need to book ahead to attend the dinner at the Awakino Hotel, or alternatively at the Awakino Hall. Also, please register interest for Sheep Station Tours.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Beach Back/House in Mokau

3 bdrm with seaviews if possible
Wanted to Rent over Christmas period
from December 23 til after New Year.

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Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated. The views published in this publication are not those of the editor but of the contributors. Articles must not be longer than 280 words and may have accompanying photos. We reserve the right to edit any material. **PUBLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.** For advertising costs please contact: tainuitradingpost@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook : Mokau Community Connection

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November Tides



CHURCH NOTICES

St Peters by the Sea

"Say among the nations, The Lord reigns; the world also is firmly established. It shall not be removed; he shall judge the peoples righteously." **Psalm 96:10**

Welcome to our fortnightly Services

Nov 1: Family Communion 2pm Rev J Singh
 Nov 15: Family Service 2pm Pastor Terry Tutty

Everyone is welcome to attend the services and enjoy a nice afternoon tea afterwards. Children's activities are provided and toys for babies. If you are a visitor to the district, you will find the church on the corner of Rangī Street and Aria Terrace. Enquiries to Dorothy Lowry phone 06 752-9123

Christian Church Meetings

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday, 1.30pm
 328 Mohakatino Road

Ladies Bible Study

Every 2nd & 4th Friday, 2pm
 328 Mohakatino Rd, Phone 06 752-9124

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church Mass

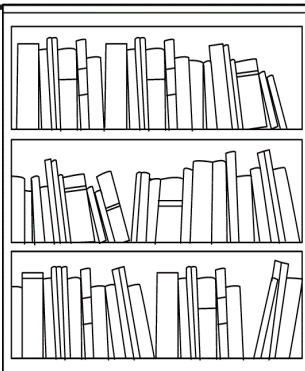
Vigil of Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday November 7th at 5pm

AWAKINO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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 on 07 878-1028



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HALL HIREAGE FEES:

- Entire Hall ~ \$100 per day
- Supper Room and Kitchen ~ \$65
- Supper Room only (not inc.Kitchen) ~ \$50
- Trestle Tables Off Premise ~ \$5 each + Bond
- Chairs Off Premise ~ \$1.00 each + Bond

Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
SUN 01 NOV	-	04:57 0.5m	11:31 3.4m	17:17 0.6m	23:41 3.4m
MON 02 NOV	-	05:30 0.5m	12:05 3.4m	17:50 0.6m	-
TUE 03 NOV	00:15 3.3m	06:03 0.5m	12:39 3.4m	18:24 0.6m	-
WED 04 NOV	00:49 3.3m	06:39 0.6m	13:13 3.3m	19:01 0.7m	-
THU 05 NOV	01:25 3.2m	07:16 0.7m	13:49 3.2m	19:41 0.8m	-
FRI 06 NOV	02:03 3.0m	07:57 0.8m	14:29 3.1m	20:27 0.9m	-
SAT 07 NOV	02:47 2.9m	08:43 0.9m	15:16 3.0m	21:19 1.0m	-
SUN 08 NOV	03:40 2.8m	09:36 1.0m	16:15 2.9m	22:19 1.1m	-
MON 09 NOV	04:45 2.8m	10:40 1.1m	17:26 2.9m	23:27 1.0m	-
TUE 10 NOV	06:00 2.8m	11:52 1.1m	18:38 3.0m	-	-
WED 11 NOV	-	00:36 0.9m	07:13 3.0m	13:04 0.9m	19:42 3.2m
THU 12 NOV	-	01:38 0.7m	08:15 3.2m	14:06 0.7m	20:40 3.4m
FRI 13 NOV	-	02:34 0.4m	09:11 3.4m	15:02 0.4m	21:32 3.6m
SAT 14 NOV	-	03:26 0.2m	10:03 3.6m	15:52 0.3m	22:23 3.7m
SUN 15 NOV	-	04:15 0.1m	10:52 3.8m	16:41 0.2m	23:12 3.8m
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SUN 22 NOV	04:14 2.8m	09:58 1.1m	16:43 3.0m	22:45 1.1m	-
MON 23 NOV	05:18 2.7m	11:09 1.2m	17:46 2.9m	23:57 1.1m	-
TUE 24 NOV	06:23 2.7m	12:25 1.2m	18:48 2.9m	-	-
WED 25 NOV	-	01:01 1.1m	07:24 2.8m	13:28 1.1m	19:43 3.0m
THU 26 NOV	-	01:54 1.0m	08:17 2.9m	14:19 1.0m	20:33 3.1m
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TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Roll on summer. Lots of campervans enjoying the spot either throwing a line in and/or net to catch dinner. The Motorhome Association has reported a 30% increase in registrations this year since COVID as people unable to travel abroad are choosing to spend more time in their own back yard. We have seen this increased activity already. Even had an enquiry for a group of 30 arranging a thing. There is no booking system at the Domain, and so it is first in, first serve. A small charge is requested to help the Committee to keep the facilities operating for visitors and the community and electronic honesty box payment systems are in place to help make this safe and easy.

The Tainui Domain AGM is on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the club rooms. Lots happened last year, and it will be good to share this with the members. The AGM is a place for all people to have their say on what they would like to see happen ahead. Come along and take this opportunity and show your support.

Incorporated Societies are membership organisations requiring 15 or more members. This does not mean that all must be on the committee. If you value the work a committee does on behalf of the community please consider membership. Cost is \$5. Any member can be nominated onto the Committee and a quorum of 5 is required at any normal meeting. If you have something you want to contribute to the community via the Domain Max, (ph 067525814) would love to hear from you.

The Domain with help from Trustpower has joined along with the Mokau community Summer Events Programme over this Christmas-New Year period. On the 27th December we have organised a series of gala type rides for the kids. There will be Jeeps, surfboards and bucking bulls for young and old alike to join in, sausage sizzle and ice cream to stave away the hunger bugs. All are welcome to join along 11-3pm. All activities are complimentary it's our Chrissy present to the community, so bring your family and visitors along we would love to see you, big thanks to Trustpower for making this event possible.

Matt Faull
Committee Chair

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN INC SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm, Wednesday 25 November 2020

at the **Domain Rugby Clubrooms**

All welcome

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Maniaroa Marae email: maniaroa@gmail.com

Moewai Aterea (Mōkau Museum Cultural Adviser)

Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā koutou katoa

On the 11th hour of the 11th month 1918 the truce was signed that ended WW1. Armistice Day will be commemorated at the Museum with the reading of some stories some local children have written about their ancestors going off to war. Come down at 10:45am on Wednesday the 11th and listen to the sacrifice made by some.

November 20 is World Children's Day and within many cultures ancient history had not always placed a high value on its children. The UN sort to alter this mindset by adopting a resolution to establish a Universal Day of the Child in 1954, promoting the ideals and objectives of the UN Charter and the welfare of the children of the world. This day also celebrates the day of which the Assembly adopted the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Conventions of the Rights of the Child in 1989. Let us take the day to change something for the positive for the children of our community. They will endure what we establish today. By the way, did you see the school art displayed in the gallery last month. There is some real talent among us.

Did you know that the museum has over 4000 items? Over the past 4 years museum staff have been working on a audit of the collection, documenting the many artefacts and archives, registering them on a national database. While this work is never really completed, the project is coming to an end and the team are preparing for the next significant project that will enhance the collection. Funding is a constant challenge as there are always more ideas than funds. There are many contributors to the museum and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Fulton Hogan for the funding of a new hot water system, Lotteries Community Matters for their contribution to our storeroom shelving and Te Papa for their contribution to the governance review. These along with many others help us keep the museum resourced and relevant. Ngā mihi nui.

I would like to welcome our new volunteers Prue, Anita and Mark. The contribution of your time makes a huge difference to the museum and the wider community. The museum is now open 7 days from 10-4pm throughout the summer and we are always on the lookout for more helpers. The roster is broken up into 3-hour slots and it's a great way to connect with people. If this is something you can help with Jennifer for love to hear from you.

Finally, in reflection of our tamariki and mokopuna, "Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana". *A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society.*

ART GALLERY: October 30 has seen photographer Derek Hughes returning for his second visit. Michelle Wilson with her beautiful bird photography will be taking part as well.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai. If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive

Ngā mihi
Murray

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Researched by Jennifer Topless

MOKAU COAL

AN UNTOUCHED CROP SOURCE OF CHEAP FUEL

(Taranaki Daily News - 25 November 1920)

Are the enormous deposits of coal which the residents of Mokau say run from that river back to Huntly really buried behind £100,000 worth of snagging of the Mokau river, or is it the war cry of interested parties?

The president of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce (Mr E Webster) and Mr Gordon Fraser, a member of the Council, last week made a pilgrimage to Mokau to investigate and they come back with enthusiastic reports of the possibilities of cheap coal for Taranaki.

The quality of Mokau coal is well known in this district, and though, through floods, the old mines some years ago were, unfortunately, cut off from steamer communication, it is not generally known that other fields exist about 3½ miles inland from a point situated about 14 miles up the river. At the kind invitation of the Mokau Harbour Board the delegates were afforded an opportunity of exploring the field. Leaving Mokau early in the morning, they enjoyed to the full, the delightful panorama unfolded of the magnificent bush clad banks of the Mokau river, which they say deserves to be better known to the tourist. The metalling of Mt Messenger and the bridging of Mokau river would bring Mokau within two hours motor run of New Plymouth, then this should be a favourable trip.



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Tainui Trader November 2020 Edition

Welcome to Term 4

We have started the busy final Term of 2020. We currently have 13 enrolled students with four more 5 year olds to start in the first term of next year. You may have noticed that there was a lot of work done in the last school holidays, the car park was made a lot wider with the grass area replaced with gravel, the garden above the brick wall had a major over haul and the fruit trees have been planted. Our building project has had approval. This will include a new kitchen and administration area and a refreshment of teaching spaces. This will begin in December and be completed by the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Pet & Art Day

Our school pet day was on Wednesday 21st October at 10am. We were very fortunate with great weather and excellent community support. It was wonderful to have members of the community come along and support the day. Thanks to Maree Jones for judging the pet day and to Jodie Death and Lana Barron for judging the artwork. Also a huge thankyou to all of the staff for the huge amount of support you give the school during this busy week.

Lunches

We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme in Term 1 next year. The lunches will be provided for all students. Lunches will cater for the dietary and health needs of growing children and we will work with Ministry to ensure they meet the nutrition guidelines. So far we have submitted a proposed menu that has been looked at by an MOE nutritionist and has been approved. We are now completing the food safety plan as we are planning to make the lunches at school.

School Garden

Our tamariki enjoy watching and waiting for the product in the garden to grow then using it for kai at the school. But sadly through the holidays we had some children (not from Mōkau) pulling out young vegies and then just wasting them. This is the second time this year the students have seen their hard work destroyed. They were very disappointed. If you see any behavior like this please let the principal or school know. Sadly despite lots of signage people continue to bring dogs into the school grounds. Please don't.

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School pool

The school pool will reopen during Term 4 when the weather is warm enough (End of November). Season keys for the pool will be available for \$70 with a refund of \$10 if the keys are returned on time. The keys are available from the school office only so please contact us towards the end of November if you would like a key. The locks are changed each season so the previous season key will not be usable this year. There are still quite a few keys not returned from last year so we would appreciate it if those could be returned.

Community Sharing Cupboard

We have our community cupboard painted and it has been in place since Labour weekend. This cupboard will be used to share our excess produce and seedlings with the Mokau community. Anyone is welcome to add produce, seedlings or tins of food to the cupboard. A Facebook group has been set up (Mokau pataka.) He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. If kindness is shown then kindness you shall receive

Dates to Note

November

9th Dental Bus Date Change
19th/20th Year 5-8 camp at Urenui.

27th Athletics@Ahititi

December

9th Prizegiving

11th Last day Term 4



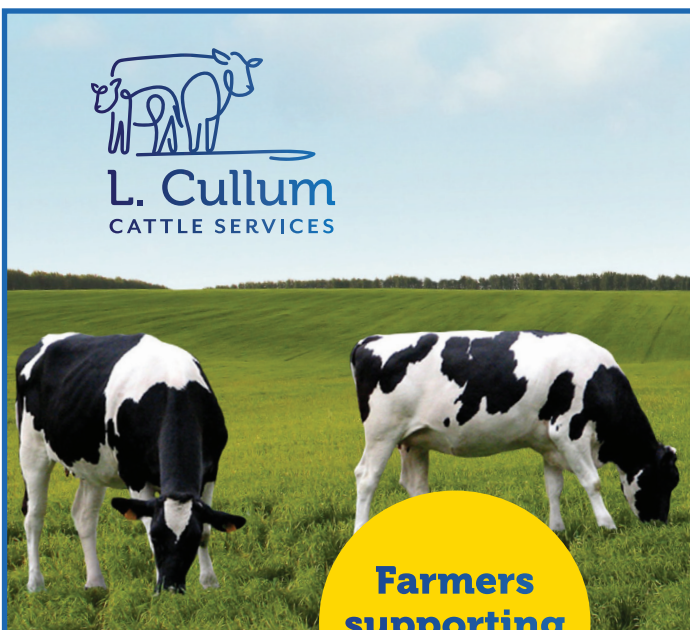
Clifton Community Board

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Some of you may have seen the “Top Ten Korero” series of articles in the paper describing some of the things on the Council’s future agenda for consideration. I have learned, that Councillors and Officers alike pay close attention to public feedback as part of the project scope and in any funding decisions. A couple of these may float your boat and others not so, but what is important is that you have your say. Survey info is taken seriously:

<https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/Have-Your-Say/Consultations-and-Surveys/Top-Ten-Korero>.

The Clifton ward is large and sparsely populated and your council team relies upon you to let them know if something needs attention. All “Service Requests” are logged and are



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Did you know that the library now comes to you, or at least it is online. With the commissioning of the new cell towers at Uruti and Tongaporutu, access to this service is made easier. So with feet up at the bach and a wine in your hand you can access the latest fiction and escape into the imaginary world. So sign up and get connected:

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NZTA are about to begin two new safety improvement projects that will span most of the summer. They are widening the road south of the Tongaporutu bridge providing safer access into Clifton road and will be building a passing lane north of the Rapanui Reserve. Traffic management will be in place throughout these projects and travel delays can be expected

Your Community Board are here to hear your concerns on behalf of the NPDC. Member contacts are listed on the NPDC website:

<https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/About-the-Council/Council-People/Community-Board-Members>

Ngā mihi

Murray

HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME

One job that many of us must do over the summer is to get the wood to keep us warm for the winter. Wood that is not properly dry provides less energy and soot’s up the flu. A woodshed can be as flash as you want it, but must provide 2 functions, one is to keep the rain off and the other is to enable good air flow. A good sturdy pallet makes a great floor, wall off on the windward side with a good gap at the bottom and use wooden slats on the leeward side with good gaps in between, or another pallet. To prevent the shed from being too dark put a sheet of Clearlite in the roof. This will create a well-lit, well ventilated, and dry shed that will condition your wood over the summer for the best available energy within it.

But before you light the first fire in 2021 you must clean your flu. Invest in a chimney brush from your favourite hardware store for \$60 or get someone in to do it for you. Best time to do it is after the last fire this year, so it is all clean ready to go when you need it

None of this is too hard, but if you need help...

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From Your Councillor

At our Audit, Risk, & Finance Committee meeting on 13 October, we reviewed and recommended our draft 2019/2020 Annual Report for approval at the Council Meeting planned for 27 October.

Despite the effects of the COVID shut down on Councils operations, it appears we will achieve a surplus of \$4.6m (c.f. forecast of \$5.1m) before Capital Expenditure, which amounted to only \$6.1m of the budgeted \$12.4m.

Our actual borrowings are now down to \$37.3m, slightly less than in 2010, but after hitting a peak of \$47.0m in 2012, a reduction of \$10.0m over the last eight years.

Of our total revenue of \$34.0m (\$33.6m last year), rates make up \$20.7m (\$20.4m last year), so rates fund 60% of our operations.

Of our operating expenditure of \$28.5m, Roads & Footpaths took \$10.4m (36%),

Community Services \$4.2m (14%), Water Supply \$2.8m (9%), Sewerage \$2.7m (9%), and Solid Waste \$2.3m (8%), with the rest spread over five other Activities.

All of this was achieved with only 71 full time equivalent employees.

We are presently working hard with our staff to set up our next Long Term Plan (2021-2031), but there is huge uncertainty ahead over the potential demands on Local Government by Central Government. The Three Waters Programme involves the Government aspiration of all Water, Waste Water, & Storm water, management and operation being taken over by a small number of regional organisations, along the lines of Watercare.

The NPSs for Freshwater and Indigenous Biodiversity currently have high expectations of Local Government oversight, with little suggestion of funding assistance at this stage.

There is a suggestion now that Government will push for a greater involvement from Local Government in the provision of support for social assistance with housing, employment, and some welfare services. So there is potential for a lot of changes in Local Government as we presently know it.

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At this stage I've pencilled in Saturday 9 January for my annual Ratepayers meeting at the Mokau Hall. More details to follow later.

Phil Brodie

Rural Ward Councillor

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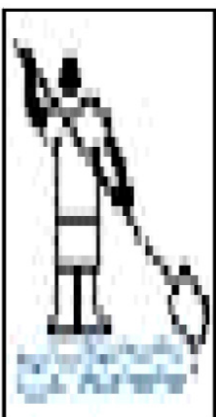
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Thought for the Month:

Husband at the computer: *"Honey, what's the password?"*

Wife: *"Our anniversary"*

Husband to self: *"She did that on purpose."*

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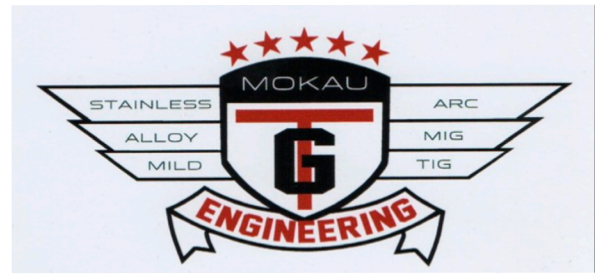
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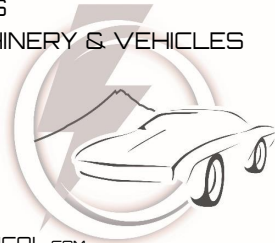
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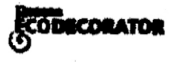
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