



**OCTOBER 2021**

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

## WHAT'S ON

Sat & Sun 23-24 Oct: **Mokau Fishing Club's ICE BREAKER COMPETITION**

Mon 25 Oct: **LABOUR DAY**

### TAINUI WHITEBAITERS

challenge the locals to a

## Pool Tournament

to be held on

**Saturday 2nd of October at 4pm  
at the Awakino Tavern**

*All Welcome*

### TAINUI WHITEBAITERS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on 16th October at 5pm  
at the Awakino Tavern.

*All Welcome*

Sandra Gerrand, Secretary

## THANK YOU

The Mokau Community Trust (MCT) hosted a social event last month at the Awakino Hotel (change of venue from the Tainui Rugby Club) to acknowledge the tireless work that so many in the community do before, during and after the Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride. The Bike Ride could not be such a successful fundraiser without these amazing volunteers.

The Mighty Mokau was historically the annual fundraiser for the Mokau School but in recent years, in collaboration with the School, the Bike Ride has merged into a wider community event, however with the agreement that the School continues to benefit. One third of profits received from the Bike Ride each year is donated to the school. The MCT now supports the management of the Bike Ride.

***The MCT has developed an application process to provide funding to others in the community, using some of the profits from the Bike Ride. This application form, along with a document outlining application criteria, was launched at the event at the Awakino Hotel. Please contact Maree Jones on (06) 752-9765 or email [mokaucomtrust@gmail.com](mailto:mokaucomtrust@gmail.com) for a form. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30<sup>TH</sup> September.***

The MCT is also seeking expressions of interest from the community for planning the 2022 Mighty Mokau Trail Bike Ride. Please email [mokaucomtrust@gmail.com](mailto:mokaucomtrust@gmail.com)

Thanks again for your support.

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# Community Notices

## CHURCH NOTICES

### St Peter's by the Sea

#### Welcome to our fortnightly Services

Oct 3: Family Service 2pm Murray Seamark

Oct 17: Family Service 2pm Mission without Borders  
Barry Raeburn

All are welcome to come to our services and enjoy a nice afternoon tea afterwards. Activities are provided for children, and toys for babies.

Enquiries to Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123

#### GIRLS AND BOYS BRIGADE

These groups will continue next term with a range of indoor and outdoor activities for children from 5 years old and upwards. Times are 2.30-4pm. Girls meet at the Awakino Hall and boys in the Mokau Hall

#### 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 October 9th at 5pm**

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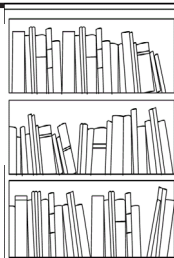
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# October Tides



Date	AM High	AM Low	PM High	PM Low	PM High
FRI 01 OCT	06:17 2.6m	12:09 1.3m	19:03 2.8m	-	-
SAT 02 OCT	-	01:06 1.3m	07:30 2.7m	13:27 1.2m	20:04 2.9m
SUN 03 OCT	-	02:04 1.0m	08:30 2.9m	14:24 1.0m	20:55 3.2m
MON 04 OCT	-	02:50 0.8m	09:20 3.1m	15:10 0.7m	21:41 3.4m
TUE 05 OCT	-	03:34 0.5m	10:06 3.4m	15:54 0.5m	22:25 3.6m
WED 06 OCT	-	04:16 0.3m	10:50 3.6m	16:36 0.3m	23:08 3.7m
THU 07 OCT	-	04:58 0.1m	11:33 3.7m	17:19 0.1m	23:51 3.8m
FRI 08 OCT	-	05:41 0.1m	12:16 3.8m	18:03 0.1m	-
SAT 09 OCT	00:35 3.8m	06:25 0.1m	13:00 3.7m	18:47 0.2m	-
SUN 10 OCT	01:20 3.6m	07:10 0.2m	13:46 3.6m	19:34 0.4m	-
MON 11 OCT	02:08 3.4m	07:57 0.4m	14:35 3.4m	20:24 0.6m	-
TUE 12 OCT	03:00 3.2m	08:48 0.6m	15:30 3.2m	21:21 0.8m	-
WED 13 OCT	03:59 3.0m	09:45 0.9m	16:34 3.0m	22:29 1.0m	-
THU 14 OCT	05:08 2.9m	10:55 1.1m	17:46 3.0m	23:49 1.1m	-
FRI 15 OCT	06:23 2.8m	12:18 1.1m	18:58 3.0m	-	-
SAT 16 OCT	-	01:06 .0m	07:34 2.9m	13:33 1.0m	20:02 3.1m
SUN 17 OCT	-	02:07 0.9m	08:35 3.0m	14:30 0.8m	20:56 3.3m
MON 18 OCT	-	02:56 0.7m	09:25 .2m	15:18 .7m	21:42 .4m
TUE 19 OCT	-	03:39 0.6m	10:09 .3m	15:59 .6m	22:23 .5m
WED 20 OCT	-	04:18 0.5m	10:49 .4m	16:38 .5m	23:01 .5m
THU 21 OCT	-	04:55 0.4m	11:26 3.5m	17:14 0.5m	23:38 3.5m
FRI 22 OCT	-	05:29 0.4m	12:02 3.4m	17:48 0.5m	-
SAT 23 OCT	00:13 3.4m	06:03 0.5m	12:37 3.4m	18:22 0.6m	-
SUN 24 OCT	00:47 3.3m	06:36 0.6m	13:10 3.3m	18:57 0.7m	-
MON 25 OCT	01:20 3.2m	07:11 0.7m	13:44 3.2m	19:33 0.9m	-
TUE 26 OCT	01:55 3.0m	07:48 0.8m	14:20 3.1m	20:14 1.0m	-
WED 27 OCT	02:34 2.9m	08:28 1.0m	15:02 2.9m	21:00 1.1m	-
THU 28 OCT	03:20 2.8m	09:15 1.1m	15:54 2.8m	21:56 1.3m	-
FRI 29 OCT	04:18 2.7m	10:12 1.2m	17:02 2.8m	23:03 1.3m	-
SAT 30 OCT	05:31 2.6m	11:22 1.3m	18:16 2.8m	-	-
SUN 31 OCT	-	00:15 1.2m	06:48 2.7m	12:38 1.2m	19:21 2.9m

# Community Notices

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā koutou katoa

Well, COVID put the screws on things again for everyone. Level 4 meant that the museum along with everyone else was locked up, and level 3 didn't change much either. The museum opened again under C.Delta level 2 along with the new controls and our volunteers were pleased to get involved again, however with our Auckland whānau still incarcerated visitor numbers reflected the reduced domestic travel. Here's hoping that restrictions will open up for our friends up north soon.

During the lockdown two refurbished computers turned up for the museum. Our appreciation to Digital Wings for this. These guys take donated used corporate computers, clean them up and refurbish them before giving them a second life out within the many charitable organisations in Aotearoa. What a great idea and a wonderful service! I know that we are appreciative of these new devices as I am sure many other community organisations are as well. Ngā mihi katoa

Earlier this year the museum took stock and reviewed its long term strategic and annual plan that takes us into 2022. While the fundamentals of who we are and what service we provide remain unchanged, we have placed a greater emphasis on new ways we can engage with the community. You would have seen examples of this where craft and interest workshops hosted by the museum has connected the organisation with the community. The Committee would like to expand this idea further so, if you have a story to tell or have a specific skill that you would like to share with the community and would like a platform to get this out, then pop in or give us a call we would like to hear from you. Our community has a treasure trove of talented people

It recently occurred to me that most probably don't know who is on the museum governance committee. We are an interesting bunch with a wide range of skills, all with a common passion of serving the community through the museum. So, I thought I might profile a person each month, beginning with myself.

Tēnā katoa, ko Murray Seamark tōku ingoa, and I have been the Committee Chair for the past 3 years. I am a recent import to the area and have lived in Tongapōrutu for the past 5 years. Originally from South Taranaki, I grew up in the Bay of Plenty and worked in the dairy industry mainly in the Waikato. I have a

manufacturing business background which taught me the value of the team and the importance good leadership. Cynthia and I have been welcomed into this district, we feel at home here and like contributing to the many organisations that make Mōkau a great place to live. For me the museum is a place of connecting people with rich collective history of the region where individuals can gain an understanding of where they have come from, and in so impacts on the decisions they make going forward.

Daylight saving has sprung, and the longer days feels good. During the winter museum hours were reduced and will return to 10-4pm on labour weekend. This means we do need a bit more help. If you can help with 3 hours per week, give us a call. It's a great place to connect with others and you don't have to be a long-term resident to make a difference. Most of us aren't

GALLERY: Exhibiting next in our gallery space is Helen McLorinan from Urenui. From up cycled jeans to cardboard houses, the architect and artist was born. Helen's love for architecture has evolved from structural to more 1 dimensional in this exhibition showcasing some local scenes in acrylic medium. Her landscapes come from the heart and that connection she feels from visiting these places.

Finally, reflecting on the Committees desire to engage the museum more with our community, this whakataukī often rings true; *He manu aute, e taea te whakakhoro* "A kite that is slackened off flies away".

Ngā mihi  
Murray

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## TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Researched by Jennifer Topless*

### SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGE CAUSED IN OKAU AREA

**Taranaki Daily News 17 October 1949**

Causing damage estimated at hundreds of pounds, the most severe flood experienced in the Okau district since 1940 completely submerged many acres of low lying land when the Tongaporutu River broke its banks and rose about 18 feet above its normal level on Saturday.

The flood reached its peak at 10 a.m. when floating drums, debris and personal property littered the district. Flood water covered the main road at the foot of Mt Messenger but did not seriously handicap motorists.

Although marooned cattle had to be removed, no serious stock losses were reported by residents last night.

The most serious loss was that of Mr Fryday who owns a logging camp situated near the river about 400 yards on the Taumaranui side of the Okau Post Office. In the camp huts, clothing, bedding, food and kitchen property suffered severe damage, a considerable amount of which is irreparable. Four mattresses were completely covered with silt and water and are a total loss. In one of the huts a kettle standing on a stove was filled with silty water and the water reached the roof in another small building. A large log hauler was completely submerged and damage estimated at about £60 or £70 was done to the engine. Two motor driven power saws were badly damaged, and other losses included four drums of petrol, several tins of oil and several hundred totara posts and strainers which were washed away by the swirling waters.

The severity of the flood was also felt at Kotare, a small settlement inland from Okau, where bridges were covered with water.



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## From Your Councillor

Further to last month's commentary on the Governments Three Waters Reforms, I have to say that little additional information has come out of the Government/Department of Internal Affairs (DIA, as the 'driver' of the reform process).

Councillors attended a workshop on Tuesday 21 September to discuss with our staff, their assessment of where WDC sits in the scheme of things, but it was very general as the actual drinking water standards (and their enforcement), and environmental standards (for waterways, etc) have not been finalised yet.

The third water, stormwater, is still a bit of a blank space as it is considered more complex than drinking water and wastewater. It appears stormwater will have to be treated to new specific standards before release to waterways.

Mayor Robertson and our CE are attending a hui in Taupo on Wednesday 22 September, so hopefully more details may emerge from that. These reforms are proving a huge distraction to our staff as they continue our 'business as usual' operations.

Phil Brodie

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## TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Ahh daylight savings, grass is growing and white-bait flowing. The longer days means summer is not far away and its great to see the campers return to the domain. Keeping an eagle eye on all activities down there is Jenny as she engages with the campers and makes sure all things are ok. Thanks, Jenny, for this, it really helps a lot

Spring also means equinox, which often results in high winds. Recently this took the main door off the clubrooms. Thanks Murray and Barry Arbuckle for getting this sorted quickly

Matt Faul

Committee Chair

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## HANDY TIPS FOR AROUND HOME



Daylight savings means summer is close and we all put off that first cut of the lawn as long as possible knowing it now becomes a regular task. Also, it's time those pesky starlings and sparrows come into nest. Any crevis is fair game as they look for shelter and safety and I find they often get in you gutters and under roof flashings. A bit of folded chick netting will sort them out, also pays to put a bit over the gutter downpipe as the last thing you want is a rotting bird in your tank water. Time to spray outside the house for insects as well to keep the little beggars at bay

I have been doing the Handyman thing for a year now and would like to thank all those who have supported me. If you have something you don't have time for or lack the confidence to do give me a call. See you out and about

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### MOKAU FISHING CLUB HYNDS ICE BREAKER COMPETITION

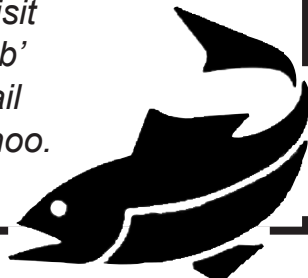
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## CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

### BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Last month I gave you heads up of some proposed changes to the Council representation. Your Community Board is concerned that reducing the North Ward council representation from 2 to 1 will reduce the local rural voice around the table and we will be entering a submission opposing this on behalf of our community. If you would like to know more about the proposed changes visit <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/Have-Your-Say/Consultations-and-Surveys/Representation-Review> . Submission close 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct so be in quick if you have something to say

You have all seen the telly ads about the government's desire to reform community water services, and all Councils are currently grappling with this. This is an interesting proposal that has a significant impact on rural communities and has the potential to significantly increase compliance cost to anyone who is providing drinking water to another. For example, a farm bore providing water to a worker's house, or a club that provides water to a community event, you are all caught up in this where you will be required to meet the established drinking water standards and monitor these. Oh, by the way these are the same standards that many Councils currently don't meet, so the bar is set quite high. If you want to know more visit <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/About-the-Council/Three-Waters-Reforms> . I encourage you to be informed

Lastly with the changes in the long-term budgets each Community Board has been given a discretionary fund for small community projects. This can include things like picnic tables, play spaces, walking tracks. Etc. If any has any great ideas, we would like to hear from you. Your representative contact details can be found on <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/Council/About-the-Council/Council-People/Community-Board-Members>

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#### Chartered Accountants

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#### Earthmoving / Cartage

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#### Electrician

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#### Engineering

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#### General Store - Mokau

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#### Gift Shop - KawaKawa Kottage Krafts

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#### Hairdressing / Le Reve

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#### Tainui Playgroup

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#### Tainui St John

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#### Mokau Museum

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