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# TAINUI TRADING POST

## JULY 2015



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*"The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end" Isaiah 60:20*

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All copy for the Tainui Trading Post due by 20th of the month.  
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### From your Councillor

In the last Tainui Trading Post I detailed Councils concern at the recent beach erosion effecting Mokau. Since then, the extent of the erosion appears to have increased dramatically, and on June 15<sup>th</sup> our staff inspected the rock wall that had been built to protect the end of Point Road. They were shocked at the level of damage to the wall, with a number of large rocks lost from the face and the backing membrane exposed, and in some cases damaged.

We are not going to do anymore work to maintain the wall, so the anticipated period of protection we had hoped for has been dramatically reduced. Consequently, as I mentioned last time, those people with effected, or potentially effected properties, are recommended to draw up urgent plans for their 'managed retreat', as it could come sooner rather than later. Please contact me if you are uncertain as to what that may involve.

Council has just released it's two-monthly newsletter, 'Waitomo Way', that goes to all post boxes in the district, however it is unlikely to reach those of you who are non-resident, so an option for you is to access it through the Council website [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz), go to 'Publications and Forms, and click on 'Waitomo Way'. There is an option to subscribe to email copies, or you can download a PDF copy.

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Rural Ward Councillor  
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### ANDREW'S PATCH

Some incidents that may be of interest for you in the last month:

On the 24th of May, a driver lost control of their vehicle on SH 3 in the Awakino Gorge, narrowly missing several other vehicles before crashing down a bank. There were reports of bad driving, dangerous overtaking and driving too fast for the conditions prior to the crash. The driver suffered minor facial injuries and is soon due to appear in court. It does pay and help to report bad driving to Police, even if it is after the event. It helps build a picture on driver's behaviour and action can be taken before something worse happens.

On the 23rd of May, a milk tanker and a campervan crashed head-on in the Awakino Tunnel. Moderate injuries were sustained by occupants of the campervan, and the investigation is still on-going, although it is apparent that both parties contributed to the crash.

On the 26th of May, a driver lost control of their vehicle on SH 3 just north of the Awakino Tunnel after accelerating into the corner travelling north.

Between the 6th and 15th of June firewood was stolen in large quantities several times from an address on Fraser Smith Road, Awakino.

Just a reminder to check your firearms licence expiry date, it is that time again when a large proportion of licences will expire. If your licence is due to expire and you have not received a reminder by post, it is possible that you have not updated police with your new address. It is an offence and can result in a prosecution and loss of licence. If your address has changed, contact me as soon as possible.

Cheers  
Andrew

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### SEARCH FOR REMAINS OF TAINUI CANOE PROPOSED

#### Old Argument may be Settled

A proposal by Maori at Kawhia to remove the remains of the sacred relic from the supposed resting place at Maketu pa to Ngaruawahia may settle the old argument whether the Tainui canoe which brought the ancestors of the Waikato tribe to New Zealand lies petrified in a piece of ground near Kawhia.

While most Europeans regard the claim as a myth, Maori firmly believe the tradition that the canoe was buried there and has since turned to stone.

#### Search Suggested

The elders at Kawhia have suggested to Princess Te Puea, who is a descendant of Hotorua, the commander of Tainui, that she should uncover the hull of the canoe. They have agreed to instal the relic at King Koroki's house at Ngaruawahia for the celebrations which will be held in December to commemorate the coming of Maori to New Zealand in 1350.

Princess Te Puea has refused the invitation to disturb the remains. She says the place where the Tainui lies is sacred and that it would be an infringement of ancient Maori law to desecrate the grave where the Tainui has been lying for 600 years. Apparently there are no Maori in the Waikato possessing the necessary prestige who are willing personally to uncover the remains of the canoe. In any case, it is suggested that a suitable ceremony would be needed before this highly tapu relic could be touched.

Whether the canoe actually lies at Kawhia is the subject of much argument. Although Maori have never attempted to uncover the remains, which they believe to be there, there are some that claim that the hull was revealed many years ago by a landslide. A party of Europeans armed with spades once attempted to dig up the Tainui, but were prevented by Maketu Maori, who are the traditional guardians of the canoe.

#### Closely guarded Spot.

The spot where the Tainui is said to have been buried is in a grove of manuka trees near the sea. The stones which the occupants are supposed to have erected at the bow and stern still stand there. They are enclosed with a barbed wire fence to ensure nobody walks on the sacred ground.

This concession by Kawhia Maori to allow a search to be made for the remains of the canoe follows a request to Maori at Mokau to permit the Tainui anchor stone to be taken to Ngaruawahia. An appeal by Princess Te Puea to have the stone transferred has not been replied to, but the proposal is supported by the rest of the Waikato tribe. Mokau Maori jealously guard the relic, which they set in concrete several years ago. Princess Te Puea has offered a finely carved monument to replace the anchor stone if it is brought to Ngaruawahia.

#### Tainui Relics

Meanwhile Princess Te Puea is assembling as many Tainui relics as she can gather in the meeting house, Mahinarangi, for the celebrations. She has obtained the top of the rock to which the Tainui was moored when it made its first landfall at Whangaparaoa on the east coast. It is a piece of sandstone weighing several pounds. The rock to which it was attached has always been known to East Coast Maori as the Tainui Rock. Another relic which Princess Te Puea has acquired is a rectangle piece of granite which was part of the ballast of the Tainui left at Matakana Island near Tauranga. It was sent to Ngaruawahia by the elders of Ngaeterangi at Tauranga. Both relics rest in the meeting house beside a piece of stone from the historic temple of Taputapuata in the Society Islands from where the canoes left on the voyage to New Zealand. *(Researched by Alf Lovell)*

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## MOKAU WATER SUPPLY

To Whom It May Concern,

As many of you will know, I looked after the Mokau water supply system for several years up until 2 1/2 years ago. Post my employment I have refrained from talking publicly about the water quality, the filter operation and the work associated with the new dam to avoid being seen as critical or negative because I was no longer employed to do the job.

In early June 2015 I gave a council employee a sample of the town's water and photos of freshly poured water in our bath. The water converts from cloudy when run to bright blue after normal soap is used. This is as a result of adding the chemical alum to lift the PH level in the water so I am told

The water looked disgusting when compared with a sample of water taken fresh from the Awakino spring which is untreated. Since supplying the sample an employee of Veolia Water ask me to help him find a major water leak on the Awakino line.

I took the opportunity to have a look at the new dam and associated work and what I found shocked me. The water quality in the old dam at this time of year has always been at its best due to the spring and rainfall 400 meters away in the newly built dam. After going through a 75mm pipe, the same water is disgustingly cloudy and so stagnant that you are unable to see more than 1 meter down into it. This is the result of the water not being circulated and renewed satisfactory. The draw off from this dam is relative to what is used in Mokau/Awakino. So I was able to see why our town water is such a disgrace. And I'm left to wonder what our water quality in the new dam will be like at the end of next summer.

I hear about local residents and bach owners buying bottled drinking water which should not be necessary, especially in a community that already carries a significant rate burden.

Some of the quality issues may be the result of the filter operators, however it is impossible to make good drinking water out of poor quality water, it can only be improved upon. And why should you have to when there is very good quality water available?

The nature of the work to connect the old and new water to the filtering system has to be seen to be believed and it certainly does not comply with the K.I.S.S. [keep it simple stupid] system.

With the natural water supply at the top of the hill it should be one of the most economical systems to operate in the country. To think that the old original filter system operated with 1 solenoid valve and 4 electronic probes compared with the complex system that is now in place and expensive to keep operating.

I have heard that the council is going to take over the operation of the water filters systems at the end of June. I just hope that they get it right. I have major concerns for the Mokau/ Awakino areas water quality. The expense of curing a water shortage may be less than the cost of producing good quality drinking water.

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