

Happy Easter!

# TAINUI TRADING POST

## MARCH 2016



### ST PETER'S BY THE SEA

*"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust."  
Psalm 18:20*

March 6th Communion Service, visiting Minister 2 p.m.  
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Christy Lowry

Secretary

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### Excerpt from "The History of the Te Horo Tunnel"

It seems barely credible today, but the Te Horo cliff, in the early 1880's zig-zagged with a precarious horse track, was part of the main overland bush and beach route to Auckland, via Kawhia and Raglan.

The tunnel project was abandoned when war broke out in 1860 – and when an engineering re-assessment discovered that the two tunnels were off track and would never have met in the middle. It was realigned and completed in the 1880's after a Mr Rigby drowned trying to ride his horse around what is now known as Rigby's Point, just north of the tunnel.

Closed in 1995 by the Department of Conservation because its damp, arched walls had become dangerously unstable, the tunnel was once a lifeline between the end of the road at Uruti and last century's pioneer 100-acre farms around the Tongaporutu, Mokau, Mohakatino and Awakino rivers. It is estimated that 150,000 sheep and 80,000 cattle passed through the tunnel on their cost-saving way to the Waitara freezing works. The last mob was in 1960.

In the turn-of-the-century years before a clay road climbed to Mt Messenger and twisted down the valleys to Awakino and its gorge link to Te Kuiti, cherished mail and life-sustaining supplies were pack-horsed by men like Tommy Thompson along the Whitecliffs beach and up the steep tunnel.

Honora Walsh had reason to both bless and curse the tunnel. Sixteen years out from Ireland farming at Papatawa, she and her husband Edward paid £1 an acre for 400 acres at Hutuwai, 10km inland from Tongaporutu in 1898.

With her father-in-law and her seven children, Honora followed her husband after several weeks, after giving him time to prepare a family home. They caught the train from Woodville to Waitara, stayed a night in an hotel before taking a Cobb & Co coach over six muddy miles (10km) to Pukearuhe, wrote son Thomas many years later.

"We left the coach there – there was no road from here to our journey's end. It is just too terrible to imagine what my mother went through and must have suffered..."

"We had a riding horse with us. John and Gerald (a baby then) rode the horse and carried our few belongings. The rest of us had to walk about 15 miles..."

After racing against the encroaching tide, Honora shepherded her family into the tunnel – "dark and wet with mud 18 inches deep," wrote Thomas in diaries stored among the memorabilia at Mokau's Tainui Museum which honours the district's Maori and settler ancestry.

After struggling through bush for another five miles the Walsh family came into open space.

"Then we saw a house. Poor Mother sobbed. This was a bush farm in the wilds. We saw a family waiting to welcome us with afternoon tea on the grass. God bless those people. This gave us heart to carry on, another four miles on a track to the Tongaporutu River."

There a canoe took them, three at a time, across the river and a mile up a subsidiary river, the Mangahutiwai. The passengers had to climb, very carefully, from the precariously balanced canoe on to a steep muddy bank and trudge another mile through the bush to their new home – a ponga hut with a nikau-frond roof and split-timber chimney hung with wires for kettles and cooking pots.

Historical revisionists to-day try to paint colonial settlers as being cruel and uncaring about the waning Maori culture: But they were cruel on themselves and their children. There was no room for such luxury.

It was a year before Honora Walsh had her first visitor, a neighbouring farmer's wife; two years before the family moved to a pit-sawn timber home of five rooms and a kitchen; five years before the farm was producing enough home-made butter to sell to Newton King in New Plymouth for seven pence a pound; and 10 years before 200 acres of bush was cleared and grassed for Thomas and brother John to take over, and their parents, Edward and Honora, bought the Awakino private hotel.

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March 2016

From your Councillor



At the meeting on 9 February, a suggestion was again made, that a large water tank should be installed to collect rain water off the Hall roof, to supply the public toilets. I've discussed this with our Water supply staff, and the first point raised was that members of the public fill drink bottles from the taps in the toilets, so the water has to be of a potable standard. The tap lines and the toilet lines are all plumbed into the same supply line, and they can't be cheaply separated, therefore the rainwater supply would have to be treated to potable standard.

All the fittings in the toilets are designed to function at 'mains pressure', so a rainwater tank would require a pumping system, with attendant operating costs, to function as required.

The intermittent, and unpredictable rainfall in Mokau, would mean that augmentation from the mains supply would be required anyway at some times of the year.

The summation of the analysis is that for a public service provider, rain water collection, in this instance, is not a feasible option.

While on water, I have to advise that the Mokau Water Supply has been suffering from low levels in the upper dams, causing water quality issues. Samples have been taken daily to ensure a safe water supply is maintained, though unfortunately the aesthetic quality has been affected. Good rain should help alleviate the situation.

Also from my January meeting, I had some discussions with a couple from the Thames area that have recently purchased in Mokau, but I failed to get their names or contact details. Could they please get in touch with me when they're able to.

Phil Brodie  
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Mokau Museum welcomes new part-time staff member Amanda Griffin (post-grad Diploma in Museum Studies). Amanda has been employed to begin the process of digitally cataloguing our entire collection. We are lucky to have you on our team Amanda. Welcome to weekends in Mokau.

ART EXHIBITION: Logan Hermanns Photography.  
Logan is exhibiting at Mokau Museum during Feb/March.  
Go to <https://logan-hermanns.squarespace.com/> to view Logan's exciting pieces. Be quick – they are selling fast.

"Heritage Rescue" the TV series featuring Mokau Museum will be screening on Choice TV late July. Pop in to the museum to see the stunning result of one week's makeover. Better still, consider volunteering for a 3-hour slot once a week. Join the team – the museum is an exciting, vibrant place in which to work. Phone the secretary, Jan Brown on 7525995 or 027 476 9697.

### MOKAU RIVER TOURS SAILING MARCH 2016 PHONE 067529036

Date	Day	Sailing	High	Size	Low	size
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2	We	1pm	5.30pm	2.7	11.20am	1.2
3	Th	10am	6.05am	2.7	12.30pm	1.3
4	Fr	10am	7.20am	2.7	1.40pm	1.2
5	Sa		8.30am	2.9	2.50pm	1.1
6	Su		9.30am	3.1	3.45pm	0.8
7	Mo	1pm	10.20am	3.3	4.35pm	0.6
8	Tu	1pm	11.05am	3.6	5.20pm	0.3
9	We	1pm	11.50am	3.8	6.05pm	0.1
10	Th	1pm	12.30pm	3.9	6.50pm	0.0
11	Fr	11am	1.20pm	3.8	6.40pm	0.0
12	Sa	1pm	2.05pm	3.7	8.am	0.1
13	Su	1pm	2.55pm	3.6	8.45am	0.3
14	Mo		3.50pm	3.3	9.35am	0.5
15	Tu	1pm	4.45pm	3.1	10.35am	0.8
16	We	1pm	5.50pm	2.9	11.40am	1.0
17	Th		7.35am	2.9	12.55pm	1.1
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20	Su	10am	9.55am	3.1	4.05pm	0.8
21	Mo	11am	10.40am	3.2	4.50pm	0.7
22	Tu		11.15am	3.3	5.30pm	0.6
23	We	11am	11.50am	3.4	6.pm	0.5
24	Th	11am	12.20pm	3.4	6.35pm	0.5
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## OPENING OF ST JOHN TAINUI STATION IN MOKAU

Saturday 13th February saw the opening and dedication service take place for the new St John Tainui (Mokau) station. The service was facilitated by Rex Wheeler who is both a Knight of the Order and member of the Regional Trust Board.

Located on North Street in Mokau, the new centre was looking worth every bit of it's \$500,000 price tag. Close to 100 people attended the ceremony. The weather played it's part with a beautiful clear day, meaning outdoor seating for the guests, who heard from a range of speakers including Taranaki MP Barbara Kuriger, Territorial Manager Mark Frederick and Team Leader Lynette Adams.

Fundraising and building of the new facility has been underway for over three years and represents a vast improvement for the team from the previous station which lacked not only proper parking, but also running water and access to toilets. The centre incorporates an ambulance station, sleeping rooms, kitchen area and Doctors/Nurses offices giving the community access to a visiting doctor every two weeks as well as strengthening our valued ambulance service.



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It was a glorious day and Bishop Charles joked: “if Moses had come to Mokau he would have described it as the land of flowing milk, honey and whitebait”.

Commenting on his visit Bishop Charles said he was delighted to see so many children and teenagers at Church. He also noted: “everybody knows each other by name which is a great strength of small communities”.

Bishop Charles said “Our Lady of the Wayside Church sits in the heart of the town and so I hope people feel our doors are open for everyone”. Soon, first communion for children will take place in the community with a few preparation sessions. Families interested in this (or baptism) are welcome to phone Mary Elizabeth Hagenson on 022 1099660.

