

MAY 2022

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

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Awakino Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thursday, May 19 at 7pm ALL WELCOME



No words can truly express the gratitude and *appreciation* we feel towards each and every one of you who took part in finding Eric for us.

We wish to thank NZ Police, LandSAR, Tainui SAR and St Johns.

ALSO a *huge shout-out* to those who donated food, drinks and time to the search effort. To receive such community support was so overwhelming.

Thanks to your efforts, Eric has recovered well and is now settling in at Sunhaven Rest Home.

Gail, Shelley, Kerry and Chrissy



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CHURCH NOTICES

St Peter's by the Sea

Welcome to our fortnightly Services

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, on that while we wee still sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5 : 18

Welcome to our fortnightly services

May 1: Family Service 2pmM SeamarkMay 15: Family Service 2pmPastor C Hamilton

Children's are welcome at all services and there are activities especially for them, and toys for babies. If you are a visitor to the area, you will find the church on the corner of Rangi St and Aria Terrace. Enquiries to Dorothy Lowry 06 752-9123.

BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE

These are held on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4.30pm. Please contact Shane Lowry (boys) 06 752-9124 or Dorothy Lowry (girls) 06 752-9123.

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Community Notices

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

Tēnā tatou katoa

What a wonderful tribute the ANZAC display was to the many local people who served in both World Wars, with some paying the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you Jennifer, Kerry, Sheryl, Trina, Anita, and all those who helped pull this together. This will be revisited every year with the focus changing a little at the time.

There is a new display on the Rotunda covering 6 panels also worthy of visiting. A photography archive was discovered in Geneva, of all places, of early Mōkau photos of Māori, each with a handwritten account on the reverse side. These images have been blown up and presented behind glass and is an interesting read of local accounts of the time. Its well worth spending half hour reading and reflecting on these. Thanks Rae-Hinerau for putting this together

The other day I spent time reflecting on the June Opie display. Although this has been up for a while, I have never really spent much time on it. Here was a woman born in the house just south of the bridge whose life was dramatically affected by a pandemic that ravaged its way across the globe in the 1940's. As I reflected on this in our current climate, it told me that pandemics have happened before and many of us older ones know someone that was affected by the polio outbreak. Something the world overcame it to a point where it is hardly heard of anymore, however we must remember that it is always in the background. It also told me a story of courage and determination where out of adversity one can rise to not let it define them. What a wonderful story of hope and that which is relevant today. This is another display well worth revisiting

With the Awakino tunnel bypass now finished the NZTA display is now focussing on the Mt Messenger project. We have been collecting the Waka Kotahi video footage on the different activities to date and includes a flyover animation to help visualise the project. With the project about to start with earnest our plan is to capture and display relevant information of the time. Lots of travellers are interested in what's going on here

This month we are honoured to have Chester Burrows, retired MP featuring in the gallery. After a life of public service, he has once again found his passion in painting. Preferring oils as a medium and in a contemporary impressionist style, Chester draws inspiration from the Taranaki coastline and rural land-scapes. *"I find painting is a wonderful way of escaping other things that can clutter my mind"* Chester says.

So, while you may think that little changes at the museum, the truth is that it is always evolving and if you haven't been in for a while its well worth a visit.

Finally, every second Sunday in May is Mother's Day and let us all take the time to appreciate all the mums out there, they are the glue of the family unit. And so, the whakataukī this month is for all our Mum's, "Aroha mai, aroha atu" *Love towards us, love going out from us.* TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY Researched by Jennifer Topless

Girl's Gallant Fight Against Poliomyelitis

Taranaki Daily News 4 August 1950

Miss June Opie, Mokau able to walk again.

She may remain seated and there is a pair of crutches handy, but such is the courage of attractive, 26 year old Miss June Opie, formerly of Mokau, that on casual conversation with her one finds it difficult to realise that three years ago she was desperately ill with poliomyelitis.

The daughter of Mrs and the late Mr H P Opie, Mokau, and an old girl of the New Plymouth Girls' High School, Miss Opie is beginning to walk again and is cheerfully confident that she can become still better. She has recovered from the poliomyelitis but is still receiving physiotherapy treatment.

In 1945 Miss Opie left her Mokau home to become a speech therapist at a Whangarei school. In 1947 she sailed for England to learn more about speech therapy and contracted poliomyelitis on the journey.

For two years she was a patient at St Mary's hospital, London. She was in an iron lung for 10 weeks and then for 11 months was partially enclosed in a plaster mould to prevent her spine from curving - a possible sequel to poliomyelitis.

Miss Opie recovered slowly and it was 18 months before she could sit up. She returned to New Zealand in a wheelchair, and has made good progress since.

While in London she was presented to the Queen at a reception for Dominion students. She was the mascot of the hospital's rugby team in the year it defeated Guy's hospital in the final of the Hospitals Cup.

She met several famous people, including a former New Zealand Rhodes Scholar, Mr Arthur Porritt, surgeon of King's House, Mr Adrian Boult and Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin.

Miss Opie is picking up the threads of speech therapy and hopes to teach it to crippled children. She has passed most of her bachelor of arts course and intends to follow it up with a diploma of education.

GARDENER NEEDED

Looking for an experienced gardener to tend gardens at both the Lodge and Old Post Office. Flexible hours. Contact Garry 021 775-397

Ngā mihi Murray

TAINUI WETERE DOMAIN

Hope you all have noticed, that the colour of the Domain building has been slowly changing over the past couple of months. Thanks to all those who have come down to splash a bit of paint around, it has made a huge difference.

Campers continue to fill the campgrounds as Kiwis continue to explore their own backyard. Next year with the opening of the borders we hope to start seeing more international visitors again and we are planning work on the grounds to improve the facility, with more powered sites and more organised access to the nonpowered area. Our moto is "More people, less sheep" and the Committee is committed to do what we can to make the Domain a place of recreation and sport.

The river restoration project continues to tick along with pest traps laid out and our appreciation goes out to those who are helping with this programme. We were a bit late ordering trees for planting this year, but we got some. Keep an eye on the community Facebook page for people to help closer to the time.

Max is organising workshops at the Domain for all those interested in painting, crochet, knitting, art, candle making, and gardening. It's a 6-week block course over June/July on Mondays 11-2 pm with lunch provided. Big thank you to the Tainui rugby club for the use of the clubrooms.

Registrations of interest are essential as there are limited spaces. Contact Max on 027 8964252 for details

Murray Seamark Committee Chair





Not that you will believe it yet, but the rainy season will come. Autumn has a tendency to fill your gutters with all sorts of vegetation attracting unwanted pests and tainting your tank water. It also blocks your gutters and affects the drainage on any soak holes

So, before winter sets in for good disconnect the feed to your tank and give them a good clean.

Its not hard but if you need some help, gives me a call

Murray Seamark Tainui Handyman <u>seamarkmw@gmail.com</u> 021 431432

CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

BEYOND THE AWA IN CLIFTON

Well that shook the tree! A van load of council Officers and Councillor's turned up with a Downers contract lead for a meeting on the Okau Rd. They must have been itching to get out of the house or something, but hey we will take it. Didn't know it but if a natural event encroaches onto the road, NZTA will fund 75% of the repair cost as opposed to the standard 51% modelled rate. So, if this happens on a road near you get onto Council and do not accept lack of funds as an excuse.

The good news is that the 3 Okau Rd repairs have been costed and NZTA funds approved. Work will begin at the subsidence by Kiwi Road at the start of the next construction period, (Sept) and finish with the slip just past the bridge by this time next year. Fingers crossed as we have one more winter to get through now.

Apart from getting a commitment on the repair timetable the other takeaway from the meeting was that Officers are not talking with adjacent landowners early enough. Many of the perceived issues can be overcome over a cuppa with the cocky and they need to be more proactive in this.

Both the Waitara and Clifton Community Boards lodged an appeal with the Local Government Commission on the make up of the ward boundaries and the number of representatives held in each. Despite our best efforts to keep two local Ward Councillor's, in April the LGC ruled against the appeal. Therefore, at the next election North Ward constituents will get to vote on

- One North Ward representative, or one from the Māori Ward for those on the Māori role,
- Five representatives elected "at large" or from the entire NP district, and
- Four Community Board representatives

Remember also that if you see anything that needs attention, send a Service Request to <u>enquiries@npdc.govt.</u> <u>nz</u> and this will get to the appropriate people. This works a lot faster than telepathy

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua Care for the land, care for the people, go forward

Ngā mihi

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Barbara Kuriger

National Party Spokesperson for Energy & Resources

Numb to the Numbers

Every day, for the past two years, our daily lives have been driven by numbers. We're at the point where we are numb to them. And that's an extremely dangerous place to be. Because we're missing the important ones.

We are governed by a party with complete rule and its members not answerable to anyone but their leaders.

That indifference to the people they represent is showing in the numbers.

So it's vital to be taking note.

The OCR (Official Cash Rate) moved from 1% to 1.5% — up 50 basis points (bps) — on April 13. It was the first double bps in almost 22 years!

Major banks lifted their mortgage rates the following day.

For more important numbers, you only have to look at our party's press release webpage. It shows what we send to out media before they are edited — www.national.org.nz/ media

Using figures we obtain from various ministries, departments and sources, depending on our portfolios, here is a random sample of what we know:

- Gang membership has doubled since 2017 while police response times have doubled, up to two hours in some regions.
- We have a \$350 million hole in the national transport;
 \$21 million worth of vaccines for measles, shingles and meningitis have been allowed to expire; retailers are expecting prices to rise 7.5% in the next three months and, as taxpayers, we are now spending \$151,000 per prisoner, per year – up more than \$30,000 per prisoner since 2018/19. There are many, many more.

Meanwhile, inflation now sits as 5.9% but is expected rise to more than 7%, sometime soon.

But the most eye-watering numbers for Kiwis apart from mortgage, rent and fuel increases, have to be the cost of food.

- Food prices were 7.6% higher in March 2022 than in 2021.
- Fruit and vegetables rose 18%, meat, poultry and fish 8.7%, grocery food prices 6.7%, while milk went up 8.2% (as of February 28).

When the average price of a cabbage goes up by 28% from \$3.92 to \$5.03, you know people have to be hurting.

The people I represent have wide ranging concerns and most involve numbers.

Recent examples include:

"I really need your help as an MP. A month ago I found out I have lung cancer and need a mass removed. My surgeon has advised they cannot provide a surgery date at the moment due to staff shortages. I don't have private insurance so don't have the option of going private. Please help me get this referred to a private facility so I can have it done immediately." This issue has since been resolved and this person will now have surgery through the public health system.

"I have been a permanent resident of NZ for 14 years and wish to travel in May for three months, to see family for the first time in three years. I am unvaccinated and am aware I will not be allowed back into NZ due my unvaccinated status. The thought that we aren't even allowed entry at all, not even MIQ is absolutely discriminatory and preposterous."

Others include people relying on caregivers are getting no care at all due to vaccine mandates resulting in staff shortages; and an elderly resident unable to move to another DHB region, near family, as there are no beds.

Helping ease these real issues for people is not easy under the current government.

The only bright light is the latest poll results showing Labour would lose sole control if an election was held tomorrow. Now that's a number which might offer people some hope.

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To all the many clients in the Mokau, Awakino, Mahoenui and Ahititi areas who I have done building work for over the last 30 years I thank you for your support. I have enjoyed every one of the jobs big or small.

Unfortunately with an ageing body, I find there are jobs I can no longer do, so I'm giving up on site jobs (windows, door locks, etc). However, anything that can be fixed in my workshop I will be more than happy to have a look at.

Many thanks, Trevor Walshaw



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