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JUNE 2014

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### AGM

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### AGM

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The Mokau region experienced very dry conditions in early 2014 and these weather conditions combined with the increase in water consumption over the holiday period resulted in a lack of adequate water supply from the end of January. This shortage was more severe than last year because the water level of the Mokau storage dam was not sufficiently replenished by the natural springs that feed into the dam.

Significant water was rapidly lost from the primary dam supply due to a leak along the Awakino supply pipe. The leak was difficult to locate, but was eventually identified as being under State Highway 3 and a new pipe was drilled to supply the Awakino Heads area.

The secondary dam was then put to use to increase the supply but the raw water quality was not up to the required standard. The water contained high levels of iron and algae which caused problems with the filtration equipment. This issue was resolved; however some discoloured water (as a result of dissolved iron) had entered the reticulation system. The levels of algae present in the supply also imparted a dissatisfactory taste and odour that could not easily be removed with the existing infrastructure and treatment equipment. Waitomo District Council was unable to flush the reticulation system (which would have resolved the poor taste and odour) however by this stage, water was at a shortage as dam levels were very low.

During the period of time that these issue took place, WDC frequently took samples from the water to test for bacteria and other organisms and other parameters normally tested for in treated water. The results of all of these samples indicated that whilst the water was unpleasant in taste and odour, the water supply was within the required health specifications.

The delay in the start of the new raw water supply storage dam has been resolved and construction is progressing well. This new supply reservoir will provide security of supply and mitigate issues associated with water quality during future dry periods.

Throughout the dry period when Mokau and Awakino communities were on Water Restrictions, residents kept within water consumption expectations.

Council wish to express its appreciation to these communities for their water conservation efforts and for their patience as WDC endeavoured to resolve the issues experienced.

## **TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Daily.News 17/10/1949

### **SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGE CAUSED IN OKAU AREA IN RIVERS SHARP RISE**

Causing damage estimated at hundreds of pounds, the most severe flooding 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 18ft above its normal level on Saturday.

The flood reached its peak at 10am when floating drums, debris and personal property littered the district. The most serious loss was suffered by Mr L. Fryday who estimated the damage to valuable logging equipment at between 300 and 500 pounds. Heavy and continuous rain all day Friday and during the early hours of Saturday was responsible for the rapid rise of the river level, and soon after daybreak the waters began to break their banks. At 10am long stretches of land were submerged in water that in places was four to six feet deep. The flood waters began to subside soon after 10 o'clock and debris, logs and personal property were the only evidence given to travellers yesterday of the discomfort caused residents of the district.

#### **Localised Torrential Rain**

Because the easily flooding rivers and streams in the Uruti didn't carry an alarming amount of excessive water, it is believed that the torrential rain was localised in the Okau district. Flood water covered the main road at the foot of Mount Messenger, but did not seriously handicap motorists. This water almost reached and entered the Ahititi store and post office.

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 Taumarunui side of the Okau Post Office. In the camp huts bits of clothing, bedding, food and kitchen property suffered severe damage, a considerable amount of which is irreplaceable. Four mattresses were completely covered with silt and water and are a total loss.

#### **Equipment Affected**

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 including four drums of petrol, several tins of oil and several hundred totara posts and strainers which were washed away by the swirling waters. A dinghy estimated to be worth about 30 was also washed away and has not been recovered.

Two employees of Mr Fryday, Messrs H Smith and J. Milne, lost many personal belongings, and another resident of the district, Mr I Johnson, lost a large number of fencing battens.

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

#### **Heavy Rain Again**

With the heavy rain experienced in North Taranaki last night it was feared that the level of the Tongaporutu River might again rise. Fortunately Okau Road is not used extensively, and little hardship was suffered by motorists who were obliged to wait.

No major slips occurred on the New Plymouth – Auckland highway, and no slips in North Taranaki had been reported to Automobile Association (Taranaki) patrol men last night. There were a few washouts on Mount Messenger and in some places the road was open to single traffic only.

Heavy rain fell at some time for New Plymouth last night, and the level of Lake Mangamahoe had risen noticeably at about 8pm.

*Researched by Alf Lovell*