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TAINUI TRADING POST

AUGUST 2017



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Gail Pratt has retired as treasurer.

St John Tainui thank her for her long service to St John.

We welcome Alex Andrews is our new treasurer.

Her contact details are:

20 Okau Road, RD 48, URENUI 4378,

Phone; 06 7525923.

Email: alexandrews33@gmail.com

TAINUI DISTRICT ST JOHN

The committee and ambulance staff wish to extend our thanks to Mrs Gail Pratt who has retired from the committee.

Gail has been Treasurer for the last 10 years and we appreciate the hours she has contributed, especially during the build of the new Ambulance Station and Community Health Centre.

Gail also gave service as a volunteer Ambulance Officer in earlier years. We wish Gail a happy future!

The committee wish to welcome Mrs Alex Andrews who has volunteered to take the Treasurer's position.

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Eric Cryer, Chairman, Tainui St John.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM?

The big moment in July was the community event held to celebrate the winning of the Museums Aotearoa Award for Excellence in Visitor Experience. This event attracted well over fifty visitors and everyone was positive and excited about what the future may hold for the museum and its place in the Tainui region. Multiple fresh ideas came from visitors, especially the three enthusiastic delegates from Waitomo District Council.

Our chairman Belinda Whittaker welcomed guests and gave an overview of museum progress. Secretary Jan Brown gave a mihi followed by a brief description of an initiative picked up at the Museums Aotearoa Conference, namely "Community Cabinets" which anyone can contribute items to. Secondly, a rundown of progress with "The Kingfisher" – the 24 foot double-ender craft coming soon to Nukuhakari and eventually Mokau Museum. Jan also mentioned recent liaison with local Maniaroa Marae and possibilities for future collaboration between the essential community trio of museum, hall and marae.

Collections Manager Amanda Griffin spoke about the acquisition of the brown kiwi in its display case and outlined the competition for naming the kiwi. The winning name will be announced in the next Tainui Trader.

Vice chairman and "father of the museum" Ian Whittaker gave a detailed history of the museum and gratefully acknowledged the work that has gone on over decades to make the museum what it is today – an award-winning destination.

Barbara Kuriger, Taranaki/King Country MP wound up the proceedings with a glowing appraisal of Mokau Museum and Gallery and its importance to the entire Taranaki/King Country region.

Belinda had arranged a delicious afternoon tea which everyone enjoyed. All in all, the event marked an extraordinary show of support by the community for their museum.

Speaking of community events, a second bone carving workshop will be hosted by the museum and held in Mokau Community Hall over Labour Weekend in conjunction with Heidi Preston's pop-up shop full of amazing local handicraft. For enquiries about the bone carving, phone Mike Brown 027 2236138 and for the craft collective, Heidi Preston on 7529780.

You may also have noticed a new cabinet which has popped up outside the museum's front door. This cabinet is full of second hand books and operates on a "Take one and leave one" basis. Feel free to help yourself and happy reading! Did I mention the museum's front door? Many thanks to Barry and Samuel Arbuckle from Aluminium Creations for installing a soft-close arm on the door which ensures a snug close every time.

And finally, our art gallery is continuing to attract many visitors, especially at each five-weekly changeover. Current works by Dennis Walton (Awakino) and Peter Holbrook (Pio Pio) are beginning to sell so be quick.

Jan Brown, secretary
Mokau Museum and Gallery, open seven days, 10am – 4pm

TAINUI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Local Shipwrecks – The Steamer Mohaka 1889

The s.s. Mohaka of 20 tons, cutter-rigged, appears to have spent most of her early years operating along the east coast of the North Island down to Cook Strait, only coming to the West Coast in her later years. She was one and a half years old, sailing under Capt. Henry Anderson, with 5 passengers and a general cargo on board she lost part of her false keel at the entrance to the Mohaka River, Hawkes Bay, and a light n.w. wind carried her on to the beach. No further damage was done.

While under Capt. John Symons on March 3rd 1881, with a cargo of iron, wire and sulphur aboard, she stranded, with some damage, south of the Wairau River mouth. The mate Thomas Eckford was found to be in breach of discipline by leaving the vessel in charge of a seaman instead of a proper officer and his certificate was suspended for 6 months. He later sat his master's certificate, and was the captain on 21 November 1884, while crossing Cloudy Bay when 15 miles offshore, the propeller shaft broke. The cause was given as "defective welding". In 1885 while sailing down the Opawa River she came into collision at Harding's Bend with the 63 ton steamer Waihi, which was sailing upriver with no lights showing. The Mohaka sank, and suffered partial loss but the Waihi was undamaged.

On 7 August 1889 Messrs Barry & Newman purchased the Mohaka for carrying flax from their mill at Awakino, trading to Waitara and New Plymouth. Under Captain Reardon she arrived in New Plymouth from Wellington on 9th September, leaving for Waitara the next day and took 15 tons of coal from there to Opunake, returning with 64 bales of fungus and 27 kegs of butter. She was then beached for an overhaul during which a new propeller was fitted with the expectation that she could achieve 9 knots. She left for Awakino on 20th December to bring the flax mill employees home for Christmas. On 31st December, while at Waitara with all the crew ashore for the night, some persons unknown painted out her name and replaced it with an obscene word along the side in very large letters almost from stem to stern. They were never caught.

In February 1890 the Mohaka arrived at the Breakwater with the news that a Maori had come down to the Awakino flax mill claiming that a prospecting party had discovered gold at the head of the Awakino River. This did not result in a gold rush to the district, fortunately.

On 7 October 1890 while entering the Waitara River she went aground laden with coal from Mokau but was warped off the beach after the cargo was taken off. The damage sustained was a twisted sternpost which prevented the screw from working.

The Mohaka became one of the 3 vessels which carried coal regularly from the Maryville Mine Mokau to Waitara, sometimes making the return trip in one day. She also sailed into the Awakino River, being stranded there twice within the space of 3 months in 1894.

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QUICK QUIZ!

- * How many moons does Mars have?
- * What does *adumbrate* mean?
- * Pōhutukawa and Mānuka are examples of what plant family?
- * Blue Nathan and Pele Kruise-Miller are characters on what television soap?
- * How tall is Mount Taranaki



Answers: Two, Foreshadow, Myrtle, Shortland St, 2,518m

TAINUI HISTORIC SOCIETY—CONTINUED

In June of that year she had a rough journey to New Plymouth, having left Mokau in calm conditions, encountered bad weather off Urenui and shipped a lot of water from Waitara onwards, making it difficult for the engineer to keep the fires going, and when darkness fell the heavy seas swamped them altogether. Despite this she reached the Breakwater safely but while berthing Capt. Holford missed his step on the wharf and fell into the sea. Fortunately the steamer's boat was nearby and he was rescued almost immediately.

In July 1897 she was up for sale and was temporarily grounded in the Waitara River. She was sold to Capt. E. Hayes who refloated her, intending to take out the boiler and machinery to convert her into a sailing vessel. Apparently after a change of mind he sold the Mohaka to Mr C.E. Halloran of Waitara "at a satisfactory price". Mr Halloran onsold the vessel in 1898 to a Mr Theophilus White of New Plymouth. Not much is known about the vessel until late in 1911 she was converted into a punt and during the following year she left Waitara for the last time, sailed, or was towed up to Mokau, crossed the bar and kept on up and up that River for 17 miles, back into once familiar territory. There at the confluence of the Mokau River and the creek which ran through Christoffel's Mill (Dive's) she was quietly scuttled and sank into the mud and silt close to the bank and the unknown persons on board returned the way they had come.

With the passing of time she became covered with soil from the bank and silt brought down by numerous flood waters until today only a vague outline of her shape can be discerned by the knowledgeable who will point out to an interested visitor "that's all that remains of the old Mohaka..."

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Ngā Hapū o Poutama – Pānui (newsletter)

Tēnā ra koutou katoa

We have the results from Comvita; a large amount of the honey actually fermented with the wet season this year. Unsurprisingly, some beekeepers are selling their businesses due to poor returns 2 years in a row and the global price drop. This year we will put \$36,000.00 back into the community. We'll be visiting landowners with honey and honey money over the next few weeks. We've wintered down our hives and started feeding, and we look forward to a far better season next year.

The banks along Clifton Road have lost nearly all of the thriving population of glow-worms after New Plymouth District Council swapped from a blade cut method to a cheaper mulch cut method of mowing the bank. This is a real shame, as it's taken around 20 years to build up the numbers since the last time this method was used. Last time this happened, a group of very unhappy local kids wrote a letter to the Editor to encourage NPDC to change their method. It's a shame to see they have been destroyed again in one cut, and it might be time for the next generation of local kids to write a letter.

We recently had a meeting with DOC regarding the upcoming 1080 drops in the community. They are now insisting that birds do not eat or die from 1080, but this seems to be a politically driven message rather than factual. One DOC staff said he would happily and confidently allow his young children to drink from a water way a day after 1080 contamination. We thanked him for his candid remark and told him we most certainly would not be that heroic. We also reminded him that there is no science to define acceptable exposure to young children from 1080.

The issue at Parininihi, is actually about the effects of aerial application vs application using the existing bait stations. Everyone accepts that that application using bait stations significantly reduces adverse effects, as well as complying with international practice. Our understanding is that the baits are regarded as unsafe to handle by employees.

We were informed that "little is known regarding risks of chronic toxicity in humans", and "experimental studies in several species do suggest the potential for chronic effects if there are frequent repetitive low doses over a long period of time." It was also noted that studies in a range of animal species have demonstrated adverse effects on the unborn foetus at relatively low doses.

The bar is set way too low as to acceptable effects. The issue of effects on the local community is that the checks and balances are set having regard to "acute poisoning", "chronic effects" and "lethal dose". We're told that the reason there is no science as to "safe" levels of exposure to 1080 is because it is far too dangerous to test on humans. With this in mind we have requested a far more conservative approach is warranted, and 1080 is not aerially applied where local people source food and water.

Finally, the Okau Road Hunt boys have done it again! Eight boys from their club including Wyatt 8, Vincent 10, and Jackie 16, recently won 3 Gold and 5 Bronze medals at the Wellington Regional Ju Jitsu Competitions. Since 2013, these boys have travelled around the world competing and training (United States, Mexico, Australia) and have won more than 30 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals between them. We are very proud of their achievements and dedication.

Their hard work, training and achievements do go largely unnoticed, and we'd like to acknowledge and support them as they continue with their sport. They do a huge amount of fundraising each year, and would be very happy and grateful to receive any donations and koha. If you would like to donate to the boys or the Club, feel free to contact their grandmother Jackie Papuni, (Secretary/Treasurer) on 0274617207. Any support would be greatly appreciated!

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