

Mai Maketu

Poutu te Rangi / March 2016

Maketu, Aotearoa/ New Zealand



WHAT A DAY!!!!

If there was ever a doubt that the Maketu Kaimoana Festival creates its own sunshine... this year's festival proved it beyond a doubt.

Waitangi Day dawned to dark skies, a steady rain, and a weather forecast that suggested it was going to be a long, wet, afternoon. And then.... at the stroke of noon when the Kaimoana Festival gates opened the rain stopped, and as the music started the sun came out to celebrate another fantastic festival under blue skies.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Kaimoana Festival a success. To our sponsors, vendors, community organisations, entertainers, and others whose efforts delivered a full day of fun and food. A very special thanks to all the volunteers who are the heart and soul of the Kaimoana festival, especially the Maketu Rotarians and friends of Maketu Rotary.

And finally, big thanks to everyone who came along just to enjoy the festival. In the end, your presence makes it possible of Maketu Rotary to support a wide range of community groups and projects. So a big THANKS for having a great day and showing your appreciation for the Kaimoana Festival by emptying your wallet!



Tykes On Trikes

February was bike month and what a busy month in Maketu.

The ladies bike group continued on their awesome rides through the village and the Hauora had their corporate rides, as well as many locals started riding. Some sporting their brand new wheels. Keep it up.

Added to the month our little tykes from the Maketu Kokiri Kohanga and the Maketu Educare joined forces and had the tykes on trikes morning.

The theme was an obstacle course, where everyone (parents included) learnt about safety, pedestrian crossings, stop signs, give way signs and sharing the road.



Ruben Bear made an appearance and helped with instructions and added more of the fun flavour to the morning. Thanks goes to BOP Sports and Travel Safe for the equipment.



Maketu Educare

Excursion to Hamilton

Maketu EduCare kaiako have planned in consultation with whanau to go to Disney on Ice in Hamilton on Friday 12th August. All of our tamariki really enjoy the characters from frozen so we thought wow what a great idea to follow our tamariki interests by allowing them to visually see an awesome show. We have planned so early because we want to book our seats as soon as possible which will allow group seating and tickets selling out.



Tumeke Tiki Kidz

Our Tumeke Tiki Kid system is working really well. The scheme is to promote well behaved tamariki with awesome house manners during all situations that may arise during their play and learning. The tamariki seem to be magnetised to this reward system. They love being able to show their mums, dads, nannys, koros,

aunties and uncles that they were chosen to be the Tumeke Tiki Kid for the day, because they are still wearing it when they get picked up

New Learning Spaces

Our new deck, sandpit, playground and sliding door are all complete. Awesome!! Thank you to 'Bosson Developments' for your amazing mahi. Our tamariki are all loving our new learning spaces. We have already started building lakes and pools in our sandpit, pretending to be super heros on our play ground. The sliding door allows easy access with an indoor outdoor flow. Our deck is huge allowing our tamariki, kaiako and whanau to play freely with an abundance of space.



Ruben the Road Safety Bear



Kia ora to Clester Eru (Maketu Projects Manager) for organising this very cool morning alongside Maketu Kokiri Kohanga Reo and Ruben's team. It was very pleasurable being a part of reminding our tamariki what we should do when we cross the road

and what we should wear when we ride our bikes and scooters. We spent the Wednesday before decorating our bikes, scooters and helmets at EduCare. On the day we had such fun Clester had set up the track and had a prize for best decorated bike and all the tamariki that participated. Ruben was fantastic the tamariki loved him he even had a helmet on, shook all of the tamariki hands and walked around the track with them. Awesome and fun way to teach our tamariki crucial skills they need for road safety.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS—March

When	Event	Organiser	Venue
5 th March	Whanau in the Park	Maketu Health & Social Services	Village Green/Park
12 th March	Raft Race & beach Day	Surf Club	Estuary & beach
13 th March	Picnic in the Gully	Kotukutuku Guily	Kotukutuku Gully
19 th March	Ladies Day	Gentlemans Club	Gentlemans Club
19 th / 20 th March	Neighbours Day (Your choice of day)	You and your neighbour	Your house, street, park

Kaituna River Re-diversion and Ongatoro / Maketū Estuary Enhancement Project update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council contractors completed soil investigations last month, to inform detailed design and construction specifications for the Kaituna River Re-diversion and Ongatoro / Maketū Estuary Enhancement project.

Contractors dug 40 test pits (2 x 1 metres wide, 2 metres deep) and drilled 17 bore holes at various locations throughout the project area. Their findings have provided project engineers with the information they need about groundwater levels, soil layers and foundation conditions, in preparation for the installation of new culverts, stop banks, salinity blocks and wetlands when project construction (scheduled for the 2016/17 summer) starts.

Kaituna Catchments Manager Pim de Monchy said that a typical test pit showed that there was about 10cm of topsoil overlying a 10cm layer of Kaharoa ash from approximately 1316 AD.

“Under the ash there was an 80cm thick layer of peat, made up of silty clay material with lots of wood and other organic material in it. From about 1m below the ground surface we found a grey layer of silty sand, possibly of marine origin. This layer is about 4m thick and is likely to be the most useful for construction purposes,” he said.

The excavation work was overseen by Cultural Monitors Maria Horne, Wharekonehu Te Moni and Sharon Hoihia, to ensure that the work was carried out in a culturally appropriate way, and that any accidental discoveries were appropriately managed. No culturally significant items were found during the investigations.

For more information about the project, please visit www.boprc.govt.nz/kaitunamaketurdiversion or call Kaituna Catchments Manager, Pim de Monchy on 0800 884 881 ext. 8518.



Photo captions:

Top left: Digger operator Jason Rive looks on as Geotechnical Engineer Marianne O’Halloran points out the Kaharoa Ash layer to Cultural Monitors Wharekonehu Te Moni and Maria Horne

Top centre: Contractors from Perry Drilling working on a test bore alongside Ford Road at the Fords Cut bridge

Top right: Kaituna Catchments Manager Pim de Monchy and Geotechnical Engineer Marianne O’Halloran look on as a test pit is excavated at the new intake channel site

Surf Lifesaving Club Maketu

RAFT RACE



12th March 2016
Maketu Surf Club
Start Time: 11am



Events: Raft Race, Family fun beach day
Any queries please contact Angelique 0211155017 or angelique_cr@hotmail.com

Those were the good old days.....

A new column for Mai Maketu readers. Lets go down memory lane in Maketu. If you have some great memories you might like to share with the community please send them into maketupanui@gmail.com. (Please keep the stories brief.)

“We both loved old Maremare Rolleston, and Tom rebuilt his famous little Seagull outboard motor several times after he somehow lost it overboard - it got totally stripped down, put into the hot-water cupboard for a couple of days to dry out, and all the bits got washed in kerosene to remove the sand. Then it was put back together, oiled, and then the rip-cord was pulled, and Bingo! Away it went. And off out to sea went Maremare, laughing gently...

He had a highly secret fishing hole out near the Point where he caught big old grandfather snapper, and sometimes they weighed just about as much as Maremare. Those were the days.

With a hug - ML

Yes, that's OK - but perhaps you had better add that Maremare was a very slightly-built old fellow, and his outboard motor weighed about the same as him - otherwise readers won't appreciate why he kept losing the darned thing overboard!!!.”

As told by Maree Lewis

KOTUKUTUKU GULLY

The Gully Picnic is coming up on 13th March and to that end we are starting to prepare for all you people who we are looking forward to seeing.

As everyone with a lawn knows, the grass growth is just phenomenal. Jamie Waterhouse mowed the gully just 3 weeks ago, has done it again and will give it another cut about the 8th or 10th March. We have sprayed the path and cut more blue morning glory. Neil Simpson and his accordion band are booked and ready to go, the BBQ is organised so there are now only many hours on weed eaters ahead and the weather gods to appease.

The picnic is on Sunday 13th March from 11am til 3pm. Live music, sausage sizzle, muffins and, of course, the walk through the gully with some of the team there to guide or answer questions. As we are all volunteers, mostly supplying our own machinery fuel and time, we are asking for a donation to help cover our costs. We have an all-weather flat path through establishing and mature trees, so come and see what Maketu as to offer and enjoy a pleasant afternoon sitting under the trees.

See you there!!

Trevor Hughes,
Kaitiaki.



TAIAPURE

1. **Kaitiakitanga** – water testing for February 2016

Tested on 9 days in February at the same 5 sites in the estuary.

Measuring water temperature, specific conductance reference, conductivity and dissolved oxygen.

Purpose is to have good baseline so that changes can be measured once more river water is diverted back through the estuary.

Test	Average	Highest	Lowest
Water temperature	24.7	29.3	20.7
SPC ms/cm	37.87	46.5	23.22
Cond ms/cm	37.81	50.3	24.76
DO %/l	65	95	27
DOmg/l	4.7	6.5	2.0

2. **Sea week.**

Planning on showing the senior class at the Maketu Primary School how to conduct a scientific survey of the shellfish. Once again to measure changes to shellfish populations.

Anyone want to assist?

3. **Dive survey.**

Completed dive survey of 4 sites off Okurei Point for mussel, paua, starfish populations



MAKETU ONGATORO WETLAND SOCIETY

MOWS News - February 2016

Work at MOWS has been hotting up in line with the weather, some of you will have noticed the new set of steps at Newdicks Beach, and the replacement signs that we have put up at Te Tumu and on the Monument Reserve. We hope that these survive the sun and the vandals better than the first set.

At this time of the year we are mainly controlling pests, both animals and plants. At the Waihi Harbour Wetland we have already caught 10 possums along with a good selection of ferrets, stoats and weasels plus half a dozen hedgehogs and one



Picture: Good nature possum trap

rat. We suspect that there are not many rats there because there are so many mustelids - ferrets, stoats and weasels. The possum have all been caught using the new Good Nature self-setting traps. These are powered by a CO2 cylinder and reset themselves automatically each time they go off. They look to be very effective and efficient.

We have just started work on the Eastern section of the Waihi Wetland, this was triggered by the Drainage Society dredging the canal, so rather than allow the weeds to get established, we have tidied up the stopbank and will sow it with grass during March.

We have just completed a survey of skinks, we did not find any at Newdicks, but we think this is mainly due to the large amounts of blown sand thanks to the recent northerlies, but we had good numbers at Maketu Spit and at Dotterel Point, Pukehina. Dotterel Point numbers were similar to 2015, but Maketu Spit was down, possibly due the very warm humid weather during the survey period.

This season has been a very good one for our seabirds and shorebirds. We

have not yet analysed the data, but dotterel numbers at Pukehina were steady, while they look to have increased at Maketū. This is probably because Maketū has more space, whereas Pukehina has no room for any more nesting pairs. The really good news is that it looks as though we have had record numbers of young birds fledging, ie being able to fly and fend for themselves. It looks like at least 5 at Maketu and seven at Pukehina have survived that dangerous 3 weeks or so after hatching and made it to adulthood.

We will start our working bee programme in April and will have the dates available for the next issue of Mai Maketu.

Clearing the Stopbank, Waihi Harbour Wetland..



TE ARAWA LAKES TRUST

By Tere Tapsell



Komiti Whakahaere



The men in the waka lifting their tau koura

The Te Arawa Lakes Trust established Te Komiti Whakahaere (TKW) in 2009 under regulation 4 of the Te Arawa Lakes (Fisheries) Regulations. TKW was established to manage customary fisheries in the Te Arawa Lakes. One of the duties of TKW is the preparation of the Management Plan – Mahire Whakahaere – for the management of the customary fisheries of Te Arawa Taonga species.

Species covered by the management plan are: Kakahi, Koaro, Koura, Morihana, Inanga and Tuna (long and short fin). There are streams on Te Arawa land in Maketu which are known to hold stocks of koaro, kokopu and of course Tuna

The plan has five objectives:

- Ensure the sustainability of the customary fisheries in the Te Arawa Lakes.
- Obtain information on the customary fisheries in the Te Arawa Lakes.
- Promote customary fishing in the Te Arawa Lakes.
- Prevent the degradation and support the restoration of fisheries habitats in the Te Arawa Lakes.
- Advocate for the safe consumption of customary species in the Te Arawa Lakes.

Included in this process will be the making of bylaws controlling the harvesting of the customary species with regard to size, quantity and method of take primarily.

TKW is in the final stages of their work including consultation with iwi before submitting the Management plan and bylaws to the Minister of Primary Industries.

The Komiti Whakahaere members who represent the three tupuna rohe within Te Arawa are:

- Te Kawatapuurangi: Laurence Tamati (Chair) Merehira Savage and Willie Emery
- Te Ure o Uenukukopako: John Ransfield, Terry Tapsell and Herby Ngawhika
- Tuhourangi: John Waaka, Huru Maika and Ken Raureti (deputy chair)

For further information about this committee and their roles and responsibilities please refer to our Te Arawa Lakes trust web site.

First board meeting for new Board.

As with tradition we elect our Chairman and Deputy chair during this first meeting. Sir Toby was re-elected unanimously to retain the chairmanship for the fourth consecutive term. Lana Ngawhika for Tuhourangi was elected deputy chair which is only fitting not only because of her skills but also for the fact that our board now has four woman out of a total of nine members - congratulations to her.

Whakapoukorero /Te Arawa Wetlands

Members of the working committee Ray Bushell, Liam Tapsell, Tere Tapsell and Ben Hingston (local) met with Ken Phillips Archaeologist at the Wetlands site and identified a couple of areas that will require closer inspection once the clearing of the pampas begins. However we are confident that there are no issues with allowing machinery to begin work on-site and have arranged for Greg Vercoe to enter the site within the next week or so. The amount of pampas to be cleared immediately will be limited to the pampas-infested area of wetland that needs to be exposed to restore the appropriate hydrological connections. Getting the hydrology right is a very important first step.



Four men standing by the wetlands are from Left to right: Ben Hingston, Liam Tapsell, Ray Bushell and Ken Phillips the Archeaologist

Please phone 0272244702 if you have a take to discuss or email me on trtapsell@hotmail.com



BRICK BAT CORNER

I was dismayed one morning when I found the opposite images on Arawa avenue near Williams Crescent.

Why do idiots do this!!!!

Would it not be better to put the rubbish in the appropriate council bags or leave by a rubbish bin or such!!!!

Some person wrote the note and good on them I wonder if it was a local that did this or a visitor??

Cheers Anonymous..

**Kotukutuku Gully
Needs YOU!**



Working Bee

Sunday March 6th

9am – 11am

**YOUR HELP URGENTLY
NEEDED**

If YOU have a petrol weedeater or can cut vines back, please help us to get the gully into shape for the PICNIC IN THE PARK (Sunday 13th March.)

Turn up on Sunday 6th March with your equipment.

Come and give Trevor, Jim and Peter a hand to tame the extraordinary growth in the gully this year, and see the development in the gully for yourself.

Morning tea provided afterwards.
Contact Trevor on 5332032

**Maketu Gentlemen's Club
Ladies Day**

Arawa Avenue Maketu

**March 19th 2016
Starts 11.00am**

Tickets \$20.00

Complimentary Glass of Bubbles or
Punch
Nibbles

Band 8.00pm – 12.00pm

Fashion: Lingerie: Hairdresser: Beau-
tician, Perfumes & Balms: Raffles:
Nails: Massages: Tattooist, Door
Prizes and so much more

Cocktail Hour 6pm – 7pm

Tickets/info please contact:

Kelly ph: 0274407061 or

Shirley ph: 02102596007

Courtesy Van available – Please en-
quire at bar. **R18**

ST THOMAS CHURCH

(The church on the hill)

The Ministry Team at St Thomas church have decided to have an extra service at Maketu on the 4th Sunday of the month so 28th February was the first one. It was a good service and it was especially good to see the children and young people there. Our musicians were in fine form and the singing was very happy. The idea is a trial at the moment but if the enthusiasm stays at this level then it will continue. We will still have our usual service on 4th Sunday of each month so there will be a service there at 10am on Sunday 6th March and you are all very welcome to drive up the hill and join us.

Sadly, Heather Birkett has tendered her resignation as Co-ordinator of the Kainga Komiti but, happily, will continue as our talented flower lady. Ruth Hughes is the interim co-ordinator at present.

A Communion service in Te Reo Maori and English is held on the first Sunday of the month at 10am. Everyone is very welcome so please feel free to drive up to the church and join in the congregation.

Ruth Hughes, Secretary.



**St Peter's
Catholic
Church**

New Start Time for Maori Miha

Maori Miha is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available before the start of Miha.

Liturgy Service

Liturgy is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Any queries please contact Hariata Rewi on phone 5332-238.

Children's Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Baptisms

Due to changes in the start time for Maori Miha, please contact Hariata Rewi on 5332-238 if you have any queries regarding CCD or Baptisms

*God bless
Margaret Clarke*

**MAKETU
MARKETS** 

Every 3rd Sunday 8am to Noon
(and every 5th Sunday)
Upcoming Dates

**Sunday 20th
March 2016**

Proceeds go to community projects.

Mai Maketu

Editor—Clester

maketu.panui@gmail.com

PH: 0275332559

**Mai Maketu is a community
newsletter published
monthly.**

**Submissions or notices
should be submitted no
later than the last day of the
month. Please email all sub-
missions to the editor at:
maketu-panui@gmail.com**

**Mai Maketu is distributed via
email with printed copies
available at Maketu Landing,
the Maketu Hauora, the
Beachside Café, Bledisloe
HolidayCamp and the Hilltop
Holiday Park**

**If you want to receive this
newsletter automatically
every month by email, sim-
ply send your email address
to:**

maketu.panui@gmail.com

MAKETU ROTARY

