

Tuakau Country & Variety Music Club meet fortnightly on a Thurs evening at Harrisville School Hall 7.30pm. Club nights are 15 Oct, 29th Oct. Visitors are welcome. \$4 entry incl supper, great singers & band for a fabulous evening. A CONCERT in works for NOVEMBER..watch this space....Contact Bob Bell 2368384 or Anne Doddrell on 2378161

Tuakau Pony Club 2015—2016 rally season now open. RALLIES start promptly at 5.30pm ; Wednesdays ; Seniors. Thursdays ; Juniors. Starting the first week after beginning of daylight savings commencement. Senior Head Coach; Sarah Beal 238 2349 Junior Head Coach; Fiona Honeyman 027 3305 151. The club always welcomes new members. Specialist coaches are invited throughout the season. Any enquiries can be directed to either Sarah Beal or Fiona Honeyman.

Tuakau Rugby League Football & Sports Club ; TOUCH MODULE 2015 Friday Night Touch ; 6-A side competitions ~ Junior Mixed or Girls/Boys (\$50 entry), Social Womens, Mens and Mixed Teams (\$150 entry fee) Do you want to keep your junior rugby/league team together or your junior netball team together? Over the summer season? Play some touch and learn some extra skills during the off-season and be match fit at the beginning of your next winter season. “Get your Whanu, Business team, Social Club team, or just some friends together and come play some touch with us down at the John Lightbody Reserve/Tuakau Soccer Fields . Competitin starts 16th October it’s not too late to register. Contact Kandi Ngataki on 021-246-8475 or email; kandingataki@yahoo.com. Pick up a registration form from ‘The Rustic OpShop George Street, Tuakau.

The Great SHARDA Working Bee Saturday October 30th starting at 8.30am. Do you or your family have a special connection with Sharda OR would like to contribute to the ongoing development and beautification of Sharda...then come along to the great working bee. This working bee will open up more areas for many of the groups who enjoy Sharda. There is no obligation to stay all day as your time, no matter how long spent here with Sahrda is gratefully received. Currently Sharda is host to 4 local pre-schools & 4 playcentres, Sea Scouts & other schoola & groups. The walking tracks at Sharda are open to ALL in the Tuakau community . A delicious lunch will be offered, so if you think you may wish to participate, please register your interest with ALAN on 021-549-9770 , you can ring or text him. OR www.shardacentre.com Physical address; 15 Percy Graham Drive, TUAKAU.

Dance of Universal Peace, Zikr, Poems and Stories with Prem & Sally. Friday 6th—8th November 2015 @ Sharda Centre.



Get your \$10 DUCK organized for the Great Tuakau Duck Race Sunday Nov 15th at Les Batkin Reserve from 12 Midday to 4.00pm. A fun day with stalls, entertainment plus the main event – 1000 rubber ducks taking flight from the Tuakau Bridge to race down the Waikato River! Contact; <http://www.tuakauduckrace.nz/>

TUAKAU SOFTBALL ‘UNDER 15’ JUNIOR MEN HAVE STELLAR COACHING STAFF 2015 SEASON

It is not often that a small town like Tuakau has access to such talent when it comes to team development. This year Greg Johnson and former Black Sox Mike Stewart have stepped up to the proverbial plate to coach our young Under 15 Junior Mens team for the 2015—2016 season. This is huge for our small town club and the impact on our competitiveness cant be underplayed. There are however still spaces on the team line-up to be filled, if you think you might enjoy this challenging sport, come along to our training sessions at the new diamond at John Lightbody Reserve on Tues or Thur nights at 5pm and have a go.



TUAKAU SOFTBALL CLUB DAY SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER @ John Lightbody Reserve.

FAMILY Fun day in the Park with the Tuakau Softball Club.

Food available and Great Raffles;

Prizes for ; BIGGEST HIT BEST CATCH ACCURATE THROW Demonstration Game Times;

12.00 Under 7 T-Ball team 12.30pm Under 15 Junior Men 2.00pm Social Women 4.00pm Reserve Men

COME and SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB & have a fun family day in the park

Tuakau Library



Free fun for 0—5 year olds

Sessions are interactive & fun with music, crafts, stories & dance. No need to book,

just turn up. Every Thursday morning during the school term; 10.45am to 11.45am

TE KOHANGA PLAY GROUP



A playgroup every Tuesdays 9.30am—12pm@ Te Kohnaga Primary School.

Ages 0—5 years. No charge.

Enquiries to Anna 021 045 2144

Franklin Baptist Church TIME OUT

Come along, meet new friends, enjoy crafts & a cuppa. Creche available.

Oct 13 Icing Techniques with Priscilla

Oct 20 Decorative Sewing Boxes with Jo

Oct 27 Felt Xmas decos with Priscilla

128-144 Victoria St West, PUKEKOHE



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WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN IT COUNTS?

A recent announcement from the *Waikato District Council* is causing concern for some in the community and perhaps justifiably so. Our district has been advised that due to the large numbers of people who potentially could overwhelm the designated Civil Defence Centres & shelters in a civil emergency such as a natural disaster, it has been decided to remove any signposts in the community that would tell our people where to go for help. Instead we are to either use the telephone, providing electricity is still available, or our mobile phones, providing the towers haven't been knocked out, in order to obtain information as to where we should go to for aid, medical assistance, water or food.

We contacted the *Waikato District Council* to ascertain whether Tuakau Township itself has a Civil Defence Shelter or operational Civil Defence Center and whether or not we actually have



encouraging is that the WDC is in the process of supporting & formulating ‘Community Response Plans’ at grass roots level and to date have assisted the communities of Port Waikato, Raglan, Tamihere, Te Kauwhata & Huntly formulate appropriate disaster response plans. They are now inviting expressions of interest

from the Tuakau community, from those residents who would be interested in becoming involved with this aspect of our town planning/ disaster management/civil defence, requesting that they make themselves known to council either via email/ phone. This is a vital and essential role in our community and like much else that happens in and around town, it relies on **VOLUNTEERS**

The Waikato Council has also confirmed that;

The WDC Civil Defence supports all the communities of Waikato with 110 members across the region trained in CD functions, it has a ‘Local Controller’ who has the authority to direct emergency services in a civil defence emergency, and that this operates under the umbrella of the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. Ω

NEWSFLASH

A study group from Tuakau Development Association are progressing toward the possible establishment of a community radio station for the Tuakau area. This would be a station for the people run by the people for the benefit of the community. There are several community radio stations currently operating regionally & the study group are looking carefully at these ventures

‘RADIO TUAKAU’ IN DEVELOPMENT

to ascertain which station systems & processes are the more suited to our local needs. A venture of this sort will only be viable in the long run if it can be serviced and run by volunteers from the local community, those who may have radio experience or are interested in contributing to the content and/ or schedule. While the TDDA team advance the viability study, we here at

TTNews are interested in hearing from you as to your opinion on this venture. Do you support it? Would you be interested in participating in the running, either on the control panel or as a host for an hourly show on a subject/ topic?

Please email TTNews or snail mail to TTNews /Radio Tuakau, POBox 122, TUAKAU.



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TUAKAU INFORMATION & TOURIST OFFICE



Recent developments regarding the **Tuakau Information and Tourist Office** has seen the new centre through the loss of it's original premises relocate to further along the 'The Palms' shopping block on Dominion Road to SHOP 9, and is now nicely nestled in between 'The Laundry' and 'DVDs and Sweets'. This has turned out to be a blessing in disguise for our newest town enterprise as these new premises offer our centre twice the amount of space compared to the first location.

Tourism is BIG business for the district and it was with the greatest of interest that it was learnt that over the tourist season, the I-Site in Huntly serviced over 70,000 visitors last year!! A good percentage of those visitors want to know where to go and what to do before they have to head towards the International Airport and home. A fair number of these tourists end up in the Franklin

district looking for somewhere to while away their hours until their departure.

Our Information and Tourist Centre will help fill the knowledge gap in our area by guiding these visitors and tourists into our local businesses, services and places of



interest. **This centre is NOT just for tourists or visitors but an Information Centre for locals as well**, so we need your brochures, flyers and cards. If you are a business, special interest group, public service or HelpLine, or have something to Buy/Sell/Trade...get your material into Vern NOW at Ray White Real Estate office on George Street. We still need shelving for display purposes to showcase our local business flyers and pamphlets, any donations would be gratefully received.

*We now need fabulous **AMBASSADORS** to volunteer their time on a roster basis to help man this centre...much like Waiuku runs theirs successfully. Indicate your interest via TTNews email address or PO Box 122 Tuakau.*

If you can help or have something to donate please contact Richard on 027 4720410 Many thanks

**WE NEED
YOUR
NEWS
TUAKAU**



'TERRIFIC TUAKAU' BRANDING..DO WE NEED IT?

welcome to
Terrific Tuakau
gateway to lifestyle

Wellington has "Absolutely Positively Wellington", Auckland has 'City of Sails', Hamilton has 'One place many possibilities', many other communities have developed 'brand names' around the country. Three years ago the Tuakau and Development Assoc during a brainstorming session one evening developed the branding concept of 'Terrific Tuakau Gateway to Lifestyle'. This branding and logo help to establish & describe an interesting unique location with many opportunities in the area for sports, fishing, hunting, coastal beaches, surfing, walking, horse trekking, schools, community groups, service clubs and much more.

A website for local information & networking, welcome banners all help to promote 'Terrific Tuakau' brand in the media and community. This branding & logo is for public & business use.

MADILL House

Don't forget our fabulous local **community house** for your next function, fully kitted out with kitchen and bar facilities and plenty of outdoor space for marquees. The rates are super affordable.

Currently Madill House is permanent home to an after school/holiday programme, the Tuvalu & Kirabas communities music/reading & culture programmes and the Solomon Group.

For bookings/enquiries; www.madillhousetuakau.org



The ONEWHERE & TUAKAU COMMUNITY BOARD update

The OTCB elected members met in Tuakau this month, & listened to presentations from Tuakau Police, TKU Rangatahi, Tuakau Developments Assoc (TDDA) & considered the progress on the erosion at Port Waikato, Ultra-Fast broadband development for Tuakau, Pukekawa refuse & recycling extension to collection are, local WDC progress on works issues, Tuakau Town Hall sound system development and the application for land lease at Les Batkin Reserve by Waka Tangata o Te Awhinamai for waka storage facilities. Members have also attended workshops to prepare replies for WDC By-Law changes. Local community needs are regularly addressed by board members and feedback supplied to WDC on local issues.

Your local board members are available to discuss your community issues; Bronwyn Watson 027 4612095, Noel Miller 027 941672 and Richard Gee 027 4720410

Terrific Tuakau Business Networking Breakfast THU 22nd Oct @ Sugar Plum Café 7-8.15am

This month's speakers are Wolfe Hearing and Living Chiropractic of Tuakau. Come along and meet your fellow Tuakau business professionals and have a tasty start to the day. Book ahead for your \$20 brekkie; 027 4720410 or breakfast@terrificuakau.org



Tuakau Rotary

This month Tuakau Rotary supported and sponsored the TK Rangatahi group concert at the Town Hall, nominated two Tuakau College students to attend a Science Fair, sponsored local families into the Rotary Uniform Grant scheme, hosted the BBQ at the Tree Planting/Clean Up Day, have lent the Tuakau Rotary BBQ to six local groups, and are busy co-ordinating their next big event, The Charity Road Toll this November on Buckland Road and the Inaugural Tuakau Fun Run from Les Batkin to the Hotel Feb/Mar 2016. Tuakau Rotary meet every Monday @ 6.00pm at Tuakau Hotel. New members are welcome contact



Chris Beatty on email; chris-bet@xtra.co.nz

Tuakau Lions

The Tuakau Lions were busy at the Age Expo in Pukekohe recently & the Tuakau Clean Up Day. October's activities are providing assistance to the Onewhero Early Childhood Centre with their 'Spring Fair' Saturday 31st Oct @ Onewhero Area School grounds 9am-1pm

November 15th; the Lions crew are providing sponsorship and physical assistance to the Tuakau Kindergarten fundraiser 'Duck Race' 12-4pm at Les Batkin Reserve.

Lions are the world's largest commu-



TK RANGATAHI CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS

Recently the **TK Rangatahi** group, run by Shelley Pierera, put on a concert at the Tuakau Town Hall. The TK Rangatahi group meet twice weekly at Madill House where they are being taught how to create music and develop their latent talents. The youth attending this group are discovering & building their own sense of self-belief, character, pride, respect, confidence & motivation as they evolve under the support of Shelley and her

network. Initiatives like this one are essential for our town and this was recognized as 280 people packed the town hall on the 25th September for an evening showcasing original music, dance and rap.

TK Rangatahi plan to make this a 3 monthly event so watch this space.



WHAT'S ON @ PORT WAIKATO OVER LABOUR WEEKEND 24TH, 25TH & 26TH OCT



Port Waikato will be a buzz over Labour Weekend this year. With various ongoing activities for all the family.

Saturday is the beginning of summer for the Sunset Beach Lifeguards, who will be on patrol from 11am—4pm daily.

Please be patient with the parking issues due to the ongoing erosion. **Please** swim between the flags and have a safe & fun day.



On Sunday 25th Oct the Art @ The Port are holding their popular Art & Food Festival at Brasell's riverside woolshed.

These historic grounds will be showcasing paintings, photography, pottery, plants & preserves, Port style Whitebait

Fritters, various homemade foods and coffee, live music and plenty of activities for the kids. Including the highlight of the **Kids Art Competition**, themed this year 'Colour', winners of the overall school and individual sections announced at Mid-day.

Nici Wickes, the renowned Foodie will be there in the marquee cooking up her brand of magic.

Fun for all the family :)

nity service organisation as well as a social group & have regular outings as well as regular monthly business meetings on the 2nd Tues of each month & dinner meetings on the 4th Tues of every month with interesting guest speakers. New members are welcome. If you are interested in Lions, contact Dee 2368269 (pm please)

Lions are currently selling SHEEP MANURE in 35 ltr bags @ \$10 per bag. Great for your garden

La VALLA THEATRE

Dennis Marsh Upcoming Shows

LaValla's resident performer, Dennis Marsh, has the following public shows booked:

Tuesday 10 November - 10.30am show

Monday 7 December - 10.30am show

Doors open 10am (half hour prior to show start) for morning tea, followed by a fabulous two hour performance by New Zealand's best selling Country Music Singer. Price includes morning tea.

Phone 2368947 or www.lavalla.co.nz

La Valla Estate 131 Dominion Road Tuakau



Rotary Car Boot Sale dates

In the TUAKAU Hotel carpark from 9am

Nov 7th / Dec 5th

Stalls \$10; just turn up or book on 027 4720410



Sunday is also a popular calendar date for the **Port Waikato Fishing Club's fishing competition**.

Great prizes, great fun for everyone. To book a stall for the Art @ The Port 'Art & Food Festival' or for further details: *Contact Glennis Paton on 232-9532 or email Glennis.at.gapaton@nettel.net.nz*

