

This Day in Waipa History

Date	Event
1-Jan 1878	Harapepe School opened and was then closed for the summer school holidays.
1-Jan 1885	Pukerimu Bacon and Cheese Factory began operating.
1-Jan 1912	The Waipa Nursing Home opened in Te Awamutu supervised by Nurses Cutforth and Lodge.
2-Jan 1841	Unordained catechist, John Morgan arrived at Otawahao to establish a CMS Mission. He was not finally ordained until 1849.
3-Jan	
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7-Jan 1901	The new Ohaupo Creamery, opened for business on the land of Mr Greenwood. "The old creamery is doing about 1000 gallons a day."
8-Jan	
9-Jan 1877	The Waipa County Council met for the first time in Hamilton.
9-Jan 1885	Waikato Dairy Factories Association formed.
9-Jan 1886	Te Awamutu Bacon & Cheese Factory began trading.
9-Jan 1886	The first rails of the Main Trunk Railway in the King Country were laid south of the Puniu River.
10-Jan 1877	First meeting of Waipa County Council. Major Wilson elected chairman.
11-Jan 1912	At Te Awamutu, a new, single-story PO building was opened.
12-Jan 1872	"With the start of Quick & Co's coach service to Hamilton, we are now within 2 days of Auckland."
13-Jan 1880	For sale at Ohaupo Railway Station, 7ft puriri posts at £7-10s per hundred.
14-Jan 1870	The tomahawked body of John Lyons, a settler, was discovered near Orakau.
14-Jan 1878	New Ohaupo Catholic Church blessed and opened.
15-Jan 1907	Second 'Big Flood' inundated farmland and destroyed bridges at Pirongia.
15-Jan 1921	Inaugural meeting of Cambridge Trotting Club
16-Jan 1892	First reaper and binder at work in the district.
16-Jan 1907	Record floods in the Waikato and Waipa rivers.
16-Jan 1932	St John Ambulance Brigade begins at Cambridge
17-Jan 1876	Paterangi School opened.
18-Jan 1926	Waipa County Council offices moved from Ohaupo to Te Awamutu. The building was sold to the Presbyterian Church.
19-Jan 1877	Waipa County Council met at Ohaupo, initially at the Ohaupo Hotel and then from 1879 in new purpose-built premises.
19-Jan 1893	Heavy floods in Waikato and Waipa rivers.
20-Jan 1880	New Courthouse opened at Alexandra (Pirongia)
21-Jan 1874	Bumper grain harvest in the upper Waipa: up to 80 bushels an acre.
22-Jan 1875	The Bank of New Zealand opened branches at Alexandra (Pirongia), Cambridge and Hamilton.
23-Jan	
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25-Jan	
26-Jan	
27-Jan 1864	British Army establishes camp at Te Rore
27-Jan 1883	Rukuhia Cheese and Bacon Factory Company established. The old grandstand at Rukuhia to be adapted for the factory.
28-Jan 1915	Boundaries for Te Awamutu proposed.
29-Jan	
30-Jan 1908	Te Koutu Band Rotunda in Cambridge first used
31-Jan 1900	15,000 ewes, wethers and lambs yarded at McNicol & Co's Annual Sheep Fair at Ohaupo. Auctioneer G.F. McCullagh.
1-Feb 1882	Cricket; A match between an All England eleven and a Waikato twenty-two, at Cambridge was drawn; scores at the end of play, Waikato 44 and 53, England 84.

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2-Feb	1914	New Ohaupo Post Office opened.
3-Feb		
4-Feb		
5-Feb	1988	Ohaupo Post Office closed.
6-Feb	1935	Te Awamutu Historical Society formed.
7-Feb	1877	Waikato Turf Club's first race meeting at Rukuhia, near Ohaupo.
8-Feb	1854	Arrival of Dr Walter Harsant, Te Awamutu's first doctor. Built a dwelling on the cnr of Bank St and Puniu Road.
8-Feb	1879	Construction of Narrows bridge completed.
8-Feb	1950	Empire Games Rowing at Karapiro
9-Feb	1952	Agreement for the Borough to supply water to the Te Awamutu Railway Station Refreshment Room terminated - indicating that the room was to close.
10-Feb		
11-Feb	1864	Waiari incident on the Mangapiko Stream where bathing imperial soldiers were ambushed by Maori from Paterangi Pa.
12-Feb		
13-Feb		
14-Feb	1877	Bridge over Waikato River at Cambridge re-opened.
14-Feb	1909	Express service between Auckland and Wellington initiated on Main Trunk Railway.
15-Feb		
16-Feb	1914	Ngutunui School opened.
17-Feb	1865	No 2 Company Forest Rangers established a settlement at Harapepe
18-Feb	1888	Reported find of silver at Maungatautari.
19-Feb	1880	"Our reporter was present last evening [in Alexandra] at a telephonic conversation between Alexandra, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Hamilton. Alexandra favoured Hamilton with a duet, <i>Home sweet home</i> ."
19-Feb	1885	First trip by buggy from Alexandra (Pirongia) to Kawhia.
20-Feb	1864	Night bypass of Paterangi by the British Forces
20-Feb	1877	The BNZ opened an agency in Te Awamutu to which the business of the Alexandra (Pirongia) agency was transferred.
21-Feb	1864	British Forces capture Rangiaowhia and establish their base at Te Awamutu.
22-Feb	1864	Kingites unsuccessfully challenge the military invasion at Hairini.
22-Feb	1864	Rangiaowhia sacked by invading troops.
22-Feb	1922	Electric lighting on Ohaupo's streets switched on by Mrs Arthur Graham.
22-Feb	1936	Official opening of the main building at St Peter's School, Cambridge by Prime Minister Peter Fraser, accompanied by former PM Joseph Coates, the Archbishop of NZ and the architect of the building, Roy Lippincott.
23-Feb	1864	Maori disperse from Rangiaowhia.
23-Feb	1875	First races held at Gwynnelands. (The grandstand was later moved to Claudelands, Hamilton)
24-Feb	1864	Kihikihi sacked by invading military force.
24-Feb	1927	Water piped to Cambridge from Mt Maungatautari
26-Feb	1877	Hamilton made headquarters of Waikato Police District.
27-Feb		
28-Feb	1874	It is now 3 months since a steamer could get up the Waipa beyond Te Rore to Alexandra.
1-Mar	1883	Closing date of applications for space for shipment of frozen meat to England.
1-Mar	1894	Waikato butter sold in Vancouver for 140 shillings per cwt.
1-Mar	1909	Mangapiko Post Office opened.
1-Mar	1962	Mormon Latterday Saints Church opened in Cambridge.
2-Mar	1882	Waikato Farmers' Co-operative Association Ltd formed, with capital of 10,000 £1 [\$2] shares.
3-Mar		
4-Mar	1864	Major J.C. McNeil, Aide-de-Camp to Lt General Cameron, with Privates Vosper and Gibson were attacked by Maori near Ohaupo. McNeil was later awarded the VC for his bravery in rescuing Vosper when his horse fell.

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5-Mar	1874	Central Waikato Agricultural Show held at Te Awamutu.
6-Mar		
7-Mar	1888	Waikato Hospital Board's first allocations: Piako £774; Waikato £552; Waipa £520; Raglan £147; Hamilton Borough £91.
8-Mar	1873	First Catholic Church at Alexandra (St Mary's) opened by Bishop Croke.
8-Mar	1875	BNZ opens at Cambridge
8-Mar	1893	John Rochfort, Main Trunk Railway surveyor, died at the Star Hotel, Kihikihi.
9-Mar		
10-Mar	1868	Men under 30 yrs of age are invited to present themselves in Hamilton to enrol in the Armed Constabulary Force.
10-Mar	1868	The new bridge across the Waipa at Alexandra, has been in use for some time (<i>Daily Southern Cross</i>)
11-Mar	1913	Te Awamutu Swimming and Lifesaving Club formed, meeting at the junction of the Managaohoi and Mangapiko streams.
12-Mar	1912	Te Awamutu Bowling Club greens opened.
12-Mar	1932	First screening at the Regent Theatre, Te Awamutu.
13-Mar		
14-Mar	1922	Electricity turned on at Kaipaki.
15-Mar	1916	The Empire Theatre in Te Awamutu opened with an audience of 600.
16-Mar		
17-Mar	1931	Leamington Bowling Club opened
18-Mar	1880	Te Awamutu Domain Board gazetted.
18-Mar	1885	Disastrous fire at Te Awamutu: 10 buildings destroyed.
19-Mar	1934	Te Rore Hall Association formed.
20-Mar	1877	Samuel Morgan murdered by Te Patiu in Ngaruawahia jail. Te Patiu who escaped on horseback was captured near Alexandra thanks to telegraph communication.
20-Mar	1920	The speed limit through Ohaupo set at 20 mph.
21-Mar	1971	Cambridge Lions Market began
22-Mar	1864	50th Regt and units of 70th Regt sent from Te Awamutu to Pukerimu
22-Mar	1875	BNZ opened at Alexandra.
23-Mar	1864	First Te Rore Post Office opened
23-Mar	1886	The 330 ft rail bridge over the Puniu River is finished.
24-Mar	1908	Cambridge West becomes Leamington.
25-Mar	1868	Major Von Tempsky becomes the local AC Commander at Alexandra.
25-Mar	1883	King Country declared open.
26-Mar		
27-Mar	1873	Cricket match at Alexandra: AC v Settlers won by Settlers.
27-Mar	1883	Te Mahuki, who had resisted surveys for the railway through the King Country was arrested in Alexandra.
27-Mar	1884	Headquarters of Armed Constabulary removed from Cambridge to Alexandra (Pirongia).
28-Mar	1883	Cheese and Bacon Company formed at Kihikihi
29-Mar		
30-Mar	1864	British Army invested Orakau Pa
30-Mar	1922	Electric street lighting turned on in Cambridge.
31-Mar	1864	Orakau Pa attacked unsuccessfully by the British force. Sapping begins.
1-Apr	1864	British reinforcements arrived at Orakau from Pukerimu.
1-Apr	1915	Te Awamutu proclaimed a borough.
1-Apr	1960	Cambridge Girl Guides Hall opened
1-Apr	1992	The decision by NZ Post doubled the rate for rural deliveries of mail drew angry responses from farmers.
2-Apr	1864	Orakau Pa overcome and Maori, with heavy casualties, broke out to the King Country.
3-Apr		

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4-Apr	1911	First issue of the <i>Waipa Post</i> newspaper.
5-Apr		
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9-Apr	1895	Waipa County Council recommended to the Government that Alexandra be renamed Pirongia.
10-Apr		
11-Apr	1876	Waikato A & P Association formed at Ohaupo
11-Apr	1878	Census returns: Hamilton borough 1241; Waipa county 2545; Waikato county 1945; Raglan county 874
12-Apr		
13-Apr	1920	First peg driven in Pirongia for the proposed light railway to Te Awamutu.
14-Apr	1854	First service held in the newly constructed "Old" St Johns Anglican Church, Te Awamutu, on Good Friday.
14-Apr	1881	Census returns: Hamilton borough 1358; Waipa county 3127; Waikato county 2863; Raglan county 897
15-Apr	1882	Meetings at Hamilton and Te Awamutu decided to form co-operative cheese and bacon companies.
15-Apr	1885	Turning of the first sod for the Main Trunk Railway through the King Country.
15-Apr	1905	Cambridge telephone exchange opens
15-Apr	1936	The <i>Waipa Post</i> became the <i>Te Awamutu Courier</i> .
16-Apr	1906	Ohaupo Athletic Carnival held. The Ohaupo Band under Bandmaster Partington enlivened the day as did a greasy pig which travelled half a mile before being caught by H. Forkert.
17-Apr	1873	Ohaupo Education District gazetted.
17-Apr	1877	Three threshing machines of Ngati Puhiaawe, Ngati Hikairo and Ngati Mahuta have processed 6900 bushels of wheat and oats at Te Kopua.
18-Apr	1876	Te Awamutu Rugby Football Club inaugurated.
18-Apr	1911	Empire Living Pictures began showing movies every Tuesday evening in the Te Awamutu Town Hall. There was a complete change of programme every Tuesday. Prices 1/- (10c) and 2/- (20c) but ladies paid only 1/- to all parts of the hall. Children 6d (5c)
19-Apr		
20-Apr	1863	The departure of Rev John Morgan from Te Awamutu ended the work of the CMS Mission in the district.
21-Apr		
22-Apr		
23-Apr	1907	Cambridge Gasworks started.
23-Apr	1946	Te Rore Federated Farmers formed.
23-Apr	1951	Inaugural meeting of Paterangi Branch WDFP
24-Apr		
25-Apr	1873	Murder of Timothy Sullivan at Moanatuatua
26-Apr	1952	Dedication and opening of the new and debt-free Pirongia Methodist Church.
27-Apr	1940	Cambridge Lyceum Club formed
28-Apr		
29-Apr	1864	Battle at Gate Pa (Tauranga) where the attacking British force was repelled with heavy casualties.
30-Apr	1870	First annual auction of sheep and cattle at Ohaupo
30-Apr	1915	First news of the military landing by ANZACs at Gallipoli reached New Zealand. A half-day holiday was declared and impromptu services were held.
1-May		
2-May		
3-May	1877	A "giant swede" 27½ inches (69.8 cm) in girth and weighing 27½ lbs (12.47 kg) was grown by Mr Seccombe of Alexandra.
4-May		
5-May		
6-May	1939	Mangapiko School closed

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7-May		
8-May	1877	AC numbers, to be based only at Cambridge and Alexandra reduced to 70 for the Waipa district.
8-May	1890	Cambridge Band of Hope started
9-May		
10-May	1896	The name of Alexandra officially became Pirongia.
10-May	1915	First meeting of Te Awamutu Borough Council.
11-May	1867	Victoria Cross awarded to Major Charles Heaphy for bravery during the Waiari Incident on 11 Feb 1864.
12-May		
13-May		
14-May	1881	Census return: Hamilton Borough 1358; Waipa County 3127; Waikato County 2863; Raglan County 897.
14-May	1883	St Stephen's Church, Tamahere, consecrated.
14-May	1947	WDFC Cambridge Branch inaugurated.
15-May		
16-May	1877	Waikato Reed Band formed at Cambridge
17-May	1873	Tenders called to renew the telegraph line between Alexandra and Cambridge
17-May	1880	Te Rore School opened with a roll of 17 pupils.
18-May	1891	Mangapiko School opened
19-May	1885	Proclamation of the King Country as a teetotal district.
20-May		
21-May		
22-May	1873	New Redoubts planned for Roto-o-rangi and near a ford on the Puniu.
22-May	1873	Telegraph line between Cambridge and Te Awamutu to be re-routed around the Frontier rather than via Ohaupo.
23-May		
24-May	1876	Sir Donald McLean, Minister of Defence and Native Affairs, engaged in talks with King Tawhiao at Kaihiha.
24-May	1879	Cambridge to Piako railway opened.
25-May		
26-May		
27-May	1865	Wiremu Tamihana laid down his taiaha before General Carey in a maungarongo, or covenant of peace, agreeing that the Queen's laws would also be the laws of the Maori King.
28-May		
29-May	1872	A meeting of settlers at Ohaupo, called by James Runciman, Samuel Thos Seddon, George E. Clark, W. Scott, J. Reynolds and Andrew Kay resolved to form a Waikato Agricultural Society.
30-May		
31-May	1867	The Waipa River is too low to allow boats to bring supplies for Alexandra beyond Te Rore.
31-May	1930	Harapepe Post Office closed.
1-Jun		
2-Jun	1922	First Te Rore subscriber supplied with electricity
3-Jun		
4-Jun	1878	Ohaupo became the southern railhead of the Railway from Auckland.
4-Jun	1881	Rewi Maniapoto occupied a house at Kihikihi built and furnished by the Government.
5-Jun		
6-Jun	1877	First Anglican Church at Ohaupo opened.
6-Jun	1878	"There are at present 1000 sacks of wheat at Alexandra to come down river."
7-Jun		
8-Jun	1866	Settlers' Arms Hotel operating at Harapepe.
8-Jun	1913	Te Awamutu Catholic Presbytery consecrated
9-Jun		

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10-Jun	1886	The day of the Tarawera volcanic eruption when Jinny Carley, a young teacher at the Te Rahu 'combined native and military school', recorded that "It was in the early afternoon that day became night. Next day was the same, and the day after, the streets of Te Awamutu and Ohaupo were nearly a foot deep with ash from the eruption."
11-Jun	1883	Alpha Lodge consecrated in Cambridge.
11-Jun	1915	The first meeting of the Ohaupo Town Board was held in the Waipa County Chambers.
11-Jun	1955	Te Rore Library moved into the Te Rore Hall
12-Jun		
13-Jun	1900	Te Rore Library opened
14-Jun		
15-Jun	1878	Railway from Auckland to Ohaupo officially opened.
15-Jun	1926	Cambridge abattoirs officially opened.
16-Jun	1868	Public telegraph service available between Waipa, Hamilton and Auckland.
16-Jun	1871	Major W.G. Mair appointed Native Agent at Alexandra
16-Jun	1883	Waipa Racing Club formed.
17-Jun		
18-Jun	1836	Henry Martyn Hamlin, the son of James and Elizabeth Hamlin, born at Mangapouri CMS Mission Station, said to be the first child of European parents born in the Waipa.
19-Jun		
20-Jun		
21-Jun	1864	2nd Waikato Regt established the Settlement of Alexandra on the Waipa
21-Jun	1864	Military engagement at Te Ranga (Tauranga) effectively ended the Waikato War.
21-Jun	1894	Death of Rewi Maniapoto and the unveiling of his monument in Kihikihi
22-Jun		
23-Jun	1968	Gudex Memorial unveiled on Mangakawa Hills
24-Jun	1982	Cambridge Business and Professional Women began meeting.
25-Jun		
26-Jun		
27-Jun	1901	First co-operative dairy association in Waikato formed at Cambridge.
27-Jun	1913	Te Awamutu ratepayers voted for electric street lighting. Electricity to come from Hora Hora Power Station.
28-Jun		
29-Jun		
30-Jun	1965	Te Pahu Playcentre opened in the Te Pahu Hall
1-Jul	1880	Mangapiko School opened.
1-Jul	1880	Railway opened from Auckland to Te Awamutu.
1-Jul	1882	A rugby game played at Cambridge, Civilians v AC, resulted in a draw 0-0. Although the AC was forced to touch down defensively six times, the Civilians, who appeared to be the superior side were unable to score. The reporter was very critical of one umpire who seemed not to know the rules.
2-Jul	1876	St Finbar's Catholic Church dedicated at Ohaupo
3-Jul		
4-Jul	1865	The first hotel, called <i>The Alexandra</i> , opened at Alexandra.
4-Jul	1927	Te Awamutu Roman Catholic School opened with 38 pupils.
5-Jul		
6-Jul		
7-Jul	1881	
7-Jul		
8-Jul	1884	New sale yards opened at Ohaupo.
9-Jul	1868	First Alexandra Highway Board members elected.
10-Jul	1914	Te Awamutu water supply from Mt Pirongia "on tap".

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11-Jul	1881	King Tawhiao with Waikato and Maniapoto leaders lays down arms in a declaration of peace in Alexandra. Major Mair, representing the government, lays down his weapon in reply.
12-Jul	1875	The Alexandra Public Hall, still under construction, was blown down by a south-westerly gale.
12-Jul	1880	Te Awamutu became the southern railhead of what was to become the Main Trunk Railway.
12-Jul	1881	In Alexandra, King Tawhiao showed great interest in a demonstration of telephone communication between Alexandra and Hamilton.
13-Jul		
14-Jul	1914	Te Awamutu Fire Brigade formed by volunteers.
15-Jul		
16-Jul	1881	Tawhiao attended a dinner in Te Awamutu at the commencement of a tour of the Waikato
17-Jul		
18-Jul		
19-Jul	1919	Peace celebrations held in Te Awamutu
20-Jul		
21-Jul	1881	Banquet in Cambridge for King Tawhiao who stayed at the Farmer's Club until his party left for Tamahere and Hamilton on 25 July.
22-Jul		
23-Jul	1900	Fire in Cambridge Borough Offices
23-Jul	1912	The first prisoners arrive at Waikeria Reformatory Prison.
24-Jul	1885	Kihikihi highwayman arrested.
25-Jul	1876	Presentation of the NZ Cross to Major Roberts at Cambridge
26-Jul	1926	Opening of Mangapiko Hall
27-Jul	1881	Hamilton banquet for King Tawhiao at Gaudin's Waikato Hotel. He later travelled to attend other functions at Ngaruawahia and Mercer in early August.
28-Jul		
29-Jul	1864	3rd Waikato Regt camped at Pukerimu
29-Jul	1964	Fergusson Bridge across the Waikato River opened at Cambridge.
30-Jul	1912	The first patients admitted by Tokanui Hospital
30-Jul	1956	Milk tankers first used.
31-Jul	1884	AC Headquarters moved from Cambridge to Kihikihi.
1-Aug	1879	Telegraph station opened at Ohaupo
1-Aug	1900	Kihikihi Creamery opened.
1-Aug	1911	Pirongia Creamery opened.
2-Aug	1932	Leamington Croquet Club formed.
3-Aug	1914	Britain at war with Germany
4-Aug		
5-Aug		
6-Aug		
7-Aug	1877	A la crosse match played at Alexandra between the AC Force and Civilians.
8-Aug	1880	Ohaupo Presbyterian Church, opposite the old military redoubt, opened by Rev Mr McNicol.
9-Aug	1876	Alexandra has the Waikato's first [indoor] skating rink in the Public Hall.
10-Aug		
11-Aug	1875	Alexandra Public Hall construction re-erected.
11-Aug	1881	Tawhiao returned to Alexandra from his tour of the main centres of the Waikato.
11-Aug	1906	"Motor cars are becoming almost as numerous [in Cambridge] as stray cows. Messrs Souter and A Wilkinson are the latest to import one of these pace eaters."
12-Aug	1876	Te Awamutu's first school committee elected. Chairman James Mandeno.
12-Aug	1881	Bridge over the Waipa opened at Te Rore.
12-Aug	1886	Waikato hospital district formed.
12-Aug	1887	Fall of snow through Waikato-Waipā.
12-Aug	1966	New Cambridge abbatoirs in operation.
13-Aug		

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14-Aug		
15-Aug	1869	The first school at Ohaupo established for 14 pupils in Emily Kusabs' home.
16-Aug	1882	Vehicles crossed the first Whatiwhatihoe Bridge over the Waipa.
16-Aug	1922	Pirongia Memorial Hall opened.
16-Aug	1975	The current Library and Museum building opened in Te Awamutu.
17-Aug	1921	New Bank of New Zealand building opened in Cambridge
18-Aug		
19-Aug	1940	Bicycle racks appeared in Victoria Street, Cambridge.
20-Aug	1875	Alexandra Public Hall opened with a public ball.
21-Aug	1964	Civil Defence starts in Cambridge
22-Aug		
23-Aug	1834	Mangapouri Mission CMS Station established at the confluence of the Puniu and Waipa rivers .
24-Aug	1887	NZ frozen Meat and Storage Company takes over Waikato Dairy Company business to make butter.
25-Aug	1874	Te Awamutu Public Library founded with 17 subscribers.
25-Aug	1904	Cambridge Fire Brigade formed
26-Aug		
27-Aug	1894	Death of King Tawhiao at Parawera
28-Aug		
29-Aug	1880	Catholic Church at Kihikihi opened.
29-Aug	1912	Town solicitors were instructed to take the necessary steps to legally sever Te Awamutu Borough from Waipa County.
30-Aug	1886	Waikato Cheese and Bacon Company went into liquidation.
31-Aug		
1-Sep	1889	Karamu Post Office opened.
1-Sep	1961	Waikato Savings Bank opens in Cambridge
2-Sep	1876	First rugby football match between Alexandra and Te Awamutu won by Te Awamutu 2 goals and 4 force-downs to 1 force-down.
2-Sep	1884	Mr J.S. Buckland's new saleyards opened at Ohaupo. Nearly 600 head of cattle were yarded for the sale.
3-Sep	1981	Cambridge BMX track formed.
4-Sep	1952	Kaniwhaniwha School closed.
5-Sep		
6-Sep		
7-Sep	1868	AC Major G F Von Tempsky killed in action at Te Ngutu o Te Manu in South Taranaki.
7-Sep	1939	Te Awamutu Red Cross branch formed.
7-Sep	1963	Te Pahu Interdenominational Church consecrated.
8-Sep	1921	The turning on of electricity at Kihikihi, was celebrated with a ceremony and a dance..
9-Sep	1946	Last passenger train leaves Cambridge.
10-Sep		
11-Sep	1911	Te Pahu School opened with a roll of 18 pupils.
12-Sep		
13-Sep	1889	Reported that oranges were being successfully grown by Mr Ohye at Ohaupo, despite the belief that they could not be grown profitably in the Waikato.
14-Sep	1927	The former Waipa County Council offices building in Ohaupo was dedicated as the Ohaupo Presbyterian Church.
16-Sep		
17-Sep	1882	Wesleyan Church opened at Kihikihi
18-Sep		
19-Sep	1911	A creamery was established at Pukeroro
20-Sep	1890	Market reports: butter, 6d per lb; eggs, 6d per dozen; flour, £11 per ton; potatoes, £2-15s per ton; ham & bacon, 5½d per lb.
20-Sep	1957	First naturalisation ceremony at Cambridge

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21-Sep		
22-Sep	1922	Pukeatua War Memorial unveiled
23-Sep	1946	Cambridge Rotary chartered.
24-Sep	1874	The Alexandra Philharmonic Society gave its first concert in the schoolroom.
25-Sep	1883	Dedication of the first Presbyterian Church in Kihikihi
26-Sep	1894	King Tawhiao buried on Taupiri Mountain. Mahuta proclaimed as his successor.
27-Sep	1921	Contractor making progress laying pipes for water reticulation in Pirongia
27-Sep	1940	Waikato Airport established at Rukuhia
27-Sep	1950	Cambridge Buffalo Lodge opened
28-Sep		
29-Sep		
30-Sep	1875	Ohaupo has new stock saleyards capable of holding 200 cattle.
1-Oct	1867	Harapepe Post Office opened.
1-Oct	1958	Bottled milk first delivered in Cambridge
1-Oct	1987	Three hundred Post Office box-holders on RD6, Te awamutu, responded to changes by NZ Post by forming the Pirongia Boxholders Association which established their own rural document exchange as an independent, alternative system of rural mail delivery in their area.
2-Oct		
3-Oct		
4-Oct		
5-Oct	1934	Cambridge Town Clock re-started at Jubilee Gardens
6-Oct	1896	Messrs Reynolds & Co's Waikato dairy factories bought by the NZ Dairy Association
7-Oct	1881	Waikato Cricket and Football Association formed.
7-Oct	1881	Waipa Racing Club formed at Ngaruwahia.
7-Oct	1920	Pirongia Chamber of Commerce inaugurated. Chairman A.F. Fair
8-Oct		
9-Oct		
10-Oct	1874	A Hamilton rugby team of 14 played a Cambridge team of 15 (made up of 9 AC and 6 others) in a match which was drawn 0-0.
10-Oct	1895	Municipal stockyards provided for stock sales in a leased paddock in Te Awamutu.
11-Oct		
12-Oct	1923	Official opening of the Ohaupo War Memorial Hall.
12-Oct	1974	Mrs Mary Wait , the first woman elected to the Ohaupo Town Board.
13-Oct		
14-Oct	1905	Cambridge Chamber of Commerce inaugurated
14-Oct	1905	Cambridge Cycling Club formed.
15-Oct	1920	Te Awamutu Plunket formed as a branch of the Hamilton Plunket.
16-Oct		
17-Oct	1907	Cambridge Club building opened.
17-Oct	1974	Drop-In Centre established by Cambridge Combined Social Services.
18-Oct		
19-Oct	1877	New railway from Auckland to Frankton Junction passed as "fit for traffic".
19-Oct	1923	Ohaupo War Memorial Hall opened.
20-Oct	1866	"We have daily, military settlers passing through Raglan from Alexandra ... endeavouring to sell their land claims at any price and leave the colony." (<i>Daily Southern Cross</i>)
20-Oct	1874	Major William Gilbert Mair appointed Resident Magistrate for the District of Waikato.
20-Oct	1888	Te Awamutu, Paterangi, Pukekura, Pukerimu and other butter factories taken over by Messrs Reynolds and Co.
20-Oct	1931	Fire destroyed the Ohaupo Hotel
21-Oct	1893	Waikato Fruitgrowers' Association formed at Ohaupo.
22-Oct	1876	Te Awamutu's first Methodist Church opened.

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23-Oct		
24-Oct		
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26-Oct	1912	Te Rore Farmers Union established
27-Oct		
28-Oct	1882	First Whatiwhatihoe Bridge (Tawhara Kai Atua) officially opened by Tawhiao at Whatiwhatihoe.
29-Oct	1880	Consecration of Kihikihi Catholic Church
30-Oct	1877	Auckland Board of Education confirms Robert Ormsby's appointed as the first teacher at the newly established Harapepe School.
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31-Oct	1908	There were 25 telephone subscribers in Te Awamutu's first telephone directory.
31-Oct	1956	Cambridge Historical Society formed.
1-Nov	1867	Waikato Militia (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Regiments) disbanded.
1-Nov	1884	First Te Awamutu Town Board elected.
1-Nov	1989	Te Awamutu Borough amalgamated with Waipa County Council - now Waipa District Council
2-Nov	1922	Cambridge Girl Peace Scouts formed.
2-Nov	1951	Women's Bowling Club opened in Cambridge.
3-Nov	1886	First separator butter factory started at Pukekura by Mr H. Reynolds.
4-Nov	1913	Members of the Farmers' Union from Te Awamutu and Cambridge rode to Auckland to become Special Constables, known as <i>Massey's Cossacks</i> , who protected non-union labour working the port during a strike by watersiders.
4-Nov	1918	A week before the Armistice which ended World War 1, New Zealand soldiers scaled the town's walls to liberate Le Quesnoy in Northern France. This became the basis of an active twin-town relationship between Cambridge and Le Quesnoy which was formalized on the 80th anniversary of the event in 1998.
5-Nov		
6-Nov		
7-Nov		
8-Nov	1881	At a meeting of the Ohaupo School Committee, it was suggested that a new outhouse be built as "the one now in use wants a new door, new seating, floor and sitles, and is lately getting smaller and beautifully less". A committee member remarked that it was "like the ould musket he had in the ould country - a real beauty, bar the lock, stock and barre!!"
8-Nov	1884	First meeting of Te Awamutu Town Board.
8-Nov	1888	Alexandra Town District merged into Waipa County.
9-Nov	1962	Cambridge kindergarten opens
10-Nov	1921	Paterangi War Memorial unveiled.
11-Nov	1868	Cambridge Highway Board Gazetted
11-Nov	1879	Quarterly cattle sales being held at Ohaupo
12-Nov	1925	Te Awamutu Co-op Dairy Factory began production of "Lotus" brand butter.
13-Nov		
14-Nov	1883	Cheese and Bacon Company at Paterangi started operating.
15-Nov	1954	Cambridge Gasworks closed.
16-Nov		
17-Nov		
18-Nov		
19-Nov		
20-Nov		
21-Nov	1907	The Hairini Hall opened at Rangiaohia
22-Nov	1877	Farmers' Club opened in Empire Street, Cambridge.
23-Nov	1876	First Waikato A & P Spring Show held in Mr Edwards' paddock at Ohaupo.
24-Nov		
25-Nov		

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26-Nov		
27-Nov	1868	60 Armed Constables now located at Alexandra. There is a stockade around the church which has also been fortified.
28-Nov	1870	Surveyor Richard Todd murdered near Alexandra (Pirongia).
29-Nov		
30-Nov	1975	Final showing of movies at the Empire Theatre, Te Awamutu.
1-Dec		
2-Dec		
3-Dec	1874	The first high-priced purebred shorthorn bull for Waikato herds purchased by Messrs H. Reynolds and G.E. Clark of Cambridge. The price was 400 guineas [\$840].
3-Dec	1945	Cambridge Central Bowling Club officially opened.
4-Dec		
5-Dec	1881	Christ Church (Anglican) opened at Kihikihi.
5-Dec	1912	A 47 ft high clock tower was added to the new Te Awamutu Post Office (removed in 1945 because it posed an earthquake risk).
6-Dec		
7-Dec		
8-Dec	1863	The British Army reached Ngaruawahia
9-Dec		
10-Dec	1883	Cheese and Bacon Factory at Rukuhia began operating.
11-Dec	1920	16 men formed the Cambridge Beautifying Society
12-Dec	1875	Floods in the Waikato and Waipa rivers, between 12 and 15 December, washed away bridges at Cambridge and Alexandra
13-Dec		
14-Dec		
15-Dec		
16-Dec	1891	Bathing sheds available at Lake Te Koutu, Cambridge.
17-Dec	1864	Governor Grey proclaimed the confiscation of a large area of Ngatihaua and Waikato lands by the NZ Government.
18-Dec		
19-Dec	1877	Official opening of the railway between Auckland and Frankton (Hamilton).
19-Dec	1909	Roman Catholic Church consecrated in Te Awamutu
20-Dec		
21-Dec	1907	Victoria Bridge opened at Cambridge
22-Dec	1876	First County Council election. Hon John Fisher elected for Waipa.
23-Dec		
24-Dec	1870	Rev L.C. Brady (Deacon) became the first permanent Anglican minister at Alexandra/Te Awamutu after the Waikato War
25-Dec		
26-Dec	1865	First Boxing Day Sports at Alexandra
27-Dec	1866	Wiremu Tamihana died at his home marae at Peria near Matamata.
28-Dec	1909	Carnegie Library opened in Cambridge
28-Dec	1912	Swimming baths opened in Victoria Street, Cambridge
29-Dec		
30-Dec	1881	First Kihikihi Public Hall opened with a ball.
31-Dec	1921	Electricity turned on in Pirongia by its oldest resident, Mrs Anne Aubin.

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SPECIFIC DATES REQUIRED :		
	1854	St Paul's Anglican Church at Hairini in use
	1865	Ohaupo district surveyed by William Mawdesley
Spring	1865	Krippner's German Company settled at Ohaupo
	1870	A grant from the Provincial Government by Capt Rich used to erect the first school building in the Waikato
	1870	Te Awamutu Cavalry Band formed
	1871	Alexandra Cricket Club established.
Early	1873	Alexandra School opened. Teacher Robert Ormsby
	1875	Te Awamutu Gun Club formed.
	1881	Te Awamutu Town Hall built with money raised locally
	1882	New Alexandra P & T Office opened
	1911	Silent movie show in Te Awamutu
	1911	Coronation Memorial Band Rotunda erected
	1912	An Athletics and Cycle Club formed at Te Awamutu
	1912	Te Awamutu branch of NZ Farmers' Union formed
	1914	Paterangi Hall opened
	1919	New Zealand Dairy Company formed
	1921	Electric lighting turned on in Te Awamutu.
	1923	War Memorial erected on the corner of Teasdale and Bank Streets
	1934	Opening of Te Rore Hall
June	1945	Te Awamutu Rotary Club formed.
December	1946	Te Awamutu Jaycees founded
	1955	Te Awamutu Memorial Park opened by PM Sidney Holland
	1961	Te Awamutu Lions receive their charter
	1971	The Rose Town designation of Te Awamutu inaugurated.
	1972	Te Awamutu became the sister town of Moree, Australia
	1973	Kihikihi incorporated within the borough of Te Awamutu.
	1974	Elsie Russell elected as Te Awamutu Borough's first woman councillor.