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## WAKEFIELD SCHOOL GALA A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

by *Sonia Emerson*

Another great day dawned for the Wakefield School Gala this year which was a good omen for the day to come. The atmosphere at the gala seemed friendly, community oriented, relaxed and fun which once again meant that our gala was a wonderful community event. As a result of the fantastic turnout and the amazing generosity of families, community and businesses, we were able to raise just over \$33,000 for Wakefield School which makes it our most successful gala yet. The money raised at the gala will be used on projects around the school to be decided by the Great Outdoors Steering Committee which is made up of parents, staff, and board members with students consulted through the student forum and student council. Some of the many projects that are emerging are school gardens, pathways connecting the classrooms, and an obstacle/fitness course of some sort.

The Wakefield School PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families and staff who supported the gala. Thank you to everyone who donated items, sponsored activities, provided prizes and assisted with set up, clean up and on the stalls during the gala. Without all of this support the gala wouldn't have been possible. Also thank you to everyone who turned out on the night and brought along family, friends and neighbours.

Entertainment was kindly provided by Hardy Street Brass Council, as well as a range of groups from within the school including the trombone group, the rock bands, the pop band, the choir and the kapa haka group. These performers did an awesome job.

Once again there was a plethora of food which seemed to go down a treat, and the stalls were kept open for an extra half an hour at the end of the gala to cater for those last minute dinner solutions. The variety of hot food on offer included Brucie's pork sammies, burgers, All Wendy Pearson Lucy sausage sizzle, whitebait patties and Mechanised Cable Harvesting hot chips and hot dogs. Other food options included sushi which disappeared in a flash, the café, kids sweet treats, NZ King Salmon bagels, the Wakefield Village Takeaways real fruit ice creams, and Harte Distribution & Freighting milkshakes. For our second year running, some of the fantastic parents got together an awesome gluten and dairy free stall which was kindly sponsored by Wakefield Health Centre and Nelbay Solutions. This year they made \$1,900 just on that one stall so word is spreading...

There were plenty of activities to keep the kids busy including the inflatable area with the obstacle course, climbing wall and All Accounts Matter sumo wrestling. Town & Country Vet kindly provided the animals for the kids to go and ga over again, and there was a line to ride the "unicorn", courtesy of Wild Oats Farm. The Nurture at Home toddler zone was popular with the littlies, as was Anna's gingerbread and Melanie Douglas-Solly's hairdos. There were options for the boys too with the Enviro Horticulture digger and a new area introduced by some of the dads this year, the MTF motorbikes. Gardiner Building kindly sponsored the haunted house which was a big hit, making \$1,200.



People were queuing outside the classrooms to get in to see the second hand treasures in the books, toys, garage sale and clothing areas. A lot of the stuff was sold on the day but there were some leftovers and these were donated to The Koha Shed after the gala, who were very appreciative. The Wendy Pearson – Tall Poppy Real Estate chocolate wheel was ever popular and the plants and produce were practically walking out the gate. The move of the silent auction to the school hall seemed to help with space and visibility, with plenty of bidders getting in the mood.

Thank you to sponsors of other areas; Sue Ketel – Travel Broker for sponsoring the poster competition, Programmed Property Maintenance for the kids competitions, Wendy Pearson – Tall Poppy Real Estate for our radio advertising, Wakefield Print for the adult cake baking competition, and Anne's Hairspace for the kids activities. Thank you also to Lucy Pearson for the fabulous photos that accompany this article.

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# Wakefield Health Centre

## SKIN CANCER

by Dr Mark Fry

Summer is here and while I don't want to spoil the fun I would like to remind people about skin cancer. It is the most common cancer in New Zealand and unfortunately we have amongst the highest rates in the world. It is largely preventable – over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. It is important to detect skin cancer early, especially melanoma. Early detection gives the best chance of successfully treating cancer.

### Types of skin cancer:

Melanoma – the most serious form of skin cancer, causing over two thirds of skin cancer deaths.

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) – easily treated if found early but can be fatal if left untreated.

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) – the most common and generally the least dangerous skin cancer. BCC can be serious and require surgery if left untreated.

### Causes of skin cancer:

The most common cause of skin cancer is too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. People of all ages and skin colour can be diagnosed with skin cancer but those at a higher risk are people who have:

- Fair skin or red or fair hair
- Used sunbeds, particularly at a young age
- Large irregular shaped or uneven moles
- Had one or more severe sunburns – especially in childhood or adolescence
- Fair skin that burns easily no matter what hair colour
- A large number of moles
- A family history of melanoma (parent, brother, sister or child)

### Prevention of skin cancer:

If people protect their skin and avoid sunburn throughout their lives the risk of skin cancer is reduced. It is important to be SunSmart in the months of September and April, especially between the hours of 10am – 4pm when the UV radiation levels are high. In winter it is also important to be SunSmart at high altitudes and around snow and water.

### Steps to being SunSmart:

Slip – into the shade where possible.

Slip – on some protective clothing, ie shirt with collar and long sleeves and trousers or long-legs shorts.

Slop – on sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 30 and apply 20 minutes prior to sun exposure.

Slap – on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.

Wrap – on some close fitting sunglasses.

### Symptoms and diagnosis of skin cancer:

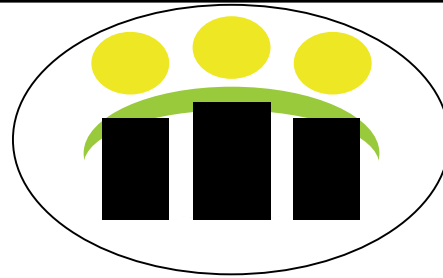
Finding skin cancer as early as possible is the key to successful treatment. You should speak to your health professional if you have a mole, freckle or spot that:

- Is new or changing
- Does not heal
- Looks different from others around it
- Has changed in size, thickness, shape, colour or has started to bleed

### Treatment of skin cancer:

Many skin cancers are treated at the GP surgery and do not need specialist treatment. Other forms of skin cancer may require more specialist surgery.

Enjoy summer but be SunSmart and if you are worried about a spot then come and have it checked out.



## Wakefield Health Centre

Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8am – 7pm

**New Enrolments Welcome**

**Phone 541 8911**

**12 Edward St Wakefield**

### Wakefield Health Centre

Our opening hours over the Christmas period are as follows:

Monday 21 Dec	Normal hours
Tuesday 22 Dec	Normal hours
Wednesday 23 Dec	Normal hours
Thursday 24 Dec	8.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 25 Dec	CLOSED

Monday 28 Dec	CLOSED
Tuesday 29 Dec	Normal hours
Wednesday 30 Dec	Normal hours
Thursday 31 Dec	8.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 1 January	CLOSED

Monday 4 January	CLOSED
Tuesday 5 January	Normal hours
Wednesday 6 January	Normal hours
Thursday 7 January	Normal hours
Friday 8 January	Normal hours

### Repeat Prescriptions

Please ensure you request your repeat prescriptions in good time.



# Wakefield Physio - Health & Wellbeing

## ROLL AWAY YOUR TENSION

by Kate West, Physiotherapist (BPhty) at Wakefield Physio

Do you suffer from tight muscles or have tension throughout your upper back? Massage can be a useful way to ease this tension, however relying on someone else can pose its own problems. A foam roller is a cylindrical piece of closed cell foam that can be used for self-massage to ease muscle tightness and tension.

Muscle tension can arise when certain muscles are overworked and overused. This can be caused by prolonged poor posture, muscle imbalances and overuse from sport. Certain areas within a muscle become tight and hard like a 'golf ball' and are commonly referred to as 'knots' or 'trigger points'. These areas if ignored cause pain.

To use a foam roller you roll yourself up and down along the length of your muscle or spine (see pictures below). If you find a particularly tender spot you will need to hold over this position until you feel your muscle relaxing or the intensity of the pain decreases. But be aware foam rollers can hurt! Start by doing only a couple of rolls at a time and increase the time on the roller as your muscles adapt and your tension reduces. The effect of the foam roller is to bring oxygen and blood flow to the specific area which results in your muscle relaxing and therefore decreasing the tension and pain of your muscle.

Below are some commonly sore places where rollers can help:

### 1) Iliotibial band (ITB) release

Your ITB is a band situated on the outside of your leg and runs from your hip to the outside of your knee. The ITB provides support to the knee and can get easily irritated with repetitive movements such as running, walking and biking.

Start with your left hip resting on the roller.

Place your right foot on the ground either in front or behind your left leg and use your arms for support. Slowly move along the length of the ITB and stop once at your knee then return to the start position. Repeat on your other leg.

### 2) Hamstring release

Place your left hamstring on the roller while maintaining a straight leg.

Bend your right knee and place your foot on the ground.

Place your hands behind you to help you move along the roller.

Slowly roll along your hamstring and then repeat on the other side.

### 3) Thoracic (upper back) release

Your thoracic spine is the area of your spine between your neck (cervical) and low back (lumbar). The muscles associated with your thoracic spine are often put under pressure because of poor posture and muscle imbalances.

Place the roller across your thoracic spine and put your hands behind your head for support. Bend your knees and keep your feet flat on the floor.

Slowly roll along the length of your spine.

For a particularly tender area slowly arch your upper back over the roller and hold for 3-5 seconds.

Gently release and repeat ten times.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

and all the best for 2016



Our Christmas and New Year opening days are as follows:

Mon 21st & Wed 23rd Dec: 9am-5.30pm

**Closed: Fri 25th & Mon 28th Dec**

Wed 30th 9am-5.30pm

**Closed Fri 1st & Mon 4th Jan**

Normal days resume after this period



Located at the Wakefield Health Centre  
12 Edward St, Wakefield

**P: 541 8911**

info@physiowakefield.co.nz

It is okay to hear some clicks coming from your back.

Foam rollers can be purchased from your physiotherapy practice or most sporting stores. They can range from \$15 to \$30 depending on the quality and density of the foam.

If you have muscle tightness or trigger points that are troublesome then speak to your physiotherapist first to ensure the cause of your problems are sorted.

Please be aware that foam rollers can be quite sore to use initially, so please use with caution and start by only using a small amount of pressure.

If they cause you pain or increase your pain then please stop.

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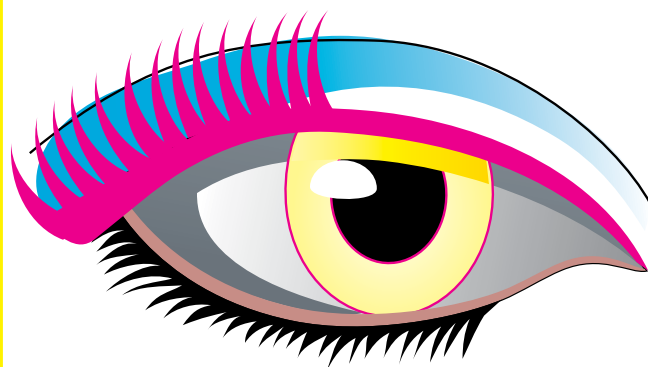
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# Town and Country Talk

## GETTING PREPARED FOR SUMMER

by Brenda Halliwell

As we all prepare for Christmas holidays, making arrangements for pet care over the summer and holiday period is an important consideration.

Here are a few things to think about.....

- Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and Parvovirus plus Canine Cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure, and don't leave it until the last minute!
- Leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer.
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. There is definitely more chocolate around at Christmas so remember to keep it out of reach of your dog. We often see dogs that have found the chocolate under the tree before their owners!
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs.
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that, when eaten by your pet (especially dogs), can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.
- Toxic algae is a warm weather hazard in our rivers. It's safest to avoid the rivers in summer and head to the beach instead.
- Heatstroke is common over summer particularly in larger dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.
- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long haired cats, and advise clipping under ears and around the feet of long haired dogs. Some long haired dogs which aren't traditionally clipped (eg Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!



- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. This is particularly important for fluffy dogs especially spaniels, poodles and all their crosses. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!
- Warm weather accelerates development of flea eggs and larvae so monthly or two-monthly treatment (depending on which product you use) is important. We have many products available to suit your pets and their lifestyle including oral tablets, topical treatments and long-lasting collars.



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# The Way We Were

## Spring Grove Church of Christ 1875-1913, Part II - Sowing the Seed - Reaping the Harvest

Prepared for the Waimea South Historical Society by Roger Batt

The earliest foundation members of the church as recorded in A Rural History of New Testament Christianity were: Mary Bell, William Bell, John and Mary Batt, William McGowan, Matthew Day, Mr and Mrs John Griffith and John Griffith jr., Mr and Mrs William Dron, George Bell snr., Mr and Mrs John James, Mr and Mrs Ivor James, John Wilson, George Gray, Mr and Mrs James Barton, Mr and Mrs Edward Lewis, and John Stanton.

Two years after setting themselves apart from the Baptists more members were added to the group in 1868 when Henry S Earle, an American evangelist, came to Nelson and held a short mission. Converts added to the roll were Harry Batt (son of John and Ann), Ann Dron, Elijah Griffith, Sydney and Sarah Higgins (of dairy fame).

In 1875, when the church was still sharing the chapel near the station with the Baptists, a Bible School was opened with ten scholars. This was the work of Edward Lewis jnr. and Harriet Higgins. It was to be the source of a continuous stream of members for the growing church over the following years. Three years later in 1878 the church had become sufficiently established to feel the need for their own building. One of the members, Thomas Wagstaff, donated a section near Barton's Lane on the main road. A chapel was built by Mr Clayton and painted by Mr Kent. It still stands today and is the front section of the Bible School Hall.



PRESENT SCHOOL HALL, OLD CHAPEL, FRONT PORTION ERECTED 1878

There are no available records of what occurred on the opening day and both the Colonist and Nelson Evening Mail are silent in this regard but great must have been the rejoicing of the brethren at being able to take possession of their own building. Perhaps one of the latest gospel songs from America, later to appear in Ira D Sankeys "Sacred Songs and Solos" would have echoed around the rafters - and many cream sponges would have been consumed afterwards. A pulpit bible was presented by Matthew Day. Twenty years later this went with 38 of the congregation to Wai-iti when that church was opened in 1898 - where is it now?

By 1884 the congregation had grown to 83 members; the bible school had 38 scholars and three teachers. In that year the secretary, John Griffith, produced a report from which the following details are taken: Meetings held in the Christian Meeting House on the Lord's Day for worship at 11.00am and preaching at 7.00pm. On Wednesday evening Bible Class at 7.30pm. Evangelist, E. Lewis, Deacons: Harry Batt, John Griffith Jr., John R. Metzenthin.

The church was full of life and confidence. In 1883 the building had become too small for the growing numbers and this necessitated an extension in the form of a vestry which was added to the back. The lack of an hierarchical church structure and the belief that all were "priests" in God's sight encouraged lay members with speaking abilities and Bible knowledge to take up preaching duties. This enabled the church to release Edward Lewis, on a small salary, to begin work in Nelson, where there was no Church of Christ. This continued for 18 months with "gratifying results."

Two stalwart "brothers" who filled the gap were John Griffiths Jr. and Harry Batt. John worked on the Nelson railway but his spare time was given over to church work: Superintendent of the Bible School for many years and preaching the Gospel "in season and out of season." At various times he assisted in preaching in Nelson, covering the 17 miles by horse and trap or on the railway. The record shows that he baptised 55 people at Spring Grove during his years of service and more that are not recorded.

Harry Batt of Wai-iti, son of pioneer settlers John and Ann, was evidently a forceful speaker who maintained a persistent and constant witness. A report in a Brotherhood periodical of 1890 states: "Bro H Batt has been giving some excellent discourses to very fair audiences; his address on the Second Coming of Christ was a clear and logical one, completely refuting the idea that it took place at the destruction of Jerusalem. Bro Batt is just the sort of man that is needed in these times; to use the Irishman's expression, 'When he speaks he says something.' He is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, nor does he keep back part of it to suit his hearers, but always says what he means and means what he says."

In 1889 in a list of NZ Churches of Christ the membership of Spring Grove is listed as 85 with 53 scholars in the Bible school and six teachers; the Nelson church had 23 members. Contrary to what we might have thought, the growth of the Churches of Christ in the Nelson province did not centre on the city - it flowed out from Spring Grove with churches being eventually established all over the district from Wai-iti, Richmond and Tadmor to Motueka and Bainham.



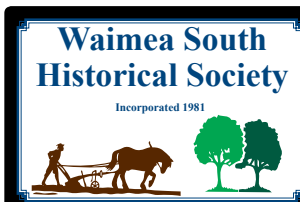
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### CORRECTION

In our first article on the Spring Grove Church of Christ last month (November), it was stated incorrectly that the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary would be held at Easter 2016. THIS IS INCORRECT. As stated in the notice on page 13 last month, the dates are 19th & 20th March, 2016.



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# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

This picture says it all; if we can't get in we will struggle to help you in your time of need. This may look funny or stupid to some but this does happen far too many times when we are going down someone's driveway either in the township or down a rural driveway. If you have a driveway that looks like this can you please take action with a set of loppers and even a chainsaw in some cases before we are needed.

This month I went to the 2015 UFBA Conference where minister Peter Dunne announced Cabinet's approval of the preferred option for the Fire Services Review. The option that Cabinet has selected is a unified fire service with regional influence. This means an end to separate rural and urban services and their governance, replaced by a single national organisation.

Regional committees will provide the regional voice in national decision-making and will have a say over how fire services are delivered in their region. Cabinet's decision is the culmination of two years worth of consultation with all of the key groups who work in the fire and emergency services sector.

As the minister said in his speech, this is not a takeover of any one part by another; rather it is a merging of our talents, strengthening both rural and urban services to deliver consistently across the country. The minister has indicated that he aims to have the legislation to effect the change in train next year, and we could see our unified service as early as 2017.

The change will be introduced without unnecessarily disrupting business-as-usual fire services.

## Call outs for November

MVA = Motor Vehicle Accident  
PFA = Private Fire Alarm

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Electrical fire     | Wakefield                |
| • Diesel spill        | Brightwater              |
| • Car vs tree         | Belgrove                 |
| • Van roll            | Spooners Range           |
| • PFA                 | Wakefield Medical Centre |
| • Car vs power        | Brightwater              |
| • Veg fire            | Wakefield                |
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# On The Beat

Summer is on its way and school holidays will soon be upon us. Christmas is just over four weeks away and it's that time of the year for end of year work parties, celebrations and just really getting out there and enjoying the summer. If you intend to head out and drink alcohol make sure you have a sober driver to get home or even walk, use a taxi or use a courtesy vehicle, or stay at your friend's house so you don't drink. Some employers are even providing vans to get you safely home so please use them and don't drink and drive.

We have had a few incidents up the Wairoa Gorge Road, Lee Valley Road recently where someone has been stealing mail and even packages that have been delivered. A suspect vehicle and driver were seen and PJ and I would like any information on a Grey Nissan Terrano 4x4 with a young male driver with dark hair that have been observed in this area.

There have also been a number of letter boxes stolen from Higgins Road, Haycock Road and some have been dumped in Wakefield. Also we have had a couple of letter boxes blown up with fireworks. If any one has any info lets us know.

Just a reminder about our new initiative that was advertised in the last Window on Wakefield. It is the Nelson Bays Rural email address. The idea of this mail address is for you to let us know about things that are happening in our community. This could be suspicious activity or vehicles, unlawful hunters, etc. This email address does not replace the 111 system or the crime reporting line, it is an additional tool for you in the community to be able to get information to us.

The email address is [NNBaysRural@police.govt.nz](mailto:NNBaysRural@police.govt.nz).

If you want to subscribe to this Rural Newsletter then you can also email the above and ask to be put on the email list.

I would like to thank all those people who have told us they have moved address and need their firearms security check done.

We would like to ask you all to report incidents that occur at the time as we have had a few people approach us recently saying that things have happened historically. So please report it at the time.

Damage to forestry gates from unlawful hunting or poaching is still going on. If you have any information regarding this let us know. As you can see this is an ongoing issue and there is considerable damage to gates.

We have a great community spirit in this area so let's keep it going and keep the information coming to us. This is our last newsletter for the year so have an awesome Christmas, be safe, drive safe.

Cheers  
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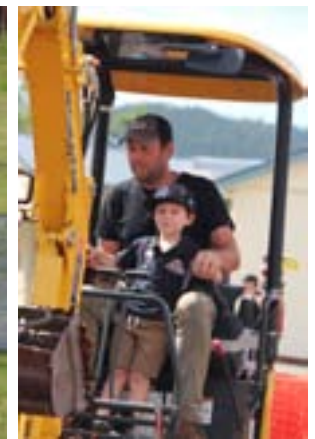


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# Quiz

by Derek Evans

## A Christmas Quiz

1. How many Wise Men were there according to the bible?
2. What does "mistletoe" mean?
3. Which Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland banned Christmas in 1647?
4. Which beloved film star and very quiet little man passed away on Christmas Day 1977?
5. What is the chemical formula for a snowflake?
6. Which form of clean "transport" do Norwegians hide away somewhere in the house on Christmas Eve as a precautionary measure?
7. Which word, often associated with Christmas, stems from the Greek word for circle dance?
8. Apparently in 1847 while poking at the fire, the London sweet shop owner Tom Smith got the inspiration to make what?
9. What is the name of the holly plant?
10. Which Christmas tradition, said to have originated in Germany, was banned in the Soviet Union until 1935?
11. Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove?
12. Why were Joseph and the expectant Mary on the road to Bethlehem in the first place?
13. Christmas Challenge - The 64 dollar question... Name all ten of Santa's reindeer.

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# In The Bush

*by Doug South, President, Wakefield Bush Restoration Society Inc.*

Our November weeding bee saw a good turnout of volunteers, which worked in really well for the large area that needed our attention.

We worked along the hill face in the Waikari Scenic Reserve and again Old Man's Beard was prevalent, with ivy and privet running a close second.

Good camaraderie and plenty of laughs as we almost had to become very sure footed mountain goats!

For those who were not so sturdy of foot they did a fantastic job along the fence line.

Special thanks also to the volunteers who stayed behind to finish off a smaller area adjacent to where we had been working. It's great to have another one ticked off our maintenance list.

The track to the lookout has most of the new steps and drains installed. I am sure their installation will be truly appreciated by all who walk this track.

Thank you again for enjoying our Scenic Reserves. Always feel free to contact me should you have any queries or wish to join our society.

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# Live Well Stay Well

by Margaret Clark

"Live Well Stay Well" group has now finished for the year. We will recommence after Easter in 2016.

We have had lots of coffee and chat sessions at local cafes plus have just about been on every walking track around Brightwater and Wakefield. As well we have had some varied speakers and visits throughout the year.

Our last visit was to the new recycling resource centre in Richmond. This gave us all lots of information on our recycling service and how best to use it. We all learned something new. Thank you to Tasman District Council and Smart Environmental Services.

The "Live Well" group is a health and social group that meets two weekly on a Tuesday morning. We enjoy meeting people new to the area who want to meet people in our own communities of Brightwater and Wakefield. We also like to be active and learn about our local community.

Ring Margaret 5419693 or Yvonne 5422235 if you want to be on our email list so you know whats happening. Best wishes to you all for a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.



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# Growing Things - Wakefield's Water

by Jenni Komarovsky

Now that we're well into summer and the possibility of water restrictions looms again, it seemed timely to talk about water; specifically, where ours comes from and how to conserve it in the garden. Dr Gill Bullock, Senior Water Quality Officer at the Tasman District Council, answered some of my questions.

Wakefield water is pumped from a well behind the fire station. It is chlorinated and aerated at a small treatment plant and then pumped up to the two reservoirs behind the old church in Edward Street. From there it supplies the whole of Wakefield and properties as far as Spring Grove and the Wakefield-Kohatu Highway via 744 water meters and 60 restrictors. A more reliable source of water has been found at Spring Grove and the construction of a new pumping station will be completed there in the next couple of years.

Some rural properties on the outskirts of Wakefield get their water from the Eighty-Eight Valley water scheme. This is a restricted, low flow water scheme; water is delivered to tanks via restrictors (190 in total). It is chlorinated but is not as high a quality as the Wakefield water. Other rural properties have to collect their own roof water for domestic use, or have their own well.

The current supply struggles to keep up with demand during the dry season. The average use in summer is 800 m<sup>3</sup> – that's 800,000 litres – per day. That means that the average Wakefield household uses 1,000 litres or about 10 baths of water per day in summer. Compare this with the average annual household use across the district of 700 litres per day, and you can see that either we are using a lot in our houses, or more likely, we are watering our gardens a lot.

Gill has noticed that on rainy days, the total Wakefield water use drops dramatically. So there is a definite correlation between high water use and watering gardens. She suggests that to help, you can try the following:

- Collect rainwater in tanks or barrels for garden use
- Mulch to retain moisture
- Use shade cloth on tender plants, or plant shady trees
- Let your lawn die! It will grow again when it rains.

Search on the Tasman District Council website for a good resource called "water saving hints" for more information on saving water in the garden and in other parts of the house.



Please do your bit to help to conserve water! A sign on a water pumping station reminds us that "water is precious".

## Heart and Sole

by Diana Gabric

There are many reasons why I love living in Wakefield and one is the casual, friendly and relaxed rural atmosphere - rarely a suit to be seen. It truly is a village with a heart and soul and I hope this never changes.

Now - there is another sort of sole I want to write about! Footwear - I have noted that the gumboot is one favoured form of footwear for many in Wakefield and mine are a lovely lavender shade. The reason is, especially in winter, one can go straight from a muddy paddock to friends or the supermarket and easily slip them off at the door.

Now, when I open the wardrobe I see my sadly depleted collection of shoes because I don't need to dress up anymore. My partner thinks my side is bulging but that's purely male perspective, besides he hardly wears shoes at all! When I need something nice, say, for a wedding I panic! My shoes are all for definite purposes - cycling, tramping, walking, digging the garden, jandals for summer and relaxing.

I look back to my late teens and early 20's when I was a slave to fashion, two pairs of shoes stand out - my "Anklebreakers" and "Ladykillers". My father was a cobbler, amongst other professions, and made the most beautiful boots. For me he created some red suede clogs with high wooden heels. My strong Scottish ankles stood me in good stead as I crossed the road teetering on these dangerous platforms. Had I fallen off I surely would have broken my ankle.

My other pair was acquired in London when a friend returned to Australia and abandoned her excess clothing. They were black suede with four inch stiletto heels. They altered my posture and I had to learn to walk, made me 5 foot 8 inches tall, and I felt oh so elegant. I refused to remove them even when dancing all night with very drunk but utterly charming Irishmen in a Kilburn dancehall. The next day I couldn't walk, my feet were killing me!

Now, older and wiser, it's style that counts. My favourite shoes are a pair of chocolate brown, fur-lined leather ankle boots bought in Austria 20 years ago. They are timeless and will last me many more years as since I moved from Wellington to sunny Nelson they get little use.

So, what is it with women and shoes? We definitely have "a thing" about shoes. Do we possess an Imelda Marcos gene exclusive to females? According to Peta Mathias - "if a woman has no lust for shoes she is probably dead from the neck down". I think a shoe goddess resides deep inside us - look into your sole/soul and there she will be, her eyes gleaming back at you daring you on.

However there are many ways to suppress this IM gene or turn a deaf ear to the shoe goddess and being retired is one of them! But if someone were to give me \$1000 with strict instructions to buy only shoes (that is equivalent to only 2-3 quality pairs) I would be off to the nearest (quality) shoe shop, armed and dangerous, to buy shoes I don't need but that the shoe goddess said I want. I know three pairs isn't nearly enough to satisfy the goddess but it's enough for me!

# A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant, BBus

## KEEPING GOOD BUSINESS RECORDS - WHY BOTHER?

It doesn't matter what type of business you have, it's important to be able to see what you have paid for, and how much you are owed by clients, so that you can forecast for the future. In addition, your bank manager, accountant or investors may also need to see your business records at some time to keep track of your progress and help plan your business's future.

Several government departments also require you to keep records by law, especially for statistics and tax reasons.

## Benefits of Keeping Accurate Records

- **Better control of your business or organisation** – keeping accurate records will enable you to determine whether you are making enough money to cover your expenses. They should show you where your money is coming from and what you are spending it on. This will help you with decision making, and to make budgeting decisions. For not for profit organisations, they also enable you to keep track of grants and other income and how these funds are spent. Often this is a requirement of receiving the grant, and you are required to advise the grant provider what the grant was spent on.

- **Increase your chances of getting finance or funding** – Without keeping good records, it can be difficult to approach others to invest in your business, or provide you with funding. It is much easier to prepare the appropriate documentation when applying for loans or grants, if you have got accurate records to support the figures.

In addition, keeping good records, and being able to provide information when requested, is good evidence that the business is being run professionally. This is true whether you are looking for investment, or even thinking about selling the business. It is generally expected that potential buyers can check your performance by gaining access to your financial records.

- **Save time and money** – If you keep your records up to date, and in good order, then you are likely to get your tax returns and other paperwork completed more quickly. It therefore follows that if your records are tidy, and there is less work for the accountant to do, then you are likely to be charged less for the services provided as well. This will mean that you can then use your accountants services to provide you with advice and assistance with being proactive and improving your business, rather than just historical reporting.

- **Audits will take less time** – If you are in business, you can expect that at some stage you could be audited by the Inland Revenue Department. Less time will be required on the audit if you have kept good records which are easily accessible.

Perhaps you could make it your New Years Resolution to get your records in order and set up a system that works for you for the coming year.

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# Congratulations...

## GOLDEN MOMENT

by Avis Blowers

Evie and Doug South have again done our village proud.

At a recent National Exhibition in Wellington for stamps and postcards they both obtained gold medals for their exhibits.

Doug displays a thematic stamp exhibit entitled "Our Feathered Friends", while Evie exhibits postcards and her exhibit was entitled "A Passage "The Marlborough Sounds".

Both Doug and Evie over a period of many years have exhibited at both national and international level, with great success.

Great ambassadors for our region, particularly at the overseas shows, Evie always states when asked, "We are from Wakefield, Nelson, New Zealand."



## NEAME WEDDING

We congratulate Station Officer Robert Neame and now Alana Neame.

Married on Saturday 31st October, may they make many more firepersons.



## Womens Biz

### 25th September Meeting

Our September Womens Biz meeting was held at Wakefield Clothing Plus. We had two people profiling; Sue Ketel who is a local Travel broker and Donna from Wakefield Clothing Plus.

Sue started the evening rolling by telling us about her business and what she can offer clients. She has enormous experience in this industry and goes the extra mile for her clients!

We then acted out our favourite holiday destination and those watching guessed where they were! This certainly got people thinking and gave them a chance to show off their acting skills.

It was fascinating to watch and discover everyone's favourite place. Thanks Sue for your prizes. We know Sue is excelling in her business as most of her new clients are from referrals!

Donna was next and she talked about her journey to Wakefield and renovating the old church hall! What a fantastic job her and her husband have done. We were also treated to some fabulous drinks and nibbles.

We then had a guided tour around Donna's shop. The people who hadn't visited before were amazed at the quality and variety of things they could purchase. Many of us tried clothes on and purchased on the night. Donna has clothes, shoes, books, CDs, kitchenware and art and craft supplies.

Go along and see this great place right at your back door! Thanks Donna for hosting the night, we all had a great evening.

### October Meeting

Sharyn Ogg from Plant and Share profiled for our October meeting. As soon as we walked in we were surrounded by fantastic smells! Sharyn makes herbal based natural, organic skin care products. She talked about her landscape architecture background and how her interest developed into growing and using her own herbs.

Sharyn has a vast amount of products available; baby care, soaps, hair care, face products, natural deodorants and much more and we were lucky enough to watch and help make a lip balm. What a fascinating process from the dried herbs to the oil and then seeing it all come together to the finished product - our very own lip balm to take home with us. Sharyn also treated us to some herbal teas, it was great to see the herbs in their natural state and they tasted delicious, which surprised some non tea drinkers! Thanks again Sharyn everyone really enjoyed your products and the talk about your business.

Our December meeting will be held at The Treasure Box in Wakefield, (the old Wakefield Villa Gift Shop) on the 11th December at 7.30pm. Come along and see what they have to offer for those last minute gifts that you may have forgotten about. We will be having some of the lovely ladies from the Treasure Box profiling along with Lisa who is an upholsterer and also makes toy boxes and other wonderful creations.

Remember you don't have to be in business to come along to our meetings, they are very informal, you never know who you are going to meet. If you are interested in profiling your business next year please contact Genie 03 541 9641 or Janet 03 522 4136, we would love to hear more about the businesses in the Wakefield and Tapawera area.

# Girl Guiding in Wakefield

by Veronique Law

Term four has been a chance to get out and about for the Wakefield Pippins and Brownies. There was a Regional Camp that was attended by about 90 girls from the Nelson Region. The camp was held at Marahau over the last weekend of October and start of November. Four Pippins and one Brownie enjoyed kayaking, the egg challenge, raft building and an obstacle course. The weather was beautiful during the day and campfire songs drifted across the water on the Saturday evening.

Wakefield Pippins Brianna and Ciara attended the Big Sista Little Sista event at Paretai on Sunday 8th November. The afternoon was a variety of games with the Rangers and ended with a water slide.

On Thursday 12th November the Brownies made biscuits to sell to raise money to donate to a local Wakefield project. We made hokey pokey, anzac, chocolate chip, vanilla and ginger biscuits that we decorated. We also had rhubarb and white chocolate muffins and banana choc chip, yum!

On Saturday 14th November Hannah and myself, sold the biscuits at the Wakefield car boot sale for \$1 each item. We raised \$60.20 which we decided to donate to the Wakefield Skate Park project through Focus Wakefield. Today, 19th November at Brownies Dan and Caleb were presented with the money to go towards finishing the Skate Park. We can't wait to have a go.

by Kia Shefford, age 7

Unfortunately the Wakefield Pippin and Brownie Units will both be closing at the end of this year. Finishing has not been an easy decision to make with a group of girls who really enjoy the experiences each week. I have enjoyed my years as a leader and meeting so many girls. Helping to be a part of developing them into confident young ladies is the best reward a leader can have. It is now time for me to concentrate on my own family and their interests. Thank you to all those in the community who have helped me out in the past and supported the unit. I will continue to teach the world why the 22nd February is an important date.



## Wakefield Scouts

The Wakefield Scout Group would like to thank all of its supporters over the past year.

A Big B.R.A.V.O. goes out to our invaluable leaders, committee members, youth and their families as well as our locals and businesses who have all made it a fantastic year for our group.

Over 2016 period our Scout section (10-14 year olds) and Venturer section (14-18 year olds) will be looking for fundraising opportunities so if you or someone you know has anything to offer please contact us on [wsg4kids@gmail.com](mailto:wsg4kids@gmail.com) or phone Angela on 541 9223. Our Venturers are heading to Rotorua for Inferno (the Venturer Jamboree) and our Scouts are heading to Renwick for the 2016/17 Scout Jamboree next Christmas so there will be lots of activity happening for fundraising.

We thank the community for its continued support and wish you all a safe and merry Christmas period.

Nick Law  
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# Imagining the Future - Landscape Designs Wow Wakefield

by Peter Verstappen

The All Blacks weren't the only winners on Sunday 1 November. While Ritchie's men were walloping the Wallabies, Wakefield was celebrating the completion of a ground-breaking project – a re-imagining of our village by students from Victoria University Wellington School of Architecture.

The students' redesign of Wakefield, an initiative of Focus Wakefield, was celebrated in an exhibition of the students' projects in the Wakefield School hall. The eight master plans and two dozen detailed 'zooms' offered a huge range of ideas and a wealth of detail; from remakes of the village square to riverside parks, wetlands for dispersing storm water, new walkways to improve pedestrian access and fresh ideas for some of Wakefield's heritage buildings.

These designs, grand in scope and intricately detailed, are the culmination of four months work by 28 third-year landscape architecture students, in a project that began back in July when Wakefield hosted the group for a week. Eight students and their lecturer, Carles Almoyna, returned for the exhibition and spent a busy weekend explaining their work to a steady stream of locals who responded enthusiastically to their ideas.

Opening the exhibition, District Councillor Tim King thanked the students for their dedication and creativity in showing us our community in new perspectives that will generate plenty of discussion and debate. Councillor King commented that few small communities get an opportunity like this and he hoped some of the ideas would eventually become reality.

Mr Almoyna praised Focus Wakefield and the community for hosting the students and giving them open access to the village, its people and their stories, and the resources of the District Council.

Lynne Scanlen, convenor of the organising committee, acknowledged the Council's generous support of the project, and encouraged the community to view the exhibition and join the conversation. Her words were heard, with nearly 200 people viewing the display over the weekend and about 30 of these signing up to help continue the work.

The exhibition finished with the award of prizes to the winners of the 'people's choice' vote and certificates of honorary citizenship of Wakefield to all students.

The designs are now held by Focus Wakefield and work will continue in the New Year to engage the community further in the hope of turning vision into reality.



If you want to be part of this work please contact Focus Wakefield on [focuswakefield@gmail.com](mailto:focuswakefield@gmail.com).





# Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Wendy Wadsworth

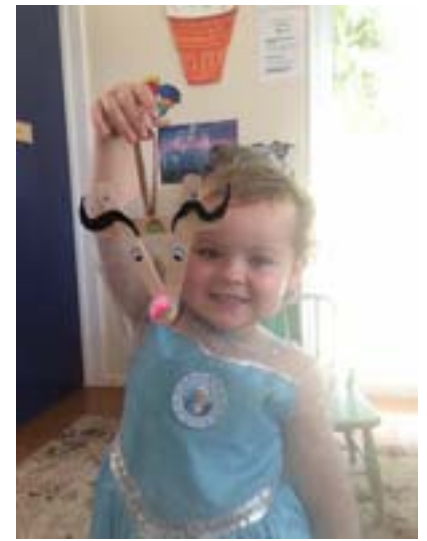
In the month of November the children and parents at playgroup have had another busy month with activities of riding animals, writing letters to Santa, Doc from Cars visit, making money boxes, and Christmas decorations.

We made our own riding animals. The children chose which animal they wanted to create and decorate to ride around on. There were so many colourful animals running around playgroup once the children had finished!

The children made their own money boxes to take home to put their pocket money in. The children and parents decorated the middle section of their money box and then the top and bottom were put on to make their very own money box to start off their future savings if they did not have one already.

The children wrote a letter to Santa with all the items they would like Santa to deliver on Christmas morning. If one was not done at playgroup they took it home to do. Once sent away they will then wait and see if Santa has time to write a letter back, letting them know how busy he is getting ready for Christmas morning. The children are starting to get excited about Christmas coming.

From the movie Cars, Doc visited us at playgroup for the children to look, sit in and see a classic car. This was a follow-on from our movie day where we watched the movie Cars. It was so cool seeing a car from the movie and getting to look inside.



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We are open 9-12pm for anyone to attend. Come along and meet other parents/caregivers in a relaxing environment, with a shared morning tea for the children and parents/caregivers.

Any enquiries please contact Wendy 5419272 – 0276949720.

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# Quiz

by Derek Evans

## Answers to last months quiz about the UK

1. Doctor William Perry Brooke and his home town Much Wenlock Shropshire were very famous being the founders of what world wide event?  
The Modern Olympic Games
2. Who and how old was the youngest British Monarch?  
Mary Queen of Scots - six days
3. Name the only occasion when alcohol is permitted in Parliament.  
The Chancellor is permitted a drink when he is presenting the Budget.
4. What is unique about the UK postage stamp?  
It does not contain the country's name.
5. What is the UK's smallest bird?  
The Goldcrest.
6. Which conspirators held their meetings at the Duck & Drake Inn in 1605?  
The Gunpowder Plot
7. When did the last war between Britain and Germany finally end?  
1990 when East & West Germany were reunited.
8. What is Big Ben?  
A 13.5 ton bell in Elizabeth Tower at the Houses of Parliament
9. Who were the opponents and what was the score of the first international football match?  
Scotland and England 0-0 draw
10. 80.000 of what item is lost annually on the London Tube system?  
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# Tasman District Council Plan Changes

## Tasman District Council Plan Changes 57 and 58 Brightwater and Wakefield

by Rose Biss

Planning for long - term population and business growth in Brightwater and Wakefield has taken a further step forward. Recently the Tasman District Council has notified plan changes for Brightwater and Wakefield. The proposed plan changes have been slightly modified from the draft plan changes circulated for comment in May/June this year.

The Proposed Plan Change for Wakefield still includes proposals for:

- Revised issues and policies for Wakefield
- Managing the river flood hazard risk by regulating subdivision in the two Heavy Industrial Zones that are prone to flooding
- Rezoning some flood-free Rural 1, Rural 2 and Rural Residential land for Residential use to accommodate population growth. These areas are north and east of Lord Auckland Road, southeast of Pitfure Road and on Edward Street
- Identifying the desired location for indicative walkways and roads in future development
- Creating a buffer between the Light Industrial Zone (Bird Lane) and future residential activity by requiring larger residential lot sizes along the boundary between the zones, increasing dwelling setbacks, and maintaining the right to operate within the Light Industrial Zone at current noise levels
- Encouraging business opportunities on Rural Residential allotments along the Great Taste Trail

The key modifications since the Draft Plan Change are

- Defined boundaries to delineate areas where smaller residential land parcels may be provided on vacant land in Edward Street
- Reduced extent of Rural Residential zoning along the Great Taste Trail at Higgins Road

### Further information

1. A copy of the Proposed Plan Change text and maps is available on the Council's website under the following link:  
<http://tasman.govt.nz/link/trmp-proposed-changes>
2. Open afternoon/early evening drop-in session at the Wakefield Fire Station on Pigeon Valley Road on Tuesday 19 January 2016 from 3pm – 7pm.

The Council needs to receive your written submissions by Tuesday 2 February 2016. If you wish to speak to someone in Council before 2 February 2016 about the Proposed Plan Changes, please contact [rose.biss@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:rose.biss@tasman.govt.nz) or phone (03) 5438421.

## Destination Wakefield or Wakefield Day Out?

by Allan Palmer, Park Manager, Higgins Heritage Park, Pigeon Valley

Willow Bank Heritage Village and Pigeon Valley Steam Museum have been exploring the idea of both being open on the same day once a month, and directing visitors to each place. From this the thoughts have moved to what other places there are of interest to potential visitors in the area. Could we all get together and spread the word to encourage people to spend a day out visiting three, four or more interesting venues? There are several good places to have lunch in the village, why not make a day of it?

This concept would require an enthusiastic person to pick up the idea and run with it. One of the free newspapers would no doubt produce an article to start with if it were to go ahead, and an information board displayed at the 2nd of January Craft Day would spread the word fairly widely. Thereafter the free "Community Notices" in publications listing the attractions under a suitable heading may suffice. The probably only cost would be the printing of advertising pamphlets with a map on the back, made available at each venue.



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Should some places not wish to be open all day Sunday once a month, they may wish to list set times during the day, and merely put up a closed this month sign if unavailable. There will be plenty of other options for the visitors.

To tie in with the Steam Museums long running steam days the most suitable day for them would be the first Sunday of the month, for a start not during the winter months but who knows where something such as this could end?

Have a day out in Wakefield, take Mother for a drive, enjoy a great Sunday lunch, or pack a picnic for the kids to have in one of the parks.

Spend a bit at a craft outlet, get some goodies at one of the bakeries, have an icecream, try some nuts, olive oil or grape juice, take in some history and see some things working,

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# Wakefield Playcentre

by Liz Ashburner

This month we took a much anticipated trip to the Fire Station where we were kindly hosted by Dan and Dot. Around fifteen children enjoyed a tour of the station, fire engine and medic truck. We got to have turns sitting in the trucks, 'driving' the fire engine and holding the hose. A highlight for some children was playing under the water from the hose – at a safe distance, of course, those hoses are powerful!

As well as being a great learning experience, links with the wider community help children develop a sense of belonging. We work closely with many other organisations to help children feel part of their community.

Another highlight of the month has been the many visitors we have had. As well as some extended family members, we have also had a number of animal visitors including a baby goat and two ponies. A family of baby chickens were brought in and children had turns holding the chicks, learning how to be gentle and nurturing.

Many of our younger children have been enjoying water play and a variety of painting activities have been very popular. The Playcentre philosophy is based on child-led play so activities often develop organically with activities enjoyed one session developed further at subsequent sessions.

Did you know that you don't always have to stay with your children at Playcentre? We recognise parents as the first and best teachers of their children and parents are encouraged to be involved in the centre, however you don't have to attend all sessions. As long as your child is over 2 ½, you can leave them in the care of our trained supervisors and team of parent helpers. We have a great adult to child ratio so you can always be sure your child is being looked after.



We have lots of fun activities planned for the rest of the term, including trips to Nelson Gymnasium and the Animal Farm.

Our last day for 2015 will be December 16th and we will reopen on February 2nd. We hope you all have a great Christmas and summer break. See you next year!





# Household Management

## PLAN YOUR NEW YEAR STRESS FREE

by Gracie Marsden

Wahoo...that time of year again...the exciting hustle of celebrating with loved ones...champagne exploding with velvety and seductive flavours...the rush to get everyone in one place for the countdown...guests singing farewell to the old year with Auld Lang Syne... New Year is celebrated in many different ways. England's old traditions include the bringing of coal, money, bread, salt or holy mistletoe to a party for good luck. USA is famous for the Times Square celebration where people kiss their loved ones at midnight, fireworks then proceed to scare off evil spirits. China paint their doors red to receive good fortune and happiness. In Denmark they stand on chairs and jump off at midnight so they set off in the old year and land in the new year for good luck. If you're hosting your own party, follow these simple steps to make your New Year party go off with a bang!

**Step One:** Determine your budget for the party; this includes invites, venue, entertainment, decoration, catering and beverages. If you wish to keep track why not use our budget spreadsheet from the last issue or go to [www.girlfridayhm.co.nz](http://www.girlfridayhm.co.nz), click on 'News' and look for Christmas budget.

**Step Two:** Decide on location for venue to suit your budget. If at home you may want to think about the chance of spilled drinks and spilled food. You may also want to take into consideration the size of your home. Is it party suitable? Will your guests feel comfortable? If you're thinking of having a band/DJ with dance floor is there enough room to dance? Trust me there will be dancing! If you're looking into throwing a dinner why not ask your local restaurant if you could hold the party there that way there will be enough seating and they will tidy up at the end. The other option is your local town hall, they allow for large groups and is fairly affordable. This way you can have a large eating area and an entertainment area.

**Step Three:** It is always fun to have a theme. Have a think of what you would like to do; fancy dress, formal wear or even just casual if it's just a BBQ at your home. Some fun ideas we have done in the past are Mexican dinner nights, fancy dress movie star and suits and gowns. Themes are important if you're new to organising parties, they help to keep everything along the same lines and simple.

**Step Four:** Choose your entertainment to match the theme you have chosen. For example if you have gone for an 80's night you could hire a DJ with 80's music, country and western party hire a country and western band or why not put together a playlist of mixed music and play through your own sound system. To spice things up hire a karaoke machine and let your guests go wild. You may want to board up some windows for the terrible singers! Games can also be a fun way of getting a group together and having fun. A common one played at parties are Charades and Who am I? Remember if children are attending to make some fun games for them. My favourite one as a child which I will always remember is going to a party with my parents with hardly any children and the host organised a treasure hunt. The treasure was chocolate! Best parent party ever!

**Step Five:** Put together a guest list of who you would like at the party. Make sure not to invite too many if your venue is small. Work out if you want to include children as well. Is the party suitable for children? If not do make this clear in the invitations. If you have elderly guests coming why not start earlier with a high tea or something easy for them to join in.

**Step Six:** Invitation time! Get creative and make your invites. Remember to go with the theme you have chosen. This is easily done with bits and pieces from your local \$2 shop. If you're not very creative ask your local printing company to help or the other option is to buy your invitations. Important to have all the key information on the invite for example - theme, venue, date, time, allergies and dietary requirement, what to bring if anything and the RSVP. Figure out how you want guests to RSVP. Would you like it on paper, through email or maybe even text message. People have very busy lives so be sure to get your invitations out at least a month before.

**Step Seven:** Organise a caterer if you will be using one or decide on a menu that works well for you to cook. Determine whether you are doing a three course sit down meal, buffet, finger food or BBQ. Delegate jobs to friends and family to help. If your budget is tight why not do a potluck where all guests bring their own plate of food. Deciding on how much alcohol and mixers to get can be difficult. You can find catering calculators on the internet to help with this. Alternatively guests can bring their own drinks but don't forget the champagne and ice!

**Step Eight:** Decorations can be simple or extravagant dependant on the theme and budget of the party. Try shopping in your local \$2 shop for bargains or ask your friends and family, they are bound to have different types of decorations you could borrow. If you're feeling adventurous try making your own decorations. One of my favourite decorations is glitter dipped balloons. Blow up your balloons and paint glue over the area you wish to have sparkle then sprinkle on some sparkly confetti. Party hats are a must! Collect some card paper and cut the card to form a large circle, fold the card to form a cone shape and then staple. You decorate the hats to suit your theme. Remember sparkle is the key!

**Step Nine:** Write a list of everything you will need for the catering and beverages. If you're lost on how to organise the catering check out the November issue or visit our website, [www.girlfridayhm.co.nz](http://www.girlfridayhm.co.nz), click on 'News' and look for meal planning for festivities. This can be amended to suit your needs.

**Step Ten:** Delegate jobs to friends and family to help make things a bit easier on you. Organise for someone to decorate the venue, someone to prep, cook and serve the food if need be. You may need someone to be on the bar especially if it is a large group of guests. Now for the fun job...who is going to clean up?



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## Waimea College Shooting Team 2015

A team of three (Scott Green, Matt Easton and Cam Gibbons) headed to Wellington to compete in the National Secondary Schools Shooting competition held in the first weekend of the recent holidays. There were 22 teams (66 shooters). Waimea performed well to come 9<sup>th</sup>, a credit to the team members, some who hadn't competed outside the Nelson Association.

Scott Green qualified second for the South Island team with consistent shooting throughout the first day (98.05,98.04,98.05). This South Island team was made up of the top 12 shooters to compete against a North Island team. The South Island team won 1916.67 v 1905.67 with Scott coming in at fifth 192.05 (fourth on aggregate for the day). This put him in a good place and earned him selection in the NZ Secondary Schools team (top 12 shooters) for a postal shoot held against Great Britain with English targets on the Sunday morning, where he again shot consistently for another fifth placing.

Matt and Cam shot consistently throughout the weekend in an unfamiliar environment, both shooting above their graded average in the teams event and then competed in a plate shoot on Sunday morning using the same English targets. Nelson Girls College won the competition with five shooters from the three Nelson schools making the South Island team of 12 and three of them went on to be selected for the NZ Secondary Schools team.

A huge thanks to the coaches of these boys throughout the season to help improve their shooting.

## Rural Ramblers

The Ramblers went out this month on the third Monday of the month (16th) to fit in busy people and to take advantage of half price fares on Wilsons Sea Shuttles.

We chose to all get off at Anchorage and do two walks. Firstly, most of the group went to Pitt Head and Pukatea Bay. This was about a two hour walk return. Good views and really lovely bush. As this was the peninsula walk, views nearly all the way around.

After lunch at the Anchorage Hut (also known as the Ritz byo) the group moved on to the track for Cleopatras Pool. They met up with the others who had chosen to just do one walk. The scenery was magnificent and the track surface pretty good. Cleopatras Pool is a "must do"; it is really different. The river which feeds the pool, Torrent River, was teeming with fish which looked like overgrown whitebait and were more black than clear.

Everyone enjoyed a good day out. The boat was comfortable and the waters smooth. We also had three other ramblers not walking who came out for a cruise.

### Christmas Do

This will be on the second Monday of December, the 14th. We have decided to walk Tahunanui Beach and then have lunch at Smugglers.

Those who want to walk can meet at the car park near the childrens playground near Natureland starting at 11 o'clock. The lunch will be at 1pm.

Prices for the lunch off the menu will be around \$17.50. They are also offering a more traditional meal for Xmas at about \$22.50. These probably include dessert.

The meal booking will need to be a couple of days in advance. The ones ringing around of course will get this info from each person.

You could also turn up with a huge present (worth about \$5.00) so that the Xmas Spirit can hand them out.

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# Hints from Beaver Creek

by Merv and Trish

Well dear readers, my husband Merv and I have been around the block a few times, so it is our (the old farts) pleasure to share some trials and tribulations of life in general, and in particular, lifestyle block living (some would say - "wreck your lifestyle block").

Hopefully sharing some of the zigs and zags we have travelled over our life well lived, we can save you from some of the discomfiture of blind endings, and straighten your path to a happy and productive life, plus give you a few laughs along the way.

## Hint One: Don't mess with the guinea fowl!

One weekend when Merv was minding the farm without me, one of our guinea fowl hatched out a pile of chicks. We had managed, with much difficulty, to settle her into a small pen to brood her clutch, as previously they had nested over the road in the shrubbery and the road toll had been extremely high. Feathers along the road from a-----e to breakfast time and half our guinea fowl dead!

So it was with great delight Merv rang me to say that 15 little chicks had hatched. Ten minutes later Merv rang again, yelling with great agitation down the line that the guinea fowl mother was running up and down the edge of the pen and she was squashing the babies! "What should I do?" I said the only thing for it was to get in the pen and grab the chicks out. Now you may not realise but these things kill and eat snakes in their native country so they are no shrinking violets!

Little did I know I had almost committed my husband to a horrible death! In crawls Merv (it is a low pen) to save the babies - and then all hell broke loose. Mother guinea went berserk thinking Merv was killing her babies and Merv went berserk trying to both protect himself and round up the chicks. Of course in the melee more chicks were run over by their mother and Merv performed a herculean effort on all fours picking up chicks, whilst under attack.

By the time he managed to emerge from the pen he was covered in blood, his clothes were torn, and he looked like he had just done ten rounds in a ring with a pile of feral cats! Moral of the story? Don't mess with a mother guinea fowl!



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## Hint Three:

Having been a vet nurse in a previous life and a dog lover for many lives, it is my contention that dogs are better than many people. It is therefore imperative that we look after these superior beings.

If you have one of these hallowed beings in your household, you better look after them or God will punish you and we will be his instrument!

Having said that, if you do have a dog that is slowing a bit with age, arthritis or hip dysplasia get them some Technyflex Canine from us (see website below for online shop) - it's a wonderful anti-inflammatory and pain reliever. You will soon have a new dog.

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Anonymous



# Children's Learning & Development

## Challenging Behaviour

by Amy Bucknall

With the warmer weather upon us its time to think about water safety. Each child is different, for example; their confidence in and around water, the amount of time they spend playing in water, their ability to float or move in water, and their capacity to understand that water can be dangerous.

Water play activities support children's learning in the following ways:

- \* Children experience an environment where they develop knowledge of how to keep themselves safe in, on and around water and respect rules about water safety.
- \* Children experience an environment where their play experiences are valued as they explore and develop working theories through observing and experimenting with water play activities.

Learning that we need to be careful and safe in, on and around water, and that we have special rules about water, requires children to understand the concept that water can be dangerous.

Safe exploration, with active adult supervision, can help develop these ideas. Exploration is about experimenting with things around us. It helps us to develop working theories about the world. Children explore by play.

### Activities ideas for children:

- \* Any activity involving hoses, including hosing leaves off a path, hosing dirt off an object.
- \* Water wheel activities.
- \* Channelling water through pipes etc.
- \* Pulling the plug out of a trough and allowing children to feel the pull of the water.

### Learning opportunities:

- \* Talk about the power of water and how it can move things, sweep them away (including children and people).
- \* Comparing moving water and still water.

### Activities:

- \* Use different objects to see if they sink or float.
- \* Make boats/rafts – what makes them float better?



### Learning opportunities:

- \* Things that are light can float.
- \* Things that are full of air can float.
- \* If you are in the water you need to be able to float, or grab something that floats

### Activities:

- \* Float on your back so you can breathe air, not water.
- \* Blowing bubbles in the air and in the water.
- \* Using balloons in water and letting air out under the water.

### Learning opportunities:

- \* We breathe in air, our lungs are full of air.
- \* When we blow out into the bubble mixture, the air we breathe out makes bubbles.
- \* When you suck the straw you breathe in water. (Used with permission from Nurture@home)

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# Wakefield School

## Kayaking at Bridge Valley Camp

by Zoe Bradley

On a hot windy day, running as fast as a cheetah, I scrambled to the kayak. I really want to go in. I shivered in excitement, the water was as freezing as ice. I was so glad I was not at all one of the people from my group who got tipped in. There were lots of splashing from all of the people. We were all learning to kayak. We paddled as fast as we could to get away from Mr Beattie. He tried to sink my kayak! Cameron's dad said that the kayaks do not sink so I was glad that it was only a lake and not out at sea. Thankfully it all ended well and we all had a fun time.

## Sinking

by Loren Martin

As I woke up in the damp morning at Bridge Valley Camp, Mr. Beattie told me that my first activity was horrible kayaking! So I went to tell my team with a sigh.

I slouched over to get my soaking wet togs as I sang "Twinkle, twinkle little star, let me put my togs on the heater, up above the world so high, let me get you nice and dry."

I sprinted to the mossy clear lake. Phil started explaining how to ride a boring kayak but I already knew so I raced out into the lake.

Apparently there was a rumor going around that Mr. Beattie would sink your kayak so I paddled well away from him. I could taste old lake water spraying in my mouth.

"Oh no!" Mr. Beattie spotted me as he slowly crept up. I started screaming "No! No! No!" As he tilted my kayak, water started rising up to me. I could taste sweet revenge.

Awen and Mia had the same thing as me - sweet revenge. So we all ganged up on Mr. Beattie. Me and Mia would try to sink his kayak while Awen would distract him.

Our plan was working! Me and Mia were going through a lot of hard work. Mr. Beattie was trying everything to try and get us off! Splashing old mucky water in our face.

I could already feel Mr. Beattie getting worried as his kayak started going down, down, down.

## Natureland

by Sean Willans

The Year Fours had entered Natureland.

I gradually opened the door to the bird cage. Birds surrounded me with their rowdy chirping. It felt like I had just been on a steam train.

I could see tropical fish in little ponds. I could hear my heart pounding. Parrots were climbing with claws sinking into my bag.

The bird cage had come to an end, it was interesting to see some of the birds in the world.



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## STAMPS PLUS

by Leann Gaffney, Craft-a-holic

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I made the move from South Africa to New Zealand along with my husband, daughter and son in 2001. In case you were wondering, yes we do support the All Blacks.

I have been in business since May 2013. Stamps Plus has been operating for about ten years so it is a well established crafting paradise. Crafting has always been a passion of mine or to be truthful I am a confirmed craft-a-holic so when I had the opportunity to purchase the business I jumped in the deep end and have never looked back.

I carry a huge range of paper crafting supplies, lots that you would not be able to purchase from any of our local shops. If you are looking for a huge selection of paper cutting dies I have them. You will be able to purchase anything from card stock, scrapbooking papers, ribbons, stamps, inks, speciality papers, stickers, punches, flowers and so much more, the list just goes on.

I do import a lot of my product from some of the large companies like Kaisercraft, CheeryLynn, Impression Obsession to name just a few.

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# Waimea Senior Care

by Nicola Berthelsen

What a fabulous year, the Waimea Anglican Senior Care have had. Some exciting outings like the double decker bus trip, boat trip, fashion show, movie days etc.

We have done some cook ups which involves putting meals in the freezer and giving them to people within our community who are not well, have lost a family member or just need some time off cooking.

I have had the privilege of visiting with some incredible and very inspiring people, as well as taking them to their doctors, hospital appointments and any shopping they may have needed.

We have one more event left for the year, which is our famous Devonshire Tea Garden Party, in Brightwater on Sunday the 6th of December at 2pm cost \$5.00 donation.

If you would like to come to this, please ring Nicola on 541 9225 or 021 277 8061.

We have some great ideas for next year, so if you would like to find out any more information on what we do, please contact Nicola or the local Anglican Churches in Wakefield and Brightwater.

On behalf of the Waimea Anglican Senior Care, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

# The Tao of Christmas

“Less presents, more present. This time, give time.”

This December 20th, pending council permission, Wakefield will be host to a never before seen series of events, more subtle than your usual batch of strawberries.



The Now Festival of Tao, is the one day installation of a series of creative works from the community conceptualist Tao Wells, who for the last three years has been living in Wakefield with his family. Before that he lived in Wellington where he played a role in the experimental arts scene treading there.

There will be four sites around Wakefield where his works, stretched bed sheets, pillow cases and odd socks, will be installed. A map will be available for anyone who wants to visit each one, they are all within biking or walking distance of each other and are in fact, in great spots for a picnic.

So look out December 20th, in the thick of Christmas, and take a break. This time, give time to less presents and more present. The Now Festival of Tao. Go to: <http://blinkywinkytv.blogspot.co.nz/> or Facebook.



- 1 Under the Pigeon Valley Bridge
- 2 Jump Park Ruin
- 3 Faulkner Bush Entrance
- 4 Bike Trail Glade

THE NOW FESTIVAL OF TAO

# Wakefield Cubs

## The Wakefield Cubs Mystery Trip

by Claire and William Busbridge

Last month we excitedly bundled into the car and headed down to the Scout Den. It was Mystery Trip night and all the Cubs were wondering where they were going. All the drivers were given directions and we set off. A little while later we arrived at our destination, Spooners Tunnel.

We met Geoff, our guide for the night who told us some information about the tunnel and showed us some really old photos of the men building it. It was started in 1891 and completed two years later. At 1352m in length it was incredible to think it was all done by hand. They started creating the tunnel at either end and despite not having the technology of today, amazingly when the teams met in the middle they were only a few inches out.

Closed on the 3rd September 1955, it is the longest disused rail tunnel in New Zealand and great that guardians of the tunnel like Geoff open it to the public for the experience of walking through it. Exploring this hidden gem in the area was a first for most of the Cub pack, my son and I included. William thought it was longer, darker and colder than he imagined it would be. We walked all the way through it emerging out into the daylight and overgrown bush before turning around and heading back into the dark. William liked seeing the Cave Weta's moving about when a torch was shined on them. They didn't like the light, and I didn't like them moving about so we continued our way back through. Williams's favourite part was reaching the middle and everyone as a group turning off their torches. It was pitch black and you were unable to see the entrance/exit at either end. In William's words "Totally freaky!!"

There are talks about the tunnel becoming part of the cycle trail connecting Wakefield to Tapawera. We look forward to experiencing the tunnel in a different way and it will be a fun way for families to spend time together exploring these historical treasures that are on our doorstep.

## Master Chef

Thursday 24th September, Wakefield cubs did their Master Chef cooking which was held at the scout den. In their three sixes they had to plan and cook a meal to be judged by a panel of judges. One six worked together and made a breakfast meal with scrambled eggs and bacon. Another six did a desert pizza with marshmallows and chocolate. Overall the spider's desert went down like a treat. In our judges panel we had Andy who is Zone Cub Leader for Nelson and Jono who also helped with the cubs with games at the school hall. The teams did very well working together and making some very nice and yummy meals. Overall we needed one winner and red six with their spider desert won the judges hearts. Huge thanks to Jono and Andy for being our judges for the evening. You guys did a fantastic job with the kids. "BRAVO".



## Porse Magazine Fundraiser

The first Monday of the school holidays a group of cubs headed around Wakefield, getting out there in the community, doing a Porse magazine mail drop around the Wakefield Village. After we all did that, we headed to Faulkner's Bush for a BBQ lunch and some games. Many thanks for those who helped throughout the morning. It was a very fun morning.

## Term 4 Programme

This term has gone with a blast. The cubs have been very busy, they have been doing activities such as the mystery trip, scavenger hunt around Wakefield, zone cub water fight, cub/scout camp, swimming sports, Steam Museum visit and heaps of games and life skills.

## Nelson Zone Cub Water Fight

On Thursday 19th November, the Wakefield Cub pack headed to Rabbit Island for the Annual Nelson Zone Cub water fight. The kids brought along their water guns and loads of water bombs for the big water fight. Cub packs from all around the Nelson zone brought their water equipment to fight it out on the battle field. Starting out with a large cub grand howl and finishing with a warm sausage sizzle with kids wrapped up in their woolies. The water fight continued for a solid 45 minutes with the kids throwing loads of water bombs, sponges and buckets of water, all yelling and screaming as they got soaked. Hearing the kids talking about their awesome battles was the talk we all heard heading back home from another awesome Nelson Zone Cub water fight.

## Wakefield Cub/Scout Camp

20th – 22nd of November the Cubs and Scouts had a camp which was held up at the Gilbert lodge. The Cubs and Scouts headed up to the lodge Friday evening to set up their tents and to set up campsite. The kids did activities such as swimming and tubing in the river, tug-of-war,



grass sliding, card/board games, stone staking.

If you're wanting to know what we get up to and want to check us out, we meet up Thursday evenings 6:30pm over the school terms for an hour and a half a week.

Wakefield Cubs and leaders would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.





# Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The November Tournament was sponsored by Bowater Honda with Jazz cars and the new HRV on display thanks to Sheryl Wearing. It was won by the Richmond team of Cath Graham, Richard Newport and Geraldine Fisher (ex Wakefield before moving to live in Richmond). Second place was Stu Peterson, Les McJarrow & Don Sixtus. (See photo.)

Community Bowls continues on Thursday evenings into December, 6 – 8pm, adults \$5, children free, sausages and drinks available, all welcome. It will include the Grant's whiskey "corner to corner" on 3 and 10 December to win a bottle of the sponsor's product. Contact Tony on 5418316 for more detail.

Congratulations to Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson, Di Holland and Barbara McGregor on selection to the Nelson Representative team to play for the Higgins Shield in Greymouth in late November against Buller, West Coast and Marlborough.

Latest Club Championship winners:

Women's Open Pairs - Linda Sisterson and Di Holland

Men's Open Pairs - Stu Peterson and Kevin Galvin

Women's Triples - Margaret Eames, Linda Sisterson and Di Holland

Men's Triples - Stu Peterson, Kevin Galvin and Les McJarrow

Women's Veteran Pairs – Chris Longman and Carolyn Mason

Men's Veteran Pairs – Stu Peterson and Tony Eames

Check our website: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/wakefieldbowls/> or call into the Club at 63 Whitby Road on the railway reserve.



Photo:  
From left -  
Les McJarrow,  
Don Sixtus and  
Stu Peterson with  
Sheryl Wearing of  
Bowater Honda.

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# Apple Fair 2016

## Fundraising opportunities at 2016 Apple Fair

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We are inviting Wakefield Community Groups to run fundraising stalls or activities at the Fair.

Last year's fundraising activities were food and drink stalls, children's games and vintage studio photos. All groups really enjoyed themselves and made an excellent profit.

We welcome creative suggestions especially activities that follow either apple or heritage themes.

Christine, Sylvia, Amy, Meredith

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# Community Notices



## Are you getting ready for Christmas?

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**Sunday, 13 December, 10.30am St. John's Worship Centre**

**The Children's Christmas Countdown**

A lovely family service for children of all ages, with entertainment and songs from the

Mainly Music Children's group

Followed by a shared lunch

**Sunday, 20 December, 7pm. St. John's Worship Centre**

**Wakefield Community Carol Singing**

An opportunity for the whole village to come together to sing the old favourite Christmas carols and songs

Tea/coffee & Christmas cake, to be served afterwards

**Thursday, 24 December 9pm, St. John's Church**

**Midnight @ Nine, Christmas Eve Service**

A traditional evening service in the oldest church in the South Island

**Friday, 25 December 9am, Worship Centre**

**Christmas morning celebration service**

Come join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus, God's greatest gift to us all.

A warm welcome is guaranteed for all and the events will be sure to put you in the Christmas Spirit.

St. John's Anglican Church



## WANTED

Clay dirt wanted to upgrade/improve the BMX track in Wakefield. Anything considered. Contact Dan on 0272 820 838.

## WANTED

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The community lunches at St. John's Worship Centre will be the third Thursday of each month. All welcome.

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## FOR SALE

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## A Country Christmas Twilight Fair

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This years chosen charity is our local St John ambulance. Bring plenty of cash as eftpos facilities and cash out will be very limited.



Tapawera Christmas Fair  
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# Community Diary & Classifieds

## WORK WANTED

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## MONTHLY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2015

Tues 1	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 2	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 3	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
Fri 4	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 5	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 7	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 8	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.30 pm	Wakefield Community Council, St Johns Worship Centre
Wed 9	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 10	9.30 am	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
	6.00 pm	Community Bowls, Wakefield Bowling Club
Fri 11	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
	7.30 pm	Womens Biz, Treasure Box Collective
Sat 12	8.00 am	Wakefield Market Day, Village Green
	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Mon 14	10.00 am	Mainly Music, St Johns Worship Centre
Tues 15	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 16	9.00 am	Waimea Plunket Playgroup, B/water Anglican Church
	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Thur 17	9.30 am	Last day of Term, Wakefield School
	12 noon	Wakefield Art Group, Wakefield Village Hall
		Community Outreach Lunch, St Johns Worship Centre
Fri 18	2.30 pm	Wakefield Community Library open
Sat 19	9.30 am	Wakefield Community Toy Library open
Sun 20		Now Festival of Tao, Wakefield
Tues 22	10.30 am	Wakefield Community Library open
Wed 23	9.15 am	Wakefield Craft Group, Wakefield Village Hall
Fri 25		CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat 26		BOXING DAY

### JANUARY 2016

Fri 1		NEW YEARS DAY
Sat 2		38th Annual Wakefield Craft Fair
		Steam Day, Higgins Park
Tues 19		TDC drop in session, Wakefield Fire Brigade





# Community Notices

## WAKEFIELD FOODIES

December meeting?  
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## COUNTRY PLAYERS

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For a copy of the script and more information, please contact Jen Aмоса on 541 8139.

## Wakefield Craft Group

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Helen Pullan 541 8058

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Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

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Carolyn Mason 541 9200

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**Wakefield Community Library**  
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Pam Dick 541 8392  
Hours - Tues 10.30 - 11.30am  
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm  
Excluding Public Holidays

**Wakefield Football Club**  
Richard Malcolm 541 9429

**Wakefield Medical Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
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**Wakefield Playcentre**  
Contact: 541 8866

**Wakefield School**  
Edward Street 541 8332

**Wakefield Scout Group**  
wsg4kids@gmail.com

**Wakefield Toy Library**  
Saturday 9.30-11.30am  
Chris Gaul 541 8148

**Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade**  
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

**Womens Biz**  
Genie Bradley 541 9641

**Country Players (Drama)**  
Philip Calder 541 8442

**Junior Country Players**  
Dixie McDonald 541 8862

**Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club**  
Allan 027 319 7427

**Pinegrove Kindergarten**  
03 542 3447

**Rural Women**  
Dawn Batchelor 542 3628

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Sun 8am, Wed 10am  
Fr David Gruschow 544 8987

**Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club**  
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**Wakefield Book Group**  
Mahala White - 541 8933 or  
Sheila Kennard - 541 8860

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Society**  
Doug South 541 8980

**Wakefield Craft Fair**  
Leanne and Glen Turner  
541 8306

**Wakefield Plunket**  
Donna Todd 541 8583

**Wakefield School/ Community Swimming Pool**  
Phill Platt 027 231 7610

**Target Shooting Wakefield**  
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com  
Secretary : Bev Inwood  
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**Wakefield Rest Home Ltd**  
Pauline Coombs Manager 541 8995

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
542 3344

**Wakefield Physiotherapy**  
Kate West 03 541 8911

**Window on Wakefield**  
Advertising - 541 9641  
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

**Focus Wakefield**  
focuswakefield@gmail.com

**Just Gymnastics**  
Linda Mace 546 6013

**NZ Postcard Society Inc.**  
Doug South 541 8980

**Richmond Lions - Wakefield Rep**  
Ivan Burrowes 541 9689

**Spring Grove Church of Christ**  
Meet Sundays 10am  
541 8011

**Top of the South Rural Support Trust -**  
gibbs@ts.co.nz  
Colin Gibbs 541 8435

**Waimea Sth Historical Society**  
Jeannine Price 542 3033

**Wakefield Bowling Club**  
Margaret Eames 541 8316

**Wakefield/Brightwater Book Club**  
Pauline Coy 542 3994  
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**Wakefield Community Council**  
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

**Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club**  
Ren Olykan 541 8275

**Wakefield Pippins**  
Veronique Law 541 9190  
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**Wakefield Preschool**  
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**Wakefield School PTA**  
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**Wakefield Tennis Club**  
Ngaire Calder 541 9419

**Wakefield Village Hall**  
Rob Merilees 541 8598

**St. John's Worship Centre**  
Nigel Massey 541 8857

**Waimea Plains Junior Football Club**  
Debbie and Grant de Joux  
541 8307

**Window on Wakefield**  
Articles & Content - 541 9005  
Sonia Emerson

## CIVIL DEFENCE - WAKEFIELD AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, your first task is to ensure the safety of your own home, family and neighbours. Once you have attended to this, if you have **specialised skills/ equipment**, and/or feel you can assist others; or require assistance yourself, please make your way to the Welfare Centre which will be at the St Johns Worship Centre in Edward Street [unless notified otherwise].

Please note that the existence of a Welfare Centre does not absolve each individual from their **responsibility to be personally prepared**.

You should ensure that you have your own **survival kit** in place, and that you are able to be **fully self sufficient for at least three days**.

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