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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Thank You

by Tina Mudgway

Little People Preschool just want to say... thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Its been an anxious and worrying time for our little community of late but we would like to acknowledge and thank all the wonderful people out there in the Nelson/Tasman area and beyond. Your support has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

Initially when the fire started it was all hands-on deck to create thank you cards and a sign for our fence to cheer on the firefighters and all the helpers, doing a great job.

By Thursday night we were told to close for the safety of the community and to avoid any traffic issues should the need to evacuate come – which it did.

We had families watching flames from their back yards and knew this was serious and have an ongoing impact for our tamariki, families and staff.

Providing routine and some form of normal is important for children during times of stress. We also knew it was important to get our families together so they could support each other, the tamariki could laugh and play and everyone could de-stress a little - even if just for a while.

Over the weekend we decided to plan a fun family day out for Monday, knowing we would be closed. Nick from Pro Bounce Trampoline Park very generously offered our families free access to the trampoline park, and after lots of bouncing the Little People team provided a picnic lunch and we were all able to sit around and check-in with each other and offer support.

Tuesday we were allowed back on conditional entry, so we spent the day cleaning preschool. It was really important for us to be here supporting our families so agreed to open on Wednesday. Since then we have had so many wonderful and kind visitors.

Multiple visits from the police, happy to spend time with the tamariki and checking in on us. Police dogs Ace and Ox even called in to say hi. Phil from Blast Entertainment donated a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy and Mike Pero sent a big box of Teddy Bears ready to be cuddled. Tears of appreciation and gratitude have been shed and we can't thank you enough.



On behalf of the owners, teachers, and families of Little People Preschool Wakefield we just want to thank you and give you all a big HIGH FIVE! Your generosity and kindness have been overwhelming and a true representation of a supportive community.

KIA KAHA and THANK YOU– to all those out there still supporting and protecting us from this fire and all it entails. You are amazing and doing an impressive job.



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Little People Preschool

Here are a few more photos from Little People Preschool.



Wakefield School

The Fire - by Hannah

This was a scary time for Wakefield and very scary for me as I live in Pigeon Valley. Each day passed and our house smelt more and more of smoke every day. On the first night of the fire, I woke up with everything smelling like smoke. I opened the curtains and found my window open. I went into the bathroom the window was open and same with all of the bedrooms... really Dad? The one night we need the windows closed you leave them open... great. Everything was good for the next few days until the morning we got evacuated. Dad got home from work and packed some stuff as he only had a few minutes to leave by the time he got back. He had already dropped all of the animals, except the cats, where we were staying the day before. We were staying around where Bridge Valley Camp is. By the next few days, the whole of Wakefield was evacuated. I could hear the helicopters going past each day and was getting more and more worried. We've been going to school at Hope Church and that definitely helped to get my mind off the fire. I loved it!!! A few days later all of Wakefield got to go back except for the four valleys (Pigeon Valley, Redwood Valley, Eves Valley and Teapot Valley) then the day finally came we could move back. We went back in that night. Wakefield was finally looking more normal apart from all the police, fire and tanker vehicles up our road. I have seen one of the cats but not my kitten. I was worried but not too much because she's an absolute adventurer, she's always outside. The next morning there was a little fluffy thing on my bed Misty was home.

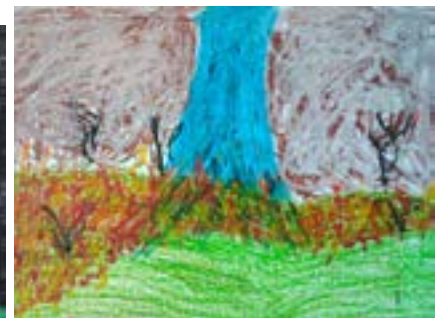
The Pigeon Valley Fire - by Kadin

When the fire started I was at the Wakefield church waiting for mum to come back to the truck. She was doing her horses then she spotted the fire, it was the other side of the hill. When we got home we could see all the smoke and could smell the smoke. The next day we got evacuated. I was scared, my whole family were scared. We went and stayed at a farm and could still see the smoke. If the fire wanted to come over to the village of Wakefield it would have to cross the river and all the fire breaks along the way. The firefighters did a lot of work. The fire burnt 1870 hectares and it destroyed one house. The rural fire service was everywhere, they were helping put out the fire. They go to all the bush fires. The fire is out now but there is still a lot of hot spots and the big winds that are coming might light the hot spots up into a blaze again.



Poem - by Lucas

Weo weo I hear the sirens going
All the water starts flowing
Out of the big red hose
Hopefully, the fire goes
Then we can go home



Pigeon Valley Fire - by Tait

Weo Weo Weo Weo

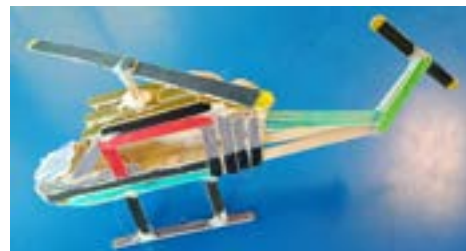
I can hear the sirens going off. Wait what's that sound?
Fofofof fofofof vew vew I can hear the helicopters and the iroquois
then mums phone went gi gi gi we had to evacuate. We packed food
and clothes and went to my aunties. We unpacked we smelt the smoke and saw ash falling from
the sky and landing on the car. The next day we went to Saxton Field as they were giving out
free food for the people that got evacuated. We got some food and went back to auntie's house
and had pizza for dinner. The next day we went in the pool and had sausages and bacon for
dinner. The next day at 2.00 in the afternoon we got a text from Civil Defence saying we can go
back in to our house. We packed up and went home. We unpacked and sat down in our house.
I said it's good to be home again.



Wakefield School [continued...]

by Harry and Tommy

Flames engulfing trees, all I could think was please don't reach me
I listen to sirens and helicopters while the smoke coated my house. I think what's going on?
Rapidly fire engines speed down the road trying to stop the raging blaze
Emergency services have got the destructive blaze under control... thank you!
Thanks for all the help emergency services and everyone else that helped.
We really appreciate it. Also thanks to everyone who donated.



Wakefield Fire - by Conrad

The night before we had to evacuate we were getting all our stuff into the truck so we were ready to evacuate. We went to sleep. The next morning I got up and was getting my bag ready for school but there was no school. We had breakfast and I had weetbix then got dressed. We were watching a movie when the alarm went off. We hopped into our truck and went off to one of our friends that lived up Foxhill. We went back to our house to get our tents so we could sleep in them. We drove back to our friend's house at Foxhill and set up our tents ready to sleep in. Our nana and grandad stayed with us. They slept in a caravan and we slept in a paddock. We had to say there for three days. It was fun but it smelt like smoke.

The Wakefield Blazer - by Charlotte

That night we left the house I was scared as I looked out the window of my mum's car. I could see the smoke and the fire bursting over the hills like it was just about to REACH out with its fire like hands and grab us pulling us into its bright depths. Roads were closed and as I watched fire engines zoomed past. We are going to my dad's... "Just about there" Mum said. Ten minutes later... "we're out of fuel". (Of course we are) "Mum I told you when we left you should get some more petrol but you didn't listen. You said we would be fine without it." The next day I got a call from my mum. She said she was staying with my nana, her dog, cows and I can't forget the horse's. Two weeks later we were back at our house. (PS if firemen are reading this I would like to say a BIG thank you to you and to all the volunteers who gave up your time to fight this fire.)

Pigeon Valley Fire - by Jet

I had to evacuate at 6.00 am to leave to my grans house. We had already packed just in case we had to evacuate. We could see flames from the window in my class. I live the closest to the fire because I live in Pigeon Valley. When we came back some trees were missing and some trees were grey.

Poem - by Jessiah

Freaky
I was scared
Red flames
Evacuation



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Wakefield Community Council Report

Report of the February meeting of the Wakefield Community Council
by Stuart Watts, Chairman

Future Water Supply & Safety for Wakefield – was discussed.

Window on Wakefield — Due to the February edition of Window on Wakefield being late, because of the fire, the committee will not be charging the advertisers in this edition.

Civil Defence – The issue was raised that the process that had been put in place for our Wakefield Civil Defence Plan, did not seem to be followed, with the non-communication with our local community controller.

Land Purchase - Baigent Reserve – BBQ which had been planned for Saturday 16th February was postponed due to the Pigeon Valley fire. Aim for the end of March.

Nelmac Mowing – Have written to the TDC regarding the issues, awaiting a response.

ANZAC Day Preparation – Hope to have the cenotaph area upgraded.

Seating & Tables at Village Green - We will replace the two tables at the end of Will Watch Lane and install a further two tables on the Village Green.

Pigeon Valley Fire - There was a discussion on the idea of holding some sort of community event as a thank you for the many individuals and agencies that have assisted the Wakefield community.



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Quiz Answers

by Derek Evans

- Why the name "Gooseberry"?
The old German name for the berries, Kräuselbeere, which literally means curled or crimped berries, was the source of the Medieval Latin name grossularia, which became groseille in French – and gooseberry in English! It should have been grooseberry but the "r" was dropped at some point.
- Which Middle Eastern city is also the name of a type of artichoke?
Jerusalem
- What is an Otolaryngologist?
Often called an ENT doctor, specialises in the treatment of the ears, mouth, throat and nose. Beyond its focus on the respiratory system, head and neck surgery.
- Who is generally credited with the introduction of Synchronised Swimming?
Film actress but also the holder of a few US records Esther Williams, sometimes called "America's Mermaid," in the film Bathing Beauty.
- How many digits exist in the binary system of numbers?
Two
- When you drop a stone of 1 kg and another stone of 5 kg from the same height at the same time, which one lands before on the ground?
They both land together.
- What is Ar Rub Khali?
(/, "the Empty Quarter") The source of the name is not exactly known. It is the largest contiguous sand desert (erg) in the world, encompassing most of the southern third of the Arabian Peninsula.
- What is a 'thick, black Australian food spread made from leftover brewers' yeast extract with various vegetable and spice additives?
Vegemite.
- Which country has banned the sale of Bovril, Ovaltine and Penguin cookie bars?
Canada - The problem being they were enriched with vitamins and minerals.
- How many cards are there in the game of Cluedo?
21 - 6 suspect cards, 6 vehicle cards, and 9 destination cards.



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Health

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

What a crazy couple of weeks we have had! Thank you to everyone for your patience during this time. It has been a stressful time for most of us, some more than others, and it is wonderful to see the community pull together at such a time.



(Nurses working in our temporary rooms at the PHO building in Richmond)

We would like to thank the Nelson Bays PHO who helped out with opening their premises on Queen Street to us during the week of evacuation. There were several mad dashes back to Wakefield Health Centre to get as much as we could, and lots of time spent round the table trying to work out logistics. We managed to get a basic service up and running and have learnt a lot from it.

We are happy to be back up and running as normal again now with all of our usual services.

At times like these, it is very important to look after your mental health. It is normal to feel stress at times like these, however if the stress is impacting significantly on your mood, your sleep and your relationships, you may need help.

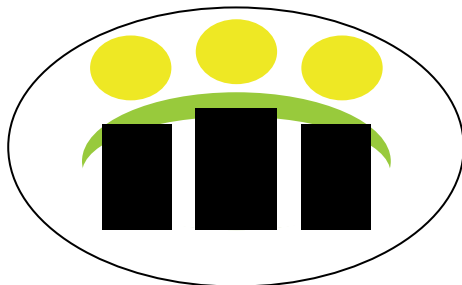
If you or someone you know is struggling with the stress, please see your GP for support or contact the free health support on 0800 627 401 / healthsupport@nbph.org.nz

Ngā mihi nui. Kia Kaha (Thank you. Be Strong)



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In the Bush

For many in our village and region it will be a time for trying to find our "normal" balance again; the fires and drought have certainly impacted with a vengeance this summer.

Our society would like to extend to you all our very best wishes and thanks can never seem enough for all our community volunteers working 24/7 to keep us all safe.

As you would realise our society volunteers have not been working in our Scenic Reserves since February due to fire risk etc but we do keep doing our walk checks.

Unfortunately we will probably loose many of our "young" plantings around 10-12 years old. The heat was simply too much for them. Even some of our much older trees are struggling.

I was reminded that back in 2001 our society faced grave drought conditions for our then new native plantings. We were able to access water from outside our region, obtain storage containers and then to hand water many of our new plantings, otherwise we would have lost them all.

It was the dedication of our regular volunteers and our youngest member Benjamin (aged 7) with his small bucket that stole the show. And now 18 years on he is proud to walk through trees taller than his 6ft 3!

Do keep an eye out for us when you are also on your walks and contact me direct if you wish me to attend to any issues to do with our reserves.

Also you have the option of telephoning the Reserves Department at the Tasman District Council or for more serious matters to contact the Police direct.

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Quiz

by Derek Evans

1. How many arrangements of four letters can be made from the word LOVE?
2. "Siberia Bow Mill" is the anagram for which well known singer?
3. Why are there 13 stripes on the USA flag?
4. What does an endocrinologist specialise in?
5. Which famous children's book was illustrated by its author?
6. What is the pilomotor?
7. Which fruit or vegetable cannot be preserved?
8. Sea otter have no blubber, so how does it keep warm?
9. Who was the only President of the Confederate States of America?
10. What percentage of the moon can you see from the Earth?



Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Some months I struggle to find a good topic to write about but this month I could write a few chapters of a book.

First up, there are so many people and organisations I have to thank for all their kind donations and services made to the brigade.

My first thanks go to the members of our Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade. They committed so much of their time and effort to help extinguish the wild fire and I am so proud of them all for the part they played in this fire campaign.

I would also like to thank the community for the donations of food that helped feed the troops at the station and messages of support and gratitude whilst going through the process of a full evacuation of our village. Also the wives, partners and kids of brigade members who went through the ordeal of evacuations and leaving their firefighting family behind to protect the village and work on the front line. So to everyone who helped us as well as making kind donations to us, thank you so much from all the brigade members, the support was outstanding and humbling.

We, as the village of Wakefield, must not forget the help from other organisations such as the New Zealand Police, Civil Defence New Zealand, Armed Forces of New Zealand, The Red Cross, Rapid Response Team New Zealand for their help as well.

The two most common questions people are asking me is why was our two appliances still at the station while everyone else was fighting the fire and was the evacuation of Wakefield really necessary.

When the fire was first called into the 111 system, Wakefield's two fire appliances, as well as Brightwater's two fire appliances, were despatched to the incident. However, with the strong wind behind the fire, as well as very dry fuels and the low humidity, the fire grew so quickly and moved so fast, it grew out of control before we got there.

We all tried to extinguish the fire but the wind was the major factor that drove the fire and it spread very quickly.

Once Wakefield appliances returned to the station Fire Command kept our two appliances at Wakefield on station to protect any structure fires or any spot fires that may occur around our village as well as keeping our rescue appliance available for any motor vehicle accidents.

Fire command was so concerned for the safety of our village due to the wind shifts, up to five appliances were at our station if they were required.

Was the evacuation of Wakefield necessary??

The simple answer is yes it was.

At the early stages of the fire the high winds blew in a south westerly direction, blowing the fire towards Eves Valley and to Redwood Valley.

Then the wind direction changed to the northerly direction and was blowing the fire back towards Wakefield.

There was real concern that with the winds blowing ash ahead of the fire front, Wakefield could have potentially had a fire in front of our village as well as a fire driving in from behind our village.

Ash and fire debris was found as far as Eighty Eight Valley, Totara View Road. So yes, two fire fronts may have occurred but fortunately it did not happen.

Civil Defence and Fire and Emergency New Zealand first priority is life first so they took all the right steps to avoid the loss of life.

My personal opinion in summing up this fire campaign; it was well run, well organised, well resourced and it came out with a great result, no loss of life, only two structures damaged and the fire is contained.

Fritz Buckendahl
CFO Wakefield



Wakefield Playcentre

by Elle Tibbs

The last month at Playcentre seems to have raced by and has been a slightly tough one with the fire affecting a large part of our community. After a week away it is great to be back with all our friends and whanau settling in and supporting each other.

Our first time back together as a group since the fire evacuations was on Friday 15 February, when we spent the morning with the Richmond Volunteer Fire Brigade at the Hope Community Church. We discussed what to do in the event of a fire and practiced getting to a safe meeting point.

It has been wonderful to have so much support during this time and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the Firefighters, Police, Army, Red Cross and all the other amazing volunteers, organisations and people that have been helping to keep our community safe and aiding us in feeling secure at this time.

We would also like to say thank you to Mike Pero who contacted us from his head office in Christchurch to let us know that he was sending up a bear for each of our tamariki at Playcentre. The children are all loving their bears and it is great for them to have something extra special during this time.

The last of our baby boom (for now!) has continued and we have two new friends to welcome to Playcentre. Luca G's baby brother Tyler was born in January and Luca B's baby brother Jordie was born in February.

Remember, parents and children are welcome to visit Wakefield Playcentre any week day from 9-12. We love meeting new families, so come down and say hi, and see how awesome Playcentre is.



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Community Rallies for Wakefield School

by Peter Verstappen, Principal, Wakefield School

Disasters can make or break communities. Sometimes, as we saw in Christchurch after the earthquakes, they can do both – uniting and dividing at the same time. The Pigeon Valley fire has been disastrous for many in our community, but it has brought us together in outpourings of care and connection that make us all appreciate that Wakefield is our home. It's a special place where people put the needs of others ahead of their own, and we've seen countless examples of that generous spirit in the past few weeks, from the heroics of our volunteer firefighters and helicopter pilots to the gentle acts of kindness from neighbour to neighbour.

The staff of Wakefield School were determined to keep our school operating through the fire and evacuation. We knew it was important to maintain some sort of normality for our children, and provide opportunities for parents to come together, talk and work through the challenges.

To the question many have asked me about how difficult it was to relocate an entire school for a week, I reply that it wasn't too hard because everybody said 'yes'; the agencies and individuals we worked with to organise and see through our relocation were unfailingly supportive, no problem was too challenging, no request too unreasonable.

I want to thank all who supported us through this time, and special gratitude to the following:

- Pastor Donald Irvine, Melvyn Nicholls and the people of Hope Community Church, who opened their church and their hearts to us, who gave us everything we needed, and did it all for free. Amazing!
- Principal Dave Sampson and the staff and students of Ranzau School who let us use their place as if it was our own. You are terrific neighbours to have in our education community.
- Calvin Haycock from Suburban Bus Limited who worked tirelessly to provide transport options for us through our week at Hope and on our return to Wakefield.
- Valerie Crouch from Wakefield who served unlimited teas, coffees and baking to parents, visitors and staff during our week at Hope.
- Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency Services, the Police, Red Cross and other agencies who smoothed the way for our relocation and return, and who continue to support us as we pick up the pieces.
- To the many businesses, schools, agencies and individuals who donated gifts, raised money, provided morning teas and sent cards, emails and texts of support – you don't know how much that meant to us. I will mention here the students of Rāwhiti and Paparoa Street Schools in Christchurch, who together raised over \$1,100 for us by holding a mufti day and disco. You are awesome!
- Penny – Mrs Whippy – who doled out free ice creams to every student and staff member with a smile and good cheer for all. This may have been the highpoint of their school lives for many of our children (and teachers!).

Lastly, I thank our parents and families who trusted us to take care of their children, to return them safely at the end of each day, to watch out for their well-being and – through everything – trusted us to keep up with teaching and learning.

We were proud to do it because that's what we do, it's what we've been doing every school day in Wakefield for the last 175 years, and intend to do for at least 175 years more, whatever nature throws at us.

Wakefield School – proud to be part of our community.



28 March 2019

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on

TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO START A PAINTING

with

Caroline Jones

Do you start a painting with excitement about its potential or do you feel some anxiety about 'getting it right' when faced with a white canvas?

How you start a painting certainly affects the final image and can also determine how flexible you are with allowing the image to evolve.

In this workshop two different, forgiving ways to begin a painting will be demonstrated for you to try.

One approach will be a tonal start using a wipe out technique and the other will be beginning with general shapes and colours to build the initial structure of your image.

Thursday 28 March 2019 Wakefield Village Hall

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Cost: Members \$10, non-members \$15

Morning tea provided

ALL WELCOME

We have room for a maximum of 12 people

Bring your usual painting paraphernalia such as easel, palette, brushes and oil or acrylic paints plus two painting supports well primed with gesso.

I recommend working on a size between A3 and A2 for each approach. Also bring a few simple objects to set up a still life to use as your reference.

Please RSVP to Sonja, email: sonjal@ts.co.nz or text 027 3740500

Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The Bowling Club acknowledges the amazing efforts of all those fighting the fire and managing the emergency and thanks everyone involved.

The March tournament due to be held on 13th February had to be cancelled because of the fire and evacuation. Bowater Honda has kindly agreed to carry over its sponsorship to a winter tournament.

The water shortage has also been a major problem as the cotula plant on the live green is very sensitive to drying out. If it dies off it does not recover like grass does.

Level three water restrictions allowed the use of the irrigation system to water bowling greens but level four restrictions prohibit this.

We are arranging to transport in a tanker of water as needed to save the green as it would be very expensive to replace if it died and the community would lose a great facility; the drain will be plugged so that the water stays and soaks in. If you see water on the green, please be assured it is from outside the Waimea catchment.

Community Bowls 3 Five

The first of these due on 8 February was cancelled due to the evacuation but we have held successful evenings on the subsequent weeks. We will continue into March playing on the synthetic surface so anyone wishing to come along is welcome on Friday evenings from 5.30pm to start play at 6.00pm.

Champion of Champions

The Wakefield champion in each event plays off against those from all the other clubs in the Nelson/Tasman region. There has been some success with some close results but just missing out on the championships.

Open Pairs - both teams reached the semi finals: Margaret Eames and Yvonne Robertson for the women and Peter Sisterson and Tony Eames for the men. The latter being level on the final end, losing when the opposing skip took out Wakefield's shot bowl with his last bowl and went on to win the final.

Open Singles - Julie Hall reached the quarter final and Tony Eames made it to the final, finishing runner up 21 - 16 to the Stoke Club champion.

Triples - June Lines, Jan Dudley and Rona Vessey reached the quarter finals and Tony Eames, Nick Riordan and David Cartwright made the semi final losing by only three points to the eventual winner, Mike Wilson's team from the United Club.

Vet Pairs - Tony Eames and Nick Riordan again reached the semi final, losing another close game to the eventual winner from Motueka.

Kia Kaha

We will be carrying on as usual in these difficult times when the close community and great spirit in the club has been so helpful in supporting each other. We extend our best wishes to everyone else in the village and surrounding areas.

Please feel welcome to call in to visit and have a roll up or some social time.
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Coast to Coast 2019

Interview with Connie Dick [ex Wakefield-ite, who recently competed in the open womens 18-39 years category]

Can you tell us a bit about the event?

The Coast to Coast two day individual race involves a 2.2km run, 55km cycle and 33km mountain run through Goats Pass ending at Klondyke Corner where most people camp on day one. Day two kicked off with 15km bike, 67km paddle down the Waimakariri and 70km bike to New Brighton.

How did you go?

Other than being in a few dark places along the way I was very stoked to come away with second place in the women's two day individual race.

Is this your first time?

I aimed to do the two day individual last year, but picked up an injury the week of the event. So asked a mate to do it as a team and he was very keen which was lucky! So I had to come back this year and complete it myself.

What was the hardest part?

There were many... Trying to control my nerves and turning my negative thoughts into positive (particularly kayaking) so I didn't become worn out before even starting! Kayaking was particularly hard as I'm not very strong in the boat. Seeing rescue crews at the major rapids also upped the heart beat every time!

Why do you enjoy this sort of activity?

It's a 6-8 month journey of getting to the start line. I've trained in some amazing places around the South Island, met incredible people and enjoyed the challenge of pushing myself out of my comfort zone.

What sort of training have you done?

I particularly focused on a lot of strengthening and stretching this season due to injuries. Otherwise most nights I would go for a bike, or a paddle down the Avon (bit yuck but not as bad as you think) with some friends, a few Rogaines, entered local races, ate lots and ran around the Port Hills (close to home). Next time I would look at getting a coach just so I can track my level of fitness and to ensure I don't over-train.

What was it like crossing the finish line?

It was an unreal feeling that's pretty hard to describe to be honest. A lot of time, mental preparation and energy went into the previous six months to get to that point, it was pretty awesome!

Will you do it again?

Absolutely!

Would you encourage others to do it?

100%! It's hard to describe the amazing experience of getting to the start line, then getting to the finish line just adds to it!



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A Matter of Accounts

Looking Forward - Cashflow and Forecasting

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

Forecasting often includes the forecast of cash in and out. A cash flow forecast is an estimate of when you expect to receive cash and likewise when you expect to pay your creditors and other commitments. Being able to show how much money will flow in and out of your business, and when, is a critical part of your financial plan.

It is important to make sure you have a plan that projects your cash flow for the upcoming year so you know what resources you may need, and when you need them. The lack of planning and control of cash resources is the reason often given for the failure of many small businesses.

How often should I prepare a financial forecast?

This will often depend on the circumstances of your business, whether incoming and outgoing cash fluctuates a lot, and where your business is positioned in the business life cycle.

If you are planning to start a business, you should prepare an annual forecast, but you should be constantly reviewing it and updating it, monthly or weekly as necessary.

Growth can often be one of the most dangerous times for any business. If you are planning on growing your business in the next financial year, you need to consider the resources required and the timing of when the resources will be needed – especially cash. An effective forecast should start from a basis of the worst case scenario. It is better to have pleasant surprises rather than nasty shocks.



A cashflow forecast measures the timing of receipts and payments and predicts the cash position for the future. A business can be making profits but have cashflow problems due to poor management of: customer payments, supplier payments, stock, work in progress, capital commitments, loan repayments etc.

When preparing a cashflow forecast, you start with the opening bank balance, plus the incoming receipts, minus the outgoing payments, which gives you the closing bank balance.

For the incoming receipts, you look at how much you are likely to sell, and you need to predict how long customers will take to pay. You can base this on previous trading history rather than your trading terms as not all customers pay on time. If you're expecting significant business growth over the coming year, you should consider how quickly new customers will pay. Will they pay as quickly as your current clientele?

For the outgoings, you need to look at when money will go out of the bank for your one off purchases as well as your regular commitments. With growth in sales comes growth in purchases, so you need to question whether this will cause your business to reach any credit limits with its suppliers.

There are many advantages of an effective cashflow forecast:

- The cashflow forecast puts you in a position of knowing well beforehand what your cash position will be, given your predictions. This allows you to plan for action to manage a positive or negative balance. For example, you can plan when to purchase assets, borrow funds, or manage payments.
- These days many lenders and/or investors require a cashflow forecast to give them a level of comfort that you can trade through any fluctuations and to see your capacity to repay the loan.
- They enable you to closely monitor your figures, identify potential risks or cash shortfalls and develop strategies to rectify any problems before they become a major issue.

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Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

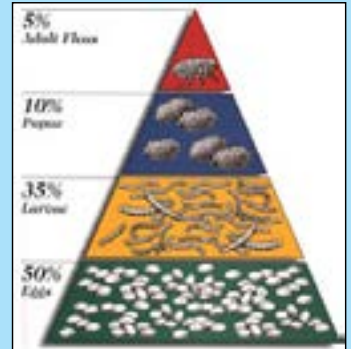
Fleas

Fleas can still be a problem well into autumn, particularly if they haven't been managed through summer. If your pets have flea problems now, you will need to treat your house as well as your pet/s. There are many products available to control fleas – phone or come in and see us for advice.

Fly Strike in Pets

If it's warm and damp in autumn, fly strike is still a risk in our pet rabbits and long haired dogs and cats. This is a serious often fatal problem that can occur within hours. Flies are attracted to damp fur, urine, faeces and they lay their eggs on or around the animal's bottom. Maggots will hatch within hours and quickly eat into the flesh as well as releasing dangerous toxins.

Prevent fly strike by checking your pet daily (and rabbits twice daily) to ensure their bottom is clean and dry. Clip fur away if necessary. Remove soiled bedding as soon as possible and keep the surrounding environment clean. Ensure your pet is not fed incorrectly which can lead to diarrhoea and soiled fur. If you find maggots on your pets, phone us immediately. We urgently need to remove eggs and maggots and prevent pain, infection and shock.



Did you know that the adult flea is only 5% of the problem? The remaining 95% exist as a pupae, larvae or eggs in your home!!!

Ryegrass Staggers

Ryegrass staggers is a problem at this time of year on farms particularly when animals are forced to graze close to the ground. This is a disease caused by toxins produced by a fungus present in some types of ryegrass. The symptoms are tremors, jerky movements and staggering. It affects cows, sheep, deer and horses, and alpaca are particularly susceptible. Affected animals are in danger of accidents such as getting caught in fences or falling into streams. They may also eat less and not drink enough. There is no specific antidote – the main treatment is getting affected animals off the ryegrass pasture and onto some other type of feed or safe ryegrass. There are many other causes of staggering, tremors and abnormal behavior – if you are not sure, it is best to get the vet out – sooner rather than later!

Facial Eczema

To prevent casualties from facial eczema, remember to provide zinc supplements for your stock or at the least do spore counts through autumn until the end of May. Doing your own counts is easy or you can have them done by us or the lab.

Trace Element Time

Now is the time to be supplementing ewes and rams with trace elements and vitamins to maximize reproduction success. Adequate daily intake of trace elements is required for maintaining good health and resistance to disease in all species. But at times of high demand or stress (such as pregnancy) daily requirements can be greater than what is obtained from feed and the diet should be supplemented.

Iodine, selenium and cobalt are key elements for stock health. Zinc and vitamins A, D and E are also important. Don't let trace element deficiency cause poor health and production loss in your stock this autumn, winter and lambing season - talk to Mike or Joe in the clinic for more information about supplementing your stock for healthier ewes and lambs.



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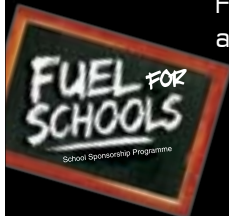
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We are serving food from different time eras and dress-up accordingly.

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**Our community thanks each and every one of you
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Wakefield Art Group

Wakefield Art Group

Everyone welcome. All levels of interest.
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Dates for Wakefield Art Group are:
March 7, 14, 21 and 28
April 4 and 11

ST JOHNS CHURCH COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The monthly St. John's Community Lunches will recommence in February 2019.

These are held on the third Thursday of each month from February to November.

Anyone is welcome to join us for a midday meal and fellowship. A small donation helps to cover our expenses. If you wish to attend it is helpful, although not absolutely necessary, if you phone Caroline 5418491 by the Monday evening prior to the Thursday date.

The dates of the lunches are as follows:

February 21st
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th
June 20th
July 18th
August 15th
September 15th
October 17th
November 21st

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With help from some dedicated assistants Jean achieved this aim, and has successfully provided this ministry which has benefitted many.

However the season for the Church garden is now over. From March, the final harvest will be completed and the ground restored to turf and available for our overflow car parking. The trees which have been planted will be transplanted during winter when conditions are favourable.

Jean has made a huge contribution to this ministry, and deserves all our thanks and appreciation. Often working in the garden five days a week, it is now time for Jean and Graham to enjoy their years of retirement together.

Jean started this ministry, and it is her wish that it now end. It will not be continued by any other group or individual.

We thank you Jean for responding to the call Jesus has made on your heart.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" Eccl 3:1

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BABYSITTER

June
Experienced 14 year old babysitter available after school, evenings and weekends.
Reliable and trustworthy. References available.
Please phone Jessie on 027 358 5049.

FOR SALE

August
Wall oven – white Simpson La Scala, c/w trays and instruction manual, \$180
Phone 541 9045

BABY SITTER

October
Baby sitting or odd jobs.

16 year old fundraising for Africa School Trip with World Challenge.

Available for baby sitting, can feed your pets while you are away, wood stacking and other odd jobs.

Also looking for summer holidays job - berry picking or similar. Anything considered.

Phone Caitlyn Scott on 541 8867.

FREE

January
Three old patchwork single quilts - one in good condition, others suitable for dog blankets

Three old white tablecloths
1 x Breville 1400W compact hair dryer
Phone 541 8950, evenings

WANTED

Large quantity of stone free clay for McGazzaland.
Ph 0272 820 838

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS WANTED

We require a driver to do deliveries on alternate Thursdays, starting 14th March.

Meals are picked up from The Homestead (Wakefield Rest Home) at 11am, for delivery in the Wai-iti - Wakefield - Brightwater area.

Delivery takes about 1 1/2 hours.

If you think you would like to help with this community service,

please phone Heather on 541 8151, or email stuartandheather@live.com

WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

Scrap metal.

Wakefield Bowling Club is willing to collect any old metal, wiring, whiteware (excluding fridge & freezers), car batteries, etc.

Please phone Trevor on 5418855.

FOR HIRE

D31 Komatsu
D4E Cat
Dry Hire or with operator
ph 021 201 5930

ANZAC SERVICE WAKEFIELD

Thursday 25 April 2019

Wakefield Village Hall
Commences at 10am

Could we please have an indication from individuals or community groups who wish to lay a wreath at this service

Please contact
Stuart and Heather Watts

stuartandheather@live.com

Wakefield Apple Fair

would like to offer a free stall site to a community group or food/beverage vendor who wants to raise money for the Fire Relief Fund.

Please contact Christine
at willowbank2002@gmail.com

Volunteers Wanted

Would you like to become a volunteer at Willow Bank?

There are several "jobs" available.

Come and help from 10am - 3pm or as long as you like. Free food and fun.

We are open every first Sunday in the month from September till May.

Contact Christine 027 856 6681

RURAL POST

Contact Nick & Jackie Costley
For all your RD2 Wakefield postal needs, including

- Prepaid Bags • Stamps
- Local freight from Wakefield, Dovedale and Tapawera.

Prescriptions from Wakefield.

Nick - 027 541 8581 or Ph 541 8581

Community Directory

Citizens Advice Bureau
548 2117 - 0800 367 222

Rutherford Memorial Hall
658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Foxhill
Bookings and enquiries:
Sue White 027 474 6324
Hire Rates & Conditions:
www.lordrutherfordhall.org.nz

Pigeon Valley Steam Museum
Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

Rural Ramblers
Carolyn Mason 541 9200

Spring Grove Drill Hall
C Stratford 542 3992

Totaradale Golf Club
Amber 541 8030

Wakefield Anglican Church – St Johns
Sundays 9.00am - Communion up the hill
10.30am - Family and kids church
at the Worship Centre
Rev. Allan Wasley 541 8883

St Johns Worship Centre
Bookings Nigel Massey 541 8857

Wakefield Community Library
Wendy Gibbs 541 8490
Pam Dick 541 8392
Hours - Tues 10.30 -11.30am
Friday - 2.30 - 4pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Wakefield Football Club
Chris Olaman 027 541 9029
David Emerson 027 256 0531

Wakefield Medical Centre
541 8911

Wakefield Pharmacy
5418418
doug@wakefieldpharmacy.co.nz

Wakefield Playcentre
Contact: 541 8866

Wakefield Scout Group
wakefieldgroupleader@gmail.com
Louis Hornell 027 759 3006

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade
DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

Country Players (Drama)
Jen Amosa 541 8139
enquiries@countryplayers.org.nz
www.countryplayers.wordpress.com

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, Thurs 9.30am
Parish Preist Seth Pijfers 544 8987

Taoist Tai Chi
Deb Knapp 022 083 9332

Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club
Colin Gibbs 541 8435
gibbs@ts.co.nz

Waimea Area Quilters
Sue Burrowes 541 9689 or 027 364 0773

Wakefield Book Group
Mahala White - 541 8933 or
Chrissy Harris - 541 9596

Wakefield Bush Restoration Society
Doug South 541 8980

Wakefield Plunket Volunteers Group
Wendy Wadsworth 541 9272

Plunket Nelson Area Office
For appointments etc 539 5200

Wakefield School/ Community Swimming Pool
Karyn Young 021 112 4203
Libby Thomson 027 541 8202

Target Shooting Wakefield
targetshootingwakefield@gmail.com
Contact: Dot Ashton
541 8989 or 027 543 0529

Wanderers Sports Club
542 3344

Wakefield Toy Library
Saturday 9.30-11.30am
Liz Ashburner 541 9453

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

Waimea South Historical Society
Arnold Clark 544 7834

Wakefield Bowling Club
Margaret Eames 541 8316

Wakefield Brightwater Book Club
Sue McAuley 544 7325
sue.mcauley@ncc.govt.nz
Meets last Wednesday evening
of every month

Wakefield Community Council
Sonia Emerson 541 9005

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club
Ren Olykan 541 8275

Wakefield Preschool
Contact: 541 8086

Wakefield School PTA
ptawakefield@gmail.com

Wakefield Tennis Club
Ngair Calder 027 279 9938
www.caldertennis.co.nz

Wakefield Village Hall
Rose & Richard Shepard
shepard@thistle.net.nz
027 406 4154

St. John's Worship Centre
Nigel Massey 541 8857

Window on Wakefield
Articles & Content - 541 9005
Sonia Emerson

Window on Wakefield
Advertising - 541 9641
Genie & Lindsay Bradley

Wakefield School
Edward Street 541 8332

Justice of the Peace
Katie Greer
896 Wakefield/Kohatu Highway
Ph 021 547 756

AED DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS - AVAILABLE 24/7

Wakefield Four Square, Highfield Farm, Kohatu Flat Rock Cafe, Old Tadmor Store, Dove Nursery, Corner of Thorne Road & Wins Valley Road, 29 Moonlight Road Glenhope, Corner of Totara View Road and Kilkenny Place, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar, Lake Rototiti Fire Station, Totaradale Golf Club

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**.

In the event of an emergency, for urgent public messages, tune in to:
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