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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Margaret Waddington Turns 100

by Marilyn Gibbs (daughter)

Former Wakefield resident, Margaret Waddington, turned 100 on the 20th March 2019. She is currently a resident of Ernest Rutherford Retirement Village Hospital.

Margaret Alice Glennie was born, by caesarean section, on 20th March 1919 in Rangiora to William and Alice Glennie. At that stage the Glennie family lived on leased land at Waipara. The family moved to a farm in Totara Valley, Hazelburn, Pleasant Point (inland from Timaru) 1st October 1920. Her father travelled south with the four older children while Alice stayed behind as they awaited Eva's birth. Margaret had one older sister Milly and older brothers Percy and Andrew and younger sister Eva making a family of five children.

The Glennie children went to Hazelburn School. There were no school buses in those days so they rode horses often two to a horse. She did not go onto High School leaving school when she was 12 years old after obtaining her Proficiency Certificate. After leaving school she helped the family at home cooking for the shearers and other farm workers. At harvest time large baskets of food were prepared and taken out to the paddocks where the men were working. The farm was quite isolated especially when you consider that most of travel was by horse and cart. Neighbours were very important and everyone worked together to bring in the hay or help with the shearing.

Then of course there was the washing that needed to be done. That was Monday's job. First the copper had to be filled with water and the fire lit to heat the water... Wash boards, ringers, mangles and hanging washing out to dry was a weekly chore. This was followed on Tuesday which was ironing day using irons that were heated on the coal range.

When Margaret was 17 she went on a short course to the Hollywood School of Dressmaking in Timaru. Margaret always wished she had been able to have more time learning dressmaking but by then it was the start of the depression. However she was a very good dressmaker and the family always had new clothes for birthdays, Christmas, A & P Shows and special occasions. She also worked as the community dressmaker creating evening gowns, wedding dresses and just general clothes as well as just mending for the family. Her wedding dress which she made was on show at her parties.

Through her brother Percy, Margaret met Rex Waddington from Claremont (inland from Timaru) about 15kms away – he was working at a neighbouring farm. They got engaged the day Rex left to go to World War II. He was away for almost five years. On his return home, custom said they could not be married as Margret's father had recently passed away and they needed to wait at least six months before it was acceptable for a celebration. Eventually they married on 6th June 1946.

Initially they lived in a riverside bach (which was washed away in a subsequent flood) but they moved into the old Waddington house at Claremont when Marilyn was born. Members of the Waddington family thought that now that Rex and Margaret were back living at Claremont they could look after Granny Waddington. Margaret brought her new baby home and had an elderly relative to also look after in a very basic home with no electricity.

Marilyn was born in 1947 and Granny Waddington died at home on Christmas Day the same year. Carol was born in 1949 and Brian in 1953.

Marilyn has two strong memories of Claremont. Like Margaret, Marilyn also has a love of sewing and hens. Marilyn remembers her mother telling her not to touch the treadle sewing machine when she went to feed the chickens. Guess what Marilyn did, and ended up with a machine needle through her

The other memory is about Margaret's "Annie Get Your Gun" moment. Like most families Margaret made soap for the family. Fat was collected in kerosene cans and stored down by some outdoor coppers under the old man pine trees. The children were never allowed to get too close as making soap involved hot fat, caustic soda and was a dangerous process.

finger. Of course she needed her mother's help to remove the needle.

Marilyn remembers her mother chopping wood and lighting the fire then picking up the kerosene can to empty the solid meat fat into the copper. A ferret ran out – we had hens, our neighbour's also had hens. Margaret ran inside picked up a rifle and took off after the ferret. I'm not sure now if she got the ferret but I'm pretty sure there would have been traps set to make sure the ferret didn't get any of our chickens.



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In 1955/56 Margaret and Rex had their first holiday and came to Nelson. Rex loved Nelson and decided it was the "promised land". After that first visit Rex came north alone and bought a farm in Garden Valley inland from Brightwater in 1957 – the rest of the family didn't see the farm until the family arrived to take possession.

Marilyn still has vivid memories of the trip north in a Standard 10 car and trailer with two dogs and a cat. They arrived in June – mid winter to a house that didn't see the sun before 10.00am and lost it again at 2.30pm, and the frosts... The farm was very hilly and very hard to make any money from – the family picked peas, milked eight cows, tried to raise turkeys and all worked hard to help on the farm. Margaret also went out working picking peas, apples and peaches.

After four years that farm was sold and Margaret and Rex bought a run-down house in Wakefield (now 154 Edward St) – no one had lived in the house for many years and this was the start of Margaret and Rex's Wakefield life for about 47 years. She scrubbed, pulled down wallpaper and repapered and repainted this house.

Over the years the family planted and picked beans, raised both chickens and turkeys – sold eggs commercially and Rex took up contract spraying and fencing. Margaret spent hours developing and working in the garden. She also got involved in the local community – CWI, Hall Committee, Methodist Church, RSA, school etc. Margaret started working for Redwood Caterers - a job she really loved and later got a job as receptionist at a hairdressers in Richmond Mall.

After Rex passed away in 2001 Margaret continued to live at Wakefield and in 2003 she started building herself a new home just next door to the old home at 152 Edward St. Margaret loved her modern new home and developed a beautiful garden before deciding it was time to move to a smaller and flat section.

Aged 89 she moved to Waimea Village and initially really appreciated her small home there. She started having falls and the management problem within the village caused stress. Daughter Carol was so concerned about the stress she was under at Waimea Village, she organised for Mum to move into her serviced apartment at Ernest Rutherford. This was

a great move for Mum. Over time Mum's mobility and stability on her feet lessened and the staff at Ernest Rutherford decided to move her into the hospital unit. This meant a total loss of independence and this has been hard for Mum to accept.

Looking back on her life – she has seen so many things that we take for granted today:

- * Electricity came to our house in Claremont in 1953 before that it was coal ranges, generators and tilley lamps, fortunately when we came to Nelson there was also electricity installed.
- * The telephone came in 1954 and there were 10 other people on the same phone line three of whom were contractors. Women were not allowed to use the phone in the evenings. When you wanted to use the phone line, you would pick up the phone and say "working?" if no one replied you could then dial up the exchange and ask the telephonist to connect you to the number you wanted. Usually the numbers were three digits with a letter at the end. The people in the exchange would use a Morse code machine to ring the number. There was real benefits to this system if you happened to want a doctor or a vet. The person in the exchange would usually be able to tell you they were at "xyz" place!! After the family came to Wakefield they eventually got individual phone lines and now we have moved to cell phones.
- * Flight aeroplanes, jets, space craft, para-punters.
- * From ponies to horses and carts, cars, trucks and now electric vehicles.
- * Sewing machines originally hand, treadle, then mechanical and in the last 20 years we have moved to computerised machines.
- * Professional studio photos to Box Brownie cameras, SLD to no film cameras digital and now everyone uses their phone to take photos.

The list goes on and on. I'm sure you can all add to it.



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Wakefield School

Tui Team News - Celebrate Science Morning

Wakefield School's 'Celebrate Science Morning' was held on Tuesday March 5th. The whole school took part in a variety of hands on science activities throughout the morning. We wrote about what we did...

Today we had Celebrate Science Morning. I was in group 12 with Ella. The first activity was Rainbow Water. Then we worked with marbles with Mr Verstappen. After we had our morning tea we did rolling cars with Miss G and next we made catapults with Kent in Room 2. Then we did static electricity experiments and last we went out to look for river insects before lunch. My favourite was the rainbow water. You had to put the heaviest dye with the most sugar in first and then the second heaviest dye and then the third heaviest dye and then the last dye. This was my favourite because you used things that real scientists use.

by Rylee

It was science morning at Wakefield School. We had lots of fun. It was the best morning ever. We built catapults and cannons. We found out that baking powder and vinegar create a fight. We also learned that bubble wrap was the worst, carpet was the second worst and card was the best for racing our racing cars down a ramp. We were on water restrictions and we had to be careful not to spill any water while we were spinning our buckets for the bucket activity.

by Kobi

It was 'Celebrate Science Morning' and we had to think like scientists. My favourite activity was the one by the pump track. We got a bucket of water and it had bugs in it, very small bugs. There was a computer with this thing that makes it go closer like a magnifying glass.

by Gabe

At science day my favourite activity was the water activity with the buckets. People did lots of tricks, some even did tricks where the buckets went upside down and sometimes their water didn't fall out. I was very amazed with what they were doing. Lots of people could do it but I could not do it, I was worried about the water falling out. I could do some tricks. I had to be spinning and then I could swing it sideways, it was completely sideways but no water fell out. When I stopped I was very dizzy because I was going very fast, as fast as my legs would carry me. I said, "Wow! This is very fast."

by Tyler

Tui Team's Trip To The Museum

On March 14th the Tui team visited the Nelson Museum to see the 'Life before dinosaurs - Permian Monsters' exhibition. We were excited and amazed to see the fascinating models of monsters that once ruled the world. Elsie wrote about our visit:

Today my classroom went to the museum. We had a look at dinosaurs, and other animals too. There were awesome dinosaurs because they could move their heads, eyes, tummies, tails and tongue. We also looked at a funny looking shark. It was funny looking because

its gum was a half circle with its sharp teeth on top of its gum. We also looked at some art work and some bones. We had a look around. Then we did a picture of a dinosaur. At the end we looked at a awesome rock because it had some flat diamonds on it.

by Elsie

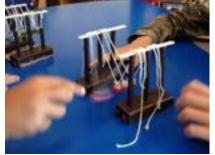












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Wakefield Community Council Report

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

Items discussed:

Community BBQ and Post Fire Event – discussed whether to combine the community BBQ and post fire event. Decided to run the two events separately. Thoughts as follows:

- Post fire event tentative date of Sunday 5th or 12th May. Preferred location is Wakefield School. This creates a natural boundary for the celebration and may help to limit the number of attendees from outside Wakefield.
- Community BBQ tentative timing of September, to be a celebration of spring in the bush. Would include a walk around of the land.

DC Footpath Priority List – list provided by TDC was discussed. All agreed that #38, footpath on Eighty Eight Valley Road from just passed Genia Drive to Totara View Road, was the highest priority for Wakefield. However, we felt that the first 100m of this was the most important. After that we thought #44, Pigeon Valley, was next highest priority. Whilst discussing that we also discussed the fact that the walkway that goes along the river and comes out by the Wai-iti Bridge is quite unsafe at the moment due to large flax beside the road. Hope to get this tidied up.

Information Booth – The Anzac Day committee have been thinking about the empty panels on the Information Booth. They would like to use one of the panels to do a feature on Dr Pearless. It could potentially cost \$600. There was some discussion around having one panel potentially dedicated to the fire. Not sure if this is the right place for it, so all to think about this or an alternative location for something.

Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust – Garfield Ellery is the convenor for Wakefield and one of the trustees. He will provide further update after his next meeting. They are forming a Trust to provide public transport from Wakefield to Richmond/Nelson. The plan is for it to be daily, Monday to Friday. There will be some fundraising coming up soon.

Apple Fair – 14th of April. They have more entertainers, stall holders, food etc this year. Hoddy's Orchard is once again providing seven bins of apples.

Window on Wakefield Thank You - A thank you morning tea was agreed for our volunteers who deliver the WoW.

Cameras in the Village and Brightwater – Work in progress.

Safety Concerns - Eighty Eight Valley Road near the main road intersection. Concerns were raised about the safety issues at the corner of State Highway 6. Also, vehicles parked on the sides of the road near the carpark which cause vehicles to cross the centre line in area.









Quiz

by Derek Evans

- The letters of the word 'allergy' can be rearranged to form three other seven letter words. Can you find all three of them?
- How many sides has a heptadecagon?
- Ritual Jewels is an anagram of which well known current British actress?
- 4. In which English seaside town was 'Fawlty Towers' set?
- Who published works under the pen name Currer Bell?
- 6. Which story contained the following line "All children, except one, grow up"?
- Who said "The gin and tonic has saved more Englishmen's lives, and minds, than all the doctors in the Empire"?
- 8. There is only one letter worth five points in the game of Scrabble. To which chemical element's symbol does this letter correspond?
- 9. 1927's The Jazz Singer changed Hollywood forever as the first of which type of movie?
- 10. Who is the only man, to date, to become Vice President, and subsequently President, without winning an election to either?



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by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

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Please don't wait for a call, book into one of the Flu vaccine clinics and get this done at your earliest convenience.

We also ask that you do not combine your Flu and Shingles vaccines on the same day.

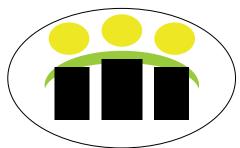
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Live Well Stay Well

by Margaret Clark

"Live well stay well" is a health and social group that meets two weekly in Wakefield or Brightwater from 9.45 - 11.00am on a Tuesday morning. We are commencing our group for the year on April 16 with a coffee and chat at The Villa, Wakefield where we can share our up and coming programme for 2019.

Whats coming up for April and May

April 16 - Coffee at The Villa, Wakefield - coffee and catch up.

April 30 - At the Wakefield Hall, Hannah O'Malley and Dr Wayne Hurlow will speak on "THE BENEFITS OF A PLANT BASED LIFESTYLE". Hannah O'Malley, is a Nelson based pharmacist and founder of The Better Base www.thebetterbase.com and Dr Wayne Hurlow (GP at Wakefield Health Centre) will talk about a plant based lifestyle and how powerful this can be for our health and the environment. For further information we encourage you to watch the video "The Big Fat Lie", a kiwi plant based doco by documentary maker Grant Dixon via VIMEO on demand. It's never too late to start eating more plants!

May 14 - Coffee at HQ in Brightwater 9.45am, then we will visit Bee Brilliance at 42 Factory Rd, Brightwater.

May 28 - Wakefield Hall 9.45 - 11.00am for coffee and speaker Bee Williamson from Nelson Bays PHO

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In the Bush

This would be the very first time that I could say I have very little to report!

Our volunteers are still doing our regular "walk arounds" keeping an eye out and also taking time to consider what we need to look at for the future "safety" and longevity of our village scenic reserves.

As many of you will be aware, right across the board we have dead trees of all ages. This weather event has given us a moment in time to consider what types of native trees particularly could survive better in drought conditions, if these weather patterns start to be the norm.

THANK YOU as a community for also respecting the very necessary decision by the Tasman District Council Reserves Department to close off our reserves to all foot traffic etc until it was deemed safe for this ban to be lifted. I can assure you that all were tinder dry and very much at risk from the slightest spark.

And I must also extend gratitude for the prompt response from a resident who contacted me to check out a camper van parked early evening in the Scout Den vicinity off Treeton Place. The elderly overseas occupants were very amicable and apologetic and were pleased to be given the information as to where they could actually park up.

I have always asked in my articles for our community to be proactive as that is the way we protect these amazing tracts of land that form our scenic reserves.

OUR NEXT WEEDING - MAINTENANCE DAY

All going well this will take place on Saturday 13th April 2019 and will be busy indeed as it will be the first time we have been able to go back in safely since January.

We would appreciate more volunteers for our regular second Saturday in each month, from 10am until noon, cuppa and eats provided by the society – do contact me to go on our telephone tree.

Again mine and our society member's best wishes to many in our community and region who have faced more than the usual difficulties in the last few months.

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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good morning Wakefield or is it good afternoon Wakefield? It all depends on when you pick up this newspaper and you start reading it.

It is seven weeks since we all experienced the Pigeon Valley fire event but this is nothing compared to the tragic events that Christchurch is currently experiencing.

In the fire event we lost property but nothing compares to losing life so from all our brigade members and our families our thoughts and hearts go out to all the families and friends involved in the shootings as well as too the Christchurch communities and all of New Zealand as a whole community. A very dark day in New Zealand's history but it has unified New Zealanders as one people, one nation and we all stand tall together.

Currently we are still busy mopping up the hot spots in and around the Eves Valley area that keep popping up and this will continue for some months but the more rain we have it will reduce this risk. Even with the welcomed rain we have had over the last two weeks the long grass is still dry so we still have to be careful if lighting fires.

The brigade members would like to thank Wakefield School for the mural of the fire event that now hangs in our station and we also thank the school for showing us their thanks.

Calls from last month - from 23 February to 23 March

Smoke showing Eves Valley, Pigeon Valley and Tea Pot Valley - 13 calls

Scrub fire Wakefield/Kohatu Highway

Medical Wakefield

Car in ditch Wakefield/Kohatu Highway

House fire Brightwater Medical Wakefield

PFA Fonterra Brightwater

Animal rescue Wakefield Total calls for this year so far is 49

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Harcourts Funds Solar Project

by Peter Verstappen

The Wakefield School and Community Pool received an unexpected and welcome donation from the Harcourts Foundation last week, a \$10,000 grant towards the installation of solar heating.

Chris Harvey from Harcourts contacted the school after the recent fire and evacuation to offer support for Wakefield from the Foundation, which has donated nearly six million dollars to communities since it was set up in 2008. In discussion with the Pool Committee the Foundation ageed to make a contribution to a major project that will see solar heating installed, hopefully before next swimming season.

"This is a perfect fit for the Foundation," said Chris. "The pool is a real community asset, it brings people together and supports the health and well-being of Wakefield. We are very pleased to be involved."

Stuart Watts, chairperson of the Wakefield School and Community Pool Committee, joined with Wakefield School children to receive the donation at the weekly school assembly. Stuart confirmed that the committee is in the process of receiving quotes for a range of solar options for the pool. The committee will decide its preferred option later this month and then seek further funding from donations and grants, to add to its already accumulated funds and the Harcourts Foundation gift.

"This is an unexpected and generous donation, it's a great boost to our efforts to improve our valuable swimming pool," Stuart said.

The pool closed for the season on Sunday 24 March and will reopen at the beginning of November. Pool keys can be returned and bonds collected at the school office.

The committee thanks all the swimmers, helpers and Bruce, the school caretaker, for their excellent work and support of the pool this summer.

Photo: Chris Harvey, Krystal Rooney and Michael Mokhtar of Harcourts join Stuart Watts of the Pool Committee and children of Wakefield School to celebrate the donation.



Wakefield Playcentre

by Elle Tibbs

We have had another busy month at Playcentre. It has been great to have lots of new families coming in to check out Playcentre and seeing all the fun learning experiences that we have on offer.

This month has seen the start of Space at Wakefield Playcentre for 2019 on Tuesday afternoons. Space is for new parents and babies aged 0-4 months old. We are loving being able to host you at Wakefield Playcentre.

With the arrival of Space and also with lots of little babies at Playcentre, we have had a small change around and increased the size of our under twos area. We were incredibly lucky to be given two large carpet mats from Carpet Court Nelson. We are very thankful for this generous donation as they fit our under twos area perfectly and have made the space extra cozy and inviting for our youngest friends.



We also received a visit from the Freemasons this month and they very kindly brought along a teddy bear for each of our children to help them following the fire earlier this year. This was a lovely gesture, which we really appreciated, and all our tamariki are loving their new teddy bears.

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



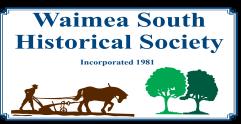












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An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away

by Ciaran Thompson

They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away and with the annual Wakefield Apple Fair coming up, here's a chance to be super healthy! This year the fair is running again for a sixth time, as popular as ever, on Sunday 14th of April from 11:30 - 3:30, at Willow Bank Heritage Village on the Wakefield-Kohatu Highway.

This year is particularly special as the event is part of the Nelson Heritage Festival and commemorates 200 years of apples in New Zealand.

Those of you who have been in previous years will know that this is a great family day out. You can bring along your own apples and have them crushed up into tasty apple juice, made the old-fashioned way. Local orchards also supply apples and you can buy juice bags for the juice you make.

On the day there will also be singing, storytelling, dancing, vintage stalls as well as giant wooden games for the kids with delicious food for sale. It is also a chance to have a look around and inside the heritage village itself, a setting that really suits this community apple fair.

Willow Bank Village is owned and run by the extraordinary Christine Grieder who is known for her amazing heritage buildings, her historical knowledge and selfless nature. Wakefield School Principal, Peter Verstappen, will be MC for the day. I can tell you as someone who has been involved with previous apple fairs that this will definitely be a day not to be missed.

Willow Bank would also be delighted to invite along any Pacific Island groups who are helping pick apples in the Nelson, Tasman area. It would be spectacular to have you there to enjoy yourselves as you have an important role in harvesting apples here.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Christine Grieder at Willowbank2002@gmail.com or you can sign up on the day to help out. It's a great event for our village.

Apple Fair Quiz

- Q. Apples are part of the rose family A. Yes/No
- Q. What is the little projection in the neck called?
- Q. Where was Adam when he took his first bite of the

forbidden fruit? A.

Q. Name a famous German/Austrian dessert? A.

Q. Finish the sayings:
An apple a day
The apple of

Q. What does the saying, 'She'll be apples' mean?

A.

Q. Who shot an apple from his son's head?

A.

Q. What law did Isaac Newton discover that involved an apple?

A.

Δ.

Q. Apple trees can live for more than ... ?

A. 80 yrs, 100 yrs, or 60 yrs

Q. Which Greek Goddess is associated with a Golden Apple?

Α.

Q. What is the name of the apple first brought to New Zealand 200 years ago from Australia?

A. Granny

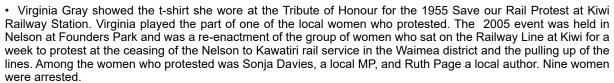


Complete this quiz and return to the Commer Highwayman Camper with the Vintage Stall to win a prize at the Apple Fair, Sunday 14th April, 11.30am to 3.30pm

Waimea South Historical Society

by Margaret Clark

Report on meeting held Tuesday 26th February 2pm in the Richmond Library. After a short business meeting members attending shared items and events of historical interest with the group:

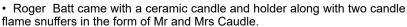




- Wayne Price showed a 1918 monochrome oil painting of the lion in the Wellington Zoo, by artist Edith Price, a relative of his. The Lion was called King Dick after Richard Seddon the 15th Prime Minister of NZ from 1893-1906.
- From a photo Brian Batchelor talked about the Immigrant Ship Fifeshire and the canon off this boat which famously struck the Arrow Rock in February 1842. The cannon ended up with Brian somehow (a relative of his was a harbour pilot) and its life ended when it was filled with powder, nuts and bolts and was blown up at the opening of the Matai Bowls Pavilion in 1907.



- Kathleen Dearnley brought with her a book she found in her fathers belongings, after his recent death. It was the Cycleopadia of NZ 1906 and had the history of the setting up of local councils over the Nelson Marlborough West Coast areas. Lots of photos and biographies of local dignitaries at that time.
- Margaret Clark brought with her a Westclox Big Ben clock patented in 1914 in the USA. She shared how these clocks were advertised, focusing on how it appealed to the males in society using language designed to promote a solid, handsome and punctual timepiece. They sold for \$2.50 (USD).
- Rodger Quinney brought with him a Mason Jar patented in November 30, 1858. It was in great condition and very sturdy.



The Waimea South Historical Society meets monthly either at the Richmond Library or a field trip of interest is organised. Any one is welcome to become a member and attend our meetings especially if you have an interest in historical happenings and places in our district.

For programme and details, contact Roger Batt 544 9709 or Arnold Clark 544 7834.









Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Amby Cowe

Recently we bid farewell to a wonderful man, Martin, as he and his lovely wife Pippa have moved to Kaikoura.

Martin has been a big part of Waimea Plunket Playgroup. As the minister of the church where we hire the creche rooms he was a familiar face for all of us. The kids loved it when Martin popped in for a cuppa and biscuit, to catch up with the mums, play with the kids and hold wee babies so their mum can enjoy a cuppa herself. We will all miss his big smile, cheeky sense of humour and his heart of gold.

At playgroup we are planning Easter activities for the children.

If you would like to join us just turn up any Wednesday morning during term time. We are open from 9am until noon and welcome children aged 0 – 5 and caregivers. The playgroup is behind the St Paul's church hall in Brightwater, next to Snowden Bush.













Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The March Tournament was sponsored by Oil Intel, the authorised NZ distributor of "Total" lubricants, which now has a retail outlet off Nayland Road in Stoke. http://oilintel.co.nz. It was won by the Wakefield team of John van der Laan, Margaret Eames and Alan Robertson [photo below], second place was Lesley and Les Morris with Rae Peterson and third place was Neville Turner with Diane and Dave Merritt from Stoke.

Champion of Champions

- The women's vet singles was won by Margaret Eames against the champions from the other clubs in the region.
- In the men's vet singles, Tony Eames reached the semi final.
- Junior singles Janice Browning and John Oakley both made the semi finals, Janice being very unlucky not to progress to the final in the women's competition while John gave a good performance against a more experienced player in the men's.
- Junior pairs Janice and John also played in the pairs with Jan Dudley and Paul Lines respectively but were eliminated in the first knock out round but great experience for these newer bowlers.

Community Bowls 3 Five

This has been successful on Friday evenings with several new players enjoying bowls and an enthusiastic social atmosphere around the green. It will finish at the end of March as the evenings close in but anyone interested is welcome to come along at other times.

Upcoming events

Social roll ups continue on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1pm. Sunday 7 April - Wakefield hosts a junior tournament for teams from around the region.

Wednesday 10 April - monthly tournament

Saturday 13 April - summer season closing day

Thursday 25 April - Wakefield hosts an Anzac Day Tournament run by ex serviceman Peter Fitzwater

Saturday 11 May - winter season opening day



Welcome to new players. Anyone interested please come along and have a go. For more information contact Tony on 541 8316.



Margaret Eames with the Bowls Nelson Cup for the Champion of Champions women's vet singles.



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Nelson Fire Clean Up Crew

by Nessie Bellam

On the second night the Pigeon Valley fire blazed, Steve Lawson was standing in his shed looking at his tools and shovel. He thought to himself, "How could I use these tools to help the fire victims?" The next day, he started helping at the Saxton Civil Defence Centre where he assisted for the rest of the week.

During that week he started to think about the fire victims and mentioned his thoughts to his daughter Mel, who suggested forming a Facebook group. One week after the fire started, the "Nelson Fire Clean-up Crew" page was born. We have 370 members, many of whom are volunteers wishing to give their time, energy and experience to those who were affected.

Thanks to the invaluable generosity of the Wakefield Community Council, the "Crew" were given the use of the Wakefield Village Hall to set up a meeting point. Via social media, radio broadcasts and word of mouth, we invited folk affected by the fire to come and tell us what they thought they needed to get their lives back on track.

We set up a group of volunteers over the course of two weekends in late February/early March. Those sessions allowed some residents of Redwood Valley, Teapot Valley and Pigeon Valley to tell their stories. During our discussions with them, we have identified the kinds of work they need help with as well as the severity of the damage to their property.

We are now working with these families to provide support, assistance and to co-ordinate the amazing volunteers we have had come forward. Already our team has assisted in the repair of fencing, the stacking of firewood, feeding stock and the clean-up of an indoor area that the sheep thought would be great to shelter in!

We are continuing to work with the families with larger scale damage and hope to be able to start practically helping them once funding is approved/released for items/issues that are not covered by insurance.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or have a need we may be able to assist with. Please contact the group via Facebook – Nelson Fire Clean up Crew, or call 0274CLEAN 027 422 5326.

Email: nelsonfcc@outlook.com or go to our website - nelsonfcc.wixsite.com/home



Wakefield Welcomes...

Wakefield Physio at the Wakefield Health Centre has a new owner after 26 years. Karrin Aitken-Meehan has been seduced by the community spirit of Wakefield and its friendly people and decided to make this the region to look after those with injuries and aches and pains.

Karrin has been working in physiotherapy for 27 years and has worked not only in NZ but also in the UK and the States. She has had experience with a range of musculoskeletal conditions, from treating acute sports injuries to chronic pain. Karrin has experience treating dancers as well, as she has Ballet Teaching qualifications from the NZ School of Dance, in addition to her Post Graduate Diploma in Sports and Exercise Medicine from Otago University.

She prides herself on listening to her patients and using evidence-based techniques and rehabilitation programmes. And if patients aren't getting better, she'll find out why or refer them on to someone for another opinion.

If you or someone you know is putting up with pain and dysfunction, or you've recently had an injury that needs treatment, give Wakefield Physio a call on 03 541 8911 at the Wakefield Health Centre.





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A Matter of Accounts

Financial Software

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

In my next series of articles, I will profile a range of financial software products that are available to small businesses at the moment.

Some accountants like to have most of their clients sign up to one particular financial software option which might make it easier for them. I personally don't believe that there is a one solution fits all model, as every business has very different needs and requirements, and the financial software chosen needs to fit within those parameters.

When is it time to invest in or upgrade your financial software? Some businesses need or would benefit from using financial software from day one. Others may start off with using a very basic manual system or paper based cashbook because that is all they really need. However, often over time your needs will change and grow. If your business has evolved and grown, it may be that you now need more features or functionality ie you need to add invoicing or debtors capability or the ability to track by departments.

Some other key reasons for looking at implementing new software or upgrading are:

- Current system can't cope with the volume of transactions
- Existing processes are slow or if electronic, response times are not good enough
- Staff or business owners are doing repetitive work that could be automated
- You need your financial software to integrate with other modules ie CRM, email or business specific software
- You need to be able to access information on your business that is not currently available due to it not being recorded appropriately or at all.



So you've made the decision to invest in a new accounting software package, or upgrade the existing one, and for all the right reasons, so how do you make sense of all the options in the market?

When making a decision you need to consider the following:

- Do you want to have the software on your desktop only, or available online wherever you are?
- What level of support do you require and can the software provider or perhaps your accountant assist with that? Is it face to face, email, or phone?
- · Does the provider include regular updates and improvements to comply with legislative requirements and improved functionality regularly and at what cost?
- Does the software provide the ability to grow?
- What are the upfront costs, as well as ongoing support and maintenance costs over the next five years?
- Do you need to use your financial software across various platforms ie desktop, laptop, tablet and phone?
- When deciding on the best software solutions it pays to think about the problems you are trying to solve rather than just does it do X and Y.
- Make sure you also take into account the things you like about the current system and don't just assume that you will get that with any system.
- The software should be flexible and work the way the business does, not constrain you or your staff to its way of doing things

Finally, in order to make the best decision on software for your business, it is important to shop around, gather information and make an informed decision. It's a good idea to talk to others who are already using it, and to also get advice from your accountant.

There are software products and suppliers that can grow with your business from day one, even when you become an employer and need that add-on payroll support, but there is no point in buying a top end solution with all the bells and whistles if you will never use them and they just add complexity to processes.

Next month, I will outline the first of several software packages available.

This information is intended as a guide only - it is not intended as legal advice. For more detailed information please refer to the legislation or seek legal and/or accounting advice.





Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Happy Easter!! It's a good time of year to think about rabbits! Rabbits are popular pets and preventative health care is very important. If you get the diet and environment right, many common and potentially serious problems can be avoided.

Diet

Rabbits need a very high fibre diet to keep their teeth and gut healthy. Rabbits' teeth grow throughout their lives so the high fibre diet prevents teeth overgrowing and uneven wear. Rabbits with overgrown teeth struggle to eat/chew effectively so can lose weight, have diarrhoea and develop tooth root abscesses which are difficult to treat. Rabbits also need lots of fibre for their digestive tract to work properly - a low fibre diet such as lots of pellets and bread increases the chances of diarrhea and flystrike.

The diet should consist of:

- · Good quality hay available all the time
- Grass and grass clippings
- Green, leafy veges about one cup/kg/day eg dandelions, parsley, silverbeet, carrot tops
- Branches from trees such as willow, apple, poplar or other untreated wood for chewing on
- · Clean, fresh water all the time preferably from a sippy bottle
- Treats such as carrots and apple should be no more than one teaspoon/kg/day
- · Rabbits should not be offered cereals, grains, bread, biscuits, crackers etc

Pellets are not essential and should only comprise about 10-20% of the diet or about 1/8th cup/kg/day. Even if they are your rabbit's favourite, they are high in calories and do not provide enough fibre. They are also better fed in 'treat balls' to provide some mental and physical exercise.

Poo

Rabbits have two sorts of droppings – hard fibrous pellets and soft green caecotropes. Rabbits will re-ingest their caecotropes but usually do this at night. This is a normal and important part of a rabbit's digestion and does not indicate ill health. However diarrhoea is always abnormal and needs to be sorted quickly before fly strike occurs.

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Happy Easter. Remember......

Environment

Ideally rabbits should be free-range within a rabbit-proofed area so they can live and behave like rabbits! They are social, busy animals that do well the more interaction they get. Nowadays many pet rabbits are allowed inside and hang out with the family like cats and dogs do – they can be house-trained, litter-tray trained and cat-flap trained. Just make sure wires and cables are rabbit-proofed! But if you want to keep your rabbit outside in a hutch, bigger is better for mental and physical health. Rabbits need to be able to stand up and stretch and hop about. Two storeys are a good idea for separate sleep and play areas. Straw and shredded paper are good bedding options and

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need to be partly or fully changed regularly. Make sure there is shade. Entertainment should be provided eg treat balls, a digging area, cardboard or old newspaper for shredding, wood for chewing. Allow your rabbit supervised time out of the hutch and handle them a lot.

Grooming

Rabbits should be checked daily and have a full hands-on checkover once or twice a week. Long-haired/fluffy rabbits need to be groomed several times a week and this should start at an early age. If the fur is left to become badly knotted, we can shave them under sedation which is an expensive and often fairly ugly haircut! Sometimes rabbits need to have their nails clipped.

Vaccination

Rabbit calicivirus disease is also known as haemorrhagic viral disease. There are several strains of this virus in NZ. Calicivirus is highly infectious and spread by ingestion or breathing in virus from infected faeces or urine. Insects can also carry the virus, so do your shoes or clothing so isolation from other rabbits is not enough to prevent your rabbit from the disease. It's best to vaccinate.

If you have any bunny questions, come in or phone us on 544 1200.

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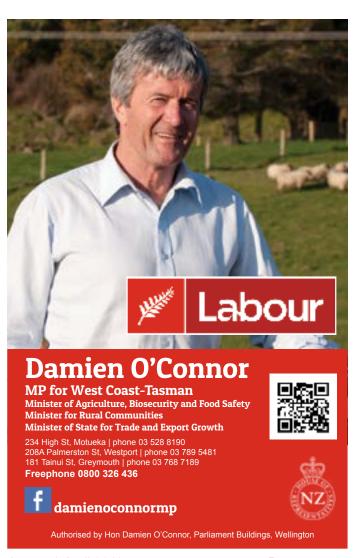
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Community Notices

WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE

Willow Bank Heritage Village is open the first Sunday in the month (September - May) 10.00am - 3.00pm

FREE ENTRY

The Victorian Cafe, Burger Bar and Milkshake Bar are fundraisers for the Willow Bank Heritage Village project.

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

We encourage people to come dressed up (Victorian/ Steampunk, 1960s...) and have fun.

Stroll along the village street and visit the many different stores and establishments, each one an echo of New Zealand's past.

Willow Bank Heritage Village in Wakefield is part of Destination Wakefield.

www.willowbankwakefield.co.nz

Once we have ruined and used up this Eden there is no other, no second world hanging in the sky that we can blithely move to, as if we were changing houses. This beautiful and endangered planet is the only one we have"

– Gerald Durrell

Wakefield Craft Group

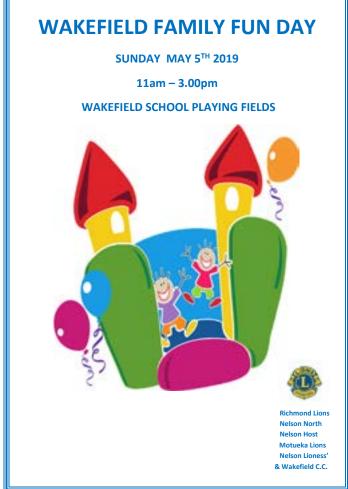
Come and join the ladies Craft Group held on Wednesday mornings in the Fire Brigade Supper Room Pigeon Valley Road 9.00am - 12pm

Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet. Learn to knit or crochet or just come for a look and join us for tea, coffee and company. Small donation

For more information phone Judy on 5418342

WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

The Brightwater Community Anglican Church, Waimea West Road, Brightwater Time: 9.00 – 12.00 noon Day: Wednesday morning Cost: FREE





Community Notices



Wakefield Art Group

Everyone welcome. All levels of interest. Our group has been meeting weekly since July 2012.

Every THURSDAY
9.30 am – noon
Wakefield Village Hall – Supper Room
\$3 per session - cup of tea/coffee included

For more information contact:
Fiona Ph: 027 767 7909
E: kahurangicottage@gmail.com
or Sonja – Ph: 027 3740500 or 5418 176
E: sonjal@ts.co.nz

Dates for Wakefield Art Group are:
April 4 and 11

ST JOHNS CHURCH COMMUNITY LUNCHES

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

If you wish to attend but do not have transport please phone Nicola on 5419335 and she will pick you up in the church van.



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Contact: Marilyn on 541 8435, email: gibbs@ts.co.nz. or Dianne on 544 2198, or thomsonid@vodaphone.co.nz

New season of Indoor Bowls !! Wakefield Hall

Another season of Indoor Bowls is under way at Wakefield. Last season was our most successful for a number of years with most of our experienced players returning.

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> > *Tuesday afternoons 1 pm Social bowls

*Tuesday nights 7.00 pm

Social and competitive bowls

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Our experienced Trophy winners will be very willing to share their knowledge.

*If you would like more information please phone Lionel 027 5418840 for Tuesday afternoons or Ren 5418275 for Tuesday nights

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Lest We Forget

Wakefield Village ANZAC Service

by Evie-joy South

Just a reminder that our Village Anzac Service will be held at the Wakefield Village Hall on Thursday the 25th April 2019 commencing at 10 am

A subcommittee of the Wakefield Community Council was formed to format this service which will have a slight historical twist this year.

Or as Stuart Watts (the Chairman of the Community Council) said "it will be a little bit different, in that the service will in part highlight one of our local village identities; an ultimate humble hero during his WWI service for our community and New Zealand".

The committee have been overwhelmed by the support of many folks and organisations within our village, for whom we are all mWost grateful and sincerely thank.

Do feel free to contact Stuart or Heather Watts should you require any further information; phone 541 8151 or email stuartandheather@live.com



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Pigeon Valley Steam Museum Alan Palmer 027 319 7427

Rural Ramblers Carolyn Mason 541 9200

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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

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

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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

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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 Rotoiti 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 davs.**

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