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Community News for the Wakefield Area

## A HUGE THANK YOU

*From the Higgins Heritage Park and Community Craft Fair Event Team*

As we go to print for this article the outcome for this event, 2nd January at The Park, is still yet to happen. BUT this does give our team an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our very small committee and those amazing volunteer folks who will be assisting us on the day.

## Outside Chair Donations

We put out a "call" for donations of ten chairs each from business or individuals to enable us to provide for better outside seating for the parks many monthly/yearly events. We now have 50 chairs. THANK YOU to Wendy Pearson of Tall Poppy Wakefield, Wakefield Auto Services Steve & Wendy Peterson, the Wakefield Community Council, the Wakefield/Richmond Lions Club (Wakefield representative) - Sue Burrowes, Team Watts - Stuart & Heather Watts, Wakefield. The donated chairs have been "branded" with the donor's details and again our appreciation for the design work done by Genie and Lindsay Bradley of Promote You Wakefield.



## Grants

Network Tasman Charitable Trust provided funds for the purchase of 30 Hi-Viz "Event" vests for use by our volunteers and team within The Park - this generous donation allows us to further maintain the high safety standards required and also give great visibility for the public to locate us for questions or assistance.

Tasman District Council – Community Grants Scheme – This grant was applied for to allow some revamping/replacement of older direction/safety signage at The Park or further enhance the ones we have there already. Which is imperative as part of our operational safety guidelines. Again we are extremely grateful for the opportunity this has given us – and when you visit you need to check out the new Railway signage – a work of art indeed – thanks to Waimea Print's art department.

## Folks

...who just came out of the woodwork to assist – Alan Palmer, John Hurley, David and Diane Win, Avalon Nettleton, Doug Donaldson, Terry Douglas, Doug South, Murray Deadman, Trees Van Ruth, Ann Nash, Genie and Lindsay Bradley – AND all those who are waiting in the wings to make sure this event day is special to our village and region, an incredible round of applause to you all.

## Higgins Heritage Park Volunteers

Working tirelessly behind the scenes our deepest appreciation to you all for your awesome patience and assistance and construction work (the NEW bike stands are supreme!) that you have shown to the Craft Fair Team.



## Raffle on the Day

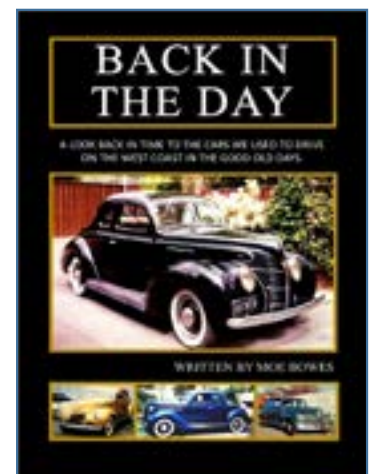
This was one of those "things" to just happen and of course will be fantastic for covering those extra running costs for the Craft Fair. The raffle prizes number seven worth a total of \$1,000. Folks get a chance to win one of seven prizes;

- \* A trailer load of firewood (The Park Chainsaw Crew and Steam Museum)
- \* Lotto scratchies (Avis Blowers, Wakefield)
- \* 2 x replica vintage tin signs (Andrew and Marie Dyer, Ellis Street Autos, Brightwater)
- \* 1 x Back in the Day books one and two (Author – Moe Bowes, Greymouth)
- \* 1 x wrought iron weather vane (Eddie Bongers, Richmond)
- \* 1 x foot massage voucher (Judy Brown, Concept Health, Richmond)

What prizes, what amazing folks, THANK YOU.

## Moe Bowes – Author Greymouth

Moe's two latest books called "Back in the Day" – book one and two – are both a trip down memory lane to look back on the cars and young people of Greymouth and West Coast during the 1960's and 1970's. We are indeed privileged to have Moe coming up as our guest and he will be book signing at The Park on the day.



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# Just Another House Call?

by Anne Marie Kidson

The thin grey light of early morning filtered through the casement windows in the bedroom. Her caring husband held the glass while she took another small sip of water. "I'll go and get some more ice for you: don't fret any more, try to go back to sleep, help is on the way," he reassured her.

Her throat felt like it was closing over. It was difficult even to swallow iced water. She closed her eyes and turned her head away from the source of the light. Soon after he came back with more ice, they both heard the noise of a distant vehicle rounding the corner and then heading towards their home. The car engine stopped and she heard the door shut.

Her husband opened the front door and exchanged greetings with the doctor new to this small town. "Come this way," he said as he guided the older man to the bedroom.

She opened her eyes and scanned the room, just making out the shape of this person who stood at the foot of her bed.

He was a tall, slim figure, older than she had expected, carrying a traditional Gladstone bag, which he rested on top of the bookcase. Opening it he took out a small torch and a wooden tongue depressor.

"Hmm, that doesn't look good, nasty white spots on very red tonsils. I'll just check your temperature," turning back to the bag for his thermometer. He did that thing of shaking the mercury down before placing the glass rod in her mouth.

She was able to see him much better at this closer range. He sure was a true Englishman, dressed in a white shirt, Windsor knotted tie and three-piece grey suit. Even in her current state, she appreciated his dress sense at five in the morning.

Opening and rifling through the bag yet again, he held several items up to the light emitted through the small windows above his head. "What you doing?" she asked in a raspy voice, not much more than a whisper.

"Oh, just looking for the largest needle I have with me," was the reply. Now that was a little too much information for this needle phobic! Making his final choice, he drew up the required liquid medication and flicked a little drop from the end of the needle.

He turned towards her, and in doing so caught his knee on the padded edge of the bed. Losing his balance, he fell, landing prostrate across his patient, the dreaded needle stuck in the plastic bladder of the water bed!



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# Use It or Lose It!!

by Ian Viapree

The Wakefield Community Bus is entering its fourth month of service. It is quickly gathering momentum and we now have regular passengers taking the Thursday run to Richmond, proving that it is an asset well worth keeping.

The Monday service, though, has not attracted the same number of passengers and we'd like to improve on this. Is another day more convenient for you? Perhaps we can do a run to Nelson on occasional Saturdays (subject to bus availability) and catch the markets. Or a run to 185 the veg shop, Hope.

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By now you should all have a copy of the bus service details. If you don't, just phone or send a text on 020 4195 8866 and we will email you one. Remember to phone this number before your journey to book a seat.

Tickets are available at the Wakefield Four Square supermarket. You can also find full details on our Facebook page.

On the right is our current timetable.

Mondays and Thursdays

9.47 am	88 Valley Road
9.50 am	Wakefield Village Hall
9.52 am	55 Pitfure Rd
9.57 am	Whiting Dr (Shuttleworth Reserve)
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10.14 am	12 Waimea West Rd
10.16 am	59 Ellis St (opposite shops)
10.19 am	206 Main Rd Hope (opposite dairy)
10.30 am	Sundial Square Richmond (or Nbus Stop if requested)
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# Quiz Answers

by Derek Evans

1. What is converted into alcohol during brewing?  
*Sugar*
2. What was Elton John's first US No 1 hit?  
*Crocodile Rock*
3. What word can go before bath, shower and delight?  
*Turkish*
4. Who drew Felix the cat?  
*Otto Messmer*
5. In which English city was Cary Grant born?  
*Bristol*
6. What is Hexakosioihexekontahehexaphobia the fear of?  
*The number 666*
7. According to the Old Testament, how many days did it take God to create the world?  
*6 - on the 7th he rested*
8. In what year was Google launched on the web?  
*1998*
9. What is Canada's national animal?  
*Beaver*
10. Where is the world's most expensive wool obtained from?  
*Alpaca or Llama*

# QUIZ!



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# Wakefield Playcentre

by Elle Tibbs

Wakefield Playcentre finished off 2019 with lots of fun play experiences making the most of the warm sunny weather, including a trip to Wild Oats Farm. Our photos this month show just some of the fun we got up to at the end of last year!

We hope all our Playcentre friends and whanau are having a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of term on Tuesday the 4th of 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.



# Wakefield Recreation Reserve

The TDC have just started the first round of consultation on the Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserves plan. One example of a specific topic that they would like our input on is the use of space in the Wakefield Recreation Reserve. This reserve has recently increased in size, with Council's purchase of land between the existing sportsfields and Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve. Staff have prepared an indicative concept plan showing a possible layout of the facilities and uses of this reserve (see map below). They are seeking feedback on both the proposed uses and layout for this area.

The TDC website has more information:  
[www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/projects/moutere-waimea-reserves-project/](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/projects/moutere-waimea-reserves-project/)

The link to the survey is now live too: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/m-w-reserves>

Please see below the indicative concept plan that has been created for the Wakefield Recreation Reserve, showing the location of the proposed McGazzaland pump track and other new facilities.

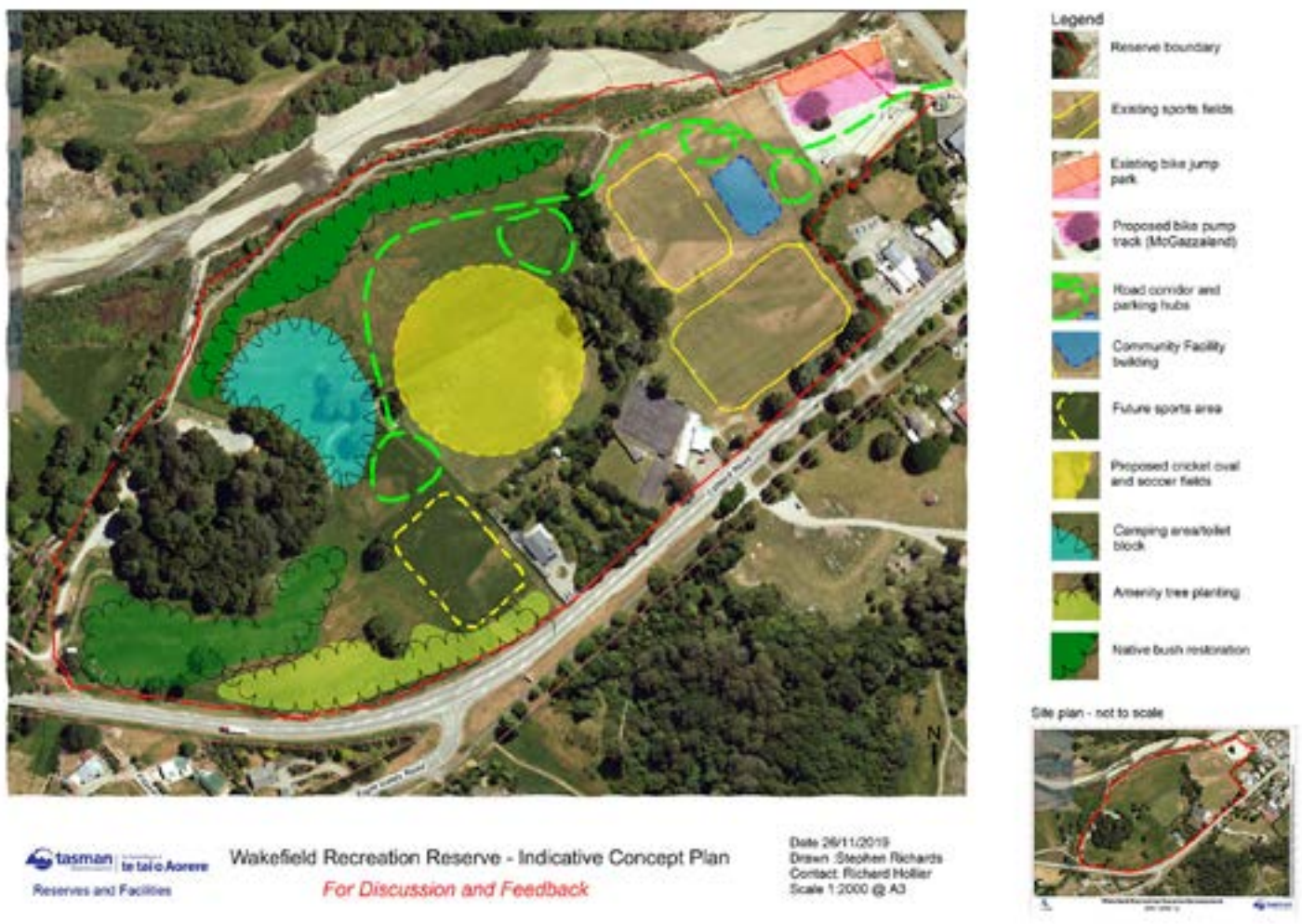
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## JOIN A COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

If you are interested in becoming part of a working group discussing the possible uses of this area of the land and proposing a way forward on behalf of our community, come along to a meeting on

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# Quiz

by Derek Evans

1. What is an Eponym?
2. What is the fastest antelope in South Africa?
3. In the film "Every Way But Loose", what was the name of Clint Eastwood's orangutan?
4. What is the origin of Singapore's name?
5. Who was the male lead in the stage show "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie when it opened in London's West End in 1952?
6. Who wrote the music, lyrics and the original story for Les Miserables, probably the most popular musical?
7. Who was the last President to be impeached?
8. Who or what is Ellan Vannin?
9. Who invented Snooker?
10. What is Hansen's disease more commonly known as?

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# Little People Preschool

## December Adventures!

by Hayley Moreton

Over the last few months we have been very lucky to go on a number of visits around the community. Little People Preschool values making relationships within the community and the children really enjoy the new experiences and learning opportunities.

We were very lucky to be invited to the Wakefield School production. This was a fabulous show and the children were really amazed seeing former preschool friends performing.

We were also asked to come along to the fire station where we had a wonderful time learning about the fire trucks and the equipment in the fire station. The children got to use the fire hose!

Little People Wakefield love celebrating Christmas and sharing the festive spirit. The preschool went for a walk to the Wakefield Homestead and sang some carols to the residents and staff.

The wider world of family and community is a fundamental part of early childhood education. Taking part in visiting new places and meeting new people allows children to extend their knowledge, interests and develop their understanding of the world around them. We are so grateful for the community of Wakefield being so inviting and welcoming to us.

Little People Wakefield hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy new year!



## COUNTRY PLAYERS

COMING IN 2020

## KIWIFRUIT!

by Carl Nixon and Craig Cooper

In this hilarious Kiwi version of the Cinderella story, Fay Gay tells fellow performer Tatania the story of how the Castle Road Tavern was saved from ruin by being transformed from a traditional straight-up working men's pub into a venue for spectacular drag shows. Featuring a wicked accountant, glamorous gowns and a fairy godmother unlike any you've ever seen before!



Note: this play will contain adult themes, mild swearing, outrageous drag queens and platform shoes!



# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good morning Wakefield people.

I hope you all enjoyed the feast season. I did by the size of my stomach. Next year I will be looking for a new belt in my xmas stocking.

The brigade held its annual Christmas function in early December and at this function is where we award our annual trophies and this years winners were:

Most turned out Fire Fighter  
Allan Brown Trophy for a "Job well done"  
Geoff Scott Trophy for "Over & above duty"  
Garry Luff Trophy for "Most improved fire fighter"

Fritz Buckendahl  
Andrew Lane  
To all the brigade members for the Pigeon Valley fire 2019  
Stuart MacDonald

We as a brigade also wanted to recognize Constable Jamie White's outstanding efforts for going over and above duty for his work he did during the Pigeon Valley fire so we gifted Jamie a Fire and Emergency NZ plaque with the inscription that read:

**"To Constable Jamie White, the Wakefield Fire Brigade members wish to acknowledge your outstanding contribution to the Wakefield Community for going over and beyond duty at the Pigeon Valley Fires February 2019"**

Well done Jamie.

Generally we are coming into our busiest time of the year for call outs for motor vehicle accidents. We will attend to motor vehicle accidents due to the high holiday traffic flow which causes impatient drivers to take unnecessary risks, drivers becoming tired and making bad decisions and just plain stupid overtaking manoeuvres that are high risk. So we ask you all please be patient on our roads, take rest breaks if you are behind the wheel and if you are late in arriving so what, better than not getting there at all.

Total calls for this year so far is 159 with 21 days still to go to the end of the year. (Last year 2018 total was 132)

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Fritz Buckendahl  
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### What's on!

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- Sat 4th Live Music - Don't Frett
- Sun 5th Live Music - XtwoZ
- Fri 10th Free Social Pool
- Sat 11th Live Music - Dakota
- Tues 14th Quiz night 7:30
- Fri 17th Free Social Pool
- Sat 18th Live Music - Don't Frett
- Sun 19th Live Music - Kramit
- Fri 24th Free Social Pool
- Sat 25th Karaoke
- Fri 31st Free Social Pool

#### Feburary

- Fri 7th Free Social Pool
- Sun 9th Live Music 3pm
- Tues 11th Quiz night
- Fri 14th Free Social Pool
- Sat 15th Don't Frett
- Fri 21st Free Social Pool
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# Town and Country Talk

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## Kittens

Yes it's kitten season again! And here's a wee reminder to think hard about whether to get one for your family or not!

In the last few years, cats have been in the news for the wrong reasons mainly because of uncontrolled breeding. Cats are just being cats - it's up to us humans to look after our cats for their lifetime including getting them desexed to avoid unplanned litters. Rescue centres are usually inundated with homeless kittens and sadly many cats and kittens are dumped in rural areas to fend for themselves. This is bad for the cats, our NZ wildlife and for farmers, landowners and businesses where cat populations take over.

Also beware of getting a kitten "free to a good home". Yes it might be free but the ongoing care is not. If you actually do want to give a kitten a home this season, here are some things to remember to keep your new pet healthy and safe:

1. Nutrition – buy a good quality kitten food to ensure optimum growth and development
2. Worming – is every two weeks initially then eventually every three months for the rest of their life, especially if they are hunters.
3. Flea control – regular treatment (sometimes every 4-6 weeks) is needed to keep fleas away.
4. Vaccinations – kittens need to be vaccinated against cat flu twice usually at 9 and 12 weeks. Then again one year later then every two years for the rest of their life. Vaccination against FIV (cat AIDS) should also be considered.
5. Neutering – male and female kittens should be 'fixed' at 5-6 months old – for many reasons but especially population control.
6. Time – get a kitten if you are prepared to spend time with them every day for the next 10-15 years

Other things to consider include microchipping to identify your cat if it strays, grooming requirements especially if long-haired, and pet insurance for unexpected veterinary bills.



## Pre-mating – improved flock performance

The pre-mating period is one of the most critical times on your farm. It determines the performance of your flock for the coming season. If something goes wrong here, it is virtually impossible to correct it for another year as there is nothing that can be done to increase scanning percentages once mating has finished. So plan ahead – this is not something that can be left until the last minute.

There are numerous factors which influence flock performance at this most critical time:

Rams – a pre-mating "WOF" should be done prior to mating to ensure they are fit and ready to do their job. Check to see they have no lameness and are not suffering from any other conditions that may impair their ability to mate.

Ewes – Monitor their weight, condition and nutrition from weaning onwards. These factors will dictate when a ewe will begin to cycle and how well she ovulates. Poor condition ewes can have delayed breeding activity, reduced ovulation rates and reduced overall fertility.

Trace elements – deficiencies can impact on ewe and ram fertility, so it is very important to ensure levels are adequate prior to mating. Selenium and iodine are the most important. If you are unsure whether you need to supplement trace elements then it is best to arrange for either Joe or Roger to take blood samples to determine the mineral status of your flock.



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# Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The Christmas Tournament was held on 18 December sponsored by Wendy Pearson, Tall Poppy Real Estate.

*Photo: Winners of Christmas Tournament sponsored by Wendy Pearson, Tall Poppy Real Estate, from left: Nick Riordan, Tony Eames and Barbara McGregor.*

The Christmas hamper raffle was drawn at a social function on 21 December. The winners have been notified and published in the Nelson Mail.

## Club Champs:

Men's Open Singles - Mel Mounsey  
Women's Open Pairs - Chris Evans and Bev Ashton  
M & W Fours to be held in late January.

## Women's Centre Pairs:

Margaret Eames and Julie Hall qualified for post section play against some of Nelson's top players, including NZ internationals. Bowls is a great sport with the opportunity to play against such players at local level.



Community bowls has been popular on Friday evenings and will recommence in mid - late January. All welcome. Contact Tony on 5418316 for details.

Social roll ups continue over the summer on Monday and Fridays at 1pm. Casual players & visitors welcome.

**Happy New Year to all.**

*Please feel welcome to come along to any of these events or contact Tony on 541 8316 to arrange another time for an introduction to bowling.*  
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## POOL HIRE

After careful consideration, the Wakefield School and Community Pool committee has decided that the pool will no longer be available for hire for private parties.

This will take effect immediately. It will still be available for hire to recognised community groups.

For all information regarding pool hire please contact the school office at [admin@wakefield.school.nz](mailto:admin@wakefield.school.nz).

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the school and wider community for their continued support in using the pool and in our recent fundraising endeavours.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

# A Matter of Accounts

## New Years Resolutions and Reviews

by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

I hope that you have found some time for rest and relaxation over the Christmas and New Year period, even if it was just a few days. January is often a time for reflection, making New Years Resolutions, and thinking about the year ahead; what we want to be different, what we would like to repeat.

The same is no doubt true for your business, you have probably been thinking about the year ahead. The tax year is still a couple of months off but you don't need to wait until then to review the year just gone, start to make some changes, and hit the ground running in the 2020 income tax year.

In order to plan well for the year ahead, you will be starting to think about your financial plan and/or budgets for the next 12 months period. Here are some questions to ask yourself to help get more clarity around your way forward:

- Am I able to access the information I need to analyse my business or am I close enough to operations, and the business simple enough that I know exactly where things are at? If not, maybe it's time to look at accounting software or making changes to the software that you are currently using.
- How has the business performed so far compared to budget, last year, industry benchmarks, or as a % of sales?
- Am I selling the right products or right mix of products? Can I add more products to the range?
- Are there new markets or opportunities that I can look at to grow sales?
- Are there value added services I can bring into my business?
- Have any patterns emerged over the months ie have costs increased each month, or are sales showing seasonality?
- Do I need to start sourcing product from new suppliers?
- Can I renegotiate pricing and/or terms with existing suppliers?
- Review your overheads by asking yourself, is this the most efficient way of doing this, or can I find a cheaper alternative?
- What cash needs do I have over the coming months, is this affected by seasonality?
- Where can I source the additional cash I need, or how can I make sure the cash continues to flow on a regular basis?
- Do I need to purchase any one off assets or am I better to lease?
- Is my business now in a position that I can refinance for a better interest rate?
- Are my customers paying me on time, do I need to "drop" some non profitable customers?
- Do I have slow moving stock that I need to get rid of urgently in order to make a cash injection to more profitable stock?
- Have I been regularly invoicing out my work in progress, or have I been waiting until the end of the job before invoicing?
- What profits have I been making on individual jobs or types of jobs?

These are just a few questions to help you with the review process. Good luck!

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# Hope School Speaks to NASA Astronaut

by Annabel Drummond

A small rural school just outside Wakefield, with children from the village in each of its four classes, Hope School has won recognition for its creativity this spring. Hot on the heels of winning first prize at the Nelson Mask Parade in October, where Hope School were dressed as astronauts, the youngest class, Room 3, received the news that they had won a national competition open to all school across the country, Years 0 to 8, run by the New Zealand Space Agency!

The competition invited children to compose a 200 word message to the future and Room 3 did this in the form of a poem. The Space Agency noted that voyagers to New Zealand have navigated across the seas using stars as their guide. The voyagers travelled in state of the art craft using the stars in outer space and the environment to guide them. They were scientists, innovators, astronomers and astrologers. Today, New Zealanders are still looking to the stars and we are creating new opportunities to discover and travel into space. The message will answer the question:

**“What could be our future in space?”**

Room 3's prize was to have a skype call with a retired NASA astronaut!

Our astronaut was Nicole Marie who served as a Flight Engineer on ISS Expedition 20 and Expedition 21 and was a Mission Specialist on STS-128 and STS-133. She was the first person to paint a watercolour in space. She spoke with each of the children, answering a question from each, and the poem was read to her.

The children asked her what her bed was like up in space (apparently they are taped to sleeping bags tucked vertically into an available space) and could she jump as high as a house? – to which she answered that it was great fun and felt like being Superman to launch yourself off one wall and fly down the whole thing!

The children asked if the paint floated off her brush and she said yes it did, so she had to use a very dry paint brush, or balls of water would just break off and float away! The children asked her about food in space – where she said she enjoyed food from every culture as the astronauts come from all over the world – and what her favourite planet was. That she answered instantly: Earth, as it is so beautiful and so special.



## Here is Room 3's poem:

A Trip to Space  
We could zoom to the Moon  
Or float out to Mars, The Red Planet,  
With dusty storms  
Dark red like a light that is not working properly.  
We could land on hot Venus  
Hot like lava.  
We could swoop out to Jupiter  
With its swirling red spot storm  
Spinning like a bey blade  
Or take a rocket to the hot shiny Sun  
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We would go past sprinkled stars  
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## Team Heyward Property Talk

### How Much Is Your Property Worth?

*by Lydia Heyward*

A question we see a lot in the office is people wanting an indicative price of what their property may be worth. Although it may be seen as an easy task, there are a lot of factors to consider when finding out how much your property may be worth in the current market.

The rating value (RV) is one of the values a buyer may use to access the properties value. An RV is the value the local council uses to determine the rates payable on the property. The RV does not necessarily determine the current market value, especially here in the Tasman District, with the current rating valuations carried out in September 2017 by QV.

The next revaluation will occur in 2020, and this will impact rates from 2021-2022. Valuations remain valid for three years unless there is a change to the property through a building consent, subdivision or resurvey.

Market values can change quickly, for example in a property boom or when an area gets rezoned. Thereby a more thorough appraisal can be carried out by a real estate agent, often obligation free. Known as a current market appraisal (CMA), your chosen agent/s will prepare and present an appraisal and proposal for you to consider. The agent will compare your property to others that have sold recently, what's currently on the market and also after a visit to the property they will assess its condition.

Real estate agents also include a proposal of the services the agent can offer and thoughts on how to best market your property. It may be worth speaking with more than one agent. Finding an agent you are comfortable with selling your property, often your most valuable asset.

Another option is to get a registered valuer to provide a valuation for you. Property valuation is a service that comes at a cost, price varying depending on level of detail and provider. Registered property valuers are qualified and experienced in property valuation with a thorough knowledge on the local real estate market, building methods, materials and legislation. Registered Valuers can be found on the Property Institute website.

As always its best to have your home looking its best to get the best price when it's time to sell. Both agents and property valuers are often happy to recommend what areas to work on to optimise the property value. This can help save time and money on unnecessary renovations. A simple lick of paint or declutter may make all the difference in some cases.



# On the Beat

by Constable Jamie White

Kia ora everyone, I trust you have all had a fantastic Christmas and wish you all a happy New Year and happy holidays. Hopefully you've all had the opportunity to have a break from work or had a holiday at some point. I have worked over Christmas and New Year's but am looking forward to going camping with the family at Totaranui at the end of January, fingers crossed for some good weather.

As I write this (in December) we have had a fair amount of rain but I imagine that heading in to January 2020 it's likely we'll have a few dry weeks. It only takes several weeks of no rain for things to dry out and for us to head in to extreme risk of fire danger.

As we approach the anniversary of the Pigeon Valley fires please be mindful of the sorts of things that could cause a fire. If you are planning on doing firewood or other activities that have the potential to spark a fire make sure you have the appropriate equipment with you to extinguish one. If it gets as dry as it did last year it may mean delaying some work with machinery until the fire danger is lower.

Also while I am on this subject remember to check your emergency survival kits and update them if necessary. It's worth having a grab bag if you're required to leave your address in a hurry for any reason. Also consider your pets/animals and whether or not you have sufficient feed and water available for them if you had to leave your property for any reason. You never know what natural disaster could be around the corner be it fire, floods or earthquakes. It's much easier to think and prepare for it now than when it happens.

I was privileged and humbled to be nominated and receive a medal for the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year – local hero awards. It was a privilege to attend this event with my family and to be recognised. It was also fantastic to see all the other local heroes recognised for the efforts they put in to making their community a better place. A big thank you to Murray Biggs for nominating me for the award. It was also a privilege to be recognised at the Wakefield Fire Brigade Christmas party - thank you to Wakefield volunteer brigade Fire Chief Fritz Buckendahl and his team for this kind gesture.

Previously I've mentioned that a fair bit of work has gone in to fundraising for cameras in both the Wakefield and Brightwater areas. I'm happy to say that sufficient funds have been raised to install cameras in both areas. The Wakefield cameras are scheduled to be installed in late December or early January 2020. They will be located around the village and will be monitored and controlled via the Wakefield Police station. In future I will be looking at installing cameras in the Tapawera area as well.

I would like to acknowledge the following people/organisations for their assistance in helping to raise the funds for this project.

- Wakefield and Brightwater Community Councils
- Window on Wakefield
- Sonia Emerson – for her help in applying for the TDC grant
- Tasman District Council – especially Councillors Dean MacNamara, Anne Turley and Mayor Tim King for their assistance and advice
- Nelson Lions and Lioness Clubs – a special mention goes to Sue Burrowes for her help
- Wakefield School – the school helped raise money after the fires and donated some of that money to the Wakefield Police which was put towards the cameras
- Ken Eccles – Ken will be installing the cameras but has done it at a discounted rate with a lot of his time being donated.

I have recently had people bring to my attention issues with vehicles causing problems in Wakefield, Brightwater and Tapawera. Please be aware that if you witness something happening that is traffic related please call \*555 in the first instance. If we are not working or are busy a traffic unit may be available to look at it.

We are more than happy to be notified of ongoing issues but being called at the time often makes it easier to apprehend the offending drivers.

Well that's enough from me this month, enjoy a well-earned break (if you get one) before getting back in to "normal life."

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Wakefield Police



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# Health Centre

## Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine Available to Certain Groups 1 December 2019

by Dr Pip de Hamel

### Good news for students heading to hostels in 2020

From 1 December 2019 PHARMAC will be paying for a Meningitis vaccine for individuals aged 13 to 25 years in close-living situations. This means that one dose of this meningococcal ACWY vaccine is free for those aged 13 years to 24 years (under 25 years) who: are entering within the next three months, or are in their first year of living in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence, military barracks or prisons.

In addition, from 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020, people already living in boarding school hostels, tertiary education halls of residence, military barracks or prisons will also have access to the vaccine.

It is important to note that there are different strains of Meningitis, this vaccine covers the strains ACWY but does not provide protection against meningococcal B disease which is more common. Unfortunately the vaccine against Meningitis B costs \$130.

### Happy Hellos and Sad Goodbyes

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

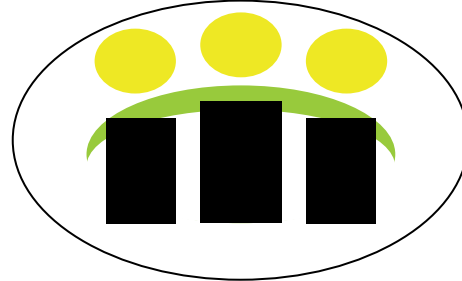
Dr Emma Laing's time with us has come to an end. She has been a great asset to us here in the Wakefield community and she will be missed. She will continue to practice elsewhere in the region. We are grateful for all she has done.

Dr Ella Thompson has joined us as our registrar for the first half of this year. A registrar is a hospital doctor who is switching to general practice. We are delighted she is with us – she has written a little about herself by way of introduction:

"I grew up in Nelson and am very happy to now be living back in the sunniest place in New Zealand after nine years away. I completed my medical training at the University of Otago and have spent time working in different hospitals in New Zealand including Wairau, Christchurch and Nelson. I have also worked in an emergency clinic in Mexico for a couple of months.

Outside of being a doctor I enjoy keeping fit by running, playing team sports, and getting outdoors – tramping, mountain biking, and skiing. I also enjoy baking and cooking for my family and friends."

We are also pleased to welcome back Dr Ben Ng Wai Shing, having been our registrar for the first half of last year. Many of you will know Ben and I know he is looking forward to working back in our community again.



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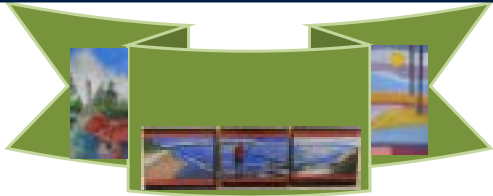


## Waimea Plunket Playgroup





# Community Notices



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#### January 19th 2020

Members Sheds Open 10am to 3pm—Vintage Collections & Bush Railway Jigger Rides

February 1st & 2nd 2020 Mark your calendars—A must DO to see !

Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Show 9am to 4pm

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Memories abound with the amazing collections that are on display for this upcoming show AND a personal favourite of mine *The Rural Life Museum* displays early household appliances, cooking utensils & items used in food preparation, as well as sewing machines, washing machines and other back in the day household appliances.

#### March 1st 2020

ON STEAM & ALL MEMBERS SHEDS OPEN 10am to 3pm

With Vintage Collections & Bush Railway Jigger ride.

*The Park is a wonderful place for family and friends so on your visit why not bring a picnic to enjoy this wonderful rural setting.*

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## WANTED

November

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November

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November

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November

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December

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## ART GROUP

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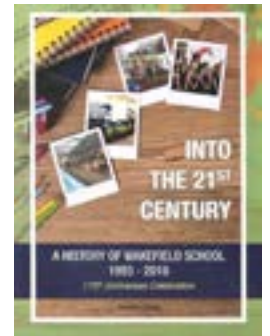
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Schooldays and shows how the work of the school over the last 25 years follows modern teaching practice.

For all those interested in education today or who have a connection with Wakefield School, Into the 21st Century would make an excellent Christmas gift.



**"The earth, the air, the land, and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children. So we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us."**

*- Gandhi*



**YOU BUILD HOUSES IN MY WOODS:  
I SWIM IN YOUR TINY LAKE.**

**P.S. Where are the fish?**

## Spring Grove Church of Christ

Main Road, Spring Grove

**Worship and Communion Sundays 10am**

You are welcome to attend. Ph 541 8011

**"JESUS GIVES NEW LIFE"**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation  
2 Corinthians ch 5, vs 17*



# 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

**Higgins Park Community Fair**  
Evie-joy South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879  
higginsparkcommunityfair@gmail.com

**Rural Ramblers**  
Carolyn Mason 541 9200

**Spring Grove Drill Hall**  
C Stratford 542 3992

**Totaradale Golf Club**  
Megan or Jahola 541 8030

**Wakefield Anglican Church – St Johns**  
Sundays 9.00am - Communion up the hill  
10.30am - Family and kids church  
at the Worship Centre  
Office 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  
(When library is not open book returns  
can be left at Hair Raisers Salon)

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

**Wakefield Medical Centre**  
541 8911

**Wakefield Pharmacy**  
541 8418

**Wakefield Playcentre**  
Contact: 541 8866

**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**  
Diane Higgins 03 542 4388

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Sun 8am, Thurs 9.30am  
Parish Priest 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**  
Sue Burrowes 541 9689 or 027 364 0773

**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**  
Julian Eggers 027 771 8556

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

**Wakefield Preschool**  
Contact: 541 8086

**Wakefield School PTA**  
ptawakefield@gmail.com

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

**Wakefield Village Hall**  
Amby Cowe  
ambynz@hotmail.com  
541 8869

**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, Wakefield Bowling Club, Wakefield Football Club, 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 days**.

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