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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

ANZAC Day 2020

by Heather Watts (Photos courtesy of Sonja and Sjef Lamers, and Anne Malham)

Stuart and I decided to go to the War Memorial at 6am to pay our respects to the war dead it represents. We joined nine others there, keeping our social distancing. Terry McDonald had his radio tuned to the broadcast of the Last Post, the reading of The Ode, and the minutes silence so we stood in silence, listening to these, as the eastern sky slowly lightened. As we prepared to leave, a nearby resident played the Last Post.

This was a very poignant time, so very different to the usual 10am service, with the local hall packed with people. It will certainly remain in our minds forever.

Our thanks must go to whoever raised the New Zealand and Australian flags, and gave the soldier his rifle. Also to the local bugler.

There were a number of poppy tributes around the memorial, and when we went for our walk later in the morning, we were moved to see so many poppies adorning letterboxes, fences, and windows, symbols of our community's respect for the casualties of wars and their families.

Linking into the Covid 19 Lockdown Teddy Bear Hunt, several bears now wore poppies. I must mention Claire and Kevin Heslop's bear, who today was in a suit, wearing medals and with a wreath.

I know many people stood at their gates, or in their homes, listening to services and paying their respects, and during the day people visited the memorial, leaving more poppies, flowers and tributes.

**Well done Wakefield.
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Damien O'Connor

A message to all local businesses

I want to start by saying thank you to every business in West Coast–Tasman. Your actions over this past month have contributed massively to our team of five million's effort to eliminate COVID-19 from New Zealand. What we've achieved together so far is huge.

Whether you're an essential business that's been operating through the lockdown, a business that's stood by its workers by being part of the Government's Wage Subsidy Scheme, or you've been doing your bit by stopping operations and staying home, you've made a big difference to New Zealand's future. Thank you.

Now that we're leaving the Alert Level 4 lockdown, heading initially for Alert Level 3 and then hopefully to Alert Level 2, it's time for our local businesses to start to get back to work. That's why I'm writing to you today.

First, there's still plenty of support available for businesses, because we know the recovery is only just beginning. Our continued strong health response to COVID-19 is also New Zealand's best economic strategy, but it does mean it'll be a while before things return towards normal.

There is specific support for firms in lots of different situations:

- If you've got concerns about being able to pay your staff, and you haven't already received support from the Government's Wage Subsidy Scheme, you can still apply. Already the Government has paid out over \$10 billion under this scheme to affected businesses, who've passed that money on to more than 1.6 million workers.
- If you're looking at a tax loss for this financial year or the next, have a look into the Government's tax loss carry-back scheme. Once the law is passed, it'll let you get cash refunds from IRD for the tax you paid on profits last year to help offset your current losses.
- If you're a sole trader or small business worried about immediate term bills, you might benefit from talking to your bank about their mortgage deferral programmes to help you with cashflow now.
- Speaking of cashflow, the Government has also introduced other tax measures to help get money into business' bank accounts. Check them out.
- If you're worried about your medium term prospects, you should talk with your bank about their new Government-backed loan programs for COVID-affected firms. If you talked with the bank a few weeks ago it can pay to have a second conversation, as I understand their programmes have developed more in recent times.

In addition to these programmes, I know the Government is continuing to listen to business' emerging concerns, and is working to make more support available in coming weeks and months.

Second, as you prepare to resume operations, remember that doing business at Alert Level 3 is different from normal. This is to protect your workers' and customers' health. So please remember:

1. If your business requires close physical contact, it can't operate.
2. Your staff should continue to work from home if they can.
3. Customers cannot come onto your premises, unless you are a supermarket, dairy, petrol station, pharmacy or permitted health service.
4. Your business must be contactless. Your customers can pay online, over the phone or in a contactless way. Delivery or pick-up must also be contactless.
5. Basic hygiene measures must be maintained. Physical distancing, hand washing and regularly cleaning surfaces. Workers must stay home if they are sick.
6. If you used PPE in your business before COVID-19, then keep using it in the same way. If you didn't use PPE in your business before COVID-19, you don't need it now. This is advice for retailers, manufacturers and the service industries. Different advice applies to essential health care workers, border agencies, courts and tribunal staff, first responders and corrections staff.
7. You must meet all other health and safety obligations.

Again, thank you for all that you're doing to help New Zealand unite against COVID-19. Over this last month we've taken a huge step towards eliminating the virus in New Zealand.

But it's a marathon, not a sprint.

The discipline we have displayed at Alert Level 4 must now become the hallmark of our actions in Alert Level 3.

Kia kaha, take care, and let's finish the job.

Damien O'Connor
MP West Coast-Tasman

Quiz

by Derek Evans

1. What are Navasana and Handstand?
2. What spirit is made by distilling wine?
3. What were Ned, Min & Bluebottle better known as?
4. What was Elton John's first US No 1 hit?
5. Teeny Sunbather - is an anagram for what that the children expected last month?
6. Who or what are the recipients of the Dickin Medal for Gallantry?
7. What is the theme tune for Coronation Street (the UK's longest running television soap opera)?
8. What metal elements are liquid at standard room temperature and pressure?
9. On 7 March 1876, who received a patent for his revolutionary new invention?
10. What is a sugar glider?

All About You

Hello Wakefield

What a very strange time it has been for all of us in our separate little bubbles. I'm sure most of you are well and truly ready to get back to work and begin socialising again. Technology is a great way, with face time and zoom etc, to stay in touch but not quite the same as being with your friends and family in person.



Tony and I have made the most of our time in isolation to organise the house and finish off some renovation projects, as well as some garden maintenance. There always seems to be a big list of jobs to do when you have a hyperactive builder for a husband!

I have also been still working in the salon changing things around and making sure everything is organised and ready to go when the beauty industry is able to resume work. At this stage that will be at Level Two. The Beauty Therapy Association is in the process of working out what the new normal will be for salons offering close and personal, one on one treatments. The industry has a strong focus on hygiene and equipment sterilisation already but some new regulations to safeguard both the therapist and the clients health will be implemented. I am keeping up with latest information and rest assured that when work does resume I will be letting you know of any new requirements and what you can expect before you visit the salon.

In the meantime, at Level 3, I can now offer the sale of skin care products with contactless payment and delivery and I am tentatively taking appointments from mid/late May. Any appointments made will be pushed back, if needed, until beauty work is able to resume.

At this time of stress and uncertainty you may be noticing some changes in your skin. It is normal to see more lines, dryness and dehydration. You may also notice more redness or that your skin feels tight and even sore. When you are feeling very anxious or stressed and maybe having trouble sleeping this will effect the appearance of your skin. Skin health starts on the inside. Try some relaxation before bed, do some exercise, make sure you are using sunblock when out in this lovely weather, maintain your usual skin care regime and most importantly drink lots of water. I am happy to do online skin consultations and discuss any concerns you may have.



Being at home with no chance of visitors it is very easy to let personal grooming slide a little. The only time I have made the effort to put makeup on and do my hair is on supermarket days! But there is no excuse to let your skin care slide. You can't say you don't have time to cleanse and moisturise at the moment! Adding in some nourishing or hydrating masks and serums is a great way to counteract stress related dehydration and accelerated ageing. Look after yourself, treat yourself, take some time for you.



I am so looking forward to seeing all my wonderful clients again very soon.

Tony Meek Builders

Hi all, there's no better place than our own little Wakefield to be locked down in surely. Great community, friendly neighbours, the Four Square, Chemist and Doctor on your step and plenty of great walking options to get some exercise.

My life in lockdown started much the same as a normal working week. I had stocked up on materials so I was able to continue with my own house renovation. I also had the time to indulge in my passion of wood carving. Was nice having some time to be creative again.

Level 3 brings work life for me back to normal. The building industry has had some new health and safety regulations put in place to enable us to return to work. I am looking forward to getting back and finishing off jobs started before lockdown, and getting stuck in to some new ones.



Over the summer people were focused on extending their outdoor areas with new decks, pergolas and even outdoor bar areas. With the coming winter months the focus may move indoors more. Wherever your focus is I can help with extension ideas, outdoor living ideas, building regulations and the council requirements needed for any project.

Before lockdown I had been enjoying a big rise in doing lots of local building jobs and hopefully that continues. I've loved meeting more of the great locals that live in our little village.

Wakefield has a strong sense of community and is great at supporting the many local small businesses we have here. That will be even more important in the times to come.

So stay safe, support local and call me for all your building needs.



Woodlot Harvesting



Our little town has had its fair share of “excitement”, if you can call it that, over the last 14 months, and as you can all relate this has been a difficult time both financially and socially for everyone. I have been asked to write a small article to outline the effects this “excitement” has had on my businesses and also how this has affected life in general.

I was born in Wakefield and grew up here, attending Wakefield School. My stepfather, Peter Ross was the principal for my last few years there, so I was unable to get up to too much mischief in the community without someone hearing about it, therefore my nose stayed relatively clean! After a not so sober first year at University, I worked out that sitting in a classroom as I had done for the past 13 years was definitely not at the top of my priority list. I left university after completing my first year of a four year engineering degree and started working for my father, Ray Pyers in his logging business. As young people do, I got itchy feet and after a three year stint logging, I left New Zealand in 2004 and spent nine years in Brisbane, Australia, working mostly as the General Manager of a land clearing company. In those years abroad I travelled considerably and managed to see a few different parts of the world. After becoming engaged to my wife, Lisa, we decided to start a family and move back to what I think is one of the best places I have experienced in the world, Wakefield.

Lisa and I currently own and operate two small forestry-based businesses out of the old Post Office building, opposite the Four Square in Wakefield. Our main business is Woodlot Harvesting Ltd (WHL) which is a logging company that currently operates two logging crews and a forestry earthworks division and works throughout the top of the South Island. Woodlot Harvesting Ltd prides itself on its modern machinery and practices, high quality of workmanship and being a place that people want to work. We have approximately 18 full-time staff, several full-time contractors and have also recently acquired a Marlborough office. Woodlot Harvesting Ltd started out in 2013 as a small private woodlot harvesting contractor, with three employees and has continued to grow to what it is today.



In 2014 Woodlot Management Ltd (WML) was established and this was more of a lucky forethought than anything. It was intended that Woodlot Management Ltd was to manage forest harvesting for small forest owners, in the hope that should any sort of downturn occur, there may be some work available to keep Woodlot Harvesting Ltd in operation. An insurance policy of sorts. Woodlot Management Ltd started out and was almost put into operation immediately with a log price drop around the middle of 2014. This was a saviour for Woodlot Harvesting Ltd, a business that was virtually only 18 months into operation, and the work provided by Woodlot Management Ltd during that time kept the whole ship afloat. Woodlot Management Ltd now manages forests all over the top of the South Island, and has expanded to accommodate forest establishment, silviculture, and post-harvest aspects of forestry also.

Back in February 2019, Woodlot Harvesting Ltd was in full swing of an expansion, setting up its second harvesting crew. Machinery had been purchased, new employees had been given contracts and one week before our intended start date for the new crew, the Pigeon Valley fire started. This affected us all in so many ways, but this was almost the start of the end for the entire Woodlot operation. We had stretched ourselves financially to expand, and then to have our new venture put on hold, and our current operation to be reduced to 60% of its normal production was a nasty recipe. Our only savior was that our crew at the time was harvesting in Marlborough, and we were only heavily restricted due to the fire and not completely shut down. As you may or may not know, forestry operations are governed in the fire season by a set of guidelines. To be compliant, all forestry operations must abide by these guidelines and as fire codes escalate due to fire risk, operations become more and more restricted, sometimes to the point of being unable to operate at all. I consider us lucky to have been able to operate to some extent during these times, as I know there were a lot of others out there that were not so fortunate.

After the evacuation, the initial struggle of trying to run a business remotely became apparent and this has definitely actioned some changes in the way our administration is now handled. Yet the major effects for Woodlot were not truly felt until probably three months after the fire, and as cashflow is key with small business, this is where it really hit hard. Financial assistance was offered by lenders to many affected by the fires and this was a huge help for maintaining cashflow through this trying time, and a crucial lifeline for our business.

Then came winter. When it comes to logging winter is never as productive as summer. Weather conditions, daylight hours, ground conditions and just being bloody cold are just some of the extra things that get added to an already hazardous workplace. As with all hazards, these must be controlled, and usually these controls require extra input (which means \$\$ in some form), and then these controls usually limit production in some way (meaning less \$\$ for the contractor). This makes winter not the most ideal time to be trying to make up for lost time during the fire. It was a slow and steady grind for most contractors that I have talked to.

When September rolled round, usually things start to look up for logging contractors with the onset of spring, which means the limitations of winter start to lift along with production. Most logging contractors, ourselves included could almost see light at the end of the dark tunnel we had been travelling from the fires, to then be informed of the log market downturn due to the Covid 19 outbreak in China.

Most forest companies restricted contractors to 80% production, some unfortunately closed the doors completely leaving crews without work. Woodlot was fortunate to have a contract to supply Korea so was not initially affected by the Chinese downturn and continued unrestricted for this time.



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Christmas time is not seen in logging contractor circles as all tinsel and presents. Usually this is a daunting time of planning routine yearly maintenance while gear is idle during the Christmas break and juggling available funds from two short months of production due to December and January being interrupted by a usual three week holiday over the Christmas period. Many logging contractors do not see themselves on the right side of the ledger until well into March from Christmas repairs and maintenance. While most put on a brave face, this must be one of the most stressful times of year for a logging contractor.

January seemed to look positive for forestry, with log prices lifting and some restrictions lifting also, but this only ended up being the calm before the storm. Log prices dropped in February again and due to not really recovering from the September downturn the forestry sector in New Zealand was hit hard. Nelson/Marlborough was probably one of the luckier places to be a logging contractor in New Zealand. There was virtually little or no export market, but with huge support from local mills, many logging contractors were able to get by for the last few months. Local mills generally tend to have to fight for log supply when export markets are buoyant, and I believe there is some real merit in ensuring these mills get the quality and volumes of logs they require before anything is shipped overseas for processing. Whether this requires government intervention or just good local support, I think this should be a point of focus for forestry in NZ. It is a real credit to these local mills, and our region is very lucky to have them.

Then came LOCKDOWN!!!! As daunting as it sounds, this has been a very enlightening time for me. Initially the financial stresses of the business, the unknown of what is expected of us as employers, and just the thought of no income for four + weeks really took its toll and the first few days were spent frantically trying to ensure the continuity of our business once this was all over. Upon confirming our support avenues during this time would see us through and ensuring we were compliant with employer responsibilities a huge load was lifted off my shoulders.

I did not take any work calls or reply to any emails for the next few days, got stuck in around home and completed all those jobs I'd been putting off. I enjoyed just being around home with my family without the pressures of work. I enjoyed having the time to contribute around the house, with cooking, washing, and helping the kid's do their schoolwork. We exercised daily as a family, biking or walking around the village and ensured the route included Clare and Kevin Heslop's place on Pitfure Road to see what the bear was up to next! Lisa took some time adapting to having me around 24/7, but I have found ways to not be so annoying!! I have noticed a change in my kids for the better and I believe this has been from just having time to give them. It really has been great.

For the last few weeks, I have spent an hour or so each day attending to work duties but have spent a lot of time thinking as well. It has been a great time to explore new business avenues and get some more irons in the fire, but also review some aspects of our business. There will be some changes due to this experience, and I believe them all to be positive. Our business will be adopting a four day working week, with slightly longer daily work hours but with the benefits of a three day weekend ie workers will see minimal change in their pays, but work one day less a week, and the business will reduce costs for a minimal reduction in production. The aim is to create a happier healthier workplace, where workers have time for rest and relaxation between working weeks. So far, this concept has been positively accepted by employees. Personally, this change will give me more time with my family, and hopefully I will have some time for me in there also.

With the move to Level 3 being announced, business has become busy again preparing our workplace to return to work under the Covid 19 policies and procedures for level 3. It will be an interesting time going forward and I hope that you have all managed to take some positive from this experience also. I would like to encourage you all to take note of the businesses that support our community in some way shape or form and utilise their services should the opportunity arise. These businesses are an asset to our community, and I believe just utilising their services during these times is the least we can do to show our appreciation for their ongoing support.

I am looking forward to getting back to work but have really appreciated the time this lockdown has given us. After reading this most of you must think why anyone would want to be a logging contractor, but unfortunately for most of us, it is in our blood. Admittedly the previous 14 months have not been favorable for us, but we can't just stop. Peoples livelihoods depend on our business so we do what we can to continue. We have grown up with forestry as a massive part of our lives and it has provided for us and our families before us for generations. It is a large part of our community and something that we are passionate about, so while the trees are still growing someone needs to cut them down. It can only get better from here.

by Brad Pyers



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A letter to Wakefield



To my fellow community of Wakefield,

Best wishes to everyone as we all adjust to this 'new normal'.

This is truly an unprecedented situation for us all, with uncertainty about how long this situation will continue, and when we can expect things to begin to return to normal! Please rest assured, it is still business as usual for me and I am working through existing bookings to get the best possible solution for my clients.



As the days pass, and you are inside - virtually connected to the outside world, you may start to dream a little bit. Those dreams may be about climbing a mountain to see the view, or they may be lounging by a special beach. I love nothing more than helping my clients see the world and I am here even if you'd just like a friendly chat, you could also find me on Facebook at [facebook.com/nelsontravelbroker](https://www.facebook.com/nelsontravelbroker).

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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good morning Wakefield

It is truly amazing what a month can do to change the world. Back in 2011 the world's security changed after the twin towers event in the USA. Now with Covid-19 this has changed our world health as well as our world travel freedom we once took for granted.

Currently daily life around our beautiful village and community of Wakefield has changed also. There are many positives for the better - couples young and old on their new daily walk programs, people are saying hello to strangers with a genuine smile and a wave, there is more kindness and tolerance in the air. Well done COVID-19.

There are also changes for our brigade members due to COVID-19 - new processes and procedures we have to follow to keep our bubbles safe as well as your bubble. What we have done to ensure that our brigade is fully operational is we have split the brigade into two shifts. If one of the brigade shifts bubble is compromised and they have to go into isolation for 14 days we still have the other half of the brigade safe and healthy to respond to our next call if we are needed.

Some of the protocols that we have to follow is that we all must wear rubber gloves as well as wearing a face mask and once again these items are there to protect the brigade members as well as the people we are helping. After every call the crew now must use hygienic cloths and antibacterial sprays to fully wipe out the appliance cab and this can take up to 30 minutes once back on station.

Currently to keep our bubbles safe and as tight as possible we have stopped our Wednesday night training but are still doing some training on the computer were possible. Only when we get back to Level 2 we may start back at training.

With all of us in lock down we have only been called out three times over this month where we would normally have 12-15 calls so there is another positive side of COVID-19.

Take care, be safe and be kind
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Town and Country Vets in Lockdown!

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

To all our amazing and valued clients and your awesome furry friends, THANK YOU for your support and your patience and understanding in these crazy and unpredictable times. Wow, when Jacinda Ardern announced we had 48 hours until Lockdown, it was history in the making and a first for all of us!

In the veterinary world it quickly became apparent that we are an essential business: for the obvious emergencies and urgent cases – unfortunately cats still try to cross the road and horses still get colic. So we would still be open and available but also not allowed to offer non-essential services at all.

What did this mean for us? Well, within those few days there was a barrage of emails from the New Zealand Veterinary Association and New Zealand Veterinary Council (NZVC), outlining what was considered essential work and probably like everyone else it felt like an intense game where the goal posts kept shifting by the hour! The basic guidelines were that vets still needed to be available for:

- providing care for animals to prevent unnecessary pain and suffering
- farmers and freezing works to ensure that the food supply chain was maintained
- emergency services

In our clinic, our bosses and team leaders really stepped up. And I thank them that the priority was to “get the whole team through this”. We were all given the choice to be available to work in the clinic or from home or not at all. And the available ones were split into separate teams. Team 1 worked in the clinic Monday to Wednesday. Team 2 worked Thursday to Sunday. The large animal vets were out in the countryside keeping their social distance and our amazing support staff and extra phone answerers were able to log in from their bubbles at home. It’s been a fantastic team effort!

It was also decided early on that the Wakefield Clinic would have to be closed to the public so we could concentrate our energy on the Richmond Clinic where there are more resources, equipment and staff. It also meant that if the Richmond Clinic was compromised by Covid, we had another building to work from if necessary.

So what is essential for vets to do other than the obvious stuff? That’s what vets all over the country have had to figure out every day. Level 4 was definitely not business as usual. There were strict guidelines to follow and significant consequences if we unnecessarily brought people out of their bubbles. So we fairly quickly added in another level of care: tele-medicine. It’s not something vets in NZ have been encouraged to do but NZVC relaxed the rules and allowed vets to talk to clients online, on the phone and look at videos and photos to examine animals. And then be able to prescribe medicine without actually seeing the animal, or book in an essential appointment, or be comfortable saying “wait until we’re out of lockdown”.

Every day we’ve had vets working from home attending to these grey-area cases. But if we do actually have to see an animal then it’s all non-contact. And this is where I have to again thank our clients for their patience and understanding while we have tried to provide a service without coming into contact with them! We are certainly fortunate to live in Nelson where we have great weather for talking to people in the carpark! Our clinic has been staff-access-only throughout lockdown. So it takes a while to talk to clients in the carpark, take their furry friend inside, examine, plan, test, diagnose and treat then discuss it all on the phone or back out in the carpark while juggling social distancing, PPE and hand sanitiser!

Despite seeing fewer animals, with our team halved and working less efficiently, the days have been very long and busy. On a happy note, puppy and kitten vaccinations are considered essential (to prevent unnecessary disease) so it’s been fun spending a lot of time hanging out with our baby beasties!

Hopefully we’re heading towards the end of the NZ lockdown levels and we can all regain some sense of normality.

Our Wakefield clinic will reopen to serve the community when it’s safe to do so. In the meantime, we are here to help, whatever form that takes - we’re available on the phone and online and even in person if necessary!



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Slightly Different

Life at Level 4 for a Web Development Business

Well, I think we can all agree that 2020 has not gone to plan for anyone at all. The last few weeks have been surreal and thought provoking to say the least! If I'm honest we initially thought it might be very bad news for our business, but also thought that life wouldn't change too much as we already work from home - so what could be so different? It has been different. We've been insanely busy, for which we are grateful - we are well aware that this is a privilege given the current circumstances. But have the last few weeks been easy? No.

There's home schooling to start with... but putting that aside, with only two days notice for the country to lock down, to say there was panic with IT requirements is an understatement. Almost all of our customers needed something - messages of websites, online shops closing - or setting up - or simply pages editing to reflect what was happening for them and their business. We sent some invoices, but often we didn't. It's hard to invoice someone when you know they are struggling.

Websites were easy on the whole - just time consuming. What took most time was people needing access to their work emails from home - the hours on the phone talking them through setting up their work emails, accessing webmail etc. We do this all the time, but not usually for our entire customer base at once. Again, how do you charge for this? Mostly you don't. Mostly people are lovely when you help them out. Occasionally you are on the receiving end of someone else's stress.

Then, as mentioned, there's home schooling. The concept is idyllic, but I had an insight into it eleven years ago when we moved our family from France to New Zealand. The children were out of school for six months. I thought I'd do a great job - but the maths books I bought remained empty after page 2, the gardening projects proceeded but none of the children actually participated. I started thinking about wine earlier each day.

Eleven years on not much has changed - except that it's now online and I can't keep up with the speed my teenager moves around a computer. He's not remotely interested in any of the work, but his computer skills are second to none. For someone who works in IT, I feel incredibly incompetent as I sit there trying to discuss the merits of capital letters.

So, as a business, we've been lucky. We are up and running, taking in new work and helping out our customers along the way, which has felt good. We are not saving lives, or doing anything that could be considered essential, but we have been able to help people with accessing what they need to, and ensuring their websites say what they need. We hope we've helped in that way.

Are we tired? Yes. When everyone else goes back to work, we'll be looking forward to a short break. But before that, all those websites needing editing again - Level 4 messages to Level 3 and then, hopefully, Level 2.

A large part of what I do is teach people how to use their websites. I've always thought I was reasonably good at it ... but if by the time we get to Level 2 I still have not managed to impart the usefulness of capital letters to my son I shall have to re-evaluate my teaching skills.

We hope that Level 3 makes life a bit easier for people - and if you need a website for that new idea you've been contemplating for the past four weeks just let us know.

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A Message From Your Postie

by Jill O'Brien

While many New Zealanders have to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to be able to continue my job with NZ Post delivering mail and parcels to rural boxholders. The first week at Level 4 was very quiet as there were no circulars to deliver and the mail and parcel volumes were very low. Early finishes were normal as I was only delivering subscription newspapers, letters and a few parcels.

Once NZ reached lockdown Level 4, life as a postie changed. Because health and safety is an important part of NZ Post operations, we had to make sure our sorting depot was cleaned and sanitised daily and that we practiced social distancing while unloading the van and sorting the days work. As there are four separate contractors working in the one building we worked split shifts to accommodate this. The staff at the main Nelson depot also faced these same challenges which meant some days our van could get out to us up to an hour late. Several times we have had a second van arrive due to the large volume of freight. This has consisted of food, office supplies, school packs, presumably new season clothes and bedding and the inevitable alcohol. As we do not know the contents of most parcels, we treat all packages as "essential" and do our very best to get them delivered on the day they arrive at the depot.

As well as the large increase in freight, larger than Christmas on some days, I have also seen an increase in the freight I pick up and deliver from businesses in Wakefield and beyond ie groceries, prescription medicine, stockfood and other supplies. I am enjoying the very quiet roads at the moment, especially Main Road Spring Grove first thing in the morning with very little commuter traffic. But, like all New Zealanders, I will be relieved when we have beaten this virus and life can get back to normal.

Until this is over, rest assured that Rural Post and NZ Post are taking this virus seriously and are following Health and Safety guidelines in keeping ourselves and all workplaces clean and sanitised.



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Quiz

by Derek Evans

- Who was Helen Sharman?
The first British citizen to travel space and was also the 5th youngest person to fly in space at just 27 years old when she went on her mission. She was born 30 May 1963 in Sheffield, England.
- Who was the only person named Oscar who received an Oscar?
Oscar Hammerstein with Richard Rodgers for "It Might as Well Be Spring"
- Why is the Netball Constellation Cup between Australia and New Zealand so named?
It is inspired by the Southern Cross constellation which appears on both nations flags.
- What BBC Television Sports program, which played a large part in the popularisation of this modern game, aired on 23rd July 1969 and what was it, and what did it demonstrate?
Pot Black, BBC demonstrating new two colour service.
- What is considered the world's oldest desert?
The Namib Desert in Namibia. It covers more than 270,000 square km of the southwestern edge of the African continent. It also has the distinction of having the highest sand dunes in the world.
- Who does The Lord of the Flies refer to?
Beelzebub, another name for the devil.
- What outstanding item surpassed all entries in the Contesti Dublin on 30 April 1994?
The Riverdance which was first performed during the seven minute interval.
- Which is the Symbol of Medicine? [see picture on right]
- Which two Africans were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1993?
Nelson Mandela and F W de Klerk
- How many roads did Bing Crosby and Bob Hope take?
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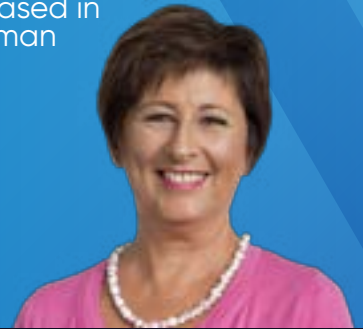
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Wakefield Pharmacy

by Scott Fry

The team at Wakefield Pharmacy have continued to operate throughout the COVID-19 lockdown and we wish to thank the community for their loyal support during this unprecedented time.

It was amazing how quickly the situation escalated and being an essential service with our staff and customers safety being paramount throughout we had to evolve and act quickly. We moved from a standard day to day pharmacy to effectively a "closed door" facility, serving only one customer at a time behind a perspex screen in the space of two days. We had to put stringent protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety, and we were delighted with the support from everyone knowing that it was for both the safety of the community and our staff. Our operation changes have meant we have created a basically "contactless environment" for our customers and further we have continued to provide deliveries as required to our customers throughout the region.

Positively, due to our knowledge of what it was like working during Level 4 we have been able to support other local business reopening in Level 3 and have enjoyed assisting them develop their systems and supplying them with the appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), to ensure they can get back to work safely and effectively.

Due to the rapid and evolving nature of the recent changes and pressure on the national supply chain, we were directed by PHARMAC to implement monthly dispensing, which some of you may have experienced. We appreciate and understand the frustration around this, and to help we are currently working on an email repeat reminder service which will take the stress out of you having to manage your medication on a monthly basis and will streamline our workflow. Therefore, in order to make use of this service please send us your email address and we will load them into our system for the service.

Throughout this time, we were thrilled to be able to work closely with local suppliers, to source the likes of the protective perspex screens and hand sanitiser. These have been scarce commodities globally, so we have appreciated their support in enabling us to continue providing our community with the utmost care and service. Importantly these have all contributed to the region keeping COVID numbers to a minimum.

We will continue to operate in the same manner throughout Level 3, and we will adjust our systems and approach further as and when we move into Level 2.

Once again, from all the team at Wakefield Pharmacy we thank you for your continued support, patience and respect for us as we have navigated through this uncertain time. Take care of yourselves and those around you, and we look forward to continuing to support you and reconnecting again over the coming months, as we discover what the new normal looks like.



Wakefield School Board of Trustees

by Ryan Edwards, Chairman

In these difficult economic times Wakefield School and Board of Trustees would like to thank our major supporters and local businesses who provide excellent service to the school. Many have been loyal and generous supporters for a long time and their continuing support is genuinely treasured as this allows us to set our sights high and achieve ambitious goals for our children and community.

Wakefield School and the Board of Trustees encourage the community to support these local businesses as much possible as we recover from the economic consequences of the Covid pandemic.

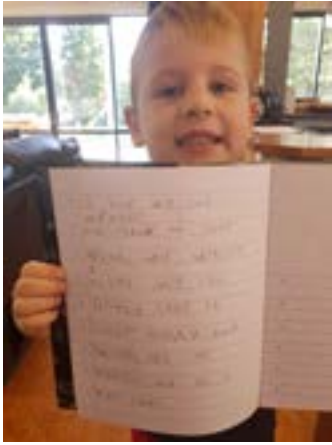
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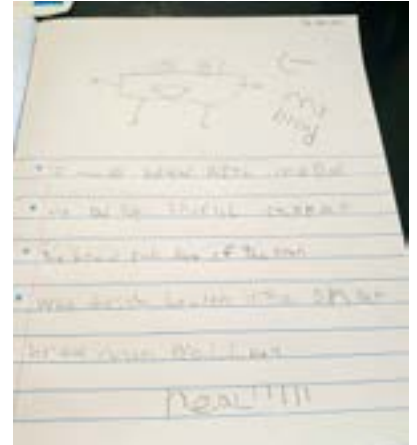
The children from the Kereru Team at Wakefield School have been very busy during lockdown. Here are just some of the wonderful photographs that they have been sharing with their teachers.



Brad has had a birthday in lockdown and now that he is 6, he is writing wonderful stories. This story earned him a Principal's Award. Mr Verstappen will give it to him when we return to school.



Cohen made a bunk bed and a hoodie for his pet apple.



Theo and his Dad have been busy in the kitchen and he has written a funny story about the bread that they baked together.



Jack has had a birthday in lockdown.



Zoe has been working hard at her maths and has done a lovely job colouring in the bird.



Oakley has been doing lots of bike riding.

Lily has been making crystals at home.



Millie has been writing fabulous stories with amazing pictures. Millie's story says "I like butterflies because they are beautiful. I especially like monarch butterflies because they have pretty wings."

Mack made a Google slide about how to make grape juice. Here is one of the steps that he put in his slide.

Step 3

We start to mush the grapes up.
I did it with my hands it felt squishy



Alaska and her big brother Krueger have been baking gingerbread. I hope that none of their biscuits ran away.



Wakefield School [continued...]



Jaxon has been baking



Elias has been doing some 'hands-on' science down at the river.



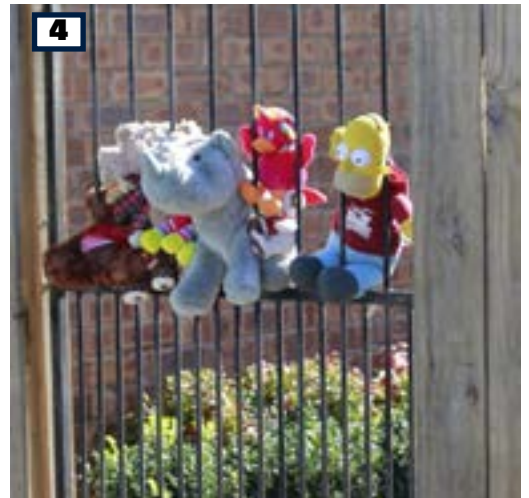
Logan has been working hard on his maths.

Teddy Bear Hunt

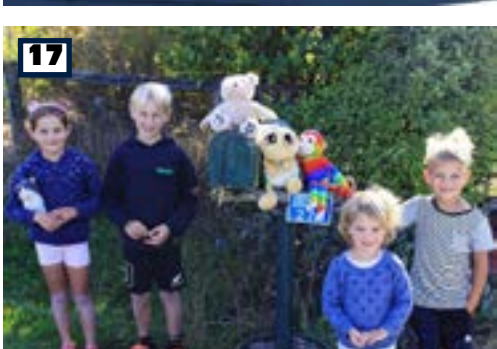
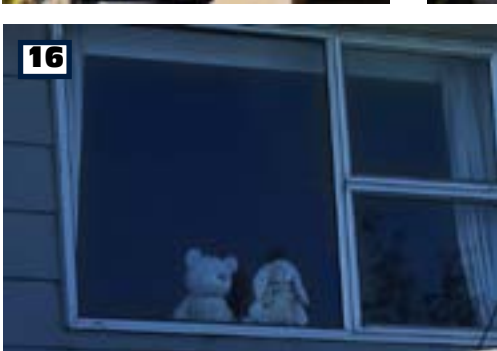
by Sonja and Sjef Lamers

We went on a bear hunt in the village and came across teddy bears in windows and on letter boxes, on chairs and in trees. There were soft toys galore: unicorns and doggies, Homer and Sesame Street characters, as well as elephants and tigers. So we thought a quiz would be great.

Here are some of the photos we took numbered from 1 to 17. We really like you to go out and find out in which street these photos are taken. (The answers are in the back of the Window on Wakefield)



Teddy Bear Hunt (continued...)



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With spacesuits and masks aplenty, we have had all sorts of urgent cases through the doors, from curled in nails to toxicities from chocolate, fertilisers and baits. We have also had some tragedies during this time, with some people having to say goodbye to their fur babies during lockdown and animals hit by cars. While we often experience this on a daily basis, it has been that much harder as we try to comfort our clients while maintaining social distancing. We have had horses decide it is perfect timing to run into fences and even the odd cow trying to calve already!

Our team has stayed incredibly positive and flexible to be able to provide the services required. We have staff with kids who suddenly became teachers as well as vets, and those with compromised family at home creating some extra anxiety in the chaos of COVID, and of course, all staff have mastered the hazmat suit getup. It has become so normal it will be bizarre to shed our 'skins'.

We certainly love having Nelson as our playground, and although our boundaries have been changeable lately we are now proud to say that we are once again able to offer FREE travel to Tapawera on Thursdays during Level 3! We are now also able to offer routine surgery, vaccinations, nail trims in addition to the essential services we could offer during Level 4.

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EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE - Wakefield 4 Square

by Harold & Jana Trask

For us as older folk, we have been extremely impressed at the kindness extended to us during the lockdown. We have been delighted at the caring attitude of neighbours and friends who have offered to help in various practical ways. We thank them most sincerely.

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by Sonia Emerson, CA, BBus

Well it seems a long time since I wrote my article for April as so much has happened with the development of the pandemic globally, and our response to it more locally here in New Zealand. In that time we have had due dates for terminal tax 2019 and the third instalment of provisional tax for 2020 come and go, interspersed with GST and PAYE requirements, as well as the many other demands on finances. It is certainly a very difficult time for a lot of businesses and individuals with regards to cashflow and the ongoing financial management.

The IRD website currently states: "If your business is unable to pay its taxes on time due to the impact of COVID-19, we understand, you don't need to contact us right now. Get in touch with us when you can, and we'll write-off any penalties and interest."

The IRD are very keen to work with businesses to re-estimate provisional tax, set up instalment arrangements, and generally discuss options in order to help businesses to get through this difficult period. Talk to your accountant or directly to the IRD if you need some assistance. In addition, the government have introduced various support packages and other financial stimulus to support [small to medium enterprises] SME's at this time, including:

Wage Subsidy

Information on the Wage Subsidy is found at <https://workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/wage-subsidy/index.html>. The wage subsidy is available to all businesses, including sole traders and the self-employed. Your business must have experienced a minimum 30% decline in actual or predicted revenue over the period of a month, when compared with the same month last year, and that decline is related to COVID-19. [NB that if you haven't been in business for 12 months, you are still able to apply.]

The payment will be made as a lump sum for a period covering 12 weeks. This means employers will receive a payment of \$7,029.60 for a full time employee and \$4,200 for a part time employee. It is recommended that you continue to pay your employees with their regular pay cycle, and to therefore use the balance of the lump sum over the 12 week period. Please be aware that there are obligations that you are agreeing to when you apply for and receive the subsidy.

There has been a lot of talk in the media about the need to repay the subsidy. Just remember that as long as you met the subsidy eligibility criteria and didn't provide false or misleading information, and you treat your employees fairly, you are unlikely to have to pay it back. Get some advice if you think you may need to.

Interest Free Loans

This week the Government announced that it would be providing interest free loans to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 to support their immediate cashflow needs and meet fixed costs – the Small Business Cashflow Loan Scheme. It will provide \$10,000 to every firm and in addition \$1,800 per equivalent full time employee [up to a maximum of \$100,000] for firms employing 50 or fewer full time equivalent employees.

Loans will be interest free if they are paid back within a year. The interest rate will be 3% for a maximum term of five years. Repayments are not required for the first two years. The eligibility criteria are the same as for the Wage Subsidy Scheme. Businesses will also have to declare that they are a viable business, they will use the money for core business operating costs and enter into a legally binding loan contract. Inland Revenue will administer the payments and repayments of this scheme with applications expected to be open from May 12. Businesses will apply for the loan payment through myIR.

Business Support Funding

GST registered businesses with 49 or less full-time equivalent employees are eligible to apply for the fully funded advisory and consultancy support. The support is delivered via registered service providers in areas ranging from human resources advice to business continuity planning to cashflow and financial management. The level of funding available to individual businesses varies from region to region. Visit www.nzte.govt.nz

Provisional Tax Threshold

The New Zealand Government has recently passed legislation to increase the provisional tax threshold from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This means any current provisional taxpayers with provisional tax payments of less than \$5,000 will have until 7 February following the year they file to pay their tax bill. This is a permanent change that will take effect from the 2020-2021 income year. For most taxpayers, this will mean 1 April 2020.

Loss Carry-Back Scheme

A loss carry-back mechanism enables a firm to offset a loss in a particular tax year against a profit in a previous year, and receive a refund of the tax paid in the previous profitable year. The proposed mechanism will provide cash to firms that are, or anticipate, being in loss. The proposal is that it is introduced in two phases.

Phase 1 is a temporary mechanism for the 2019/20 & 2020/21 tax years and was passed in to legislation last week.

Phase 2 is proposed as a permanent application for future years subject to detailed design and consultation in the second-half of 2020.

On a personal note, I hope that it is not too much longer before things are back to a new normal – As much as I love my children dearly, my domestic and creative side has still not come to the fore, and it has been reaffirmed for me that I do not aspire to be a teacher nor am I remotely interested in home schooling. Kia kaha and keep safe everyone!

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Peel and chop fruit and veg. Add vinegar and boil slowly for ½ hr stirring. Add remaining ingredients and boil ½ - ¾ hr until well blended.



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Buying and Selling – A COVID-19 Update

by Lydia Heyward

As we enter the Level Three Covid -19 stage I start to think more about the long-term changes as well as the immediate impact that this virus has had on our businesses and the people who we are close to.

I have not been into my office since we entered Level Four and I have been thinking about what it will look like and feel like when we re-enter, silly things have entered my mind, like "did I turn the heat pump off automatic and did I leave milk in the fridge?" These thoughts are quickly overtaken by the constant reminder that I have two lovely personal assistants who are pivotal to my business. They are both young mums with beautiful children at home, "how are they feeling and what is this business uncertainty doing to their heads?".

Our business is a service business, we do not own the product that we sell, we have no control over the decisions around sales, that's for the buyers and sellers. But we do provide the tools and the expertise to help our customers and clients make the right decisions for themselves and their families.

Will COVID-19 change our business model?

It is much too early to know how our businesses will be affected, my guess is that in the short term there will be a significant amount of people who will be sitting and waiting for some security and confidence in the market. We have had practice at working from home and doing everything online, this has allowed us to establish online team meetings and virtual customer and client contact. This has all worked well but at a very reduced level due to the lockdown.

I have had to up skill my virtual communication knowledge and that has been a good thing. As predicted, there are significant down sides as well, more than one of the sales that we had in the pipeline failed because of the COVID-19 instability. Buyers require job security before they can talk to their bank.

Has there been any "light moments" during this lockdown?

I have done lots at home - clean house, clean car, tidy farm and garden, a shed full of firewood and more, but the key question on my mind now is: When can I get back to a positive real estate routine that will benefit everyone, business, community, staff, clients, customers and our country?

I really looking forward to seeing you all on the street again, going about your businesses and supporting each other through this unprecedented time. Now is the time to give back to our communities and to take a very good look at how COVID-19 has affected us all.

Take care and be kind.

The Villa

Hospitality runs through our veins and normally we don't have much time for ourselves so the positive of being in lockdown has been all the family time we wouldn't usually have. We have enjoyed gardening, cycling and playing lots of board games together. Our oven at home is also being well used as we cook and bake for our bubble.

We have spent time rethinking our business model for The Villa moving forward with a view to what the café scene may look like in six months, and also creating new menus for both Level 3 and Level 2.

The support from our locals has been amazing and we really appreciate it. The emails and messages from people both before and during the lockdown has taken the edge off what is a very uncertain time for the hospitality industry. We don't know what the future holds but we are doing our best to adapt to the new ways of operating and we are grateful for the ongoing support.

The voucher portal "SOSCAFE" has been a great way for many businesses to gain some cashflow to keep on running costs during the lockdown - thank you to everyone who purchased one.

From Tuesday the 28th of April we will be opening under Level 3 guidelines to offer takeaway and delivery meals, please check our website (www.dailyexchange.co.nz) for the menu and how to order and our facebook page for daily specials.

We look forward to seeing all your friendly faces again soon for some great coffee and delicious food.

Michael, Marleen and Marylou.



Life at Wakefield Auto Services

Life at Wakefield Auto Services during Covid 19

by Wendy Peterson



As a nation, we have all done very well during Lockdown - an event that will go in the history books to tell our grandchildren about in years to come.

During Level 4 lockdown our workshop has been closed to non-essential work and our Service Station has been operating on reduced hours.

Level 3

The workshop is running at full throttle. The boys are in catch up mode, and so happy to be back on the tools. Extra precautions are being taken to protect us all from any possible transfer of the virus.

Our technicians will be wearing a fresh pair of gloves when working on your vehicle, sanitisers and hand washing procedures undertaken regularly during the day. Cars will be sanitised when work is completed. Entry to the workshop will also be restricted to the general public. Vehicles off/pick up will be contactless at a social distance. All necessary as the "new normal" takes shape.

The Service Station is back to normal trading hours - Monday - Sunday 7am – 6:30 pm.

We are here for fuel, LPG fills and swaps plus the usual pies, drinks and snacks. Spray paint, masking tape and hardware supplies have been in high demand for those lockdown projects, so do come in and see what we have available.

Our "self check-out" means you can scan your own shop goods and use your paywave card, squirt of hand sanitiser, job done! This has been working very well, gives us distance and less need to touch anything.

We continue with social distancing operating a 1 in 1 out door policy. Pumps and other touch areas are being sprayed with sanitisers regularly during the day

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New faces in the service station and workshop - both called Nathan, so hoping not to cause too much confusion with this.

We are here for you offering our usual great service during this difficult time. Stay safe.



Bowls



The Bowling Club has been on lockdown for the last month as with most others.

Members have been keeping in touch to support one another with individual phone calls, group emails, Facebook and even Zoom meetings for a "happy hour" on Friday evenings.

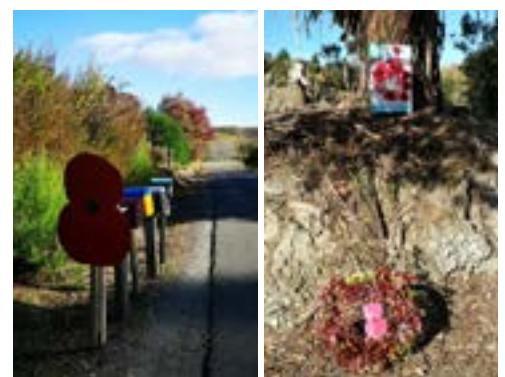
Great to see so people walking around the village.



Please see photos of the sadly unoccupied synthetic bowling green and club rooms and of the Heslop's teddy bear in Pitfure Road on his bowling day - among his many other varied daily activities.

Best wishes to all in the community.

Kia Kaha.



To Our Valued Advertisers, Contributors & Community

This is our local newsletter and our chance to share information about our community with our community so we intend to keep providing it throughout these times of uncertainty in some form or another.

We do prefer to bring it to you in our normal manner, direct to your letterbox, but when that is not possible, we will still try and share the information with as many of our community as possible in online formats as we did last month. All past and present editions are available at www.wakefield.org.nz and when not available physically we will also provide a link on the **Wakefield Facebook page - FocusWakefield.**

Even though it's not business as usual and many of our usual community groups aren't running and can't provide content, we still want to share messages from our community about people, things, and information – especially special interest, and upbeat articles as well.

So please, send in your articles and encourage others to do the same, and don't forget a photo.

It's our local businesses which pay for this newsletter with their advertising each month so we encourage you at this time to shop local where you can and help them out.

As a thank you to our advertisers, we ran advertisements in this edition for free, and are offering **50% off all advertising for June and July** so if you wish to advertise or know of someone who may, please make contact with Genie at Promote You on genie@promoteyou.co.nz.

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Harte Transport Ltd

Lockdown as an Essential Business

Harte Transport is a local family business contracted to TSI Logistics servicing the Foodstuffs group of stores which include Pak n Save, New World, and Four Squares throughout the Tasman, Nelson, and Marlborough regions.



As the country was being told we would be entering alert Level 4 it was clear to us that we would be considered an essential service as the supermarket shelves needed to remain stocked. The days leading up to Level 4 lockdown saw huge spikes in volumes as people panic bought. Our trucks were running around the clock to keep stock moving.

Alert Level 4 was going to be challenging and within the first few days there was a lot of uncertainty as to what businesses were classed as an essential service. We counted ourselves extremely lucky as we could continue to operate but as we started to see a lot of businesses we deliver to shut up, our freight volumes started to fall and it was this side of our business that began to take a financial hit. As we started to calculate figures we realised we were falling outside the bracket for any government funding and for us it was going to be a case of just suck it up and get through this and consider ourselves lucky that we will still come out the other side okay, unlike many whom there is a huge cloud of uncertainty lingering over their businesses financial viability.

As we continued to operate, we had to jump through many hopes put in place by both Foodstuffs and MPI. This time was extremely stressful as often the information from MPI we were receiving was misleading or conflicting. Trying to get our hands on all the PPE gear was a nightmare, MPI were offering help but at the last minute would fall short on their promises to supply PPE. It was Foodstuffs that finally came to the party with all the gear we needed. As we neared the end of the first week of lockdown, we had all our protocols in place and all our staff were quick to adapt to the new changes.

The stress at home was still going through the roof as we redid staff rosters and began to prepare ourselves for having our kids at home for the foreseeable future, with Leithem working the linehaul leg to Christchurch and back at night and Kirsty managing the day staff. Changes had to be made so we could always have someone at home with the kids and be able to perform the home schooling tasks.

As we rolled in to Easter, we encountered a problem we had not predicted! As Leithem was heading home on Sunday night a large boar decided to run out in front of the truck smashing into the front bumper. As luck would have it the damage was only cosmetic. The truck was able to be repaired to a point where it could keep running but we are forced to wait for a full repair to be achieved.

Home schooling was always going to be an interesting affair! Yelling, tears and a lot of throwing of school work at each other could often be heard coming from our home, with the added frustration of not being able to access Google drive and Microsoft Teams raising stress levels. Kirsty would often get up in the early hours to print all the days school work off before heading out the door to manage the day staff.

School days here were not the normal, starting at either 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm each day. By week three we were in a better place and work was getting completed and sent back to teachers on a Friday afternoon.

Soon the children came to realise this was going to be a long lockdown with their parents taking on the new career of teacher. Frustration would often take over as we didn't understand the techniques used by teachers nowadays as it has changed so much since we were kids. Our kids would often be heard telling us "Don't give up your day jobs!!! Stick with being truck drivers".

As Harte Transport Move from Alert 4 to 3, we will continue to:

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Wakefield Physio via Telehealth

After over a month in lockdown some of you may have developed aches and pains from those chores you have finally got around to or from too many hours in front of screens or noses in books. In our bubble, we have been cleaning out cupboards, clearing out the garage, attacking the garden, walking the dog, and trying to do exercises on the lounge floor with the dog assisting!

I think my teenagers have been doing homework, and after getting Netflix for lockdown I managed to get through three seasons of The Crown! It hasn't been all fun and games though. I lost a cousin to a heart attack in Christchurch, and my father went into the Blenheim Hospice recently so lockdown has its challenges!

If you have over done things during lockdown and need to start some physio, I am available via Telehealth. This can be done via Zoom (video on a computer screen) or by phone. Face to face consultations should return in Alert Level 2.

All Telehealth surcharges \$20; All Private Telehealth Consults \$50; Online banking only.

For physiotherapy, email info@wakefieldphysiotherapy.co.nz

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Trapping Update - Wakefield Reserves

by Chris Tonkin

While I'm not sure whether predator trapping qualified as an 'essential service' during the Level 4 lockdown, based mostly on the likelihood that nobody would know I was there I made an executive decision to carry on with fortnightly checks anyway. In the course of one such a visit I undertook a socially distanced conversation with a local who not only caught me in the act, but also reminded me that a Window on Wakefield trapping report was well overdue... so here goes.

It only took one brief spell of semi-Autumnal weather towards the end of March to bring additional Tui and silver eyes down from their summer quarters and into habitat closer to town. Robson Reserve seems to be particularly favoured by nectar eating birds although I am sure there is extensive interchange by a range of species between the three local reserves where I and Brian Pearson maintain trap lines.

If I was a true professional in addition to trapping I would also be utilising various monitoring methods to get a handle on predator numbers, so as to determine the effectiveness or otherwise of trapping effort. However being a rank amateur I operate on the principle that any dead critter is a good one, and comfort myself with the thought that (as indicated by the tables below) at least there should be fewer pests occupying the winter habitat of our native birds than might otherwise be the case.

Total combined kills of rodents and mustelids this period

(August 2019 – March 2020)	
Robsons Reserve	25
Falkner Bush	20
Edward Baigent Reserve	32

Total combined kills of rodents and mustelids to date

(September 2016 – March 2020)	
Robsons Reserve	156
Falkner Bush	113
Edward Baigent Reserve	151

Elsewhere it is quite usual to observe rats and the occasional stoat during daylight hours in native forest, however in my experience it is not at all common around our Wakefield reserves, indicating that either the habitat is insufficient to support more pests or trapping is making a positive difference. Until/unless we bring the professionals in I guess we'll never know.

WAKEFIELD HOTEL

Takeaways Menu

Garlic bread (Serves 1) \$4
 Chips - scoop \$4.50
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 Fish - battered \$4.50
 Sausage \$5
 Hotdog \$5
 Chicken Nuggets 1/2 dozen \$4.50

Wedges
 Small \$5 Large \$8
 Served with sweet chili sauce & sour cream

Loaded wedges
 Small \$8 Large \$14
 With bacon, cheese, sweet chili sauce & sour cream

Nachos
 Small \$10 Large \$18
 Corn chips topped with spicy chicken or beef & chili bean mix with grilled cheese, sour cream and sweet chili sauce

Sharing platter
 for 2 \$22 or for 4 \$44
 Sausages, mini spring rolls, fish bites, onion rings, prawn twisters, vegetable baskets, corn nuggets & fries with dipping sauces

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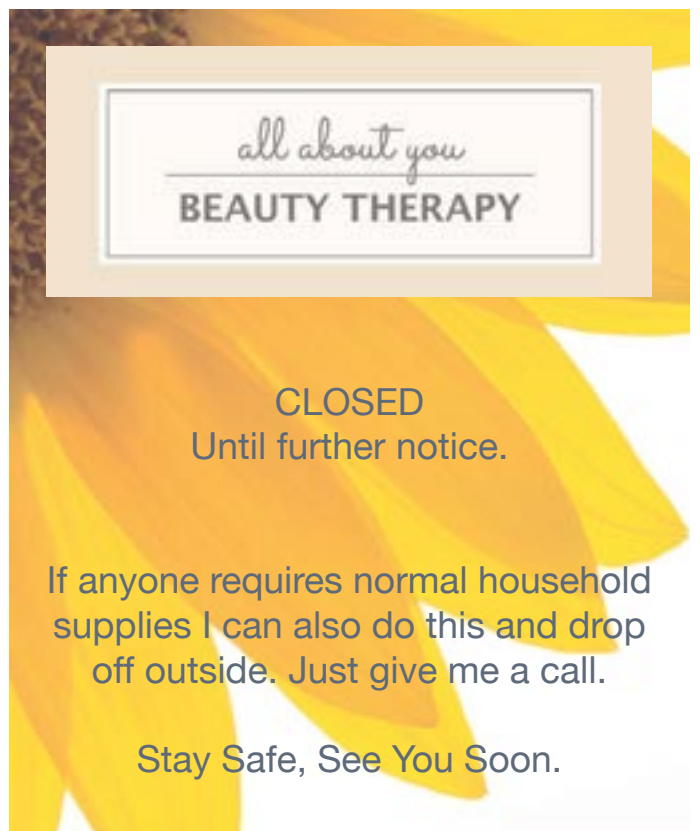
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Health Centre

by Gavin Drummond, Practice Manager

We hope you have kept well in your bubble during the difficult times in Alert Level 4, and now that we have moved to Alert Level 3 continue to be safe in your slightly larger bubbles, while enjoying some relaxation of some of the restrictions.

We have been available to all of our patients through Alert Level 4 and continue to be so through Alert Level 3 as you would expect. We are here to help you.

For us as an essential service Level 3 looks much the same as Level 4. Please do not hesitate to get in touch for anything you would normally see a nurse or GP for.

It will look a little different to how we operated before COVID-19 and to assist, this is how we are currently practising, under Alert Level 3:

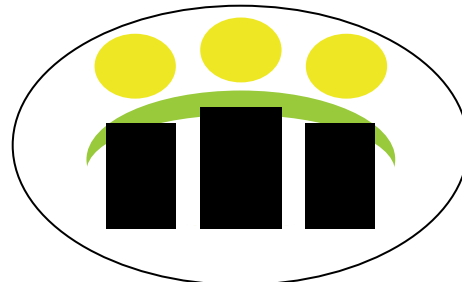
- It is recommended we continue to provide the majority of our appointments as non-face to face. We are still seeing patients face to face when this is required. When you ring in we will put you on a list and a GP will call you back either to arrange a telephone (or video) consultation or arrange a face to face consultation at the clinic. Telephone and face to face consultations are charged at the same rate.
- If you do need to come to the clinic you will be asked to ring a bell at the front or back door and then you will be met by a nurse or doctor. Do not enter the building until invited to do so.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands and in many cases be given a mask to wear.
- We are currently not taking payments at our reception however you can pay us online from your bank or we can take credit cards over the phone – we will be reviewing this as we go.
- We are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.00pm.

We will continue to monitor and make changes as needed. There will be more significant changes under Alert Level 2 and we will keep you informed.



In the meantime stay safe and do not wait to contact us if you would normally.

Photos:
Top left - Dr Ben in facemask
Bottom left - Flu clinic in the rain
Top right - Two of our reception superheroes
Right - Flu clinic in the dry



Wakefield Health Centre

Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8am – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8am – 7pm

New Enrolments Welcome

Phone 541 8911

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Sweetbites

During level 4 of lockdown we have taken this time to give our beautiful old building some TLC. We are in the process of painting it and changing things around inside. As its getting colder and winter is coming I don't think we will sell as much real fruit and rolled icecreams as in Summer.



So have been thinking about what we can do. We are going to be making and selling homemade desserts, as well as my homemade fudge and we will still be selling real fruit and rolled ice creams too.

During level 3 I have been making birthday cakes for locals bubbles and selling my homemade fudge.

All our products I make are made from scratch, no premixes are used. All orders have been contactless.

I have enjoyed spending this time with our 12 year old son Tommy and our staffy Brandy. The one thing I have really missed during this lockdown is my lovely customers and the interaction with them.

SWEET BITES



WAKEFIELD



Cafe Rubarbe

Just before going into Level 4 we had been closed for 8 days due to Michelle having some health challenges. We were able to return for a couple of days and then BAM, Jacinda says we're having another 4 weeks off. So for us it's been close to 6 weeks being closed with no business revenue, even though level 4 Covid-19 restrictions have been a challenge and meant that the cafe had to remain closed it was a welcome break after the busy summer but we were keen to get up and running again at Level 3, albeit through a gap in the front door and maintaining a 2m distance from customers.



Opening up under Level 3 has been a bit of a challenge but not as much for some as we were already set up to provide takeaway coffee and food as we did it previously. It doesn't make much sense financially but we've done it to be there for local Wakefieldians to be able to have a semblance of normality by getting a coffee and food they haven't had to cook themselves, heard a lot of it being nice to not have to cook. We are really looking forward to the time when restrictions ease and we can once again welcome our customers back inside, we miss the buzz and energy of the cafe when it's full of people!

The break was all the 'R's' we were hoping for, restful, relaxing, rejuvenating and restoring. Just what we needed. We had our 17 and 19 year old children home to spend a bit of time with which was good although generally that didn't commence till at least noon on most days due to their 'rise from the dead' schedules! We live in a isolated area of the Wakefield area so had space to do a lot of walking and riding and bonding with the two dogs and two horses. Watched pretty much all of the decent things on Netflix, really missed watching sport and 1000 piece jig-saw puzzles are overated!

Who knows what the future will hold, it's crazy times but we are 3 years old in July and no matter what the future holds Café Rhubarbe will be here making great coffee and food so Wakefield is stuck with us for while yet.



Gary & Michelle



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During term one our Scouts and Venturers had a fun filled month, Abseiling, Archery, Muddy Buddy and a night with the Civil Defence in Nelson helping out with an emergency drill. Scouts is all about getting your child out of their comfort zone, meeting new people and having fun in a safe environment. If you've got a child that is interested in joining Wakefield Scout Group as a Kea, Cub, Scout or Venturer do get in touch either via our facebook page or by emailing the group leader.

Thank you for your support of our fundraising box on the main road.

Kia Kaha Wakefield

Community Notices

WAIMEA PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

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

TDC COMMUNITY SURVEY

We at the Council are trying to find out if there were any good neighbourhood outcomes from the lockdown and what if any, people would like to see continue. This is summarised in the blurb below:

COVID-19 has changed how we see our communities and use our streets. The New Zealand lockdown has shown that lower levels of air pollution, more people using active transport, greater social cohesion and less people dying on our roads are all achievable goals. The lockdown has also challenged the idea that streets are designed for vehicles. We noticed that a number of our communities have seen their streets in a different light and transformed them into hubs of interaction, recreation, art and play, extending their community space beyond the footpath. As we have walked, ridden and accessed those areas normally reserved for cars has it provided us with the impetus to review how we plan these areas?

Take part in this 5 minute survey and tell us how the lockdown has changed your perception of streets and how you want them to look like when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/streetsforpeople19>

Thank you in advance.

Regards
Drew Bryant
Activity Planning Advisor - Transportation



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We are committed to working with the local community and staff at the health centre to improve the building and facilities.

We are keen to hear from you about any ideas to improve our local health services.

Right now the Wakefield district is also being asked to consider ideas about the new reserve near Baigents Bush.

The Trust is very interested in that development and we are keen to help it make progress.

Don Everitt
Chairperson, W&DHT

WANTED

With the ongoing and expanding development of Willow bank Heritage Village, we are on the hunt for;

- painter
- builder

preferably someone older who likes to work with old buildings.

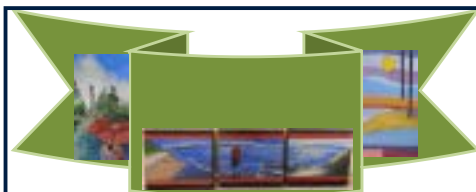
For more information please contact Christine; willowbank2002@gmail.com

RAW FOOD

Come and see what raw foodies eat that gives them so much energy and vibrant health!

Every month we have a catered lunch at Broadgreen House in Stoke on the last Sunday of the month.

Cost is \$15 per person.
Time: 12.30 - 2.30.
Contact Sally for more info: 021 170 9443 or sally@naturalnosh.nz



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

FOR HIRE

D3 Komatsu
Farm Tracks, Firebreaks etc
Dry Hire with operator.
Phone 021 201 5930

St John's Community Lunches

The monthly community lunches held at the Worship Centre on the third Thursday of the month, will recommence on February 20th, at 12pm.

Dates of the lunches for the coming year are:

May 21
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19

All are welcome to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship.

A small donation helps with expenses but is not compulsory.

If possible please phone Caroline 5418491, by the previous Monday if you wish to attend as this helps with our catering requirements but we welcome you if you just turn up on the day.

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

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 Preist Seth Pijfers 544 8987

Taoist Tai Chi
Deb Knapp 022 083 9332

Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club
Colin Gibbs 541 8435
marilyn.gibbs72@gmail.com

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
Ngair 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:
More FM 94.1, Classic Hits 89.8, Fresh FM 95.4





Shop local & support your community

I hope everyone has managed to get through Level 4 ok, and are enjoying the opportunity to visit or add someone else to your bubble where necessary. And it is so good to see some more of our local businesses up and running!



Wendy Pearson

021 567 722 | 541 9667

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