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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

McGazzaland - it's open and epic!!!

Saturday 22nd May 2021 was an absolutely gorgeous day and it wasn't just because the sun was shining bright - it was time for the official opening of McGazzaland - a brand new asphalt pump track in memorial of the legend, Kelly McGarry.

There was a massive turnout of children and adults, all keen to get on the track and give it a go. After some official words from Mayor Tim King, and Fraser Gordon from the Kelly McGarry Foundation, the ribbon was cut by Dan and Matt, followed by some of Kelly's nearest and dearest dropping in for a few laps.

This was followed by a pretty well managed opportunity for all ages to have a go themselves, without too much carnage. People waited patiently until it was their turn to shred and have some fun. It was awesome to see so many people enjoying the hard work that went in to the track. There were plenty of people using the dirt jumps of the BMX track as well which had also been tidied up for the occasion. The Mitre 10 sausage sizzle went down a treat and there were plenty of McGazzaland goodies on sale too.

A huge amount of effort has gone into this awesome community asset from the ideas stage, design, fundraising, lots of blood, sweat and tears, to the efforts on the day. There are so many people to thank and so we won't try and do that here. However, we would like to thank the Kelly McGarry Foundation, Lotteries Commission, Rata Foundation and the Tasman District Council for their significant financial and other contributions to this project.

A couple of individual thank you's too - to Dan Shallcrass and Matt Goodall for their ideas, enthusiasm and drive to make the project happen, Katrina McLean for the many successful funding applications and keeping things moving along, and last but definitely not least, Tom Hey for his awesome design, project management and delivery of an epic product. I am sure you will all agree that we are incredibly lucky here in Wakefield to have such a facility for young and old to enjoy.

If you haven't already, grab your bike, scooter, skateboard, helmet and head on down to the track.



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McGazzaland Opening



Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good afternoon Wakefield

Summer is well gone now, fires or heat pumps will be working, the leaves are continuing to change colour and dropping to the ground so we are well into Autumn. I hope our chimneys are clean for this winter and the heat pump filters are cleaned.

The Wakefield Resilience Group is still up and running and working quietly behind the scenes. This dedicated team is made up of some members of the local fire brigade members, NZ Police, Wakefield School Principal, members of the St John's Church and some very passionate community members who want to help when a disaster is happening in our community. These members have been going to courses, planning workshops and have held some in house meetings to put some processes and procedures in place in case Wakefield goes through another major event of any description.

This group is planning to hold a general community meeting in late July/early August to inform us all on what is happening and updates. The agenda for this meeting will look something like this:

- * Updates on the AF8 - alpine fault magnitude 8 earthquake prediction
- * Update and learnings from the Pigeon Valley fires in 2019
- * Someone to update us on the COVID-19 vaccination
- * What we as individuals and families should be prepared for in a large scale event happening in our community.

I will keep you all informed on the date, time and venue when this meeting will take place.

Calls between April 24th and May 24th - super busy month for the brigade members.

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Medical	Wakefield
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Health Centre

by Dr Kim Hurlow

Kiosk

We will trial a check in Kiosk which will open end of June – you can check in for your appointment at the kiosk, and over time we can use it to update other info like your contact details or next of kin. We are hoping this shortens our line for reception - but don't worry, our friendly staff at reception will still be there to welcome you and check you in if you would rather not use the kiosk.

Wondering about the COVID vaccine?

For those very eager/anxious to get their COVID vaccination, whether you are wanting the protection yourself, or seeking to protect other vulnerable people around you, thanks for your patience!

The current ministry timeline for COVID vaccine for Tier 3 (people at risk of more severe disease from COVID) and Tier 4 (general population) still sit at May through to July (Tier 3) and from July forward (Tier 4). You will be notified when you can get your vaccine and the number to call to book for this <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines>. We appreciate it can be confusing in the meantime as some have been called in early. Where there was a surplus of vaccine brought into the area (once out of deep freeze it has to be used within five days), so as not to waste doses, some practices were able to notify their very high-risk patients. At other times the DHB have decided to offer to a particular area eg Murchison. This is all done at short notice and we understand it can seem arbitrary.

We are hearing lots of circulating pseudoscientific concerns about the COVID vaccine, including that it alters your DNA, is implanting a chip for monitoring purposes, or is going to be used by the government or big pharma to control our thoughts.

Another rumour is that you can get adverse effects just from being in contact with someone who has had the vaccine.

Some of these arise as this vaccine is based on a technology that uses mRNA, the body's messenger to protein factories in the cells. Instead of injecting a protein that produces an immune response, these vaccines send a message to our body's own protein producing machines to make the protein itself - the body then recognises the protein as foreign and creates immunity. This technology was developed prior to COVID in order to be able to respond to outbreaks like this. The mRNA does not act on our DNA. There is no reason to believe that the protein produced after vaccination could be transferred to or have negative effects on contacts. As a further note its development and production have never involved fetal stem cells. (<https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/covid-19-vaccine-myths-debunked/>)

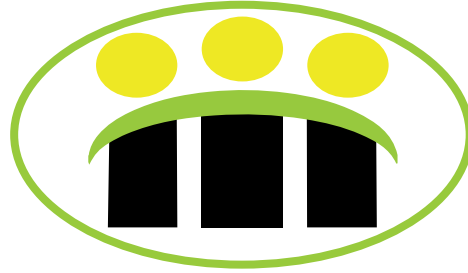
The vaccines have undergone extensive testing and continue to be monitored – evidenced by the reports of some increase in the number of expected cases of rare blood clotting with the Astrazeneca vaccine, which has meant some countries have stopped or limited use of this vaccine. This tiny risk (in terms of numbers of people affected) can only show up when the vaccine is used in hundreds of thousands or even millions of people, hence the ongoing monitoring during use.

As we in New Zealand have started our programme later (not having the necessity of starting earlier with no COVID in the community) we have benefitted in the sense that the vaccine has now had a lot of this kind of Phase 4 'testing in general use' (millions of people). (see link https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phases_of_clinical_research re typical testing for medications/interventions).

Common side effects of the vaccine we have in New Zealand are a sore arm at injection site (like after a tetanus booster) and some degree of muscle ache/fatigue/headache/fever or chills for about 24hrs (like can happen with the flu vaccine).

These are immune system effects – the normal response, though if you feel completely fine after your vaccine (not unusual) this does not mean it hasn't worked. Any reactions out of the expected should be reported to CARM, our NZ medicines monitoring system – we can do this or you can notify them yourself <https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting/>

Of course, it will always be your choice whether or not you have the vaccine, but hopefully this keeps you in the loop in terms of what is happening and why ☺.



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Team Heyward Property Talk

with Jilly Perry

Should you sell your property in Winter?

Selling a property in winter may seem to go against received wisdom, but there are plenty of reasons why it can be a good idea. It's hard to ignore powerful or compelling reasons like a change in your work, financial or family circumstances, or because the timing seems right when you're planning to sell. In addition, there are several other, more tangible upsides to selling in the colder months.

Firstly, there are often fewer houses on the market so there's less competition. Your property is less likely to be lost in a swarm of listings and it will be easy to make it stand out.

People who are looking to buy at this time of year are usually highly motivated because they need a home sooner rather than later. The upside of this is that you may get fewer 'tyre-kickers' than in the warmer months – and increased demand will often result in higher prices.

If you're selling your property with a real estate agent, you need to mine their experience. When you're choosing an agent, ask them how houses in your area sell over the colder months. It's in their interests to make sure the sale of your property is as advantageous as possible; if they think you'll be better off waiting a couple of months, they should tell you. They should also work with you to work out the best times to hold open homes or viewings, taking into account shorter sunlight hours.

You want your property to look attractive, inviting and easy to look after – and there are plenty of practical steps you can take to make it seem an attractive proposition on a cold winter's day. Now's the time to fix any leaks, cracked windows or sticking doors or broken drains.

All the usual rules for preparing a home for sale will apply - your buzzwords should be decluttering and deep-cleaning. If it has good insulation and an efficient heating system, make sure these factors are included in any marketing. Ensure the house is warm and dry during any viewings.

Don't forget that people will want to look around the outdoor areas too - sweep or waterblast paths, mulch garden beds and clear gutters.

If your garden is picture-perfect in summer and spring, consider making some photos available so prospective buyers can see what they've got to look forward to.

A few colourful plants in pots will also help brighten outdoor spaces and a new letterbox or freshly painted front fence or gate will do wonders for your property's street appeal.

Prepare well and there's no reason why you can't successfully sell your property before the weather warms up.

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Now the winter months are almost here, our volunteer members are spending many hours doing 'background work' around the park in preparation for the new season open days and event displays. These start on Father's Day (5th September) with the Classic & Collectibles Car Day hosted by our Rover Club Group. Any person or groups who wish to display vehicles at this event should email info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz



Winter museum sheds open days: 10am – 3pm

June – Sunday 6th

July – Sunday 4th

August - Sunday 1st

Another project well underway, a new concrete floor has now been laid in an extension to the Pigeon Valley Steam Museum sheds. It is thanks to Tasman District Council for a funding grant for the concrete and when completed the shed area will be bright and welcoming and be used for an enhanced and enlarged display of stationery steam machinery.



One of the exhibits our Pigeon Valley Steam Museum has custodianship for, is one of two engines from the tugboat TST Awarua. The TST Awarua was built by Lobnitz & Co, Renfrew, Scotland for the Bluff Harbour Board and arrived in New Zealand on 4th November 1932 after a voyage of 73 days. The TST Awarua was 130ft long x 32ft wide.

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Indeed a time for celebration and I know many of you in our community and region will also be taking an interest and delight in the transformation undertaken by our society members at the Robson's Scenic Reserve in Wakefield.

It was also our intention to move forward with an extensive native planting of this Reserve to bring it back in some small way to its former glory days.

We are thrilled and delighted that SATURDAY THE 19TH JUNE, from 10am onwards is finally the day for this PUBLIC PLANTING. If WET then the following Saturday.

We have 3,000 native trees to be planted and must register our thanks to the Reserves Department at the Tasman District Council for their support and contribution of half this number, with the other half being donated anonymously by a member of our local community. Truly humbling for such generosity to enable us to move forward and create another gem for the public in our community and region, to enjoy for now and the future.

You will see all the details of this event in the Community Notices section. It would be fantastic to have a great turnout for such an incredible and very special event for Wakefield.

See you there.

*Regards Doug South, President
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Venue: Anglican Church Hall
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(note change of usual venue)

Dr Eloise Fry

will speak about spending 3 months with her young family on the

Chatham Islands

For information contact
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Live Well Stay Well

by Sonja Lamers

Upcoming Meetings

8 June: Coffee meeting at Headquarters Cafe in Brightwater, 9.45am onwards

15 June: Coffee meeting at HQ Cafe in Brightwater, 9.45am onwards

29 June: Anglican Church Hall, Edward Street - Dr Eloise Fry will be speaking about spending three months with her young family at the CHATHAM ISLANDS, 9.45am-11am

13 July: Coffee meeting at Cafe Rhubarbe in Wakefield, 9.45am onwards

Backyard Bees

by Christine Godfrey

On 25 May our guest speaker for the Live Well Stay Well group was Wendy Lane from Backyard Bees, who spoke about their beekeeping and beehive rental business based in Wakefield. They offer fully managed rental beehives to the home gardener, lifestyle block owner or the rural sector. For \$299.00+gst, yearly lease, you can rent a beehive for your own backyard. In return, you receive the benefit of bee pollination for your garden and at the end of the honey harvest season, 10kg of honey made from the flowers from your garden and surrounding area.

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- Queen bees lay 1,500 - 2,000 eggs per day
- One frame can hold 5,000 - 8,000 bees
- Bees pollinate more than a third of all food we eat
- Bees contribute approx. \$5-7 billion to our rural NZ economy

We can look after all our bees, by spraying in the early evening, when the bees have gone to bed. This gives time for the pesticide to disappear off the plants overnight, before the bees start foraging again in the morning. Avoid spraying plants in flower. If you have finished mixing spray in a bucket, be sure to rinse it out so the bees don't drink the residue. Otherwise this will kill any bees and contaminate or kill the hive.

There was a steady stream of questions from the floor. Thank you Wendy for your very interesting, informative talk and displays. I don't think we realised how clever and industrious our little bees are. Wendy also had pots of honey for sale from some of our local areas, including Wakefield, all named individually.

Pic's Peanut Butter World

by Christine Godfrey

On 27th April, the Live Well Stay Well group met at Pic's Peanut Butter World in Stoke. Some folk met and carpoled in Wakefield. There were 16 ladies and three men. We all ordered morning tea and chatted away for an hour or so, until our tour began. The talk was very informative and the fact and story boards on the walls gave us an interesting insight into Pic's life. He has a very entrepreneurial spirit.

We learnt that Pic's do not solely get their peanuts from Australia anymore, because of wild fires, drought etc. They come from Zambia, Brazil, Argentina and Australia. Trials are being done in Northland, New Zealand also. Actually peanuts are legumes that grow underground, thus technically a vegetable. Nuts grow on trees.

Pic's peanut butter contains only salt and peanuts. It is pressed once for crunchy and twice for smooth and bottled while warm. After our tour we were given tastings of smooth, crunchy peanut butter, almond butter, boysenberry jam and chocolate peanut butter. They had sold out of cashew butter. Then most of the group purchased products and or merchandise to take home.

LIVE WELL STAY WELL is a health and social group that meets twice a month in Wakefield or Brightwater from 9.45-11am on a Tuesday morning.

We advertise our programme in the "Window on Wakefield" your local news and on Wakefield and Brightwater notice boards. A varied programme is organised which is informative and fun plus regular coffee and chat sessions. Our goal is to keep well and healthy by promoting good health practices and exercise plus having a positive social connection with others in our community.

Monthly we focus on a speaker with either health knowledge or people who help us understand our community more. We also have time in local coffee shops for Coffee and Chat sessions plus visits to local businesses of interest helping us to get to know our local area.

So this group is ideal for people newly moved to the area who want to get to know our community plus those who live here. Or perhaps you are feeling a bit isolated where you live and want to meet some friendly locals.

No joining fee but we ask you for a \$2 gold coin donation at our monthly Wakefield Hall get togethers to help us cover rent and food costs. We communicate what is happening by an email group. Please contact either of the numbers below if you want to be on our communication list or WATCH THIS SPACE You are very welcome to join us.

Convenors - Sandra 027 6099202 or Sonja 027 3740500.



Waimea Plunket Playgroup

by Emma de Gray

Waimea Plunket Playgroup are open for term two!

We welcome all Tasman families who have child/ren from newborn to four.

We come together every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am (excluding school holidays).

We are based at the Brightwater Anglican Church - 68 Waimea West Road.

Its free! We also provide all caregivers a nice hot drink and something sweet to nibble on.

Plus there is loads of toys for our tamariki to explore, including arts and crafts, water and sand play.

So what are you waiting for?! We hope to see you there.



Have you just had a baby or expecting one in the near future?

We have another exciting year of our Space programme planned for 2021 starting Feb 3rd at Wakefield Play Centre! Come to meet other families with tamariki similar ages, chat about parenting and child development topics, enjoy lovely music sessions, make some crafts for your baby to love, and have some time to relax with a cuppa! For more information email Fiona at fiona.programmes@playcentre.org.nz (Ph. 027 808 6797 or (03) 545 6512) or find our Facebook page @SPACENelson.

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Kia ora koutou Wakefield whanau, in the Toroa rooms this year we have been working hard on being a successful and caring team. The learning we have done has been varied and the student motivation for it is high. We are trying new things in the class that are proving to be very successful. The children have been enjoying the hands-on nature of this learning. Instead of us describing it to you we thought it would be best if you heard it from them.....

Rainbow Reading - by Rātā

In Toroa 1 & 2 we have been doing this reading program called Rainbow Reading. We do it on these little mp3 players by getting a Rainbow Reading book and scrolling through the mp3 player till you find the title for the book you have. You get a pair of headphones & press play! While you are listening to the story you follow along with your eyes on the book!

Bookmarks - by Cole

We made book marks with two pieces of paper so it wouldn't rip as easy. We did our name big and bold so we could see it better. We made the bookmarks so we don't lose our page when we are reading our novels.

Geometry - by Kadie and Rylee

Toroa made polygons and polyhedrons last week. A polygon is a 2 dimensional shape. A polyhedron is a 3 dimensional shape. There are some rules like a 2D shape has to have 3 or more sides. A 3D polyhedron has to have vertices, edges and a face. Vertices are more than one corner but a vertex is one corner. To make polygons and polyhedrons we got given a little bit of plasticine and matchsticks. We had to record the data in our math books.

Wishball - by Tyler and Logan

Wishball is a maths game. You click on a ball and you get a number. You carry on clicking on the orange ball and you get another number. If you get most of the numbers but one isn't right you can use a blue circle called the wishball. Once you're on the blue button there will be numbers and you click the number that you need. Place Value Partitioning is in this game where you can choose where you want to put the number it gives you. Here is a link to play <https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/L867/index.html>

Storyline Online - by Macie and Georgia

Storyline Online is heaps of books online that famous people read to kids. It is fun and entertaining if kids don't know how to read. It is for any type of age, even adults. We do Storyline Online when we are not at the library. Up at the top of the Storyline Online there is the alphabet of books you can read, like Robin Hood and Hey That's My Monster - any type of book you can imagine! To get into the Storyline Online website, in the address bar type in Storyline Online with no spaces at all then at the top where it says storyline online click that.

Mindfulness - by Nevada, typed by Adelaide and ideas by Isha

The class starts by lying on the floor, then we close our eyes and listen to the man on the TV from Smiling mind. We take deep breaths, we put our hands on our tummies and we feel our breath go up and down. We do it to relax so we can focus on our learning, calm ourselves down and focus for longer.

Swimming Sports - by Holly

After long preparation for Swimming Sports we found out what we were going to race in. We found out that some of our class were going to race in the Relay, some of us would be in Breaststroke, or Backstroke, or Freestyle or all of them or just one or two. When it was time to race we all swam so hard and whoever came 1st, 2nd or 3rd would go through to Cluster Swimming Sports another day.

Riddles - by Kristy

Mystery Friday is when we do some fun activities. Last Friday we did riddles. One of the riddles were: You're driving a city bus. At the first stop three women get on. At the second stop one woman gets off and a man gets on. At the third stop two children get on. The bus is blue and it's raining outside in December. What colour is the bus driver's hair?



The Amazing Robots - by Indie and Natalie

Room 1 and 2 made robots out of cardboard and tinfoil and lots of other bits and pieces like: Feathers, string, pipes, coloured see-through cellophane, pipe cleaners, plastic straws, milk bottle lids, sellotape and little containers. We glued everything together once we were finished. We painted or spray painted. After that we wrote about our robot then when we were finished writing we self-published our writing on the computer. We took a picture of our robot, added it to our typed writing and printed it out then if our group could decide who could take it home we did.

Mindfulness - by Amelia

In Room 1 and 2 we do mindfulness. We do this to calm our brains so we don't get off task. It's also to make sure that our thinking caps are still on and to keep our minds focused in one place, which is now; not in the future, not in the past.

Basketball - by Mack and Cooper

A man from the Nelson Giants came to Wakefield School and some kids from our class learnt how to play basketball. We learnt how to dribble with our fingertips. We learnt how to shoot hoops, we learnt how to throw it over our back and catch it in our hands. We learnt to play Pirates Treasure and 1-2-3 Engine.

Rainbow Reading - by Hunter

Rainbow Reading is fun. I like that you get to hear the voice of the book. When you listen to it you have to follow the words as you hear it. My favourite one is about firewood.

Wishball - by Tristan

My favourite maths game is wishball. It makes you better at maths because you get better at adding and taking away. It is fun to play because you have to win in a limited number of gos.

Top Ten Facts - by Mila and Zoey

Our class has been doing Top Ten Facts about stuff we like and lots of stuff we know about it. We have also learned lots of information about it like lizards, art, sports, yoga, fashion, motorbikes, birds. You've got to do ten facts. It can be anything you want it to be but it has to exist. It can be about history or famous people.

Sign Language - by Alex and Max

Sign language is one of the official languages in New Zealand. Sign language is a way of communicating to deaf people. Our classroom has been learning sign language. We learned the alphabet and how to say our names in sign language. Then Angela showed us a video of deaf people communicating to each other in Auckland. They used sign and they turned the light off and on to show that someone was at the door.

Swimming Sports - by Millie

On the day of the Swimming Sports we got in our swimming gear and we brought a towel and goggles. Then we went to our teachers and got our number on our hand. After that we went to the pool and found a seat to sit down and wait for our number to be called out. If our number got called out, we lined up at the end of the pool and we got put in line. When all the people in front of us had gone we sat on the end of the pool and waited for someone to tell us when to race. If you made it into the final by getting 1st, 2nd or 3rd you would go to Clusters.

Pou Patterns - by Aubrey & Lexa

We made the pou because it represents the Maori STAND values of our school and it also shows our strengths and the Māori design and culture. We put it on display for our parents to see our work at the front door.

Plum Trees and Posters - by Ollie and Will

We made our posters about our favorite book. For example, my poster is colourful. It's got green, black, brown, grey, blue, red and orange and it's the Battle of Britain with Lancasters and Hurricanes. For reading we made synonym plum trees. We chose a synonym and found five other words that meant the same thing and glued them on our trees. When we were finished we put them on our window.

Safecracking - by Kailey

When we did safe cracking we all made up a pass code from a book. It was fun. The book had numbers in the book. We all had fun when we did the safe cracking.



Tongariro Crossing

by Joyce Robinson

After two months of lockdowns and over a year of restrictions on travel due to the Covid threat, three friends and I decided to get out and experience New Zealand. We chose to do the one day, 19.4 kilometre hike up and over the Tongariro Crossing.

We stayed at the Park Hotel in Ruapehu, (very pleasant) and a shuttle bus took us up to the beginning of the trail. The driver told us about the procedures: they keep track of all the names of the people that go in, and mark them off as they return. The last pickup is at 6:00pm, but they leave NO ONE on the mountain. Tongariro is difficult and treacherous; it boasts(?) the most helicopter lift-outs of injured people of any of the national parks, and an average of two deaths per year.

The big sign at the beginning of the trail warned us of the perils, asked if we were fit enough, if we knew how cold it would be up there, if we had thermals, rain and wind proof jackets and pants, hats, gloves, enough water, food. Several more signs along the valley reiterated that if the weather was worsening or we were feeling fatigued, TURN BACK NOW! ... WOW!

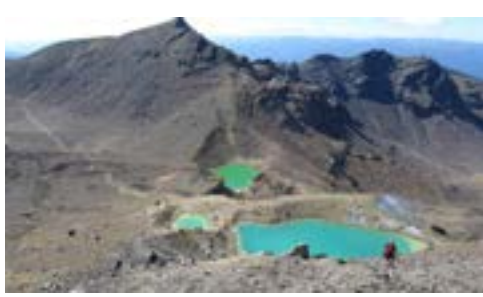
The trail was good, up a long, tussocky valley for about seven kilometres. It kept getting steeper, and as it did the greenery disappeared, the rocks got bigger, it became a gray and black scene of hostility. And it got tougher, steeper, colder. We stopped more to pant, get our breath back, have a quick drink of water. There were really cool loos along the way that looked like you could see right through them, but it was specially made wallpaper that looked like the rocks and hills behind them. There was a long, flat crater bottom to cross, with a sulphurous yellow wet area and Mt Ngauruhoe as its backdrop; then another mountain to climb, more black and gray ugliness, more difficult terrain.

And then there was the Red Crater, the focus of this volcanic mountain trail through hostile territory, a bright splash of rusty red, shades of lurid yellows, drools of whiteness. We stood on a ridge at its edge and couldn't see the bottom of it. It was magnificent! It was also perilous. It was a narrow ridge, the surface was gravely bits over smooth. We had a perfect day but I could imagine any little gust of wind, distraction of the camera, or slip of the foot could put you over the edge.

There was more UP, up over the highest peak where previous trampers had built a stone cairn, and down a steep, slippery slope to the Green Lakes, with several fumaroles steaming. We stopped for lunch and a break. The lakes are such a garish colour, they look poisonous.

Across the next broad crater plain with it's wave of black lava we could see the higher Blue Lake beckoning, so we trudged on. From Blue Lake I took a picture looking back: beyond the crater bottom with our trail meandering across it, the Red Crater and Mt Ngauruhoe appear one above the other, and the trail we'd descended winding down over the peak to the right. By this time we'd done about 12 kilometres of tough hiking and were getting tired. We just wanted to be finished, and eventually, we were.

Would we do it again? Yes. I would recommend it to any keen, FIT walkers. My friends PLAN to go again with their partners. I am 20 years older than any of them and my partner has a bum knee, so we probably won't. We had a perfect day of sunshine, no wind and few people. It doesn't get any better than that.



Waimea South Historical Society

by Arnold Clark

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – WAIMEA SOUTH FORTY NOT OUT

The Waimea South Historical Society Inc. is celebrating its 40 years of activity in the Waimea community, where it has researched and recorded much of the history of the area, at a function on the afternoon of 12th of June.

An afternoon tea with speeches and some entertainment and the cutting of an Anniversary Cake will be held at Willow Bank on Saturday the 12th of June starting at 2.00pm. Present and past members and other guests have been invited but the Society would welcome others who have an interest in the history of the local area.

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a Wakefield Historical Group was held in the Wakefield Public Hall Supper Room on the 7th of May 1981. There were 21 people present as well as six apologies.

Before this there had been a number of meetings held for people interested in researching and collating historical records of Wakefield – Spring Grove and the surrounding districts. This group was known as The Wakefield History Group.

It was felt the group needed wider powers and to become an Incorporated Society so after discussion it was agreed the new name was to be the Waimea South Historical Society Inc.

Mrs B Bint was elected President, Mrs J McPherson the Secretary and Mrs M Barton the Treasurer.

The first meeting of the new Historical Society took place on the 11th June at eight o'clock in the Supper Room of the Wakefield Public Hall. The minutes record that there were only 11 people present but 11 apologies.

So for 40 years the Society has been an important organization in keeping and extending knowledge of the history of the Waimea area. Over the years the membership has been fairly stable with a total of between 20 to 30 people. It tends to be a society that attracts older persons as people of that age treasure past memories more than the young.

In recent years the group's focus of interest has widened to include the plains area and Richmond. Meetings are now held in the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dorset Street.

Today eight monthly meetings are held each year. There is always a varied and interesting programme: talks about the lives of individuals and families, historical locations and places, heritage buildings, farms, cemeteries, and museums. Some of these places are visited as field trips.

The Society cooperates with local councils and libraries on historic matters and has a special section in the Tasman District Library where books, photos and manuscripts relating to Waimea South are stored.

It has also been instrumental in marking places of historic importance. The display boards outside the Rutherford Memorial Hall at Foxhill, the plaque identifying the site of the first Wakefield School and the display board about William Harkness at the carpark entrance to the Tasman District Library are three examples.

If you would like to know more about this Society and if you would like to attend the Anniversary afternoon on the 12th of June, please contact the Secretary, Arnold Clark phone 03 544 7834.

Wakefield & District Health Trust

by Don Everitt, Chairperson

Expressions of Interest – Trustees of the Wakefield and Districts Health Trust

The W&DHT is the landlord of the health centre operated by Wakefield Medical Practice. Our role is to maintain a building adequate for provision of medical services and enhancing the health related services of our community.

We have a limited number of positions available as trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Board of the Trust. We are looking for people with governance level skills or experience with community health or project management or other experience we might feel is relevant to our needs.

Our AGM is in July and it is time to make yourself known to us if you are interested. At present we meet monthly and there is some amount of board work between meetings.

TO APPLY

Please contact the Trust Secretary at wdhealthtrust@gmail.com to request the Expression of Interest form and job description. Please complete the Expression of Interest form and return via e-mail with your curriculum vitae and a brief covering letter to:

Secretary
Wakefield & Districts Health Trust
wdhealthtrust@gmail.com

All expressions of interest must be received by 5pm Friday 18th June 2021.

Queen Service Medal - Colin Gibbs

SON LIKE FATHER

It is with some pride that Colin Gibbs of Gibbs Valley was nominated and awarded a Queen Service Medal (QSM) on December 30th 2020 in the New Years Honours awards being 27 years following his father, Phil, making two QSM's in one family which could be quite rare.

Colin hasn't researched records but I know at least two other Wakefield people have received honours - Colleen Twin of Hunt Terrace, same year as Phil for her services to community and Waimea District Council; and John Bird of Bridge Valley for his services to Nelson Education Committee.

The process of awards is quite extended and not all nominations are accepted for any award but it is good that people are acknowledged for extended Volunteer Community work/support to help others. Colin's nomination apparently started early in 2020, by two women nominators. Colin was asked in about July whether he would accept the award, and said "why not?". Citation checked, and finally notified in December it was going to happen. All nominations actually are put forward to the Queen. Presentation of the engraved QSM medal was on the 7th May at a ceremony at Government House in Wellington by the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy. A very pleasant occasion with family groups of eight for each person to receive their award.

So what has Colin done?

Born in Hillcrest Hospital, Richmond (on the hill south of Richmond School) in 1944. Went to Wakefield School, (est. 1843), Waimea College in year three of establishment 1958. Part of college first XV rugby and first eleven cricket. Left college and worked on farm and local neighbours properties. Learnt to shear and helped John Moore and Wilson Richards in sheds from Rosedale to head of Howard Valley. Sprayed gorse with John Bird and brother Donald with one place being the first 100 acres of Lands and Survey Development Block at "Rosedale".

While still at college started Smallbore Rifle Shooting (now called Target Shooting) and became Nelson Number 4 Rep Shooter in the late 60s – 70s and now Patron of Club. Became involved with Young Farmers Club including stands of local President and Secretary also Provincial President. Along with wife Marilyn was part of committee that organised a national conference in Nelson where the Young Farmers Club and Country Girls Club were joined together as one entity.

After leaving college he didn't continue with rugby, although he had represented Nelson in lower grades, but played cricket for Wakefield Club - helped or was sole selector of a team, mowed the domain with our farm tractor, helped prepare pitch, captained the team and was selected to represent the Waimea's for "K"cup representation.

Being interested in sports Colin became part of the Wakefield Domain Board, (Lands and Survey) on Transitional to Recreational Reserve invested in the local Council. The soldier monument was on the domain also. Through family involvement joined St Johns Anglican Church Vestry, oldest church still in regular use in the South Island, and second oldest only to Russell in the North Island, and acted as Treasurer.

Through YFC and Shearing and Wool handling competitions got elected Region 1 South Island (Nelson Marlborough Westcoast) representative on South Island Committee and had a major part in its constitution as well as the National Committee. As national delegate once chaired national meeting. On the 21st anniversary South Island awarded Colin a Life Membership. The committee is now known as "Shear Sports". Colin is a shearing and wool handling judge and travels from Kaikoura to Golden Bay to Whataroa judging shearing.

On leaving Young Farmers Club at age 30 joined Federated Farmers becoming local Chair or Secretary, Chair of Nelson Federated Farmers, represented Federated Farmers on Nelson Acclimatisation Society and the transitional committee to Fish and Game along with Marlborough to form Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game. Helped start the Monitor Farm Programme with Westpac funding, now Beef and Lamb.

Helped setup and on board of Rural Support Trust for 20 years, 13 years as Chairperson. Traumas included Kaikoura earthquake, hail storm and flooding Riwaka, flooding Golden Bay, droughts, Pigeon Valley fire helping with large animals at A&P Association grounds. Previously had served on Nelson A&P Association and President in 1979 and 1980 being Chief Steward of either shearing or dog trials to this day.

Following family tradition been involved with Dog Trials all his life. Colin has been Chairman or Secretary for 34 years since 1971. Been on Marlborough Nelson Association and President for five years, chief organiser of NZ versus Australian Dog Trial Test at Nelson 2019. Been on NZ Sheep Dog Trial Association council and member of four person committee to update rules of the association. Life Member of both Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club and the Marlborough Nelson Provincial Dog Trial Association.

Been Chairman of Wakefield Community Council and continues as a trustee currently. Along with all this has been the support of family and wife. With Marilyn's love for theatre, this saw Colin set builder, backstage, on stage and kitchen duties. Sister City exchanges with Japan, China and Eureka – in Northern California have seen us travel to and host tours from there to show NZ farming life.

The next generation of the Gibbs family say – " No pressure Dad", but is doing a lot of volunteer work with narrow gauge trains at Tahunanui and stage productions for young people.

Photo taken at Government House - our family:

*Back Row: Chris Price, Hayley Gibbs, Nigel Gibbs (son), Tracy Gibbs
Front Row: Jennifer Price (Daughter) Marilyn Gibbs, Colin Gibbs and Michael Gibbs*



Community Centre

by Peter Verstappen

Community Centre Steering Group Presses On

Following a successful community meeting last November a steering group is taking the first small steps towards what we hope will be an exciting new community facility. The committee meets monthly and is working to this mission statement:

To establish a strategy and pathway to develop a multi-functional community centre in the Waimea South district.

Why “Waimea South” and not “Wakefield”? We decided Waimea South as a working title for the project because the provision in the TDC’s Ten Year Plan (currently being reviewed) is for a new community facility ‘in the Brightwater-Wakefield’ area. We’re also mindful of other communities – Tapawera, Belgrove, Dovedale, 88 Valley – whose needs could, and should, be considered in a community centre at this end of the District.

Naturally, we can see compelling reasons for sighting a new facility in Wakefield, not least the dire state of our dear old village hall, but there are more significant steps to be taken before deciding on a site, and these need to include many parties, so we’re working to build partnerships to get the best outcome for all.

Our work plan for the next year or so is:

Forming a legal entity

We will apply to become a Charitable Trust so we can begin fundraising in earnest and have a legal structure to manage the project.

Establishing key partnerships

We already have a close relationship with the Wakefield Community Council, and a recent meeting with the Brightwater Community Association and Wanderers Sports Club saw an amicable exchange of ideas and plans for future cooperation.

We made a written submission to the TDC’s review of the Ten Year Plan and several committee members followed that with a presentation at the Council’s review hearing, which was well received. As the TDC will be the major funder and owner of the centre we need to establish a good working relationship with Council planners and other staff – a priority for the next few months.

Engaging our community

If you attended the community meeting in November and put your name down for further involvement be assured you haven’t been forgotten. When we get a bit further down the track there will be lots to do. In the meantime, we’re keen to engage with everybody in Wakefield and the wider community. Contact us (see below) if you have an idea that will help move the project forward – everything is on the table at the moment.

Gathering ideas

We’ve had an excellent trip to the Moutere Hills community centre where we met with Katrina McLean, the centre manager, who gave us a detailed talk about their place; what works, how they set it up, some of the pitfalls to avoid, and how to sustain a centre once it’s up and running. We’ll do the same at Murchison shortly and are on the lookout for other places that we can learn from.

Developing a fundraising plan

The Wakefield Community Council has agreed to provide generous funding to establish the project, and from here we will set up a fundraising plan, with targets and strategy for engaging large and small donors.

Developing some concept plans

Once we’ve gathered ideas from existing centres and the community we’ll prepare some simple concept plans as talking points to stir up conversation and begin moving towards a design that meets what the community wants.

Conduct a feasibility study

With the TDC and others we aim to produce a project plan that begins to put some detail around timeframes, costs, location, engineering and future management structure. That’s some way off yet, but it’s on our plan.

If this sounds like something you want to be more closely involved with we’d be pleased to hear from you. Contact:

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WHAT'S ON IN WAKEFIELD & BRIGHTWATER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Circuit Class 6:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Circuit Class 9:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Total Barre 6:00pm Hope Community Hall</p> <p>Metafit/Core 6:00pm Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Brightwater School Hall</p> <p>Candlelit Yin 6.30 – 7:45pm 4 week course starting 3/5 Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Circuit Class 6:30pm Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p>	<p>Live Well, Stay Well Group 9:45am (fortnightly) Meets at various locations</p> <p>Seniors Movement & Balance 10:30am Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Social Indoor Bowls 1:00pm – 3:30pm \$2.50 per session Flat soled shoes preferred Wakefield Village Hall</p> <p>Junior Tennis Coaching 3:30 – 6:30pm Waimea West Club</p> <p>Release Yoga 5:00 – 6:15pm Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Candlelit Yin 6.30 – 7:45pm Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Brightwater Pilates 6:00pm Lord Rutherford Park Hall</p> <p>Powerhooping 6:00 – 7:00pm Casual \$12 (includes pwrhoop)</p>	<p>Circuit Class 6:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Circuit Class 9:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Energise Yoga 9.30am – 10.45am Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Gentle Rest Yoga 1:30pm – 12:45pm Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Yoga Class 6:30pm Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Lord Rutherford Park Hall</p>	<p>Circuit Class 9:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Powerhooping 9:15 – 10:15am Casual \$12 (includes pwrhoop) Brightwater Public Hall</p> <p>Seniors Movement & Balance 10:30am Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Energise Yoga 9:30am – 10:45am Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Prodigy Dance 2:15-2:55pm Preschool 3:15-4:00pm 5/6 yr olds 4:05-4:50pm 7-9 yr olds 4:55-5:40 10 yrs + Wakefield Village Hall</p> <p>Beginners/Int Yoga 5:00 – 6:15pm Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Metapro & Power Circuit 6:00pm Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wakefield School Hall</p> <p>Total Barre 6:00pm Hope Community Hall</p>	<p>Circuit Class 6:00am Casuals Welcome \$10 per session Wanderers Community Gym, Brightwater</p> <p>Energise Yoga 9:30am – 10:45am Koroko Yoga Studio Brightwater</p> <p>Brightwater Pilates 9:15am Lord Rutherford Park Hall</p> <p>Social Bowls 1:00pm Names in by 12.45pm \$5 per session Free for under 16 yrs Flat soled shoes required Wakefield Bowling Club</p> <p>Junior Tennis Coaching 3:30 – 6.30pm Wakefield Tennis Club</p>

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Your Financial Future

by Russell and Becky Johnson, Licenced Financial Advisers

ACC – Are you Self-Employed or a Business Owner?

Are you aware that ACC have a specific ACC benefit suited to business owners and the self-employed?

It is called CoverPlus Extra also known as CPX and if you have not applied to ACC for this cover, you will be on CoverPlus. CoverPlus suits salary and wage earners but not most self-employed business owners. Let's look at some of the benefits of CPX:

Firstly it is Agreed Value Cover

- When you claim you receive an agreed weekly benefit so you know exactly what you are paying for and what you will receive. With CoverPlus you need to prove your income at claim time and you will only receive 80% of what you actually paid tax on. For many business owners this means a 40-60% drop in real income.
- If your business continues to earn money after you are on claim these earnings will not be offset against your weekly ACC benefit. With CoverPlus business earnings can offset your benefit.
- If you split your income with your partner for tax reasons, then this can be included as your earned income.

No "Abatement" - this is a term ACC uses to calculate the reduction in benefit if you partially return to work.

- With CPX you will receive your full agreed benefit until you return to work fulltime (up to 30 hours per week). This means if you are able to work 10, 20 or even 30 hours per week you will still receive your full benefit entitlement. Of course if you are working limited hours you may just be keeping your business going but generating little revenue. Whereas with CoverPlus your weekly benefit will be reduced by the hours you work. For example if you work 10 hours per week your benefit will be reduced by 25% and if you are working 20 hours per week it will be reduced by 50%.
- With CPX you can work up to 30 hours per week and receive your full weekly benefit.

Occupation Classification

- You can have different classifications for each shareholder-employee to better reflect the work they do which can reduce your levies. You may reduce your levies by reducing your level of ACC benefit.
- If you have private Income Protection and/or business revenue protection you may be able to reduce your level of ACC benefit to avoid duplication and reduce your levies. Private income cover protects you against sickness as well as accident and will not reject your claim if you subsequently develop age-related degeneration.
- Levy savings can be significant, but professional advice is essential to ensure you get it right.

Are you new to business?

- You can arrange agreed value cover and pay your invoice with few surprises. With CoverPlus if you're new to business ACC will not know until your first tax return; then they send you two invoices, one for the past year and one for the coming year.
- With CPX you can arrange Agreed Value cover. With CoverPlus, due to the establishment costs associated with setting up a new business you may not be entitled to any ACC benefit.
- With CPX you can insure your income for an agreed amount, giving you certainty at claim time. On CoverPlus you will simply receive 80% of your pre-disability taxable earnings, if the IRD are aware of any.

Every business owner and self-employed person should have a review of their ACC with a professional financial adviser to ensure they do not have an unpleasant surprise if they are unfortunate enough to have an accident which prevents them from working. Certainty in the event of an ACC claim provides peace of mind – you may even save money on the levies at the same time!

Changing your ACC, particularly your level of weekly compensation is a complex issue and obtaining professional advice is highly recommended.

The aim is to reduce the possibility of a nasty surprise and have a degree of certainty about what you will be paid if you have an accident.

Please Note: This information is intended as a guide only – it is not advice and seeking professional advice is highly recommended.



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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant

Budget Alert 2021

As the first Budget since last year's election as well as all the pandemic chaos, maybe it's not surprising that Budget 2021 is a cautious one, emphasising wellbeing and aiming to stimulate sufficient activity to drive growth, spending, and confidence. Tagged 'securing our recovery', welfare support is highlighted. For business, a bundle of economic recovery measures unpack into training, infrastructure, and transformation plans in targeted industry sectors.

Changes affecting New Zealand businesses and investors are largely off-stage of the Budget. Some have already happened with more to come. The minimum wage increase and the new 39% tax rate on income of \$180k+ had the spotlight until changes to property investment took centre stage, extending the bright-line test period and phasing out mortgage interest deductibility on residential investment property. For employers, the Matariki public holiday is waiting in the wings, along with upcoming changes to sick leave (increasing employer-funded sick leave from five days to ten).

The debt we shouldered to get through the pandemic will be part of the scenery for the foreseeable future, although it must be said that the foreseeable future is not very far ahead just now. In a pre-Budget speech in early May, Minister of Finance Grant Robertson commented on global supply chain issues saying, 'The ongoing economic impact is uncertain and most forecasts continue to emphasise the likelihood of continued volatility.'

Businesses facing supply constraints may view improvements to wages and conditions as more items on the cost side of the balance. But across the Tasman, the Australian budget has just injected significant amounts into construction and infrastructure and their mining industry's back in boom. A possible skills drain overseas makes labour another potentially tight resource in the supply chain. The challenge may be to secure sufficient human resources and/or realise productivity gains to stay competitive.

Industry, Infrastructure and Housing

Long-term plans are being run through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, to increase productivity across seven areas of the economy. So far, Industry Transformation Plans (ITPs) have been developed for the agritech and construction sectors, and are currently being developed for digital technologies, advanced manufacturing, food and beverage and forestry and wood processing sectors.

Investment in research and development and increasing our effectiveness as exporters will be critical here. Research and development tax incentives to promote business innovation are quantified in Budget papers as \$40m for 2018/19, \$213m for 2019/20 and \$313m for 2020/21 in taxation foregone. The presumption is of a continuing trend at least for now.

SMEs in the tourism sector are promised \$200m to drive recovery in the sector, with focus on the hardest hit regions of Kaikoura, Mackenzie District, Queenstown Lakes, Fiordland and South Westland. The package also commits \$15m deployed by New Zealand Māori Tourism to support Māori Tourism operators.

A new Regional Strategic Partnership Fund is being established with \$66.11m, reprioritised from existing commitments, funded through the Provincial Growth Fund. It supports regional recovery and development priorities, including creating more productive, resilient, and sustainable regional economies.

A \$57.3b programme of infrastructure spending is planned from 2021 to 2025, including \$10b in roads and public transport projects, and \$810m on rail. A new Housing Acceleration Fund commits \$3.8b over four years to fund infrastructure and delivery of large-scale projects, providing a mix of public, affordable and market housing.

\$380m is allocated for Māori housing solutions, including building new houses in areas with high rates of Māori housing deprivation and repairs to existing stock. \$350m from the Housing Acceleration Fund has been ring-fenced for infrastructure to support the new builds. Several initiatives relating to tenancies are being introduced, totalling around \$100m, including \$16m for enforcement of Healthy Homes Standards.

Education, Training and Employment

Just over \$1b of new operating funding is committed to education along with just under \$730m of capital funding over ten years. \$44m for a digital skills training programme over two years will help provide core digital skills training to up to 60,000 small businesses, with supporting advisory services to help 30,000 businesses create digital business action plans.

The Training Incentive Allowance will be extended, enabling more people to access financial support for employment-related training. A 13.4% increase in Vocational Education and Training (VET) funding allocates \$279.5m to implement a unified funding system to better support work-integrated provision and learner needs and to help sustain a regional network of VET provision.

A 'Social Unemployment Insurance Scheme' is proposed, like the ACC system in some ways, but for unemployment. The proposal provides a worker who loses their job with 80% of their income for a fixed period, with minimum and maximum caps. The scheme will be jointly designed by a Social Insurance Tripartite Working Group comprising the Government, Business NZ and the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, with stakeholder and public consultation this year.



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Homes for Wakefield

by Sylvia Huxtable/Tony Aldridge

A HOME IS NOT JUST A BOX ON A PIECE OF LAND!

Homes for Wakefield Survey – presentation to Tasman District Council Strategy and Policy Committee Thursday 27th May. Tony Aldridge and Sylvia Huxtable spoke for the group. This article is a summary of our presentation.

We decided that we would focus on the recommendations we made to Council as a result of our survey.

Our survey respondents clearly want to see more 1-2 bedroom houses built in the village yet current Wakefield housing developments have few if any 1-2 bedroom houses with smaller sections on the plan. However the Council's 2018 Wakefield Settlement Area Report states that the proportion of over 65 year olds will DOUBLE in the next 20 years.

There must be savings to TDC and developers in having more dwellings in a fixed area - fewer footpaths and less pipe infrastructure for starters...

Tony talked about a housing development in the Port Hills near Christchurch which has a similar topography to Wakefield. The development has mixed-size building sites, with 70% of the sites for smaller homes. The developer told him it was difficult to push the plan through Christchurch City Council but there were cost savings resulting from the mixed-size building sites model.

He said "a seismic shift in thinking was needed for the Council to allow mixed housing to happen."

We asked the Tasman District Council to engineer a similar "seismic shift in thinking about how they engage with our community around housing issues."

If we all agree that a desirable outcome of future housing development is to build more quality homes that use less land, we need to

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talk to each other to educate all parties about the possibility of what this might look like. We need to learn from each other so we don't continue to just build more of the same boxes because that's what the community is familiar with and that's what's easy for the Council to consent.

Our survey showed a deep sense of community in the village. When we talk about housing development we need to talk about community development, otherwise we are just talking about a box on a piece of land and communities are not made up of boxes, they are made up of people.

People form a myriad complex connections with their wider community (reference our findings in the survey around Wakefield facilities, activities and events).

If Council is going to shift its thinking around housing and the community is going to shift its thinking around intensification there needs to be meaningful engagement about future development. Council, developers and community must talk together before any housing development gets the green light. We encourage the Council to reach out and engage with us!

While we feel our survey and our results were well received at Council we know the journey has just begun.

Please continue to support the Homes for Wakefield initiative, write to our Councillors: Christeen Mackenzie, Dean McNamara and Stuart Bryant, advise them of your issues and concerns around housing in Wakefield. We are looking forward to progressing these issues with our local councillors (as suggested by chair Kit Malling).

Thank you also for community support with several locals attending the meeting.

AUDITIONS

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(**from Intermediate age upwards**) and adults.

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Playcentre

by Rosie Hollands

What another fantastic month of Play Centre!

Fresh in our memories was a Play Centre version of a cross country for the tamariki. There were stepping stones to navigate, a tunnel to crawl through, hay bales to jump over, bubbles to dodge (or catch depending on your preference!) and a slippery goop slide to traverse.

For the extra little ones there was a couple of carts that they could be towed on around the course for the best view of their older siblings speeding through the course. One little one enjoyed it so much, we caught him napping on the way back around!

As per usual there are lots of cool things happening on session every day with all sorts of areas for the tamariki to explore and extend their learning. With the colder weather I particularly enjoyed some vegetable soup made by some keen and able young helpers. And it made for a fantastic smelling centre for the morning!



If you're hungry for some new experiences for your children then please come for a visit Monday to Friday, 9.30 to 12.00.



Bowls

by Julie Hall

On a beautiful sunny Anzac day we held our very popular tournament.

The day started with a BBQ breakfast, followed by our service officiated by Al Dudley, one of our members with Denis Hall having the honour of lowering the flag and our Patron Rona Vessey laying the wreath.

The bowls were eventually won by Bruce Smith's team from Richmond Bowling Club.

Also presented to the winning team is a trophy called the Feathers. It actually started in 1912 which was a competition played amongst the Nelson clubs. The Wakefield feathers in the trophy were probably similar to the feathers worn on soldiers hats during the Boer War.

Winter season starts 15th May running through until September.



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Opening Hours
Saturday
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Anyone who has stopped into the Toy Library recently may have noticed a few new toys added to the collection. Some of which include these beautiful John Deere tractors kindly donated to us from Drummond and Etheridge. A HUGE thank you to D&E for their generosity; they have been flying out the door to be put to work in many backyards already! Come to collect your kids dream tractor for a fortnight every Saturday, 9.30 to 11.30!




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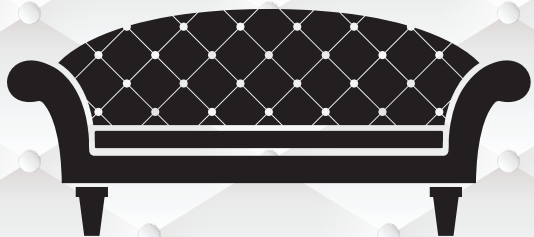
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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Now that we're back into pig hunting season it seems a good time for a refresher on pig dog care and wound care...

Nutrition

Food is not just brown stuff in and brown stuff out! Your hunting dogs are athletes so they should be fed accordingly, ideally a top quality working dog formula. These foods provide

- high quality animal protein for muscle function and repair
- high quality fats to enhance endurance and maintain condition
- easily digested carbs for fast and sustained energy release
- antioxidants to maintain a strong immune system
- omega-3 fatty acids for healthy skin and pads
- glucosamine/chondroitin for joints and cartilage

You might be thinking so what? But why wouldn't you want your dogs to have more stamina, heal faster from injuries and have more resistance to infection and disease? Nowadays we can do so much better than the unbalanced nutrition provided by raw meat. We also have to be aware of food-borne disease such as Go-Slow which is seen in dogs that eat wild pork.

Worming

Regular 3-monthly worming of all dogs with a broad-spectrum wormer is essential to avoid buildup of intestinal worms. Roundworms are very common but hookworm and whipworm can cause intestinal bleeding and anaemia as well as digestive problems and weight loss – none of which are good for highly active hunting dogs.

Bedding/insulation

Give your dogs insulation against cold nights and they'll use less energy keeping warm, have more energy for tomorrow's hunt and recover faster.

How do I manage wounds?

The key to getting your dog back up and running well is getting wounds clean and allowing drainage. Pigrips are messy contaminated traumatic injuries.

- * Be ready to help your dog if it's injured. Have some basic first aid equipment – carry it when hunting or at least have it in your truck: bandage, tape, saline, swabs, scissors, tweezers, forceps, iodine (NOT wound powder!), tampons/pads to put in/on wounds, a clean towel, clean plastic bags.
- * Control bleeding with pressure
- * Remove any obvious vegetation, use tweezers or forceps if necessary.
- * Remove any obvious contamination with saline or water. Lots of water is good but make sure it drains out of the wound not into the dog!
- * Prevent more contamination (especially if there's a wound over the chest or abdomen) using bandage or a clean towel.
- * Try to prevent more damage, bleeding and pain by limiting movement – use bandage, carry your dog or drive to the dog if possible/necessary.

If you need more help:

Phone us ASAP – the fresher the wound, the easier/cheaper it is to repair (however sometimes we delay surgery if dogs are dehydrated or have lost a lot of blood).

If there is a wound over the chest or abdomen, we strongly recommend getting it checked by us. Penetration into the chest cavity or abdomen can be fatal, even weeks later, due to untreated infection or diaphragmatic tears.

Always remember the wound you see on the outside rarely reflects the amount of damage on the inside. If in doubt, always bring them into the clinic. Don't put wound powder or antibiotic sprays on wounds before bringing them in. And - Wounds heal better when a dog is rested, fed well and kept warm and dry.

Rest your dog as long as possible – damaged muscles and tendons can take weeks to return to full strength. Going out too early can delay and even prevent return to full fitness.

Only remove surgical drains if you have been shown how to – we spend a lot of time looking for lost drains inside dogs!



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June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

Thank You!!



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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

Marlborough Nelson Marine Radio Assn
Adrian Mullan 021 118 4832
www.mmr.org.nz

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 Wed 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, Dovedale Hall, 29 Moonlight Road Glenhope, Corner of Totara View Road and Kilkenny Place, Southfuels Spring Grove, Belgrove Cafe and Bar [what was], Lake Rotoiti Fire Station, Golden Downs Golf Club, 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**.

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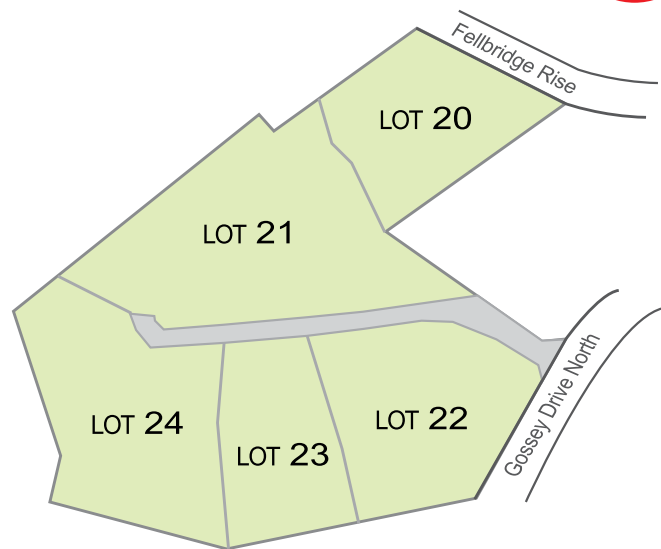
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