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*Your Local News*

## Community News for the Wakefield Area

### Higgins Heritage Park Happenings *by David Win*

With the usual build up of activity towards Christmas and the ongoing uncertainties with covid requirement changes, it is important to continue to take care of ourselves and make sure we and our families maintain a balanced lifestyle.

Here at Higgins Heritage Park we have approximately 11 acres of good country air as well as our selection of museum sheds of vintage equipment, machinery and exhibits.

Our photo this month is a group of our Vintage Engines & Machinery members taking a well-earned break after spending the morning restoring vintage tractors. Anyone interested in farm equipment, machinery or small engines is very welcome to come along.

We wish all Window on Wakefield readers a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year from our Higgins Heritage Park Member Groups – Pigeon Valley Steam Museum (2013) Inc, Historic Transport Museum Trust, Rover Car Club Nelson Inc, Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club Inc, Army Centre Group Inc, and The Ray Win Collection.

The following are our planned open days:

**Sunday 5 December –**  
Steam up, jigger and honey train rides, member sheds open day

**Sunday 19 December –**  
All member sheds open, bush rail jigger rides

**Sunday 2 January 2022 –**  
Steam up and Annual Community Craft Fair – dependent on covid requirements

**Sunday 16 January –**  
All member sheds open day, bush rail jigger rides



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# Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good afternoon Wakefield

Early Saturday morning, 13th November, at around 1am in the morning our fire siren went up and some people in the community have been asking why it went off. There are several reasons why this may occur and all good reasons. Currently we have three methods of getting called out to an incident from 7am to 7pm and this is done by the station siren going off, our pager system as well as our cell phone system also go off. From 7pm to 7am during the evening and night-time only our pagers and cell phone systems will go off. However if our pager and cell phone systems fail, comms in Christchurch can manually turn our siren on to raise the alarm or it can be manually turned on at the station if required. On the Saturday morning in question we had a system failure, so comms pushed the siren button.

Wakefield Resilience group held its six monthly meeting at the St John's Church auditorium with the Nelson/Tasman Civil Defence group. Currently the Wakefield Resilience group is made up of 15 people from our community; three fireman, two police officers, one from the primary school, four from St John's Church that will run the evacuation centre, one from the medical centre, one from the pharmacy and three people within our community.

The way that you can help the resilience group is to ensure that you and your family have a plan if a large event happens, making sure you have a communication with the family, making sure that you know what to take if you have 20 minutes to pack and leave your



house or can you and your family survive at home for seven days without going to the shops?

Take care and be safe  
 Fritz Buckendahl  
 CFO Wakefield

Calls from October 24th to November 24th	
Vegetation fire	Tea Pot Valley
Medical	Wakefield
Medical	Wakefield
Car over bank	Wakefield
Medical	Wakefield
Car over bank	Wakefield
Smoke in area	Brightwater
Smoke in area	Brightwater
Smoke in area	Brightwater
Car vs house	Wakefield
Medical	Wakefield
Car vs pedestrian	Wakefield
Medical	Wakefield
Medical	Brightwater
Medical	Wakefield
Car off road	Lee Valley
Truck vs cyclist	Wakefield
Total calls for this year = 138	
Total calls 2020 = 127	

## On the Beat

Hello everyone!

We are blessed to have our highly trained group of volunteers that give up their time to become the firemen / women and ambulance officers. Recently, emergency services have attended several very serious motor vehicle crashes and medical events. To watch these volunteers at work at these scenes and how they resolve some very complicated issues while dealing with victims with the upmost care and compassion is something that our community should be very proud of. Both Jamie and I thank you for your service and your families for allowing you to assist in the community.

Christmas is fast approaching, and I take this opportunity to remind everyone to please take care of your property. In this day and age, there is always someone out there willing to take advantage and help themselves to your hard-earned possessions. Be aware that people are using technology now to scope out properties that are a distance from the road. Please make sure that your cars, houses or sheds are locked up and secure.

Of late there has been a lot of talk on social media about suspicious activity. If you notice anything please let us know by phoning 111 or if you come into the station and there is no one there, drop off a note in the mail slot and we will follow it up. The social media aspect does not always filter back to us.

I recently attended The Little People Preschool here in Wakefield, what an awesome bunch of kids! If you didn't know, because I didn't, the Wakefield Police car can fit in roughly 14 pre schoolers. I think I was lucky to leave with all my kit, there were a few little people running around with the police hats. Thankyou Rainie and your team.

If you are travelling around over the Christmas period, take care on the roads out there and enjoy the time with your friends and family. Stay safe and be kind to one another in what has been a challenging and unsettling year for most.

Merry Christmas  
 Constable Matt Berquist + Constable Jamie White



# Health Centre

## Christmas and New Year, and Enrolments

by Gavin Drummond

As in previous years we will only be closed for the statutory holidays. During the short week between Christmas and the New Year we will be running a skeleton staff at reduced hours and will only be accepting acute appoints on the day. The team here at your Health Centre wish you a peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year.

As many of you will be aware we recently restricted enrolments to our practice to those South of the Brightwater Bridge. This has not led to the reduction in numbers we have needed. For the safety of our current patients and our practice team we have made the difficult decision to stop all new enrolments for at least the next six months.

You may have experienced the frustration of our lack of availability of appointments with our GPs and we feel as though we cannot make the situation any more difficult than it already is. One of our GPs moved on in June and we have had to look abroad to replace him. We do have a new GP from Holland starting in February and this will ease the pressure somewhat. In the meantime we appreciate your patience while we strive to provide the best healthcare we can.

## Covid 19

by Dr Kim Hurlow

Gosh, aren't these interesting times. Right now we are preparing for the likelihood that COVID will be spreading in our community over the next few months. We are planning to continue to provide at least our essential services (and preferably our normal care) while dealing with the increased load of caring for COVID patients at home, as well as assessing seriously unwell patients needing hospital admission. It is great to see the vaccination rates continuing to rise, and at least somewhat reassuring that with the demonstrated effectiveness of the vaccine, this will mean many less hospitalisations and deaths – and it is more likely our health system will not crash under the pressure as the spread is slowed (the so called 'flattening of the curve').

It does concern us here at the Wakefield Health Centre that some of our areas and people most likely to become very unwell with COVID, or who have difficulty accessing emergency help have some of the lowest vaccination rates. Low community vaccination rates will mean more serious illness, as well as a quicker spread through the community (lots of cases at the same time) which makes it hard for our limited resources to provide the best care to each one affected.

### If you are still considering vaccination, especially if you live rurally, we would encourage you:

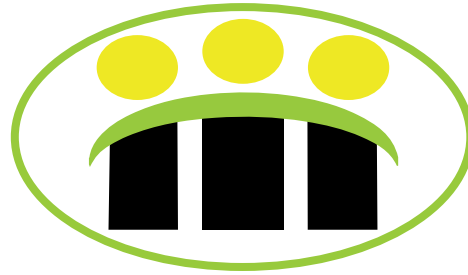
Don't delay any longer if you are planning to have it but just haven't yet. We get it, you don't want to take time off work if you feel a bit fluey for a day or two (statistically it is more likely you will feel fine) or get a sore arm. But it will be much more inconvenient (and more days off work!) to have COVID infection, as well as the other limitations you will face in daily life from remaining unvaccinated.

If you have medical fears, we are happy to discuss these with you. Write to your GP through the patient portal, book an appointment to discuss or call to speak to one of our nurses. User friendly information is also available about the NZ vaccination programme on the Ministry of Health Website (COVID 19 information), detailed safety and monitoring data on the Medsafe website (our centre for monitoring medicine safety and side effects). A comprehensive collection of evidence on all the ongoing trials for treatment of COVID itself, all of which are experimental, can be found on this Australian website <https://covid19evidence.net.au/>

If you are particularly worried about the Pfizer vaccine and would like an alternative (the AstraZeneca vaccine), either for both doses or your second dose, this is now available through the book my vaccine website <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/> or call 0800 28 29 26 to book. For those with concerns, this is also an alternative to the mRNA technology used in the Pfizer vaccine (though the Pfizer vaccine remains our first choice as a country for its safety and efficacy).

If you are not 'antivax' as we have heard many of you say, but want to exercise your freedom to choose, please do exercise that freedom by considering all the consequences for yourself and others for each of your options and choose logically what you consider best, putting to one side the natural resistance you might feel at being told what to do.

Getting vaccinated has never been easier. You can even have it here in Wakefield at the pharmacy. It is the best protection for yourself, your whanau and community. We'll be here caring for this community whatever your decision, and whatever the next few months look like.  
Nga mihi nui



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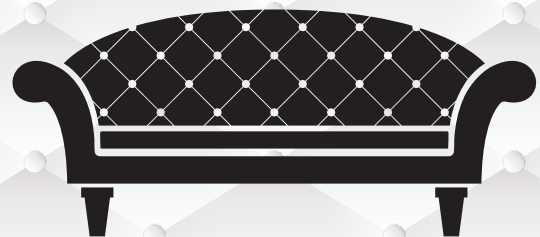
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# Team Heyward Property Talk

## Keep Your Property Safe & Secure These Holidays

Hi All!

Hope you are all well and happy heading into the festive period. It has been another strange year for us all and it will be good to see a new year in in spite of the fact that our Covid related issues are not yet behind us. Hopefully the country will gradually begin to open up again and with the warmer weather finally here, it is a great time to get away for a holiday. If you are planning on exploring our own beautiful backyard, here are some helpful ideas to keep your home safe while you are away.



Enjoy, have fun and stay safe from the team at Bayleys Wakefield.

### Home security to deter burglars:

- \* Lock your doors and windows.
- \* Record the serial numbers of expensive electronic items and photograph these and other valuables, email images to you home email for vault storage.
- \* Keep valuables out of sight, ie jewellery, cameras and electronic games.
- \* Install an alarm system, get sensor lights fitted.
- \* Keep garden sheds and garages locked when not in use.
- \* Keep hedges or plants around doors and windows well-trimmed, don't give the burglar a place to hide.
- \* Stop your mail and paper if you are going away or arrange for someone to collect it.
- \* Keep the house secure when you are out in the garden or yard.
- \* Note down registrations of any suspicious vehicles, often burglars will scope out the place beforehand.
- \* Join or form a neighbourhood support group.

### Going on holiday:

- \* Make arrangements for your mail and newspaper to be stopped or collected by a friend or neighbour.
- \* Hide valuable items, financial documents and spare keys to vehicles.
- \* Lock your garages and any sheds.
- \* Set timer switches on lights and/or radios.
- \* Don't mention on your voicemail you will be away from home for a few days.
- \* Be aware that burglars have access to social media. If you are going away don't post this publicly on your social media.
- \* Get a neighbour or friend to make regular checks on the property. They can even close curtains in the evening and turn lights on to give the appearance that someone is home.



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# Bowls

by Julie Hall

The bowling club has been busy playing the club championship games, only the men and women singles and fours to be played.

Our tournament on Thursday 10th November was won by Monica Kennedy and her team from Richmond (photo right). Again thank you to Wakefield Health Centre for the sponsorship.

The next tournament will be held on December 15th and will be sponsored by Wendy Pearson from Tall Poppy.

The bowling club on Thursday 11th November held the competition Town v Country. Four town clubs and four country clubs played each other, town won overall on a wet dull day!

We will be running our yearly Christmas raffle, if you see any of the members selling tickets in Wakefield and Brightwater it would be appreciated if you could support us by buying one or two or even three tickets!! Thank you This is our main fundraiser for the year, prizes are three food hampers.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Happy New year



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## St John's Developments

by Ewan Crouch

The 175th celebrations have been wound up and the accounts completed. The celebration committee is most grateful to Tasman District Council for the community grant of \$1500, which enabled the books to be balanced.

St John's land includes three hectares behind the Worship Centre. The next project for the parish is to consider the options to develop social type housing with a specialised housing provider like Habitat for Humanity, on the northern corner of this land.

The Homes for Wakefield subcommittee of the Wakefield Community Council's survey indicated that there is a need for smaller one or two bedroom houses. The whole country is crying out for cheaper affordable accommodation. It is very fortunate that Tasman District Council Plan may allow increased residential density and/or expedite the resource consent process for such a proposed development, on this land.

The project is at the prefeasibility stage of getting a geotechnical engineering assessment which would cost \$8,900. This amount includes the hire of an excavator (one eight hour day for a 12t to 15t machine) approximately \$1,700. A local born professional senior Geotechnical Engineer is giving some of his own time voluntarily to this project. Is there anyone in the community with such a machine who is willing to donate their time so this project can move forward?

If you can help, please contact Ewan Crouch on 022 314 0394.

This wonderful model of St John's Church was donated to the church recently by a very talented model crafter who wishes to remain anonymous.

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# Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

On 9th November the Live Well Stay Well Group had a presentation given to us by Sylvia Huxtable and Tony Aldridge from the group called, Homes for Wakefield. This is a sub committee of the Wakefield Community Council, the other members being Laura Richardson, Richard Martin and Sonja Lamers.

Decision making about future housing is usually a conversation amongst property development companies, building companies and Tasman District Council (TDC) planners, with no community consultation. This is why the 'Homes for Wakefield' group came about, as a link to TDC, to talk to developers, media, articles in WOW, networking and information gathering, giving the community a voice and creation of a housing survey for local residents.

Sylvia and Tony told us "housing is a big Issue" and the TDC's plan identifies Wakefield as a population growth area. They spoke about how homes can help a community stay healthy and how we can create a community with mixed housing for mixed ages.

The survey done in 2020 was presented to the TDC. There were 194 respondents, with the results being published in Window on Wakefield Issue 100 April 2021. All past issues of WOW can be found online at [www.wakefield.org.nz](http://www.wakefield.org.nz).

Respondents want to see a mix of options for housing, both small and large houses. Over 60% want more 1-2 bedroom homes and more than 50% want more retirement units. There is some support for 3-4 bedroom homes and lifestyle blocks but building multilevel homes and building 'up', is not a popular option.

Sylvia and Tony both said the 'voice of Wakefield' is not being heard. So come along to Wakefield Community Council monthly meetings and show your interest in Homes for Wakefield when TDC wants to engage with our community locally. Check Focus Wakefield Facebook page for up to date information. For more info, email [homesforwakefield@gmail.com](mailto:homesforwakefield@gmail.com)

A big thank you to Sylvia and Tony from all of us present for your enthusiastic and informative presentation today and all the work you and the committee do behind the scenes.



## SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT MOUTERE-WAIMEA WARD RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP)

On 15 October the Tasman District Council invited submissions on the draft Moutere-Waimea Ward (RMP).

Buried between pages 185 and 189 is a fine-combed description of the Wakefield Recreation Reserve and a raft of suggestions for its future use.

The Recreation Reserve is all the land between Pigeon Valley Road and Baigent's Bush Reserve, including McGazzaland, the football grounds, tennis courts, Rifle Club and the 7.5ha of farmland purchased by the Council in 2018. As an amenity and community resource it balances Faulkner's Bush - the other jewel in Wakefield's crown.

To everybody interested in a new community facility in Wakefield (and we believe everybody should be) the RMP is an invitation to get going, because the concept plan for the Recreation Reserve, printed below, comes with a possible location and footprint for a new community facility.

No worries, you have until 17 December to have your say on the review and you can do it online;

search for  
Moutere-Waimea Ward  
Reserves Project  
on the TDC website:  
[www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz).



by Sandra Smith

The last outing for the year for Live Well Stay Well was on 23 November, when we visited the Hidden Sculptures Garden at Tapawera, owned by Rachel and David Carson.

It was an enjoyable and relaxing morning as we wandered around the extensive grounds, viewing the many sculptures. The more we looked, the more we saw, as some of them were indeed hidden among the trees and shrubs. Many of the sculptures were of wood, created by David Carson, and appeared to leap out of tree trunks and tree roots.

Fascinating and amazing how they were created. There were also some metal sculptures, and the adjoining gallery featured more interesting creations and paintings, and some jewelry on sale.

After our wander around the sculptures we enjoyed our picnic lunches sitting outside in the sunshine, and catching up with each other. The weather was perfect, the surroundings peaceful; an ideal way to finish our year.

Our Live Well meetings will begin again next year, probably in March but we will keep you informed. Meanwhile, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and relaxing summer with friends and family.

Keep well, Sandra, Sonja and Christine

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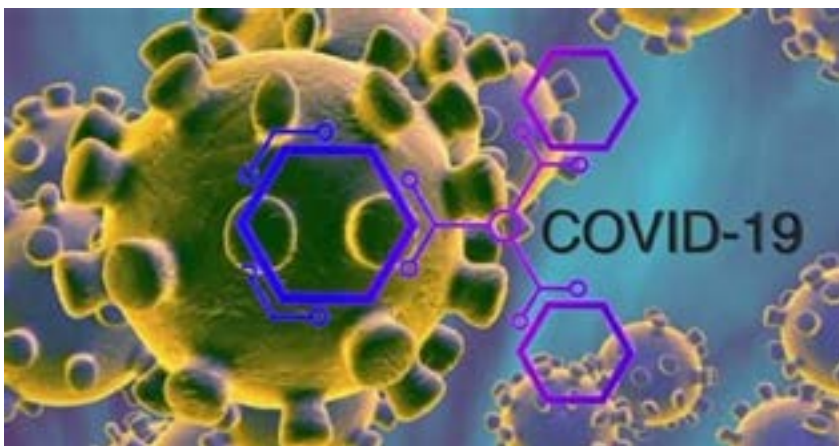
## Does Covid-19 affect my life, disability & health insurance?

The short answer No! If you have an existing life insurance policy, or if you have an income protection policy, and you die or become disabled due to Covid-19 or related symptoms you can expect that your insurance will perform as if you are diagnosed with any other medical condition. The same applies if you have insured your business for loss of revenue if you are unable to work due to sickness or accident.

If you are insured with any of the mainstream insurers, and this is most likely, then your existing policy wording cannot be changed to exclude the symptoms of Covid-19, or the consequences of becoming infected, on any of the insurance cover you currently have in place.

The same applies to any consequences of the virus, or of having the vaccination. For example, a family member of ours suffered Myocarditis following the second vaccination resulting in a weakened heart and some dead heart tissue, his existing insurance would cover him for this.

When we consider Trauma Insurance (also called Critical Illness Cover & Living Assurance) we need to remember this only covers specific named conditions, and of course Covid-19 is not one of these and is unlikely to ever be.



However, if you suffer from a specified condition as a result of contracting Covid-19, or as a result of the vaccine, then you will be covered even though Covid-19 was the trigger event or cause.

So, let's talk about Private Medical Insurance – most policies do not have guaranteed policy wording like life, trauma & income insurance. This means that the insurer can send you a letter changing the policy wording and could, if they wish, exclude Covid-19 from your existing medical insurance policy.

However, some private medical insurers do have "Guaranteed Policy Wording", these insurers cannot change your policy once in force (except to improve it). You should contact your insurer to check your policy to see if you have guaranteed policy wording.

As we speak, no insurer in NZ is applying any Covid-19 restrictions to new policies taken out, so now is a great time to review your insurance programme and ensure it is up to date and that your family and your business are adequately protected.

**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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# Wakefield School

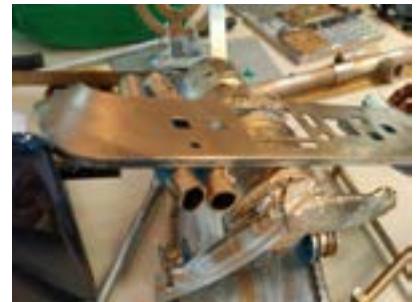
## Senior Team Update

Our 3 Karearea classes have been working on our Steampunk projects for the last four weeks. We have had to research what Steampunk is and how steampunk creations are made.

We learned that steampunk can mean upcycling an existing item such as a handbag or a hat but can also be an object created from various parts of broken things. In the pictures you can see various creations using lots of different parts of scrap. We needed to work in teams and be resourceful with what we could find and/or swap. They are now on display in our school library for others to enjoy.

We have also been creating some cool art inspired by the artist Romero Britto. Romero Britto is a Brazilian artist whose distinct graphic style blends Pop Art with Cubist-like abstraction. We hope you enjoy these colourful pieces of work :)

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Room 7, 8 and 9 Wakefield School.



## Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

Wakefield Toy Library held their AGM on the 19th of November at the Wakefield Pub, and locked in a record ten committee members for the coming year! Woohooo!

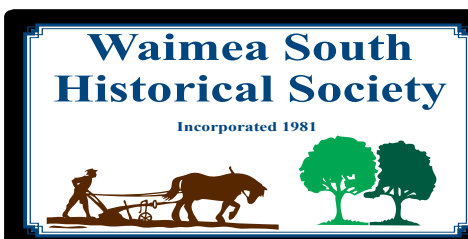
As Chairperson Dave pointed out, this is an incredible achievement considering only two years ago we were facing closure due to very low committee numbers and low overall membership. Wakefield Toy Library today is a true asset to our village and surrounding areas. Diverse and quality toys are available for loan in exactly the same way as a book library works. On top of this however is the sense of community that dropping in to the Toy Library on a Saturday morning gives. Parents, grandparents and carers meeting and catching up and children excitedly choosing which toys they will be walking away with for a fortnight of fun, honestly, Toy Libraries are genius!

We wouldn't be in the strong place we are today if it weren't for the generous support we have received from local businesses and funding bodies. A very big thank you goes to Wendy Pearson of Tall Poppy Real Estate for her generous and ongoing support of the Wakefield Toy Library, she really is a true community champion.

Thanks also to Stihl Shop Richmond, Nelson Pine, Tasman District Council, Network Tasman Trust, Top of the South Community Foundation and COGs for grant funding and support.

Lastly thanks to all our families who have joined the Toy Library over the past year, you are the reason for the Toy Libraries existence and as committee members we love meeting you all on a Saturday morning. Looking forward to continued fun, joy and friendship through the Wakefield Toy Library into 2022.

The Wakefield Toy Library Committee



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# In The Bush

We held our last weeding/maintenance day on Saturday the 20th November, just a week later as we were rained out the previous time. A committee decision was also made to start our year again in February 2022 (YES next year) so as to give our members a very well deserved rest and extra time to enjoy the best of the coming festive season. However some of our members will still be seen over this time (in our new vivid green volunteer vests – thanks to donations to the society and also the design work from the team Genie & Lindsay at Promote You) doing those extra weeding's and maintenance jobs. As you can imagine from working in your own gardens the added benefit of rain has also seen an increase in weeds and prolifically so for our reserves.

We have had an amazing year, with the highlight of the 3,000 native trees planted at Robson's Scenic Reserve. Do spare a thought, as you enjoy our Scenic Reserves for all the efforts that our society members undertake to keep them in such good condition. With special thanks to our member Eric Palmer, who gives 3-4 hours most days in extra work at the Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve.

May I take this opportunity also to thank many in the community and region who have supported us in our commitment as guardians for our Scenic Reserves here in Wakefield.

Do feel free to contact me should you have any concerns.

Very best wishes to you all for a wonderful festive season with family and friends.

Doug South, President, Phone 03 541 8980 (has a message minder) Mob Evie 027 907 2879, Email [tuiville@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tuiville@xtra.co.nz)

## BIRDS IN OUR BUSH

### The Morepork (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*) Māori names Ruru, Koukou, Peho

This bird features in many legends and lore of the Maoris' some of which are as follows;

If they called out in the day time it was a bad omen. If it was heard to call out at the junction of tracks in the bush, it was a sign that a war party was on the move. If heard calling on the arrival of a visitor and on succeeding nights this was a sign the visitor was protected by that particular Morepork. It was also a good sign if it hooted at tribal gatherings.

On the prediction of weather its calling meant different things; if heard only once at night it was a sign of bad weather or heard answering one another meant a storm was brewing, whereas the appearance of many Morepork in the autumn was a sign of gales and heavy weather.

Originally a bird of the native forest especially lowland podocarp and hardwood, now it also lives in man-made habitats; such as parks and pine plantations. It is widely distributed throughout forests of the three main islands from sea level up to the bush lines and most large off shore islands and is the only owl living in New Zealand forests.

They feed mainly on insects, spiders, lizards, birds, rats also mice which are taken as live prey. Which make them susceptible to poison where the animals such as mice and rats are not killed outright. Breeding takes place in early October to November. Nest sites are most commonly in tree hollows, but other sites are used if suitable, as long as they give good protection.

The normal clutch is two eggs being of a dull white colour. Incubation lasts for 30-31 days with only the female incubating them and she is fed by the male during this time. The chicks fledge after about 34 days and the female stays with them until they are feathered and only leaves the nest for short hunting excursions.

Regards Doug South, President, Phone 541 8980  
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An advertisement for the 'Space' programme. It features a cartoon owl character and a photograph of a baby playing with toys. The text reads: 'Learn, play and grow with your baby', 'Space', 'mou, mā te pāpā! for you and your baby'. Below the image, it says: '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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:fiona.programmes@playcentre.org.nz) (Ph. 027 808 6797 or (03) 545 6512) or find our Facebook page @SPACENelson.'

The Scouts New Zealand logo, featuring a fleur-de-lis with two stars and a rope knot below it. To the right, the word 'SCOUTS' is written in large white letters with a registered trademark symbol, and 'New Zealand' is written below it. Further right, the text 'ADVENTURE PLUS!' is written in a stylized, bold font. At the bottom right, it says 'Wakefield Scout Group' and 'wakefieldgroupleader@gmail.com'.



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by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

## Getting Pet-Prepared for Summer!

Well another strange and unpredictable year has almost gone by! Here are some things to think about for our animals so we avoid any unexpected complications and all enjoy the summer:

- If you are going away leave contact numbers for your vet as well as your mobile phone number with your pet carer. Have a chat so it's clear what your expectations are for your pet if something goes wrong, especially if you are not able to be contacted. If you are taking your pet with you, remember all their bits and pieces including any medication.
- Are your pets' vaccinations up to date? Vaccinations for respiratory viruses in cats, and Parvovirus plus Canine Cough in dogs must be up to date in order to stay in boarding facilities. Call us for advice if you're not sure and don't leave it until the last minute!
- Beware of novel objects which could be swallowed by your pets such as Christmas tinsel, strings from the roast, kebab sticks from the barbecue, fish hooks/fishing line (often attached to a fish!) and potentially obstructive food such as chop bones, corn cobs and peach stones.
- Most of us know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. There is definitely more chocolate around at Christmas so remember to keep it out of reach of your dog. Remember dogs are very good at finding the wrapped chocolate under the tree!
- Take care giving your dog leftovers from the BBQ or roast – bones, large amounts of fat and onions can all cause serious internal problems for dogs.
- Another food-related hazard is old food that your pet might find in compost heaps, rubbish bins and out on walks. There are millions of weird microbes growing in these places that if eaten by your pet (especially dogs) can cause all sorts of symptoms from tummy upsets through to poisoning and seizures.
- Toxic algae are a warm weather hazard in our rivers. It's safest to avoid the rivers in summer and head to the beach instead.
- Heatstroke is common over summer particularly in larger dogs. NEVER leave dogs in the car on a hot day, even in the shade with windows down. Offer frequent drinks/stops on journeys. Restrict exercise to cooler parts of the day. Limit the length of walks especially for young energetic dogs, old dogs and dogs with medical problems. Provide shade for dog kennels and rabbit/guinea pig cages.



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- Clipping long haired pets can prevent problems such as overheating, soiling, skin infections and grass seed problems. We often clip the underside/belly of long haired cats, and advise clipping under ears and around the feet of long haired dogs. Some long haired dogs which aren't traditionally clipped (eg Border Collies) are much more comfortable and active, even if they do look a bit odd!

- Check your dog's paws, ears, 'armpits' and groin daily for grass seeds. This is particularly important for fluffy dogs especially spaniels, poodles and all their crosses. It may seem a hassle to do this but it can be an expensive, time-consuming and painful process to find grass seeds once they are inside your dog!

- Warm weather accelerates development of flea eggs and larvae so flea prevention is important. We have many products available to suit your pets and their lifestyle including oral tablets, topical treatments and long-lasting collars. Some products now last six months or more so it's easy to keep your pet and house flea-free.

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# Community Notices



## WAIMEA AREA QUILTERS



**WISHES ALL OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR OPENING MEETING - A RETREAT  
AT PARETAI LODGE Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Payment to be made by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**NEW LADIES OF ALL QUILTING/PATCHWORK LEVELS, ALWAYS  
WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDLY GROUP!**

Club Contact for all information:- Nikki on 0273393444 or [muzzbuzz@ts.co.nz](mailto:muzzbuzz@ts.co.nz)

Retreat Information:- Margaret on 0210588216 [marobnz@gmail.com](mailto:marobnz@gmail.com)

## Spring Grove Church of Christ

Main Road, Spring Grove

**Worship and Communion Sundays 10am**

You are welcome to attend. Ph 541 8011

### "O Holy Night"

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and they will call him "Immanuel" which means  
God with us."

**Matthew ch 1 vs 23, NIV**



**WILLOW  
BANK**  
HERITAGE  
VILLAGE



1KM  
SOUTH OF  
WAKEFIELD

## HELPERS REQUIRED FOR WILLOWBANK OPEN DAYS

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER TO MAY

Financial reimbursement will be paid

Email Christine for more information

[willowbank2002@gmail.com](mailto:willowbank2002@gmail.com)

## THE WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY BUS IS NOW RUNNING AGAIN



Volunteer drivers are still needed but the bus can now run  
on Tuesdays at Level 2.

You **must** be Covid vaccinated with a valid vaccination  
pass, wear a mask and sign in on boarding.

Visit [ntctt.org.nz](http://ntctt.org.nz) for a timetable and phone 020 4195  
8866 to book your seat or for further information.

Use the bus when you can and help keep the service

Provided by: **running.**  
Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust aims to create sustainable transport  
options for Tasman communities Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust  
(NTCTT) is supported by the Community Connect MSD funding/grant,  
TDC & Lotteries Commission



## MAINLY MUSIC

Wakefield St Johns Anglican Worship Centre

Monday's 10.00am. Cost \$4.00 per family.

This is a time for parents and children to enjoy  
music, song, dance and lots of laughs.  
Any queries please phone Jill Stewart 541 8382.

# Community Classifieds

**FOR SALE** August  
Dolls new and old, also knitted and sewn clothes for your doll.

Will make to order, also will make favourite outfit into dolls clothes eg jeans and frocks.

Do dolls nappies, ponchos, jersies, hats, trousers, crossover frocks with matching nappies - ring Judy 541 8342

**FOR SALE** September  
Toyota beam axle, complete with 3 wheels & tyres, makes great lightweight trailer \$125 ph 541 8493 evenings only

**FOR SALE** October  
Foam mattress, fabric covers 1.9x900 as new \$40 Ph 03 541 9251

**FOR SALE** November  
Hyline Brown Pullets available end of Nov. Orders taken. Excellent layers. Vaccinated and guaranteed. Phone Alison 021 168 0324. Pick up in Pigeon Valley.

**FOR SALE** November  
4 Beef X Steers - 15 months old. Well grown, quiet, hand reared and electric fence trained. Phone Alison 021 168 0324

**FOR SALE** November  
2 folding camp chairs, as new. \$40 for both. Ph 541 8363

**FOR SALE** November  
Desk, would suit a teenager two drawers and shelf. \$75  
Call: 0273640773

**FOR SALE** November  
Maytag Atlantis Dryer  
Large capacity  
LH vent.  
\$75.00  
Call: 0273640773

**FOR SALE** December  
LARCH SLAB WOOD  
Strapped in 4 and 6 metre bundles, or will cut to suit.  
Excellent value @ \$50 bundle  
For further information,  
contact Rex 027 44 34105  
Pigeon Valley Steam Museum

**WANTED** December  
Sheep manure by the trailer load. We are willing to shovel it from shearing sheds. Ph/txt Diana 5418950 / 0212509446

**WANTED** December  
Berry pickers for the school holidays must be reliable and used to working outdoors ring or TXT Steve 0272234788 with contact details

## PIGEON VALLEY STEAM MUSEUM (2013) INC

### Custodian required.

May suit retired couple to care for part of our rural history collection. Time, objectives, and obligations to be negotiated.

For further information contact John Hurley phone 541 8997

## WAKEFIELD BOWLING CLUB

### Scrap metal

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

Please phone Trevor on 541 8855.

**WORK WANTED** December  
Work wanted for capable teenager, work and character references available.

Anything considered, mowing lawns, stacking firewood, cleaning windows, general garden weeding, sweeping out sheds, feeding animals, moving hay bales.

Reasonable rates, available for hire now.

Call Ruben on 035418908 evenings or text 021545799

## WORK AVAILABLE

Do you have time to spare? And want to serve your community?

The NT Community Transport Trust has the following vacancies:

\*volunteer drivers for WCB - either regular or as back up

\* trustee, especially someone with accounting ability

Please register your interest with Ian at viapree@iinet.net.au

## WANTED TO BORROW

### DATA PROJECTOR

Live Well/Stay Well group likes to use a data projector for powerpoint presentations for some of their monthly meetings.

Do you have a data projector we could borrow?

Please text Sonja on 027 374 0500 or email sonjal@ts.co.nz

## 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

## THE WAKEFIELD HOTEL

### CHEF – BISTRO COOK NEEDED

We are looking for another chef/cook to join our team. This is a part time role of around 20hours per week. The role will include alternate weekends, seasonal increases in kitchen operations and holiday cover when required.

For more information or to apply please contact Rob.

Wakefield Hotel  
03 5418006.

# Community Directory

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

**Higgins Heritage Park**  
Secretary: David Win  
027 631 6786  
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

**Higgins Park Community Fair**  
David & Diane Win 544 7096  
info@higginsheritagepark.co.nz

**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

**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  
Parish Preist Seth Pijfers 544 8987

**Taoist Tai Chi**  
Deb Knapp 022 083 9332

**Waimea Sheepdog Trial Club**  
Sally Powell 021 773 461  
Email: sally@tcvet.co.nz

**Waimea Area Quilters**  
Sue Burrowes 541 9689 or 027 364 0773

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

**Wakefield Bush Restoration Society**  
Doug South 541 8980

**Wakefield Plunket Volunteers Group**  
Wendy Wadsworth 541 9272

**Plunket Nelson Area Office**  
For appointments etc 539 5200

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

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

**Wanderers Sports Club**  
542 3344

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

**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**.

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





*2021 has been another  
year of changes & challenges  
for all of us.*

*I wish everyone a peaceful  
time over the Christmas holidays  
and I look forward to assisting  
the community with any real  
estate queries in 2022.*



**Wendy Pearson**

**021 567 722**

**wendy.pearson@tallpoppy.co.nz**