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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Dawn Service

by Colin Gibbs, Vice Chair, Wakefield Community Council

The Wakefield School, through the spearhead guidance of Principal Peter Verstappen, have developed an acknowledgment plan and structure to enhance and pull together Māori and Pakeha people with a structural entranceway for Wakefield School.

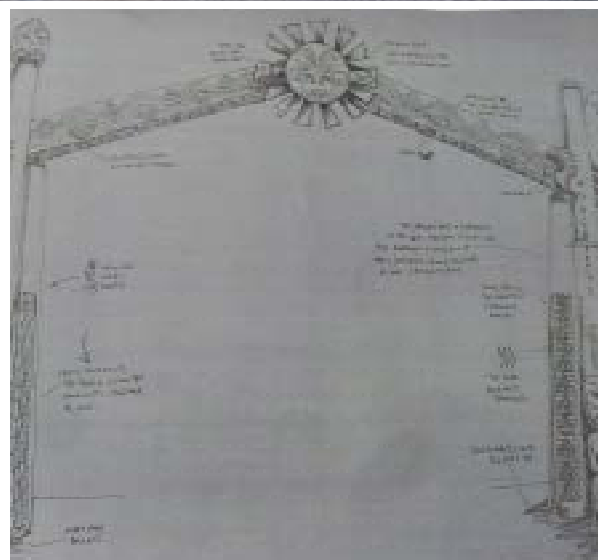
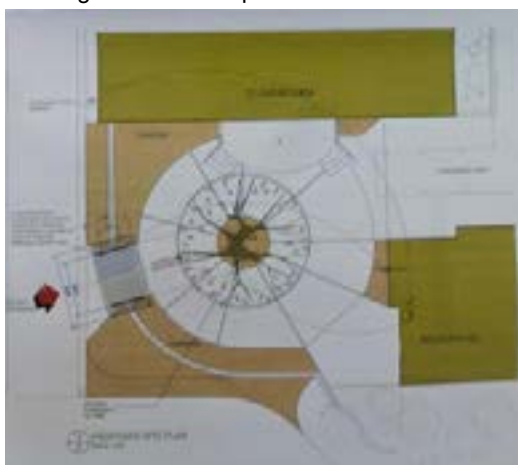
On a clear summer morning of Tuesday 11th January 2022 about 30 people, Māori and non Māori, contractors, School Board members and general Wakefield residents gathered at 5.30am to witness the dedication and laying of a significant stone, which those present all warmed up by passing to one another and rubbing.

The dedication speeches/chants were performed by Kim Hippolite from Ngati Kuia who asked the spirits for peace, knowledge, friendship and spiritual blessings for the site, school, ancestors and future citizens of Wakefield area. Perhaps working together with early settlers was not big in our area but the survival of settlers in the early years would not have been possible without the support of the Māori people.

Thanks to the Wakefield School Board who put on a sausage, bacon, egg, baked beans and toast breakfast where Archdeacon Harvey Ruru - QSM, local Anglican Minister Don and Lynda Moses and some local members spoke of vision and support of local people.

The Waharoa will feature carvings that will depict Māori culture on one side and the founder of Wakefield School, Mary Ann Baigent on the other side. It is of note that the totara logs for the project will come from Te Arowhenua [Dick's property] where one of the early schools was established and now part of Wakefield School creating links with the past.

The project including carving, could cost up to \$50,000 of which the school has a substantial sum but if anyone would like to contribute it would be most appreciated by contacting the School Principal during school hours.



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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good afternoon Wakefield

Once again Happy New Year to you all, hope Santa Claus was kind to you all as well.

On the 2nd of January, members of the brigade attended the Higgins Park fair to assist in fun filled education-based display "Escape House". The sole purpose is to give mainly children but also adults the opportunity to "get down, get low and get out". This maze is completely blacked out. The object is to crawl around, feeling the side of the walls until you make your way out the other side.

Some of our little people felt more comfortable the first time going through with a torch, from then the next big challenge was to do it without. I'm pleased to say with gentle coaching from our firefighters on the ground, success was theirs. This then gave us a chance to talk with the parents and grandparents about what they had in place in their home in the event of a fire. An important conversation to have with your children about how to get out, where to go and why. We gave out booklets so people could sort their own escape plan and then everybody in the household knows exactly what to do.

At Fire and Emergency, we appreciate that household dynamics have greatly changed and mixed housing of all ages is now the normal. We encourage all houses regardless of the size to have "working" smoke alarms, yes you do need to test them! This will always be your first line of defence when there is a fire. As one small person was very proud to tell me "When you are sleeping, your nose doesn't work". This is in fact true and she had remembered this from Kindy when they visited the fire-station. When you are sleeping your nose does not work, but your ears do, and you will hear the screeching of the smoke alarm.

That is the signal to get up, get out and meet at your designated meeting place – this is usually the letterbox, call 111. If everybody knows this is what happens then no one will be left behind. Its important to run your own fire drill just to reinforce the learnings.



If you missed us at the fair or you would like some further information, go to:
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Medical	Wakefield
Bark fire	Waimea West
Brazier Fire	Spring Grove

Total calls for this year = 13
Total calls 2021 = 162



Health Centre

Covid 19 - Omicron and the Move to Red in the Traffic Light Framework

by Gavin Drummond

Covid has played a significant part of our year in 2021 and 2020 for that matter, unfortunately 2022 doesn't look like being any easier.

At the time of typing this we have just gone into Red on the traffic light framework and we now have active Omicron cases in the region. If international experience is anything to go by the spread of the variant will be rapid and widespread.

We will have challenges to face at the Health Centre which may be unprecedented, we will of course always be here to help you to the best of our ability.

We may find ourselves short staffed; our systems will continue to change – particularly how you access the Health Centre and it may be even more difficult to get us on the phone than it is now. We will do the best we can and we ask for your continued patience with our staff during these difficult times.

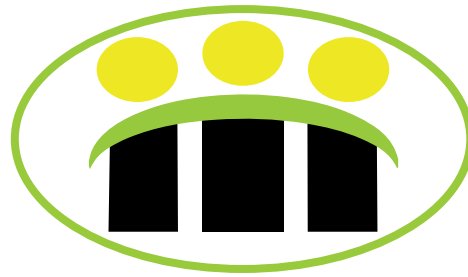
Our clinical staff already stretched by their “business as usual” work will be further stretched with the requirements that a significant level of infections will bring. Our nurses already have and continue to be part of the testing and vaccination program outside their hours here at the practice.

Vaccination continues to be the most effective thing we can do and we encourage those who are eligible for either their primary or booster jabs to get these done.

Covid 19 – Vaccinations

We are again partnering with the Wakefield Pharmacy and together are having a vaccination day in Wakefield at the Village Hall from 9am on the 20th February 2022. You can book your place by going to <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz>. Wakefield Pharmacy continue to offer vaccines on a Wednesday evening and these can also be booked in the same way.

On a sunnier note we hope you had a restful and fun break over the festive period and are in good heart for the New Year.



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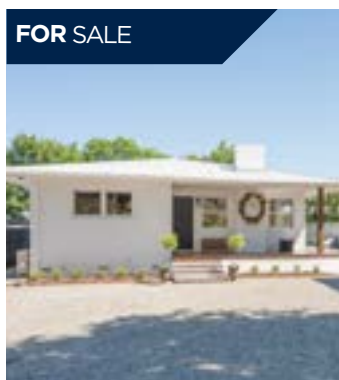
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Team Heyward Property Talk

The Value of Using An Agent

by Jilly Perry

There is huge value in using a real estate agent when it comes to selling one of your biggest assets, property. The Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) conducted an analysis of private sales compared to those using an agent and shown that those home-owners who use an agent can expect to get on average 15% more for their property than those who would be selling privately.

At 15%, that was the highest premium in 18 years which highlights the true value that an agent can bring to the sales process. With the premium having slowly increased over the last few years from 8% back in 2015, lifting to 11% in 2016, 12% in 2017, dropped to 5% in 2018, 6% in 2019 (Dec 2020 – REINZ).

We admire private sellers, and it can work well for those who have the time, inclination and expertise to do so. At Bayleys we often meet keen vendors who aim to sell privately initially. In my personal experience I am yet to meet a vendor who has regretted listing their property over selling privately. Even in this current market, we've seen a decrease in the percentage of people choosing to sell their property privately. Over the years, the data has fluctuated, with private sales making up 23% of all sales in 2014, 20% in 2017, 20% in 2018 and down to 14% in 2020.

In addition to the price premium, there are many advantages dealing with a licenced real estate agent. Some of the skills and advantages an agent can bring to the sales transaction include:

- * Legal protections for vendors
- * Significant experience in a sales environment and agents must undergo approved education requirements that focus on their professional conduct
- * Proven marketing expertise including access to experts in their teams who have training in social media, marketing or advertising
- * Excellent negotiating skills – it can be very awkward talking to strangers about money, but agents have extensive training in negotiation skills
- * A wide network of contacts including buyers waiting for properties to come to market access to the power of their agency's selling network.

They are also obliged to act in the best interests of their client and have the market knowledge and networks to ensure their clients get the best possible price - or, at the very least, fair market value.

If you are thinking of selling, feel free to contact Lydia Heyward or I for a free market appraisal.

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Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Welcome to all Window on Wakefield readers and here's hoping you all have a great 2022. Our year at Higgins Heritage Park started really well with another very successful craft fair event and it has also been great to be able to have families and groups visit for picnics. Another feature event this year will be the Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club scheduled for 5 & 6 March. The 'machine theme' this time is the Ferguson tractor and Harry Ferguson an Irish born engineer and inventor who developed the modern agricultural tractor.

This tractor is a well-known workhorse around our local Nelson / Tasman farming and agricultural areas. It is also one of two tractors that the writer became very familiar with as an apprentice mechanic many years ago. The other was an old Fordson which drove a saw bench for our family's wood supplies.

Harry Ferguson (1884-1960) was described as a colourful character, fascinated with newly developing technology, inventor and the first Irish man to build and fly his own aeroplane. In 1911 he founded a company which included selling Maxwell, Star, and Vauxhall cars and Overtime tractors. Ferguson recognised the weakness of having a tractor and plough as separate units, and in 1917 he developed a plough that could be rigidly attached to a Model T Ford car—the Eros which became a limited success. 'The Ferguson System' was developed over a 30 year period and is an automatic control system now employed by almost all tractor manufacturers worldwide.

During the 1930's the first Ferguson tractors were built by the David Brown Company. A prototype Ferguson System tractor, known as the Ferguson Black, was built to further technical development and for demonstrating to potential manufacturers. This tractor, the Ferguson Model 'A', incorporated Harry Ferguson's 'suction side'; hydraulic control system. The combination of Ferguson's three-point hitch, with his 'suction side control' valve is the key to the success of all subsequent Ferguson and later Massey Ferguson 'Ferguson System' tractors.

In order to get volume production with reduced costs Ferguson met with Henry Ford in 1938 and the infamous "handshake agreement" took place – Ferguson's innovations would be produced by Henry Ford.

However, Fergusons machines were not produced at the Ford factory in Dagenham, Essex as agreed. In 1953 Ferguson merged with Massey Harris to become Massey-Harris-Ferguson Co, later Massey Ferguson. Harry Ferguson remained Chairman of Massey Harris Ferguson until 1957.

One of Fergusons most successful designs was the Ferguson TE20 (the name derived from Tractor, England 20 horsepower), commonly known as the Little Grey Fergie - a light-weight machine, still very popular today.

The TE and TO 20 tractors were so revolutionary that Ferguson set up a training school for dealers, salesmen, engineers and farmers to learn how operate the tractors.



Harry Ferguson also developed the first four-wheel drive system, utilising an open centre differential gear.

It was used in the Ferguson P99 Formula One race car winning the British Grand Prix in 1961 with driver Stirling Moss and in the Range Rover and later in constant four-wheel-drive Land Rovers.

The picture is of the little grey Fergie which is currently being 'refreshed' by the Vintage Engine & Machinery team at the Park.

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Bowls

by Julie Hall

Happy new year to everyone!

Since the last article the bowling club has been very busy playing catch up with our club championships and tournaments!

Due to the weather we had to reschedule the Christmas tournament sponsored by Tall Poppy (Wendy Pearson) which luckily the weather stayed kind to us on the day. Wakefield came 1st, 2nd and 3rd and all won hams in time for Christmas, also thank you to Wakefield Pharmacy and Town & Country Vets donating to the raffle prizes.

The January tournament was held on the 12th which was sponsored by Waimea Funeral Services, thank you. Coming first was Neville Turner, Dave and Rae Peterson from Stoke Bowling Club.

Also at the start of January in Christchurch the Summerset National Championships Men and Women singles and pairs were held, quite a number of Nelson players made the trip and entered including two locals Barbara McGregor and Margaret Eames.

Barbara entered the singles and made it to the last sixteen. Also Barbara and Margaret entered the pairs together and again made it to the last sixteen, quite an achievement as a huge number entered!! Well done!

This time of year often there are bowls being played at the weekend so feel free to come along and check us out, as long as you have your vaccine pass you are very welcome.

Fun, Frisbees and Fairways

Fun, Frisbees and Fairways at Redstone Golf Park

by Gowan Simpson

Last school holidays saw Grandma looking for inspiration for activities for two grandsons, 10 and 7 years old. Why don't we try disc golf, someone suggested? This was something new to me.

Googling this activity I came upon a nearby golf course: Redstone Golf Park, a wee way up Wai-iti Valley, close to Wakefield. Having driven past this course on numerous occasions, I was keen to explore. Redstone has a nine hole golf course which includes disc golf as well as ordinary golf and it's also the site of the Armageddon Paintball range.

So off we set. On arrival we were issued with two "discs" which were like heavy weighted frisbees and given instructions as to where we "teed" off and a map of the course. We dutifully followed the nine holes, throwing the discs as we went. The idea was to record the number of throws but we soon ditched that premise and just had fun getting round the beautiful grounds. At one stage, one of the boys lost his disc in the pond, but help was on hand in the form of a willing young man who had also "lost" his disc in the water. He stripped off [it was quite deep] and waded in to rescue his own disc and ours too! Grandma had a turn as well but my efforts were spurned by the boys [disc usually ended up behind me!]. At the end of each hole there was a basket contraption that caught the discs. Lots of fun was had by all.

At the end of our round we decided to have lunch in the café there – the "1 Shot Café". Nothing was too much trouble for the lovely lady, Bo, who manufactured a yummy pizza and hot chips for us all. The coffee was great too.

So if you're looking for a fun activity in the holidays try the Redstone Golf Park. I thoroughly recommend it. The paintball range looked great too – we were able to look through windows at a battle going on. Streets lined with old houses and old cars. And of course there's the ordinary golf course for the golfer.

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Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

Sandra, Christine and Sonja are wishing everyone a happy new year. We hope to be getting back to regular meetings in March, Covid permitting. We would like to start off the Live Well Stay Well year with a cuppa and a chat at Cafe Rhubarb on Tuesday 8 March at 9.45am. Hope to see you all.

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.

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Traditional Celtic Concert

Multi-instrumentalist Rennie Pearson is bringing his solo show of Celtic traditional music to Wakefield with a show at Willowbank Heritage Village at 7:30pm on the 11th of February.

Grounded in the Celtic musical traditions, Rennie Pearson takes the listener on a journey through history, weaving together tunes and songs and the tales that accompany them to create an intricate and varied show. His engaging stage presence and storytelling opens the door for audiences to connect with the music, which he plays on the wooden flute, Irish tin whistles, guitar, bodhran and voice.

Rennie grew up in Wellington with Celtic music in his blood. Having heard the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland on his parents CDs as a baby, he grew up knowing he just had to learn to play like this. He picked up the flute at age 8, learning by ear in Irish sessions under the guidance of Galway born flute player Pat Higgins.

With Irish music as the cornerstone of his knowledge, he then went on to delve deep into the traditional music of Scotland and maritime Canada, gaining proficiency in a wide range of different instruments along the way.

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For my clients who choose not to get vaccinated, I totally understand that getting vaccinated is your personal choice based on your research/beliefs. I really hope you know that I value and appreciate every single one of you. Some of you I have been looking after for many years, and I would love to see you all again when we move to Green light.

Thank you for your kindness and understanding, as this decision has certainly not been easy!

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Your Financial Future

by Russell and Becky Johnson, Licenced Financial Advisers

Are we ready for this, or should we be afraid?

We are talking about Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC). From here we'll call it CBDC for short. Please don't think that this is going to be technical or boring. It concerns us all and could change our future for ever!

CBDC is vastly different from Bitcoin, about the only similarity is that they are digital and online. CBDC will be issued by Central Banks, in NZ that is of course the Reserve Bank. So, what is the future of money as we know it? Will our "folding", our NZ dollars and coins disappear? This is quite likely in my opinion, but what risks does that potentially pose? What does it mean for us?

Let's start first by considering whether this could happen here in NZ. I invite you to go to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) website and read *"The Future of Money – Cash System Redesign issues paper"*. We made a submission to the RBNZ before it closed. NZ is considering a digital currency, and in time it could replace cash. Let's look at the possible implications of that:



Firstly, you will need a digital wallet, this could be tied into your digital passport (vaccine pass), this may contain all your personal documents, including your driver's licence, and form your "Digital Identity". The government will be able to track illegal activity, as they will be able to track where money is spent, how much someone is earning and spending. They can then see if a person's spending exceeds their earnings. Maybe a good thing?

There is the potential for controlled spending such as:

- Incentivising certain spending patterns, e.g. your dollars are multiplied 1.5 times by you spend green, health or otherwise such as Gym membership.
- Prevent spending on certain goods, e.g. cigarettes to a certain age group. Or increasing the tax on certain goods or restricting the amount that can be purchased.
- Offering "Buy Local Discounts", promoting purchases within a certain radius of your address.
- Expiring Dollars – with everyone's experience of Covid-19, think how the economy could be stimulated with dollars that expire after 6 months.
- There will be improved ability to tax online spending.
- Expiring money could prevent saving, people are likely to spend it before it expires.
- Confiscation – Nasty, but possible. The Govt. could confiscate your money with just the click of a button, including money held in a foreign wallet or bank.
- The shadow economy may no longer exist, all spending will be tracked and monitored, and can therefore be taxed.

It is estimated that 80% of the world's banks are exploring digital currencies.

Conclusion

To many, wealth symbolises the freedom to do what you want when you want to. Much of what we have spoken about here seem to restrict, control, and monitor this freedom. So, it comes as no surprise that the nations pushing their digital currencies forward are those with centralised governments.

I believe all nations will eventually issue a digital currency. However, just like how income tax was introduced, once a government gets a taste, they never go back.

In the end our thoughts on this might be around how much we trust the government to do the right thing and not abuse its power, because its power will be ultimate.

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Wakefield School

Stencils Show the Way to School

by Peter Verstappen

You may have noticed the sudden appearance of a sunburst logo and the words 'Wakefield School' painted on some of the local footpaths. What's this all about?

It's part of Wakefield School's active travel partnership with the Tasman District Council. We've been working with the TDC for several years to encourage families towards active ways of getting to and from school: walking, cycling, scootering, skateboards – anything that gets kids out of cars.

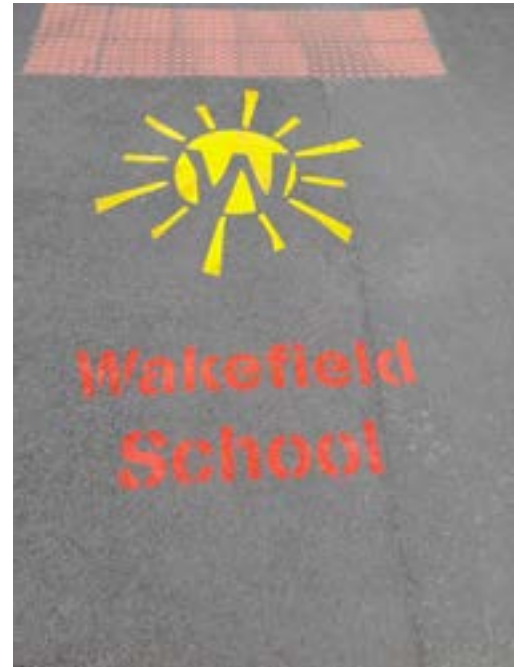
Apart from the obvious health benefits from being active, it also means fewer cars clogging our village streets and the school carpark at drop-off and pickup times of day.

Jamie McPherson, TDC Transport Manager, says the stencils also "raise awareness around the community to watch out for kids, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. Even if kids only walk some of the route, this cuts down on the number of cars around the school gate, making it a safer environment for everyone."

Surveys done in 2020 and 2021 show between half and two-thirds of our children regularly use active travel methods. An innovative option for some families is 'park and walk', where parents drop off their children at the village green or the highway end of Pitfure Road from where they can walk safely to school.

We hope to improve those numbers through ongoing education and community-driven safety improvements, like the recently upgraded Whitby Road crossing at Arrow Street.

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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant

The whole of New Zealand has moved to the red traffic light setting from 11.59pm on Sunday 23 January. As a result, there are a number of considerations for your business to think about on top of your 'business as usual'.

It is important business owners have a plan for COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant, impacting your premises and other businesses you deal with, or affecting your workers, such as parents needing to stay home with isolating children. You will need to consider potential workforce shortages, due to staff being sick or needing to self-isolate, and supply chain issues. You should think about things such as:

- * Plan ahead for ways to continue to operate if workers have to self-isolate or get sick
- * Have staff work from home where appropriate – and continue to test systems so working from home is as seamless as possible.
- * Consider dual rosters – eg blue team, red team – to limit the number of staff interacting.
- * Put together a continuity and contingency plan. These plans won't just help with COVID-19 – they can support your business during other interruptions, like natural disasters or utility disruptions, such as a water mains failure or a power cut.

Continuity and contingency planning

- * Involve your workers in discussions on how roles, responsibilities and ways of working might need to change, drawing on your collective experiences. Employers and employees, and their representatives, must work together, in good faith, to manage the implications of COVID-19 on working arrangements.
- * Think about ways you can operate with fewer staff if need be – such as reduced hours, a reduced service (such as moving to takeaways or click and collect-style sales), or prioritising what work is most important, and what can be delayed.
- * You might want to engage early with temporary workforce providers in case you need to call on them for additional workers.
- * Record important processes and knowledge, so other workers can pick tasks up if someone is unable to work.
- * Consider who has responsibility or authorisation for various aspects of your business, such as banking authorities, or authorisation to speak to suppliers or utilities. If that work is unable to occur, what are the implications for your business and its ability to continue to operate as usual? Do you need to assign (and train) back-up staff with the appropriate authority to take over those tasks?
- * Check out your industry body to see if they have developed sector-specific guidance or services.
- * Review your finances and understand your cashflow. Engage credit providers, such as your bank, early to discuss ways you might manage cashflow if an outbreak affects your business.
- * Understand your responsibilities as an employer, including employment law and health and safety law.
- * Have a plan for communicating with workers, suppliers and customers. Think about how you will communicate with staff – are staff contact details up to date? How are you going to inform customers, providers or clients about any contact with a COVID-19 case they might need to be aware of, or if you have to change your operations due to the availability of workers? Up to date databases are important and social media or email newsletters may also be useful tools. In all cases, consider how you protect people's privacy. Names and medical information must not be shared.

Financial Support for Businesses

There are various financial support schemes still available to businesses, depending on your situation, whilst some of the other schemes are now closed.

Short-Term Absence Payment

The Short-Term Absence Payment is available to employers to pay workers who follow public health guidance and stay home while waiting for a COVID-19 test result. It's also available to eligible self-employed workers. To be eligible, workers need to be unable to work from home and need to miss work while waiting for their test results. There's a one-off payment of \$359 payment for each eligible worker. Employers or the self-employed can apply for any worker once in any 30-day period, unless a health official or doctor tells the worker to get another test. You can apply on the Work and Income website.

Leave Support Scheme

The COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme is available to employers to help pay employees who have been advised to self-isolate because of COVID-19 and can't work from home. It's also available to eligible self-employed workers. The amount is \$600 per week for full-time workers and \$359 per week for part-time workers. You can apply on the Work and Income website.

Small Business Cash Flow Loan Scheme

Under the Small Business Cash Flow Loan Scheme the Government provides loans to small businesses, including sole traders and the self-employed, impacted by COVID-19 to support their cash flow needs. If you've previously applied for a SBCS and have fully repaid it, you can apply again. You do this through myIR.

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This information was extracted from the information found there.



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In The Bush

I do so hope that you have all had time out with your family and friends, or at least been able to catch up by using all the incredible forms of communication available to us now. Our society members have taken a break this year from December through to February and will be back on deck with our regular weeding bees on the 12th March. However over this period some of our members have still been on the go and as you can imagine three Scenic Reserves under our guardianship comes with lots of extra upkeep.

We again have to give very special thanks to Eric Palmer for his daily work at Faulkner Bush. Doug South has also been out and about, doing a myriad of jobs and keeping an eye on our new plantings at Robson's. Also special mention to Sally and Duncan Gordon who are our trapping controllers and cover our three reserves, very valuable work which we so appreciate.

Our permanent bush volunteers can now be easily identified by bright lime green hi-vis vests, with the society name and VOLUNTEER – so you cannot miss us. Do feel free to come on board as a member or supporter, the weeding bees are the second Saturday of each month. Give me an email or txt and go on our telephone tree as a reminder. Would be great to hear from you.

Regards Evie-joy South, Secretary/Treasurer - Phone or Txt 027 907 2879 Email tuiville@xtra.co.nz

Just for a change some information about Birds Around Our Bush.

BIRDS IN OUR BUSH

Yellowhammer or Yellow Bunting *Emberiza* *Citronella Caliginosa*

It originally originated from Eurasia and was first introduced to New Zealand by the Acclimatisation Society including the Nelson Society in the 1862 - 71 period. They are now spread all around New Zealand as well as a lot of the outer islands.

This bird is found around the edges of the bush in the long grass and open country and they are seed and insect eaters. In the early days they were considered a pest especially in the North Island where they consumed the newly planted pastured seeds. There was a price on their heads and County Councils bought their eggs by the thousands. These days they are not such a problem.

They breed from late November to January normally producing two broods. The nest is normally built close to the ground in clumps of thick vegetation. Three to four eggs are laid and incubated mainly by the female which takes about 13 days. Both parents share the feeding of the young and they leave the nest 12 to 13 days after hatching. In the breeding season they are territorial but gregarious in the winter when flocks of up to a hundred or more can be seen.



Greenfinch or Green Linnet *Carduelis Chloris* *Chloris*

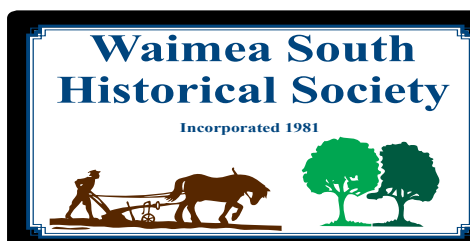
It originated from Eurasia to North Africa and introduced to New Zealand in the period 1862 - 68. This being done by the acclimatisation societies including Nelson. By the 1920's they were abundant in all the settled parts of the country and are now to be found on the outer islands.

They are birds of orchards, farmland, gardens and forest edges and are mainly seed eaters but will occasionally catch small insects, especially for their young.

They breed November to January and can produce up to three broods. The nest can be found in the forks of trees two to three metres above the ground and it is a very delicate nest made from fine twigs, grasses, moss, wool and spider webs and lined with soft material.



The female builds the nest with the male supervising, three to six eggs are laid, and the incubation is carried out by the female alone, the male feeds her on the nest. The eggs hatch after thirteen days and the chicks leave the nest after 14 days. In winter these birds can be seen in flocks of 50 to 500 birds and they roost together.



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On a 25 degree day, the inside of your car can get to 38 degrees in about 10 minutes, even in the shade. That might not sound very high but it would be unpleasantly hot for us and much more so for dogs who can only cool by panting. By this time, dogs can't pant fast enough to cool effectively and they will overheat. Some breeds are more at risk than others especially flat-faced dogs such as Pugs and French Bulldogs.

Overheating or heatstroke is a life-threatening emergency. If not treated immediately and effectively, multiple organ failure occurs rapidly. Dogs that don't die at the time may die at a later stage due to complications or have permanent organ damage. They are also much more likely to have repeat heatstroke episodes.

Heatstroke is 100% preventable. You might think it is more fun for your dog to go out with you in the car than staying home and that is fine if you are going to be in the car with them. But if not, please consider leaving them at home where it is safe and cooler than your car. There are plenty of other safer ways to make your dog's life fun!



Fly Strike in Rabbits

Unfortunately it's the time of year when we see fly strike in our pet rabbits. This is a serious often fatal problem that can occur within hours. Flies are attracted to rabbit's damp fur, urine, faeces and they lay their eggs on or around the rabbit's bottom. Maggots will hatch within hours and quickly eat into the rabbit's flesh as well as releasing dangerous toxins.

Prevent fly strike by checking your rabbit twice daily to ensure its bottom is clean and dry. Remove soiled bedding as soon as possible and keep the surrounding environment clean. Ensure your rabbit is not being overfed or fed incorrectly which can lead to diarrhoea and soiled fur. If you find maggots on or around your rabbit's bottom, phone us immediately. We urgently need to remove eggs and maggots and prevent pain, infection and shock.

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Worming – is every two weeks initially then eventually every three months for the rest of their life, especially if they are hunters.

Flea control – regular treatment (sometimes every 4-6 weeks) is needed to keep fleas away.

Vaccinations – kittens need to be vaccinated against cat flu twice usually at 9 and 12 weeks. Then again one year later then every two years for the rest of their life. Vaccination against FIV (cat AIDS) should also be considered.






Neutering – male and female kittens should be 'fixed' at 5-6 months old – for many reasons but especially population control.

Time – get a kitten if you are prepared to spend time with them every day for the next 10-15 years

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



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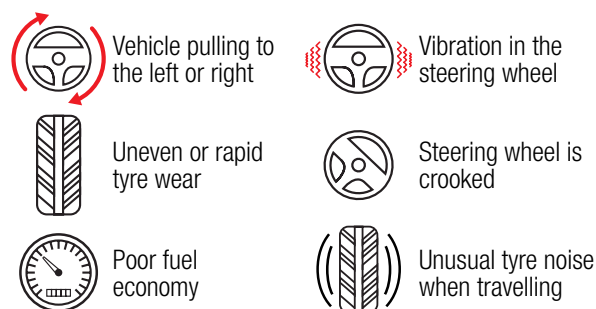
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Scrap metal

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

Please phone Trevor on 541 8855.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS WANTED

I need drivers to deliver meals on alternate Thursdays and Fridays.

Meals are picked up from The Homestead Rest Home in Wakefield at 11am, and delivered to folks in the area from Foxhill to Brightwater and possibly Richmond.

This usually takes approx 1 1/2 hrs.

This service enables elderly and unwell people to stay in their homes longer.

Volunteers must be Covid vaccinated, and have a Vaccine Passport, and follow the rules for the current level.

If you think you would like to help with this community service, please phone Heather on 5418151.

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

FOR SALE
WANTED
FREE
HELP

**WE NEED YOUR
FOR SALES
WANTED
OR HELP REQUESTS**

**PLEASE CONTACT
541 9005
SOME LIMITATIONS APPLY
PLEASE ASK**

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 Priest 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



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