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Your Local News

Community News for the Wakefield Area

Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

Forestry and sawmilling is an industry we are reminded of on a daily basis with the dozens of logging trucks driving through Wakefield.

This longstanding industry is well represented at Higgins Heritage Park in a number of ways including the John Ward Forestry Hut, Rex Kelly Vintage Chainsaw Collection, Loggers Dream Machine and the Vintage Sawmill.

In 1986, Ross Higgins (founder of the park) wrote an article for the Vintage Farming Magazine in which he said; that he recalled from his early childhood days that he absolutely marvelled at the sawmill operations of his grandfather AJ Hewetson at the head of the Ronga Valley, Marlborough and by the remarkable engineering feats achieved by the early sawmillers without the aids we have today – no electricity, power tools, welding of any form, bulldozers, chainsaws – just horses and traction engines.

Circa mid-1842, there were four sawmills operating in New Zealand, two driven by water power and two by steam with the first steam sawmill bought from England and operated in Wellington in 1841.

Our park sawmill was by all accounts operated by the Duncan family sawmilling operations of Karamea sometime prior to 1950, and then as a fully operational mill at Tapawera until it was decommissioned.

Encouraged by Ross Higgins' passion and respect for sawmilling, and the fact that there was a demand for timber, John Christian who had many years of experience including mills at Korere and Cliff, Duncan started rebuilding the sawmill at Higgins Heritage Park 1972/73 with it being completed in late 1975.

The original mill motor was a well-used WD40, which is now replaced with a Dorman diesel engine which drives a 36 inch breast bench @ 1000 rpm and a 60 inch breakdown saw @ 570rpm.

The original mill roof from Tapawera is still in place today. Some of the first timber milled was for a house extension for Michael Flanagan in 1976 and a jetty at Tennyson Inlet for Ross Higgins.

The mill, now managed by Brian Webby continues to be used on a very regular basis supplying timber for our park projects and other various local requirements.

Correction to our last month's article about the 1955 Leyland Hippo – this restoration was carried out by Richard Wakeland



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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good afternoon Wakefield

We have had a very quiet time this month with call outs which is good news for everyone including the brigade members. Nothing can beat a good night's sleep without the pager going off.

Autumn / winter is upon us now, but we still must take care when lighting open fires. We are still on a 365 days Restricted Fire Season for the Nelson Tasman area, meaning a fire permit is still a requirement for all fires in the open air.

We encourage everyone who wants to light an open fire to visit the checkitsalright.co.nz website. That way they can check the status of the fire season, apply for a permit and also receive information to safely undertake their burn.

One of the standard conditions we now place on every fire permit, is that before lighting up, to notify Southern Fire Communication, either by text or email with the code the applicant received when the fire permit is emailed out to them, or by calling FireCom directly on 03 341 0266.

Other conditions you may see printed on your fire permit may be as follows;

- * Must have a suitable means to extinguish the fire should it get out of control – what we are really wanting here is for people to have a pressurised water source available, so that if a burning ember ignites vegetation around the burn pile, it can quickly be extinguished before developing into a much larger and more serious fire event. Or to dampen down surround areas prior to lighting the fire.

- * Only light the fire if the wind speed is less than 10km/h – this is considered a light breeze

- * No fires to be lit within a specified distance from any combustible materials – for small campfires we may stipulate 3m clearance, small burn piles and bonfires 5m and for larger fires 10+ metres of clear ground. This is a rule of thumb and we do assess every application received based on its location and surroundings.

- * No fire is to be left unattended whilst burning – we expect someone to be supervising the fire at all times

For any advise on safely lighting an outdoor fire, go to www.firepermit.nz or contact our Fire Information Unit on 0800 658 628 who will assist you with any enquiry.

Call from February 24th to March 24th

Truck roll over	Wakefield
PFA	St Arnaud
Car vs motorbike	Mt Heslington
PFA	Brightwater
Smoke in area	Wai-iti area
PFA	Wakefield

Total calls for this year = 35
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Health Centre

by Dr Pip de Hamel

Flu Vaccinations

The colder mornings are a reminder that winter is on its way and with it comes the Flu Season.

This year is even more important with COVID19 now in the community we don't want to see people having both illnesses at the same time.

Our nurses will be holding weekend car park clinics, and these will start in April once our vaccines arrive. We are unable to book appointments until we have received the flu vaccines.

People with the following conditions are eligible for a free vaccine:

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- have chronic renal disease; or
- have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
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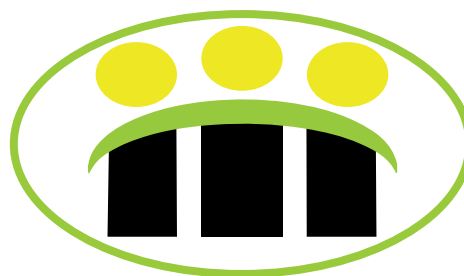
Dr Annemarie Koop

We are really happy that Anna (pronounced Arna) will be starting with us in April and working four days a week. She has written a little about herself below:

"In March 2022 I moved from the Netherlands to New Zealand to work in Wakefield Health Centre. After finishing medicine at the university of Utrecht, I specialized in tropical medicine (surgery, gynaecology, and paediatrics).

I have worked abroad in rural South Africa and a Caribbean Island (Curaçao). In 2019 we were blessed with the birth of our son Aron. I finished my training as a general practitioner at the beginning of 2021.

I love spending time with my family, playing the ukulele (mainly for nursery rhymes), tramping, or just relaxing at a beautiful spot in nature. I am looking forward to getting to know the people in and around Wakefield."



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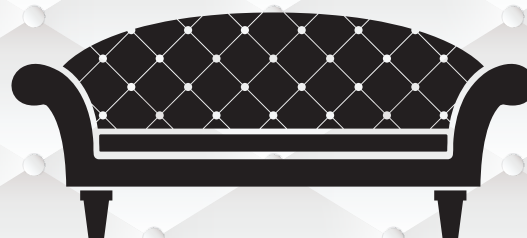
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Have you just had a baby or expecting one in the near future?

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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In The Bush

Greetings - like us you are probably wondering, have the months grown wings?

The end of March has come with a hiss and a roar and we are still experiencing a weather format for all seasons.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT – As it has been most difficult to maintain any society regular monthly weeding events from November to present time, we put out to our membership that they adopt areas within our Scenic Reserves, so that they could maintain the weeding/maintenance regime so desperately needed. Thrilled with the response thus far, very sincere thanks to those amazing folks; Gowan and Jeff Simpson (The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve), Alison Price and Chris Tonkin (The Robson's Scenic Reserve), Pam and Selwyn Jackett (Bryan's Track area at Faulkner Bush), Scott Nicol (area within Faulkner Bush). Also to Doug South randomly between the three, Eric Palmer for his continued concerted efforts at Faulkner Bush and our pest control team; Sally and Duncan Gordon.

These volunteers will be quite visual in brightly coloured green vests which identify them as being members of our society. BUT do remember any assistance you could give PLEASE do contact us, WE are a small but dedicated team, BUT our Scenic Reserves DO NEED YOU TOO. For interest, Sally and Duncan have also kindly provided us with a Predator Trap Tally.

Predator Traps Tally			
31/7/21-13/3/22	Mouse	Rat	Hedgehog
<u>Faulkners Bush</u>	5	2	5
<u>Robson Reserve</u>	14	8	4

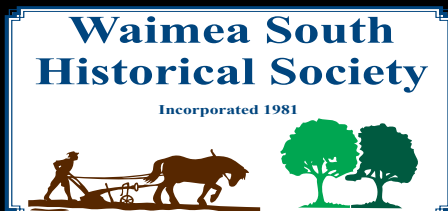
JUST FOR FUN

You may remember in the February Issue that Dorothy Hole noticed that the bird photographs were under the wrong header. AND we said to Dorothy well you should win a chocolate fish for noticing.

SO our Society decided that we should acknowledge Dorothy and as she is never a lady to "Fish for Compliments", for all the good work that she does for our Society and Community – We did just that!!!!

Do contact us to go on our volunteers' telephone tree.

Regards
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Team Heyward Property Talk

Buying your first home

by Jilly Perry

One of our biggest joys in the real estate industry is navigating and negotiating property pathways, especially for first home buyers. Buying a home for the first time can be daunting, it's not always as fun as you'd hope it would be. It is those who are most prepared who are more likely to secure homes.

This month we have chosen to cover a few hints and tips to help first home buyers secure a property to call their own.

Firstly, let's talk finance. It is important to consider your current circumstances like, your work and personal situation and the stage that you're at now. If you're still keen to proceed, then your next step will be looking at your finances. It can be easy to just think about the deposit, but it's also important to consider your mortgage repayments. We recommend booking a meeting with a qualified financial advisor or your trusted bank managers as they will provide great insight into these cost breakdowns.

It is always a great idea to educate yourself about options for financial assistance. If you don't have a 20% deposit, research the options for government help. You may be eligible for assistance for your first home if you're a Kiwi Saver member or a Kainga Ora First Home Grant.

When you're looking at house prices, consider what your living costs are and what you can pay towards a loan. Searching for houses based on the highest possible deposit you can afford might not be the best option for you in the long-term. Remember to budget for the costs of owning a home too, including repairs and improvements, fees and rates.

Once you have established your finances and gained pre-approval, it's a great idea to find a lawyer and insurer. Like any service provider it is always worth shopping around and finding the best agency that fits with your needs.

Next is where we come in. As real estate agents, if we know what you are after, we can actively look for you and give you a heads up on properties that may be coming up soon. Attending open homes and knowing if and how much renovations you are willing to take on is always helpful. Your first home may not be your dream home, but we will work with you to find one that meets your needs.

When deciding to place an offer on a property, it is always recommended you seek independent legal advice beforehand. The offer process can vary depending on the method of sale. The agent and your legal team will discuss if you wish to make your offer conditional to certain terms. Once agreed and signed by both parties and conditions have been met, the property becomes unconditional. You can now focus on planning for settlement.

Buyers are entitled to a pre-settlement inspection, ensuring the property is as it was when you signed the contract. Soon enough settlement day will arrive and you'll be eagerly awaiting the keys to your first home. Our top tip here is to always book the moving trucks for later in the day as there is a sequence of events that the legal teams and banks work through before the keys can be released, sometimes taking till the afternoon.

We pride ourselves on communication. If you or someone you know is looking at buying their first home please get in touch with Lydia Heyward or Jilly Perry and we will keep you up to date with what is coming up in our local community.

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Wakefield Bowling Club

by Julie Hall

The last few weeks have been busy catching up on events that had been rained out earlier.

In February we held our monthly tournament which was sponsored by Ryman Ernest Rutherford which was won by a United team of Kris and John Greaney and Barbara McGregor with Wakefield teams coming second and third. Also in February we held our annual men versus women for our club members and for the third year running the men won!! We'll have to sort them out next year.

On the 6th March Wakefield hosted the men's centre triples with the men from Richmond Bowling Club winning the trophy.

Saturday 19th March we had the privilege of hosting the women and men representatives Interclub from around the region, with the Nelson ladies winning and the Marlborough men winning. Among these elite players were Jo Edwards, Val Smith and Shannon McIlroy all from Nelson.

Our tournament to be held on the 23rd has been moved to the 30th March due to inclement weather! Still to be sponsored by Bayleys Real Estate, thank you.



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Pictures from the winners of the February tournament and the Nelson ladies team



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Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

For our first outing of the year on 22nd March, the Live Well Stay Well Group visited Jenny and John Penny's new nursery, called Penny Lane Plants. It is located at Pigeon Valley South Road in Wakefield and is open by appointment and by contact through Facebook. We were welcomed by the song of bellbirds and tuis who are drawn to the lovely gardens and feast on the sugar syrup provided.

Jenny spoke about the plants she propagates, specialising in hydrangeas, perennials (especially older, harder to find ones), succulents and shrubs. Jenny and John (who is a very experienced nurseryman) will help you find the RIGHT plants for your particular garden and location.

We had a great turnout of ladies and men and it was nice to see familiar faces again. Thank you Jenny and John for showing us your special nursery and letting us look at your potager gardens. The espaliered fruit fences and arches were wonderful and 'Jack' the Jack Russell was very cute.

Upcoming meetings:

12 April 2022: coffee meeting at HQ Café in Brightwater, 9.45am onwards

26 April 2022: guest speaker Krisca Gould, Volunteer Programme Coordinator for Nelson Tasman Hospice, 9.45am onwards

10 May 2022: coffee meeting at Cafe Rhubarbe in Wakefield, 9.45m onwards

Live Well Stay Well is a local health and social group that meets twice a month either in Wakefield or Brightwater. Our goal is to keep well and healthy, by encouraging good health practices and exercise, but also by having a positive social connection with others in our community. Maybe you are new to the area, or feeling a little isolated, and would like to meet and get to know others who live locally, within a friendly environment. Or would you like to learn more about our community? Then our group could be for you.

Our group meets twice a month either in Wakefield or Brightwater on a Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11am. One Tuesday we will meet in a local café for a coffee and chat, and the other Tuesday we have a guest speaker focusing on health knowledge or who can help us understand and learn more about our community. This could also be a visit to a local business of interest. We aim to arrange a varied and interesting programme.

The group is run on an informal basis and there is no joining fee. However when we have a guest speaker we do ask for a \$2 gold coin donation to help us cover the hire of the hall facilities and tea and coffee.

We advertise our programme in Window on Wakefield, your local news magazine, plus on the Community noticeboards in Wakefield and Brightwater. We also communicate what is happening each month by an email group.

You are very welcome to join us. We would love to meet you! If you would like to be on email list, please contact one of the convenors.

Sandra 027 609 9202, Sonja 027 374 0500 and Christine 027 677 0080



Live Well, Stay Well

**Tuesday 12 April 2022 Coffee at
HQ Café in Brightwater at 9.45am**

Tuesday 26 April 2022 9.45am

Krisca Gould,

Volunteer Programme Manager

Nelson Tasman Hospice

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Homes for Wakefield

by Sylvia Huxtable and Sonja Lamers, homesforwakefield@gmail.com

What is Inclusionary Zoning and How Could It Help the Housing Crisis?

When Queenstown became too expensive for its own people to afford to live in, the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (QLCHT) was formed, which together with the Queenstown Lakes District Council started looking at creative solutions to keep workers in town. The result was Inclusionary Zoning, where a contributions levy was imposed on new developments requiring rezoning of land (eg rural to rural residential or rural residential to residential).

QLCHT receives the bulk of its funding by way of developers' contributions, through the Inclusionary Zoning process. It has a range of housing programmes, each designed to assist eligible low to moderate income households. QLCHT has also received funding through grants from Housing New Zealand as well as through ongoing contributions of land, buildings and funds from private local developers who have committed support for community housing.

Tasman District is the second least affordable place to live in NZ behind Auckland. We have a housing crisis with a long social housing waiting list and limited affordable private rental accommodation. Inclusionary zoning could be one way for the Council to help alleviate the housing crisis in a creative and constructive way that will have long term impact.

For more information please look at: <https://www.qlcht.org.nz/>

Wakefield School & Community Pool

by Peter Verstappen, Chairperson

Successful Swimming Season Ceases

Splash!! The Wakefield School and Community swimming pool will close for the season on Sunday 10 April.

The management committee thanks the 200 families and individuals who purchased pool keys this season – your support keeps our pool flourishing. Pool use has been steady throughout the summer, with fine weather through March keeping numbers up at the tail end of the season. We saw more early-morning swimmers training through the middle part of the summer, and a loyal lunchtime crew keeping fit.

Pool keys can be returned to the school office any time between 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Return your key by 10 May to reclaim your bond.

We're pleased we managed to keep the pool open throughout the Covid restrictions, especially when many other local recreational and sports facilities were closed. Big thanks to users for complying and keeping our people safe. Sadly, some events and bookings have had to be cancelled due to restrictions, including the local schools' swimming sports.

We couldn't run the pool without our dedicated volunteers doing daily water testing and closing procedures, and Bruce Puklowski, our school caretaker. Thank you all for your good work this season.

Thanks also to our regular sponsors:

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And finally, a big acknowledgement to the pool management committee:

Heather and Stuart Watts, Kathy Ameen, Valerie Crouch, Sue Burrowes, Lynda Moses, Bruce Puklowski, Liv Krammer, Belinda Elley, Karyn Young, Dane Boswell and Christeen Mackenzie.

The committee will be working on a few minor improvements during the winter and we'll welcome swimmers back in early November.



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FDS Consultation

FDS public consultation continues

There's still plenty of time to make your submission on the Nelson Tasman 2022-2052 Future Development Strategy. Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are currently working on the joint strategic plan that covers residential and business potential sites within the Nelson and Tasman regions over the next 30 years. The strategy looks at how and where Council can create more capacity for development for housing and business and identifies the infrastructure required to support it. The FDS does not rezone the land, but it informs Councils' Resource Management Plans.

Public consultation is well underway and we had some great questions and feedback at our recent general and community webinars – we hope you have taken plenty from the engagement opportunities. If you have yet to join us or know someone who would be interested, we still have webinars scheduled for the coming days;

General webinar – hosted by both councils.

• Tuesday 5 April, 7.30 pm.

Nelson Tasman draft FDS webinars focusing on individual towns

• Monday 4 April, 7.45pm Brightwater

• Wednesday 6 April, 7.15pm Rotoiti

• Monday 11 April, 1.30pm Murchison

Our consultation document is now available for you to read at your local library, customer service centre and online at Tasman District Council website - search Future Development Strategy. These will also lead you to more information about the FDS as well as ways to make your submission.

This consultation period will run to 14 April 2022. Hearings are scheduled for April and May and following deliberations, the FDS may be adopted by both councils in July 2022. For details on when online consultation opportunities will take place or how to make a submission, go to tasman.govt.nz/fds.

Growth Plan Changes

Don't forget we are also working on a plan change to rezone land for housing in Murchison, Brightwater, Wakefield and to enable higher densities on residentially zoned land in Māpua and Motueka. A plan change is normally the next step in the process following the adoption of the FDS. However, in this case the FDS and the plan change to rezone land are working concurrently to enable Tasman to meet its growing demand for housing. The plan change will also go through a formal process of notification, submissions, hearings and decision making. The pre-notification consultation for the plan change will run during the same period as the FDS consultation, through to 14 April 2022.

During this time, we would like to hear from you and get your feedback on the proposed plan change areas and proposed rules. Visit our website for more information, tasman.govt.nz, search 'growth plan changes'



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Your Financial Future

by Russell and Becky Johnson, Licenced Financial Advisers

Are you paying too much for your insurance?

The end of the Financial Year is a great time to review your insurance covers to ensure they still meet your needs and to ensure you are not over (or under) insured.

We are so busy in our lives we rarely have the chance to consider the insurance cover we have in place. With life and disability insurances, the natural changes taking place in our lives can mean the insurances we have in place no longer meet our needs.

For example, if we have reduced the amount we owe on our mortgage, we may also be able to reduce the amount of insurance cover we have. If our incomes have dropped, we may not need all the income or business revenue insurance we hold, and we can find ourselves paying insurance premiums for cover levels that we would be unable to claim.

Conversely if our incomes or business revenues have increased, or we have increased our borrowings, then we may be underinsured and face financial hardship should we die or become disabled. Like anything it is important to hold the right amount of insurance cover to meet our needs and budget.

We commonly find that, over time, clients have achieved a greater level of financial security and can, for example, wait longer before receiving a disability benefit. Whereas at one time it may have been important to have money coming in after 4 weeks if you were disabled, you may now be able to wait 8, or even 13 weeks. Changing to a longer wait period is like increasing your excess on your car insurance and it can save you a substantial amount on your insurance costs.

We also know that most life and disability insurance products cost more as we get older. It is important to review your cover regularly to ensure it remains relevant and affordable.



The end of the financial year is a great time to do this. It is a time when we often set time aside to think about these things, particularly for business owners when they are preparing their end of year financials for their accountant.

It is also very important to seek expert guidance. An expert in life, health & disability insurance can guide you to make the most effective cost-saving changes, and it may not even be necessary to reduce your levels of cover to achieve this.

In addition to reviewing your insurances, if you have reserves available which you can set aside for your future, you may like to consider expert investment advice on how best to get future growth out of these funds.

Similarly, this can be a good time to review your KiwiSaver scheme to ensure it achieves your long-term objectives.

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

Monarch Butterflies

by Piwakawaka 11, Year 1

We started the year with a swan plant in our class which had some tiny caterpillars on it. As they ate and ate, they grew bigger and bigger.

Did you know?

If we grew as fast as they do, this was funny to us.

In two weeks, we each would be as big as a bus!

- Dr Seuss

They were eating so much, we had to get more branches with new juicy leaves for them to eat but on these branches were some tiny eggs that turned into even more caterpillars!

Over a few weeks, we ended up having 13 caterpillars that turned into beautiful monarch butterflies.

We all enjoyed watching and observing their life cycle, starting out as tiny eggs that turned into caterpillars that grew and grew. Then they hung upside down and curled into a 'J' shape before turning into a chrysalis and then hatch out as a butterfly.

Here are some of the facts we learnt about monarch butterflies and what we liked about having them in our class:

- * They started as an egg, then caterpillar, then a chrysalis, then a butterfly - Kyra J
- * As they grew bigger they shed their skin - Leo B
- * Grace liked looking at the caterpillars eating the leaves
- * Hunter liked watching the colour of the chrysalis change from green to black
- * Rose liked watching them hatch
- * Hugo liked watching the butterflies fly away from our classroom
- * Cyrus and Wulf both liked the orange colours of the monarch butterfly's wings

We all loved the colours of their wings so much we painted our own butterflies which are now in our school office for all visitors to enjoy.

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Wakefield Playcentre

Wakefield Playcentre is Your Village!

by Sallie Gregory

The warm and settled March weather allowed for plenty of beach meet-ups this month. Rabbit Island is a favourite destination for adults and kids and it's a great opportunity to get creative with beach art and sand castles. Other excursions this month included Robson Reserve and McGazzaland.

As we navigate these uncertain times, Playcentre Sessions provides a real sense of community for families and tamariki.

Be involved with your child's learning; play with them and alongside them. Encourage children to interact with others while you meet other parents and educators and become part of a fun, vibrant village where community and a sense of belonging is at the heart of everything we do.

Watch your child's confidence grow as they explore and foster their imagination through play and interaction with other children aged 0-6. From building sandcastles in our sand pit, to making pizza for lunch or picking tomatoes in our veggie garden, every session will captivate your child and excite them.

Did you know that Playcentre provides:

- * Support as a parent
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- * Whānau social occasions
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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Happy Easter!! We could write about long weekends and chocolate but it's also a good time of year to think about rabbits! Rabbits are popular pets and preventative health care is very important. If you get the diet and environment right, many common and potentially serious problems can be avoided.

DIET

Rabbits need a very high fibre diet to keep their teeth and gut healthy. Rabbits' teeth grow throughout their lives so the high fibre diet prevents teeth overgrowing and uneven wear. Rabbits with overgrown teeth can't chew effectively so can lose weight, have diarrhoea and develop tooth root abscesses which are difficult to treat. Rabbits also need lots of fibre for their digestive tract to work properly - a low fibre diet such as lots of pellets and bread increases the chances of diarrhea and flystrike.

The diet should consist of:

- * Good quality hay available all the time
- * Grass and grass clippings
- * Green, leafy veges – about 1 cup/kg/day eg dandelions, parsley, silverbeet, carrot tops
- * Branches from trees such as willow, apple, poplar or other untreated wood for chewing on
- * Clean, fresh water all the time preferably from a sippy bottle
- * Treats such as carrots and apple should be no more than 1 teaspoon/kg/day
- * Rabbits should not be offered cereals, grains, bread, biscuits, crackers etc

Pellets are not essential and should only comprise about 10-20% of the diet or about 1/8th cup/kg/day. Even if they are your rabbit's favourite, they are high in calories and do not provide enough fibre. They are also better fed in 'treat balls' to provide some mental and physical exercise.

POO

Rabbits have two sorts of droppings – hard fibrous pellets and soft green caecotropes. Rabbits will re-ingest their caecotropes but usually do this at night. This is a normal and important part of a rabbit's digestion and does not indicate ill health. However diarrhoea is always abnormal and needs to be sorted quickly before fly strike occurs.

ENVIRONMENT

Ideally rabbits should be free-range within a rabbit-proofed area so they can live and behave like rabbits! They are social, busy animals that do well the more interaction they get. Nowadays many pet rabbits are allowed inside and hang out with the family like cats and dogs do – they can be house-trained, litter-tray trained and cat-flap trained. Just make sure wires and cables are rabbit-proofed! But if you want to keep your rabbit outside in a hutch, bigger is better for mental and physical health. Rabbits need to be able to stand up and stretch and hop about. Two storeys are a good idea for separate sleep and play areas. Straw and shredded paper are good bedding options and need to be partly or fully changed regularly. Make sure there is shade. Entertainment should be provided eg treat balls, a digging area, cardboard or old newspaper for shredding, wood for chewing. Allow your rabbit supervised time out of the hutch and handle them a lot.

GROOMING

Rabbits should be checked daily and have a full hands-on checkover once or twice a week. Long-haired/fluffy rabbits need to be groomed several times a week and this should start at an early age. If the fur is left to become badly knotted, we can shave them under sedation which is an expensive and often fairly ugly haircut! Sometimes rabbits need to have their nails clipped.

VACCINATION

Rabbit calicivirus disease is also known as haemorrhagic viral disease. There are several strains of this virus in NZ.

Calicivirus is highly infectious and spread by ingestion or breathing in virus from infected faeces or urine. Insects can also carry the virus, as can your shoes or clothing so isolation from other rabbits is not enough to prevent your rabbit from the disease. It's best to vaccinate.

If you have any bunny questions, phone us on 544 1200. Also remember to keep your chocolatey easter treats out of your dog's reach!



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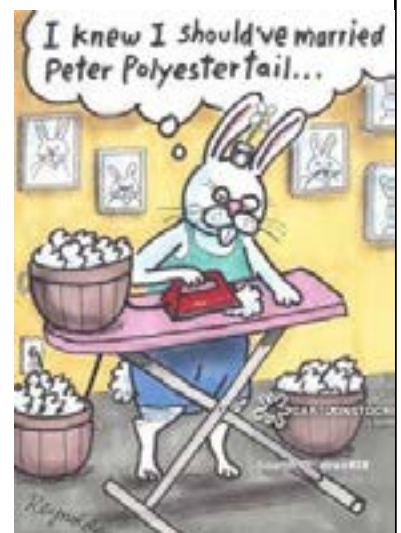
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A Matter of Accounts

by Sonia Emerson, Chartered Accountant

Interest Limitation on Residential Investment Property

The Government has introduced legislation to limit interest deductibility for residential property investments. From 1 October 2021:

- * for properties acquired before 27 March 2021, interest deductions on loans will be phased out at 25% per year over 4 years, until 31 March 2025
- * for properties acquired after 27 March 2021, interest deductions will not be deductible (unless the property was acquired by an offer made on or before 23 March 2021 that could not be withdrawn before 27 March 2021).

The focus is on residential investment properties which can be used for long term accommodation. Typically, this would mean a house or an apartment, whether it is used for providing short-term or long-term accommodation, or even left vacant. It leaves out:

- * the main family home
- * new builds and property development: property developers can continue to deduct interest expenses, and new build properties are exempt from the interest limitation rules
- * several types of residential property, including farmland, certain Māori land, student, employee, and rest home accommodation
- * hotels, and other businesses set up to provide short-term rather than long-term accommodation
- * owner-occupiers who rent to flatmates

The rules also allow for interest deductions on a taxable sale of residential property, although deductions may be limited to the gain on sale.

Keep in mind

These rules became law with the introduction of the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2021–22, GST, and Remedial Matters) Act, which contained the interest deductibility changes and the extension of the bright line test, receiving Royal Assent to become law on 30 March 2022. From the 2022 income tax year, your income tax return will include new fields to capture information about residential property interest expenses, including total interest and interest expense claimed.

Talk to us about how the changes affect you.

Date interest incurred	% available to be claimed	
	For funds borrowed before 27 March 2021	Funds borrowed on or after 27 March 2021*
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	100%	100%
1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021	100%	0%
1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022	75%	0%
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	75%	0%
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	50%	0%
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025	25%	0%

* If funds borrowed on or after 27 March 2021 for a residential property acquired after 27 March 2021 (e.g. settlement was in May 2021) then interest deductions allowed as per phasing out table for borrowed funds before 27 March 2021
- New builds (properties receiving a Code Compliance Certificate on or after 27 March 2021) are exempt from the interest limitation rules

Repaying the COVID19 Small Business Cashflow Scheme (SBCS)

A lot of people are now starting to think about the repayment of this loan so I thought it was timely to give you an overview. You will have 5 years (60 months) to pay off the loan. The IRD will send you a payment schedule with the payment dates and amounts when regular payments are required to be made. Loans will be subject to an annual interest rate of 3% from the first day of the third year of the loan.

During the loan period, the following general rules apply:

- If you repay your loan in full within the first two years you will not be charged any interest [2 years from the first drawdown]
- Repayments are not compulsory in the first 24 months.
- Voluntary payments can still be made at any time.
- After 24 months, you'll be required to make regular payments for both the principal and interest.

First two years interest-free

On 21 March 2022, the scheme was changed to make the first two years of the loan interest-free. This change will apply to existing borrowers, provided there has not been any event of default on your SBCS loan. For all new borrowers, this change will automatically apply. If you choose to draw down the loan in up to four separate amounts (up to the maximum loan amount), the 2-year interest-free period begins from the date of your first drawdown.

Loans have an annual interest rate of 3% which will apply from the first day of the third year of the loan. If you repay your loan in full within the first two years, you will not be charged any interest. If you default on your loan, it may become immediately due and payable and default interest may be charged.

Interest on top up loans

Existing borrowers who apply for a top up loan will have two separate loans with two separate interest-free periods. For example, for the:

- existing SBCS loan, the interest free period applies two years from the date the loan was made available to you
- top up loan, the interest free period applies two years from the date the first drawdown of the top up loan was made available to you.

If you choose to receive the top up loan in up to four separate amounts (up to the maximum loan amount) instead of a single lump sum, the interest-free period starts from your first drawdown of the top up loan. Any further drawdowns do not create a new interest-free period.



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March

Help needed – to maintain my two hectare block in Wakefield.
I would like someone for several hours a fortnight to cut rough grass, weeds, small gorse. I also need someone to cut firewood.
Terms negotiable.
Contact me on 541 8856

FREE

March

Horse manure by trailer load,
clean off paddock happy to help shovel.
Pigeon Valley location
Ph/text Karen 022 065 6075 or 541 8979

FOR SALE

April

8 lengths of 5.1m MDF Bullnose arcatrave \$45 the lot
2x3 long laminated scaffold boards good condition \$15 each
Ph 03 541 9251

WANTED

April

Old hay or straw bales to use for mulch in gardens. Phone 541-8832 or email robbiej@amcom.co.nz

FOR SALE

April

Two drawer filing cabinet, wood facia
Neat and tidy, hardly used
510cms deep x 630cms tall x 460cms wide
\$80 Phone 027 364 0773

FOR SALE

April

Wood Hutch Cabinet
Top Unit – 2 Glass Doors plus shelves
910cms wide x 100cms Tall
Sits on top of lower unit
Lower Unit = 2 shelves & 2 plain doors
Plus 2 drawers
970cms wide x 850cms Tall
\$200 Phone 027 364 0773

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.

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.

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

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**

WAIMEA SHEEP DOG TRIAL CLUB ANNUAL TRIALS

The Waimea Sheep Dog Trial Club will be running it's annual trials on Friday 22nd April and Saturday 23rd April.

This will be the 101st year that the club has run its trials at the club grounds at 326 Higgins Road, Wakefield.

Trials begin at 1pm on the Friday and will run from 9am on Saturday.

Spectators are welcome!

Time: 12.30 - 2.30

Contact Sally for more info: 021 170 9443 or sally@naturalnosh.nz

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



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Wendy Pearson

021 567 722 | 541 9667

wendy.pearson@tallpoppy.co.nz