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Community News for the Wakefield Area

Wakefield School Twilight Gala 2022

by Sonia Emerson

Saturday 5th November 2022 started out a bit breezy but by the time the gala was due to start, the weather was absolutely perfect – a gorgeous sunny day. And the traffic issues in town, were not enough to keep the crowds away. Everyone was enthusiastic about getting out and making the most of a fabulous community event. The atmosphere was fantastic and the punters were keen to spend their money, and enjoy time in the sun, sampling the food, browsing the stalls and the kids were quick to get amongst the activities.

As a result of the fantastic turnout and the generosity of families, community and businesses, we were able to raise a whopping \$35,483 for Wakefield School, which makes it our most successful gala yet.

With the money raised, we can boost learning support for students, by paying for more teacher aide time and increasing specialist programmes in reading, phonics and mathematics. This gives the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team the ability to be able to use this pool of money to benefit a large number of students across the school, at all levels, and to target where it can have the greatest benefit.

The Wakefield School Board of Trustees and PTA would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the families, staff and community members who supported the gala. Thank you to everyone who donated items, sponsored activities, provided prizes and assisted with set up, clean up and on the stalls during the gala. Without all of this support the gala would not have been possible. Also thank you to everyone who turned out on the day and brought along family, friends and neighbours. And a massive thank you to our gala coordinators – those people who stepped up to take ownership of an area of the gala – this involved countless hours of their own time in preparation, organisation and bringing together their teams of helpers. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Once again there was a plethora of food which seemed to go down a treat. The variety of hot food on offer included Brucie's pork and lamb sammies, Programmed Property Maintenance burgers, sausage sizzle, Wakefield Village Takeaways hot chips and hot dogs. Other food options included the Crest Cleaning café and bake sale which did a roaring trade, kids sweet treats, Lions Club candy floss, and the by now famous, gluten free stall sponsored by Wakefield Health Centre and Halswell Timber. The Wakefield 4 Square coke caravan were run off their feet and the Talleys ice creams were popular in the heat.

There were plenty of activities to keep the kids busy including the inflatable area with the Wendy Pearson obstacle course, Harper Builders Tropical Slide bouncy castle, Wakefield Storage Hire Fire Engine bouncy castle and a new but exciting activity, zorb football. As always the Wild Oats pony rides were popular and the Wakefield Toy Library Toddler Zone was great for the littlies. Also popular Anna's gingerbread, Renaissance Organic Hair's wacky hair, Heavy Diesel Solutions fishing game and GC Builders face painting.

The motorbikes were back and as popular as ever, as was the Xscape Space haunted house which was extra gruesome. The Fraemohs Homes mystery bags sold out as they always do, meaning lots of little treasures for the kids, and there was a constant line for the balloon

creations courtesy of James Cambridge Law. A new edition this year, the Ryco Nerf Gun Gallery was also popular. A huge range of activities, something for everyone...

As always, people were trying to sneak in early to get to the bargains in the second hand stalls of books, toys, garage sale and Lines Pattern Making clothing stall which contributed \$2,250 to the overall total. A lot of the items were sold on the day but there were some leftovers and these were donated to various charities, who were of course very appreciative. The Wendy Pearson Real Estate "chocolate wheel" went well and the Plants and Produce were practically walking out the gate, making over \$4,000 on that one stall.

Despite it appearing very calm in the silent auction room, there were some amazing donated items, and some very generous bidders, and as a result we made over \$10,500 from the silent auction alone.

ALL IN ALL, A FABULOUS DAY ALI-ROUND! [...continued on Page 13]



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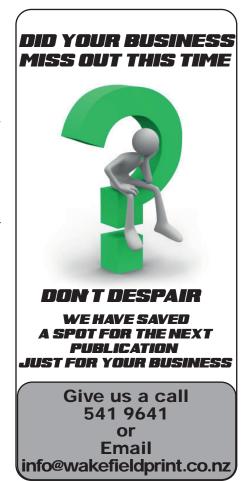


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Live Well, Stay Well

by Christine Godfrey

On Tuesday 29th November 26 people gathered at Willow Bank Heritage Village (1km south of Wakefield) for our Live Well Stay Well end of year outing. We were met by owner Christine Grieder in Victorian dress. We had a lovely Devonshire tea or coffee in fine china. The very old and rare restored coffee machine was going well.

Christine read us a story about the first Christmas in Nelson on 25th December 1841. The first three ships that arrived in Nelson, arrived with men only. They came here without their families to prepare the new settlement, approximately six months before their wives and children arrived.

The Will Watch arrived in Nelson on 8th September 1841 (250 ton barque) (Captain Walker).

The Arrow arrived 28th August in Wellington, 2nd November 1841 (212 ton snow-brig) (Captain Geare). She had cargo only.

The Whitby arrived in Nelson on 5th November 1841 (437 ton sailing ship) (Captain Arthur Wakefield).

The men who arrived sent an invitation to the Maori of Motueka to come and spend Christmas with them in Nelson. On Xmas Eve several large canoes arrived, with about 100 men, women and children. The first event on Xmas morning, was a divine service, held on the Whitby, which was lying with the other two ships in the stream, off what is now called Wakefield Quay.

Then the expedition men entertained their visitors with games. When the midday feast was ready, it was evenly distributed on the three ships for the visitors and men. After the food was eaten the Maori entertained the Europeans with Haka and native dances.

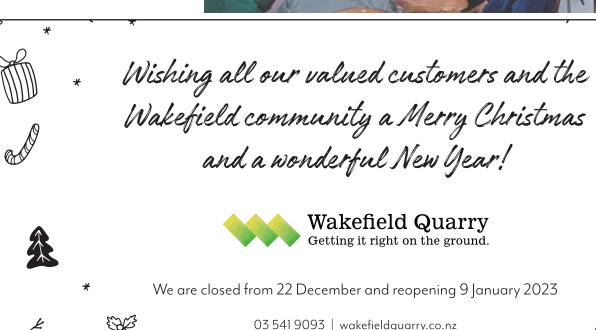
After morning tea we strolled around the recreated village and looked inside the 20+ old restored shops and businesses. We wandered through the secret garden and the gift shop, which is a china store.

A big thank you to Christine for hosting our group and keep up the great work.

Willow Bank is always looking for more volunteers to help out on open days and with maintainance etc.







Health Centre

by Dr Mark Fry

Skin Cancer

Summer is coming and while I don't want to spoil the fun, I would like to remind people about skin cancer. It is the most common cancer in New Zealand and unfortunately, we have amongst the highest rates in the world. It is largely preventable - over 90% of all skin cancer cases are attributed to excess sun exposure. It is important to detect skin cancer early, especially melanoma. Early detection gives the best chances of successfully treating skin cancer.

Types of skin cancer:

Melanoma - the most serious form of skin cancer, causing over two thirds of skin cancer deaths. Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) - easily treated if found early but can be fatal if left untreated. Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) - the most common and generally the least dangerous skin cancer. BCC can be serious and require surgery if left untreated.



Wakefield Health Centre

Surgery hours:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5:30pm

Wednesday 8.30am – 7pm

Phone 541 8911 12 Edward St Wakefield

Causes of skin cancer:

The most common cause of skin cancer is too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. People of all ages and skin colours can be diagnosed with skin cancer but those at a higher risk are people who have:

- Fair skin or red or fair hair
- Fair skin that burns easily no matter what hair colour
- Had one or more severe sunburns especially in childhood or adolescence
- Used sunbeds, particularly at a young age
- A family history of melanoma (parent, brother, sister, or child)
- Large irregularly shaped or uneven moles
- A large number of moles

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Prevention of skin cancer:

If people protect their skin and avoid sunburn throughout their lives the risk of skin cancer is reduced. It is important to be SunSmart in the months between September and April, especially between the hours of 10am-4pm when the UV radiation levels are very high. In winter it is also important to be SunSmart at high altitudes and around snow and water.

Steps to being SunSmart:

Slip - into the shade where possible.

Slip - on some protective clothing ie shirt with collar and long sleeves and trousers or long-legged shorts.

Slop - on sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 30 and apply 20 minutes prior to sun exposure.

Slap - on a hat that protects your face, head, neck, and ears.

Wrap - on some close-fitting sunglasses.

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Symptoms and diagnosis of skin cancer:

Finding skin cancer as early as possible is the key to successful treatment. You should speak to your health professional if you have a mole, freckle, or spot that:

- Is new or changing
- Does not heal
- Looks different from others around it
- Has changed in size, thickness, shape, colour or has started to bleed

Treatment of skin cancer:

This depends on the lesion, location, and patient factors. It can include application of special creams, cryotherapy (freezing), shave excisions (without sutures) and full excisions (with sutures). We are well equipped and can treat most skin cancers at the Wakefield Practice. We discuss treatment options and costs with all patients and refer both publically and privately when necessary.

Skin checks:

We encourage regular "skin checks" as an effective way of detecting lesions early and improving outcomes. Both Dr Wayne Hurlow and Dr Mark Fry have done extra training in skin cancer medicine and have been accredited doctors of the Skin Cancer College of Australasia since 2017. They offer skin checks for patients registered with the Wakefield Health Centre and these are booked as a dedicated appointment. The cost for a skin check is \$70 for non-community service card holders and \$35 for community service card holders. Please remember not to wear makeup to your appointment, as this could potentially hide something we need to check.

Enjoy summer but be SunSmart and if you are worried about a spot then come and have it checked out.

If anyone has any equipment loaned from Wakefield Health Centre and no longer require it, please return it to the Clinic asap!

In The Bush

Our usual monthly maintenance day plan in November for the Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve was weather dependant, so it saw our very versatile volunteer team, go for a double whammy for the Sunday and Monday.

A supreme effort from both Eric Palmer and Ian Viapree for weed eating a difficult grass growth area, with others tackling a mammoth amount of very invasive weeds.

AND the biggest old man's beard by Gowan and Sally. Their triumphant smiles says it all.

THANK YOU to all in our community for your acknowledgment of our society throughout the 2022 year.

May we also take this time to wish you all a fantastic and joyous festive season.

Our last maintenance day will be held on the 10th December at the Faulkner Bush Scenic Reserve. Then our team will take a well-deserved break and meet up again in February.

We would so appreciate your assistance to keep our reserves safe. If you do think something is amiss then do contact the Tasman District Council, the Police, or our society.

JUST MEMORIES - No Ordinary Gift

"And being desirous of making a gift of the said parcel of land to The Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Waimea for the health, amusement and instruction of the public – pursuant to Section 18 of the Counties Amendment Act 1949 and section 198 of Counties Act 1920."

What an absolutely fantastic Christmas Present, 70 years ago from Maurice Baigent and his family.

This gifting of the land we know now, as The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve, fittingly took place in a special handing over ceremony at this Reserve on the 13th December 1952.

AND on the 14th December 2017 (five years ago), after a very long disagreement of use we can be very proud of all members of our society and community that stood together, when sadly this land was desecrated by over camping.

The gate was closed on this date and all camping ceased forth with. Many members of the extended Baigent family stood firm with us to achieve this result.

Proudly also many of us worked tirelessly over the 2018 year to give respect back to this land and also in doing so giving respect and acknowledgement back to the Baigent family for their gift.

The only funds available for all this remedial work, came from individual members of our society and community.

Many folks to thank, but none more specially than Doug South, Doug Donaldson and Allan Palmer, whose hours and hours of manual work must (for the first time) be acknowledged publically.

Do feel free to contact us to go on our telephone tree, our regular group days are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, (not January) from 10am until noon. We always stop for a cuppa, food and chat afterwards.

Evie-joy South, Proudly President, The Wakefield Bush Restoration Soc (2000) Inc Phone or Txt 027 907 2879 Landline 03 541 8980 Or Email tuiville@xtra.co.nz









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Team Heyward Property Talk

Keep Your Property Safe & Secure These Holidays with Jilly Perry

Hope you are all well and happy heading into the festive period. 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 your 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 regulars 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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Wakefield Bowling Club

by Tony Eames

The November tournament was sponsored by the medical practice at Wakefield Health Centre. It was a progressive tournament with players rotating positions for each game. It was won by David Cartwright, Chris Longman and Terry Ryan; second place was Chris Aldred, Caroline Wadsworth and Paul Baken from Stoke and third place Alan and Melva Forrest with Barbara McGregor.

Club Championship Winners:

Veteran Pairs (over 65 yrs age):

Men - Alan Robertson and Mel Mounsey, Women - Margaret Eames and Julie Hall

Vet Singles:

Men - Steve Hammond. The open pairs and singles and women's vet singles are in progress and the fours will be played in January.

The women's team in the midweek interclub fours is so far unbeaten and with one round to play on 29 November has an insurmountable lead and will win this event for the third season in succession. Several different players have been involved with selections rotating from week to week - well done ladies.

The Higgins Shield event against Marlborough, Buller and West Coast is being hosted at Wakefield on 26/27 November. This event was instigated by Wakefield's Edna Higgins in the 1990s and is held annually, usually in Murchison. The Wakefield Club is very pleased to be hosting it this year.

Margaret Eames is an international level umpire (ITO) and has been officiating at the World Bowls Champion of Champion Singles at Naenae, culminating in being appointed as marker for the women's final between Australia and New Zealand. A great honour in reward for her performance through the week. She flew back home immediately after the finals to play for the Nelson Reps' team in the Higgins Shield as above.

Please feel free to call in at the club or contact us to arrange a visit.

Phone club rooms: 541 8556 (leave message if answer phone comes on).

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Top Right:
Margaret Eames with
the finalists at the World
Bowls Champion of
Champions Carla Krizanic
of Australia and new
World Champion Tayla
Bruce representing NZ.

Bottom Right: Winner of October tournament sponsored by Wakefield Health Centre: David Cartwright, Chris Longman & Terry Ryan







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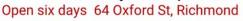
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Waimea South Historical Society

Wakefield Historical Walk Held on Tuesday 25 October 2022

Written by the Secretary Yvonne (Yo) Tye

On a blustery chilly day 16 brave souls gathered on the Village Green to journey back into Wakefield's past led by a suitably clad 'Noble Gentleman'. Members of the Waimea South Historical Society Committee had delved into the history of a selection of significant buildings, some no longer in existence. At each site the findings were shared accompanied by a collection of reproduced photographs of the bygone era. The tour party were led up Edward Street on the northern side then back down on the southern side and here follows a brief outline:

PAINTON'S CORNER: In the early days Pitfure Road was the main road into Wakefield. In about 1863 William Painton built a shop with a house attached, on the corner of Pitfure Road and Edward Street but moved it in 1884 to the corner of Whitby Way and Edward Street to enable Pitfure road to be widened. The exercise took two days using a traction engine and Edward Street was closed for the duration. William's son Edward continued the business after his father's death and sold it to A Hodgson and Son in 1900. Ernest Hodgson operated out of this shop until he built what is now known as Wakefield 4 Square. The building then had a series of other owners but was finally demolished in 1953. The site was then designated as a Memorial Corner and a building for the Plunket Society was erected on half the site. The other half had the War Memorial relocated onto it in in 1993 from its original location in the Domain. The Plunket Rooms moved to the newly built Wakefield Medical Centre in 1990 and the Wakefield Library made its new home in the now empty Plunket Rooms.

LIBRARIES: The first library was opened in 1856 in a purpose built cob building on Pitfure Road and was known as the Waimea South Mechanics Institute and Circulating Library. In 1912 it moved to the building that now houses the Toy Library. This building also served as Plunket Rooms with long standing Karitane Nurse, a headquarters for Scouts and Guides and many other organisations. The library moved to its current location in 1990.

POST OFFICE: The first Post Office operated out of the original Wakefield School before moving to the Railway Station, probably in about 1881, when the line opened as far as Belgrove. In 1909 the new purpose built Post Office was completed and was opened in 1910. It operated from this building until 1990. The building has recently been purchased and the new owners intend to fully restore this iconic building.

PAINTON'S SECOND STORE and FLOUR MILL: Opposite the 'Sweetbites' shop is a section that once housed a four storied steam driven flour mill that was built by John Currin and his son Francis Currin. They also built the two storied house that remains today as a private residence. In about 1883, William Painton purchased the mill and house. William's wife Ellen operated a confectionary shop from one front room of the house and their son Edward operated the flour mill office from the other front room. Maurice Wratt, a grandson of William and Ellen operated a chiropractic business from this building from 1945 to 1965. The next owners were Maurice and Betty Earl operated a small museum there which displayed William Painton's large collection of Maori Artifacts and Ellen's extensive array of fine needlework.

ODDFELLOWS HALL: This building no longer in existence but was right beside the Painton's second shop. First built in 1871 it burnt down in 1898. It was rebuilt but burnt down again in 1968. It was the focal point of many of Wakefield's social activities. Following the second fire the current Wakefield Hall was constructed.

FELIX TANNER: Felix was an interesting character who was essentially a Show and Stunt Man. He built a series of Ark like water vessels that ended up being wrecked, the last one being constructed in John McPherson's timber yard in Wakefield. He manoeuvred his way around the frustrated marine authorities because the Ark could not be classified as a cargo or a passenger ship so they could not prevent him from launching it.

JAMES THOMAS – BOOTMAKER: This business was another combination house and shop that was built in 1895, on the corner of Arrow Street, then known as Shinbone Alley, and Edward Street. It was removed when Arrow Street was extended.

ASHLEY DOEL - SHOEMAKER: Just along Arrow Street Ashley operated a bootshop in the 1950's and 1960's. The shop can still be seen.

FELBRIDGE HOUSE: This grand building was constructed for Dr Walter Relf Peerless and his wife Marianne and their family after they settled in Wakefield in 1884. It also served as a Doctor's Surgery for both Walter then later on his son Hugh.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL: The first school opened in Wakefield in 1843 in the home of Edward and Marianne Baigent with Marianne as the teacher. However after three months it was so popular that it needed to move to a larger cob building in Edward Street that had initially been built as a shop for James Wilkinson. Instead of operating his shop James taught there until 1845. The Anglican Church purchased the building then and a large classroom with an upstairs dormitory was added. James Thomas Smith, who had been the New Zealand Company Storekeeper in Nelson, became the new teacher. He was a trained Barrister and had taught reading and writing on board the Whitby on his way to New Zealand in 1842. He taught at Wakefield School until 1854. Mr H Boddington had been a relieving teacher when James had returned to England after his mother's death. The next teacher was John Squire who was then transferred to the Provincial School when it was built and opened in 1855. One of these original provincial school buildings can be seen across the road in Bastin's Timber Yard. Marianne Baigent's role as the first Wakefield teacher has been acknowledged in the new school Waharoa (gateway) alongside the legendary Maori figurehead Rakaihautu.

WAKEFIELD HOTEL: The original four acre section was purchased by teacher James Thomas Smith who had a substantial homestead built there out of which his wife Grace operated a small shop. When purchased by the Draeger family they operated an accommodation business from it until they sold in 1887 to Charles Harley. Charles was able to transfer a liquor licence from the Forrest Inn, a hotel just over the Jimmy Lee Bridge, that had also been owned by the Smith family. Charles employed James McLeod as his proprietor and they were tasked with upgrading the premises. While a new part was being built the old accommodation building burnt down. The building that remains has undergone many renovations but is essentially the same building.

JOHNSONS SADDLERY: On the site of the shop 'Sweet Bites' was once a Temperance Hall and another building that was owned by Ernest Hodgson. Johnson's saddlery also operated from here. A boundary error was discovered and a dispute arose between Ernest Hodgson and Thomas Hunt. Because Ernest was not given permission to move the building, he employed John McPherson to cut off about 1.3 metres then moved the building along and had a new end built onto it. A well-known photograph tells the story well.

Wakefield Playcentre

by Charlotte Thynne

Did you know that Playcentres' are fully licensed and Government funded? We are a unique model of ECE and work as a parent cooperative alongside our paid session facilitator to deliver a fun and nurturing environment for our tamariki to play and explore their world.

At Wakefield Playcentre this month we went on a mission into Nelson to tour the Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. How lovely to be able to link in with Enner Glynn Playcentre for this trip. Our tamariki loved exploring through the bush trails and spotting birds. Thank you to the Brooke Wildlife Sanctuary for hosting us and Enner Glynn Playcentre for organising. It's always exciting to get in to the "big smoke".

This month we also held our AGM. It was acknowledged at this AGM how many fabulous families have moved on from our centre this year as their youngest children started school. Dale (with Tom), Dave (with Marley), Kate (with Cooper), and Julie and Brendon (with Griffin) were all huge team players at Wakefield Playcentre, taking on many roles and contributing in their unique ways to the engaging environment we have on session.

Thank you to all of you for being Kaitiaki of Wakefield Playcentre for so many years and how joyous to be continuing our friendships into the Wakefield School

community.

Likewise, thank you to all the wonderful families who have joined Wakefield Playcentre this year, our people are what make our Playcentre.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people, it is people, it is people!





Wakefield Toy Library

by Charlotte Thynne

Our last open day for the year will be Saturday the 10th of December, always an exciting day as any toys our members check out they will have for the entire summer break! Woohooo!

Our outdoor play items are always popular at this time, bikes, roller coasters, water play, ride-on's etc. We ask our members for a gold coin donation per item to take them home for the entire summer break, love it!

This year we are also offering Toy Library membership vouchers, a great family Christmas present and particularly popular with grandparents.

If you're interested in a gift voucher please email us at: wakefieldcommunitytoylibrary@gmail.com



Merry Christmas from all of us at the Toy Library and happy play through the summer to all.



"...for all creatures great & small..."

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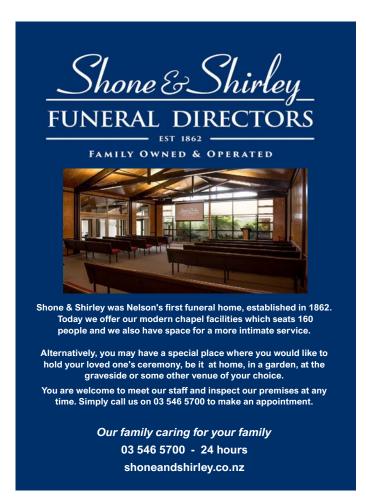
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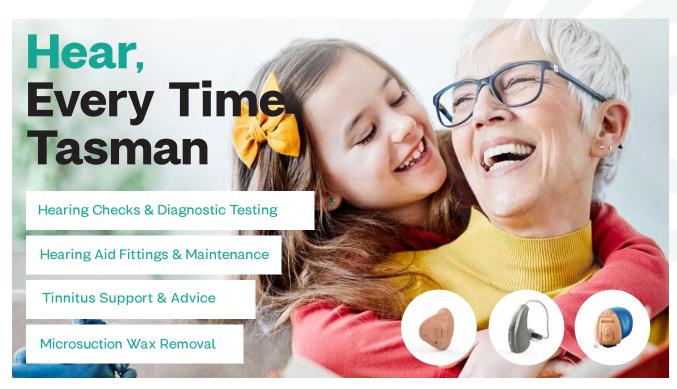
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Wakefield School Gala [contd...]



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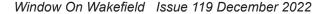






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Also thank you to the many families who donated goods and their time too.



Wakefield School Gala [contd...]

























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Wakefield School Gala [contd...]































Higgins Heritage Park Happenings

by David Win

'Park' Dates to remember:

Sunday 18 December - Museum sheds & jigger rides open day

Monday 2nd January Annual Community Craft Fair -

Large number of craft stalls, food, Wakefield Fire Services mini combat challenge, music and a great country atmosphere for a family fun day for all with museum activities, rides and steam up.

With Christmas and the New Year fast approaching, our volunteer members of:

- · Pigeon Valley Steam Museum
- Nelson Rover Car Club
- Nelson Vintage Engine & Machinery Club
- Historic Transport Museum
- Army Group Centre
- Ray Win Collection

wish all our Wakefield and districts friends and supporters a really great festive season and good health for the New Year – please take care, be safe and take time to enjoy all we have.







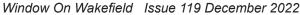


















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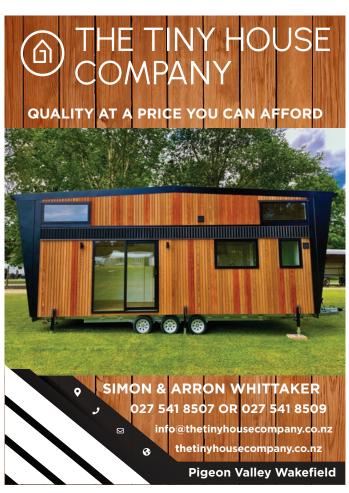
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Town and Country Vet

by Brenda Halliwell, Vet

Getting pet-prepared for summer!

Yippee, summer is here! Here are some things to think about for our pets to avoid any unexpected complications and enjoy the summer:

- If you are going away, 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!
- 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. Phone us if you would like to add any
 details to your client record. If you are taking your pet with you, remember all their bits and pieces
 including any medication.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES?

NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- Grapes, raisins and sultanas can be poisonous for dogs so no Christmas cake either!
- 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. Some products now last six months or more so it's easy to keep your pet and house flea-free.

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Dude, there's a baby in the salad...

Platinum Plunge - What is it???

by John Moffitt, Convenor of the new "Platinum Plunge"

Some time ago I tried, unsuccessfully, to launch this concept/programme. Unfortunately, it didn't get off the ground. Largely, I believe, because of poor promotion failing to reach the right target demographic group, namely retirees who could find themselves in any of these situations:

- 1. Becoming PAINFULLY aware of the impact of ageing or work/sport related abuse on their bodies and minds.
- 2. Finding that retirement, affords them more free time, but also more time to worry about the unexpected health issues that may be lurking outside their gaze.
- 3. Being jolted by unexpected "Bad News" that has caught friends or contemporaries by surprise.
- 4. Feeling a twinge of guilt for being slack in not taking the first STEP towards improving their health status eg endure all too common complaints like painful joints, breathlessness, overall fatigue or weight gain.

Personal testament -

I firmly believe that "the most cost effective health investment available, right here on our doorstep, is a... Pool Key!!!

One off special for those who have never taken advantage of this membership before, is being considered by our pool committee.

In my experience I've benefited big time from doing a series of non weight bearing activities in our pool. These have shortened, by half, my recovery from a major shoulder injury, and shortened my knee replacement rehabilitation time. I'm currently focused on reducing my "belly bulge".

So I've committed to the following: a regular PPP - Platinum Plunge Programme - doing laps aren't necessary here.

The main thing I encourage for those in the same retirement boat is to look at doing the following:

- STOP procrastinating, move out of your comfort zone
- * Stop moaning about your aches and pains
- Take the first step, better still first PLUNGE!

(platinum hair may be a common denominator, but it's not mandatory)

THERE WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME AT THE POOL **MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 1.00pm**

A series of 3 FREE introductory sessions, I will offer when school resumes.

Each school day 1.00 to 1.45pm is reserved exclusively for community

Do the maths, compare the costs of other heated pools. This could be as low as \$1.00. You may see a big advantage in qualifying as a Senior, right here in our village.

In my eyes, our best kept secret is our School and Community POOL KEY.

This facility is:

- A. Clean and tidy (diligent Bruce and pool Kia Ora, volunteers)
- B. Covered UV safe, well-ventilated (legacy of the late Mr David Crow)
- C. Warm 27 deg water, a real luxury to most seniors like me
- D. Friendly / supportive venue where you'll find others go to work on similar goals.

SO...

Be brave

Get off that couch

Get curious about your role in improving your health and well being.

Do the maths .

Hope to see some of you on Monday 12th December.



by Constable Matt Berguist

With the Nelson - Blenheim road currently closed, we have seen a considerable influx in traffic heading through Wakefield-Kohatu on SH6. Please be patient and careful. If you witness something on the roads that you think Police should be aware of, call *555.

We are seeing an increase in burglaries in the area and with Christmas fast approaching, we can't stress enough to take care of your property and secure valuables. If you observe any suspicious behaviour, please report to the Police, Jamie or myself.

Many people have been asking how to contact us - we have managed to get a direct phone line for the Wakefield Station

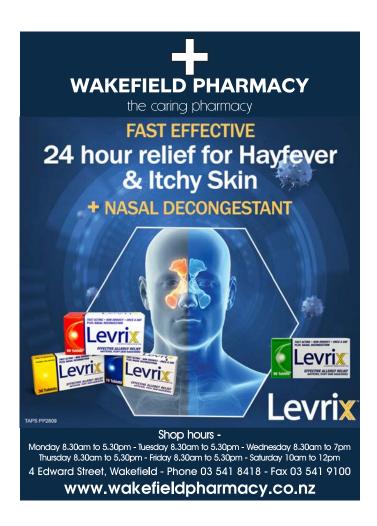
Wakefield Police - 03 543 9504

There are times that the station is unattended, however feel free to leave a message if not urgent and we will get back to you. This number is NOT for emergencies so you will need to phone 111.

We can also be contacted via our emails:

- Matthew.berquist@police.govt.nz
- Jamie.white2@police.govt.nz

Please look after one another and enjoy the festive season. On behalf of Jamie and myself, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.







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Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade

Good afternoon, Wakefield

I hope this weather improves over the next month or two because summer is here and with the Christmas break here it is all about the family, enjoying the outdoors and the water.

With the forecast predicting a hot dry summer (we are about to have) please be careful when lighting fires. You must have a permit to light an outdoor fire and you must pick the right day to burn. If it is too hot and dry or windy don't light the fire, pick another more suitable time to light the fire.

If you are driving long distances take regular breaks and rehydrate yourself and be patient and courteous with other road users.

A big thank you to all the fire brigade members for another outstanding year and the commitment you put in.

The festive season is here and on behalf of the Wakefield Brigade we wish you all a very merry Xmas and a very happy New Year and please take care and be safe.

Take care and be safe Fritz Buckendahl CFO Wakefield

Sprinkles for Doug

by Dorothy Hole

On the 5th November 2022 Doug South would have attained his 68th year.

Doug asked that his ashes be sprinkled in five locations; three of these being in his beloved Scenic Reserves here in Wakefield.

I was privileged to be a part of Doug's final request, and to give a eulogy in his honour at The Edward Baigent Memorial Scenic Reserve.

"We are all here today to be thankful for what Doug has meant to us as individuals and collectively; the army, cricket, fishing, stamps and postcards, bush restoration, family etc.

A listening ear, sound advice.

One thing is for sure whatever Doug started in our lives or in the bush and surrounds, must carry on in some shape or form.

I thank God for Doug.

Evie thanks the Universe for Doug.

All of you thank whoever, whatever, for Doug and having known him. Be thankful for this day we come together in a place Doug has drawn us to

Today we will leave a little more of Doug here, where he has already left so much of himself.

I would like to dedicate this memorial and these ashes of Doug to help him rest a little easier.

Thank you Doug, Thank you Evie.
Only Doug could do what he was called to do.
Only you can do what you are called to do.



Calls from October 24th to November 24th

Car vs car Kohatu Wakefield Medical Wakefield Medical Pig Rescue Brightwater Brightwater Dishwasher on fire Smoke logged house Wakefield Alarm activation Wakefield Brightwater Alarm activation Medical Wakefield Alarm activation Brightwater Car over bank Motueka Valley Alarm activation Wakefield

Total calls for the year so far = 89 Total calls 2021 = 162

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9 am to 2 pm

For more information or you have books to donate please phone Marg Anderson 0274 172 690 or 03 5211864

OR

Trash "N" Treasure, (limited number of tables) please phone Nicky Shaw 02791143 or 035211106

There will be tea/coffee + scones @ \$5.00 served on the outside courtyard (cash only). Hall toilets will be cordon off and to use the Public toilets below the Hall.

Look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale



Community Notices



MEALS ON WHEELS RELIEF DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteers to be available to fill in with delivery of meals as required.

Meals are picked up from The Homestead in Wakefield at 11am, for delivery in the Wakefield and Brightwater area.

Delivery takes approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Please contact Heather, 5418151 for details.

Spring Grove Church of Christ

Main Road, Spring Grove
Worship and Communion Sundays 10am

You are welcome to attend

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"For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"

John ch 3 vs 16 (NIV)



Wakefield ART Group

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2022 Art Group sessions close on 15th Dec. Recommences 19th January 2023



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Community Classifieds

FOR SALE

November

Skellerup redband gumboots size 6 vertially new \$25

Garden tools - fork, spade, hoe. Good condition \$10 each

Ph 03 541 9251

FOR SALE

October

Bundles of sawn slabs of firewood Ring Rex Kelly 027 4434 105

FOR SALE October

3 pure bred murray grey heifers 1 x 6 years, 1 x 2 years and 1 x 18mths

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October

Pallet green house glass Pallet old red bricks Phone Wendy 541 9119

FOR SALE October

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FOR SALE November

Weaned Steer Calves available Well grown, quiet and electric fence trained. Simmental/Fr X and Angus/Fr X. Hereford/FR x all sold

Ph 0211 680 324 or 541 8008

HANDYMAN WANTED November

For my garden and property for 4 - 6 hours per month to Tapawera.

Jobs include mowing taller grass along the fence and bank, trimming branches and bushes, working where a ladder must be used, small repairs and anything that is to heavy/too much for an elderly person. Ph 0226795500 or c.k.loburn@gmail.com

FREE December

2-seat settee suitable for fabric repair or recovering.

Phone Peter 541 8863

HELP NEEDED December

Need help to set up a springless trampoline in time for Xmas or just in time for summer. Have tried to do it, but beyond my ability. Rosemary 027 541 8949

FOR SALE December

Large wine rack up to 35 bottle capacity as new \$50 - phone 541 8363

FOR RENT

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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.

Wakefield Craft Group

Come and join the ladies Craft Group held on Wednesday mornings in the Fire Brigade Supper Room **Pigeon Valley Road** 9.00am - 12pm

Bring any project - sewing, knitting, crochet. Learn to knit or crochet or just come for a look and join us for tea, coffee and company. **Small donation**

For more information phone Judy on 5418342

Community Directory

Rutherford Memorial Hall 658 Wakefield-Kohatu Highway, Foxhill Bookings and enquiries: Sue White 027 474 6324

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 - Holy Communion 10.30am - Family Communion Service 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 (When library is not open book returns can be left at Hair Raisers Salon)

Wakefield Football Club (Seniors) wakefieldfootballclub@gmail.com

Waimea Plains Football Club (Juniors) waimeaplainsfootballclub@gmail.com

> Wakefield Medical Centre 541 8911

> > **Wakefield Pharmacy** 541 8418

Wakefield Playcentre Contact: 027 880 2800

Wakefield Volunteer Fire Brigade DCFO Fritz Buckendahl 027 224 4162

> Willowbank Heritage Village willowbank2002@gmail.com

Country Players (Drama)

Jen Ámosá 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 Soc Inc Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

> **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: Holly Gibbons 022 406 1674

> Wanderers Sports Club 542 3344

Wakefield Toy Library Saturday 9.30-11.30am wakefieldtoylibrary@gmail.com

Wakefield Art Group Thursdays 9.30am - 12pm Alison 541 8822

Marlborough Nelson Marine Radio Assn

Adrian Mullan 021 118 4832 www.mmr.org.nz

NZ Postcard Society Inc Evie South 541 8980 or 027 907 2879

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 Yvonne Tye 021 542 338

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 eggers213@gmail.com

Wakefield Indoor Bowls Club Ren Olykan 541 8275

> **Wakefield Preschool** Contact: 541 8086

Wakefield School PTA ptawakefield@gmail.com

Wakefield Tennis Club Ngaire Calder 027 279 9938 www.caldertennis.co.nz

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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 fullv self sufficient for at least three davs.

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